



MAY 2019

MERCER & ROCK ISLAND

Deadlines:

May 1 Project enrollment

May 1 Horse Papers

June 1 Fair Entry

June 1 State Fair Horse Entries

July 1 SF Livestock Entries

Events:

May 7 RI Dog Obedience

May 9 Horse Club

May 25 Charity Open Horse Show at Shone's

June 8 State Public Presentations Contest

June 14 Mercer BBQ

July 6 Mercer Horse Show

July 8-13 Mercer Fair

July 13, 16-20 RI Fair

July 22-29 State Horse Show

August 24 State Dog Show



Hamlet Handy Helpers 4-H Club packed Easter food baskets for the Churches of Mercer County Food Pantry. The food was donated by all the 4-H clubs in Mercer County. The bags and 40 hams were donated by the Mercer County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

Thanks to all who donated and helped to make Easter dinner special for so many Mercer County families!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Fairentry.com is open!
- ALL fair entries must be placed via fairentry.com by **June 1**.
- No late entries will be accepted.
- Your 4-H Online log-in information is required to log-in to fair entry.
- If you need instructions for registering, contact the Extension Office.
- Do NOT submit entries until you've entered for every member of your family. The website will lock you out after every submission.
- Remember, you can only enter 1 level of a project.
- Only enter projects in which you are enrolled.

Ag Careers Day

Join us for a day exploring different careers related to agriculture.

When:

Saturday, June 1

Where: Black Hawk College, East Campus

When: Check-in 9-9:30 a.m.; Check-out 3:30 p.m.

Who: All youth ages 12 to 18

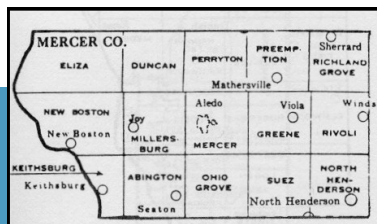
What: Rotating sessions covering careers ranging from welding to veterinary science to agronomy.

Register: Today at web.extension.illinois.edu/hmrs



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NEWS & notes

Mercer County

Honorary Page for a Day



Tyler Barrington and Jack Jungmann followed Senator Chuck Weaver as Honorary Pages for a Day in Springfield. During the day, they attended several committee meetings, a discussion on changes to Illinois income tax, and were introduced to the Senate floor. Tyler and Jack did such a great job representing Mercer County and the 4-H program that Senator Weaver hopes to offer this opportunity to two more 4-H youth next year.

Hamlet Handy Helpers Submitted by Barbara Close

The Hamlet Handy Helpers 4-H club held their April meeting at Speer Funeral Home in Aledo. Roll call was taken and the previous month's minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was provided and approved. Under old business, each member was reminded to make any changes to their projects by May 1st. We discussed the cost of the Veteran's Markers and agreed to table the discussion to a later date. The May meeting was moved to May 5th due to conflicts at the end of the month. Under new business, members were told about the fishing club which will begin on April 27th. New fair books are here; make sure you read the requirements in order to exhibit. The BBQ is in June and our club was elected to help set up. We will meet at the fire station in the early afternoon. All members are encouraged to read the newsletter. Mason gave a talk on breeds of rabbits. Matthew gave a talk/demonstration on how to ear tag sheep and why. We then adjourned our meeting for a potluck supper.

Joy Eliza 4-H Report Submitted by Natalie Boruff

The Joy Eliza Ag 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on Sunday, March 10th 2019. Reese Marlow did her talk on dogs. Ayla Coulter did her talk on family history and Kayla Stevenson finished the talks with how to make hamburger buns. During this meeting we had a lot of demos. Savannah McKay did hers on action pictures. Colby Cox on different sanding tools,



Payton Sedam on fishing and baits, Desiree Reid did hers on horse first aid, Kaelyn Boruff on vaccinating lambs and Carson Holmes did his on how to use a vet gun. After all of the talks and demos, some of the dads put on demonstrations of farm safety and all of the kids rotated through the stations.



2019 Phyllis Nelson Memorial Livestock Scholarship

The Mercer County Youth Livestock Auction Committee will be awarding a scholarship in the amount of \$250 to a High School Senior or Freshman in college. The student must be a current Mercer County 4-H Member and must be a livestock exhibitor. Completed applications are due by June 15, 2019 to Katie Laleman, 16754 E 1600 Street, Geneseo, IL 61254 or by email keboruff@hotmail.com. To request an application contact Katie at (309) 337-1348 or email keboruff@hotmail.com. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the 2019 Mercer County Youth Livestock Auction on Friday, July 12.



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Rock Island County



Dog Obedience Classes

The Rock Island dog obedience classes will begin again on Tuesday, May 7. The first session will be held from 6-7 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Classes will continue every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m.

Female dogs in season are not able to participate. All dogs must be six months or older.

****Proof of rabies vaccination must be provided at the first meeting and must accompany the dog to all classes****

Rural Go Getters Report Submitted by: Wyatt Viager

We started off with the regular meeting,; then we made bracelets with string and beads. Then, we had talks. Sawyer and Slayden talked about Florida White Rabbits. Morgan gave a talk about ceramic spoon holders. Aiden talked about his trip to Chicago to learn about teaching computer skills to the elderly. Then, we made cards for people in the hospital.



4-H Tech Changemakers

We are looking for teens and adults to join Rock Island County's 4-H Tech Changemakers team. This group was formed in partnership with Microsoft. We need youth interested in being digital ambassadors and adults to help us manage the program. The digital ambassadors will conduct trainings around the county to increase digital literacy skills among adults. The topics covered in the trainings will range from basic computer skills to safe use of social media and using software to improve job skills to finding trustworthy information online.

There will be an informational meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21 at the Milan Extension office. If you are interested, please contact Jennifer or Tracy or the two Youth Leads: Bryn Callahan and Aiden Zoller.

Sponsored by:



Magical Muggles Report Submitted by: Miriam Schwartz

We held our meeting on April 15, 2019. Two new members joined our club. We talked a lot about the fair book that we received. We also did a project creating planters out of newspaper.



YLT
Illinois State 4-H
Youth Leadership Team

We're Looking for New Members!

- **Eligibility:** Age 16 to 19 by September 1, 2019.
- **Length of service:** Two years. New Team members selected this summer will serve from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.
- **Apply online:** go.illinois.edu/4HYLT. Look for the application at the bottom of the page under "Resources."
- **Deadline:** June 7 (for interviews during Illini Summer Academies); July 19 (for interviews during State Fair).

The State Youth Leadership Team plans the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists at statewide events. Team members may serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee.



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More Club News

Attention Mercer County Leaders:

Please don't forget to submit your members' articles and pictures to the Times Record according to the schedule distributed at the last leaders' meeting.

Mercer Horse Show

The Mercer 4-H Horse & Pony Show will be held on Saturday, July 6 beginning with registration at 8 a.m. The show is held at 4K Arena, 2492 75th Ave. Viola.



Western IL Horse Show

- Saturday, June 23
- Rain date: Saturday, June 29
- Held at Galesburg Boots and Saddle Club Arena, across from Carl Sandburg College
- Registration at 8 a.m.
- \$3 per class or \$10 all day
- To bring: ownership/lease papers; Risk & Release form; negative coggins
- For full show bill, please contact the Extension office.
- Register online @ <https://go.illinois.edu/HorseShow>



Mercer County 4-H BBQ

The Mercer County 4-H BBQ will be Friday, June 14, at the Aledo Fire Station from 4—7 p.m. In conjunction with the BBQ, there will be Farm in the Park 3:00—6:30 p.m. sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension, Mercer County Farm Bureau and Mercer County Soil and Water. There will be hands on activities, including a petting zoo; and the movie Christopher Robin sponsored by Huffman's Farm & Home store. If you can't help at the BBQ or Farm in the Park, please talk to your leader about other possible community service events you can help with.



Congratulations to all the youth who participated in the public speaking contests in Mercer and Rock Island. In Mercer County, Jack Jungmann, Tyler Barrington, and Mariah Conaway are moving on to the State contest in June. From Rock Island, Greta Holmquist, Bryn Callahan, and Ayana Vela will compete at State.



The 2019 Bert Blood scholarship recipients are Sarah Saddoris and Maya Chavez. The girls were honored at a Rotary Club banquet this month. They both gave excellent presentations about themselves and their 4-H involvement. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Thank you to everyone who helped at or supported the Pork Chop Dinner in Rock Island. Thanks also to the youth who helped put on leader appreciation dinners. 4-H wouldn't exist without the tireless dedication of our club leaders and other volunteers. We appreciate everything you do and all the time you dedicate to the program!





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Livestock Edition



Horse Club

The Mercer County sponsored Horse SPIN Club will start again on Thursday, May 9.

The horse club is open to any youth, 8-18, from any county.

All classes are held rain or shine at Nan & Leland Martin's home. 391 N 1225th Avenue, Orion.

Be there and ready to ride by 6:30 p.m.

Become a State Livestock Ambassador

The state will be selecting 10 new members for the Illinois 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team.

Applicants must be a 4-H member or recent alumni, ages 16-21 as of September 1, 2019. Ambassadors serve one 2-year term with the option of applying for a second 2-year term.

To apply go to:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/leadership> and scroll to the bottom. Applications are due by **June 1**.



IL 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

Date: June 17

Location: U of I Stock Pavilion, 1402 W. Pennsylvania Ave. Urbana, IL

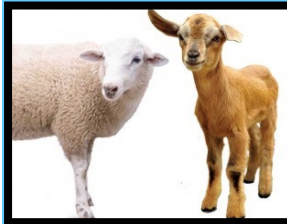
Time: 8:30–9:30 a.m. Registration, Contest at 10 a.m.

Cost: \$10 for seniors to cover cost of lunch.

Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior or two senior teams. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions.

Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock

Don't Forget: Quality Assurance & Ethics training is still required for anyone exhibiting an animal project. QAEC is taken only once in your 4-H career.



New Process

There will be no regional sheep and goat tattooing this year.

Instead, exhibitors planning to show at the State Fair should follow this process for nomination.

For exhibitors *not* showing premiere:

1. Get a nomination form from Jennifer/Extension Office.
2. Take close-up photos of Scrapie tag in the ear of each of your nominated animals. Pictures must be clear and tags legible. Tag must be permanently affixed in ear.
3. Return completed nomination form and pictures to the Extension office for signature and submission to the State.
4. **Nominations must be done between March 15 and May 15.** They must be returned to Extension office prior to May 15!



SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER

The **Superior Young Producer Scholarship Program** is offered by the Illinois State Fair to 4-H members in beef, sheep, swine, dairy, and horses. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in horses, and three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in dairy. A total of nine \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in a combined contest for beef, sheep, and swine. The SYPA contest is open to 4-H members who are 14 years of age or older doing project work in the species area for which they are entering. Participants do not have to be exhibiting animals at the Illinois State Fair to participate. Check out the dates of each contest: Horse: July 24, Beef/Sheep/Swine: August 7, Dairy: August 17. The contest is supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and its sponsors.

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Happy May Day!

*I think the warm weather is FINALLY here, and it's that time when the kids start to count down the final days of the school year and the start of summer break! That also means that the fair will be here before we know it. Members will be able to register for fair classes until June 1st, **after June 1st fair registration is closed.** Before attempting to register for your fair classes, log-on to il.4honline.com website and check the projects you have entered. You must know the project levels you are in before registering for your fair classes. Livestock entries — make sure to register the number of stalls needed ONE time. Enter for O for all other stalls. Contact me or Jennifer if you have any problems. We will be glad to help.*

To graduating seniors, I have truly enjoyed working with you over the years. You have all shared your talents and expertise with the younger 4-H members. All of the Mercer County 4-H family wishes you the best in your future endeavors. I know you will continue to make the best better!

*Warmest regards,
Tracy*



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