



Deadlines:

Nov. 1 State Award Apps

Nov. 1 Speaking for IL 4-H

Dec. 1 Re-enrollments

March 1 Enrollments

Events:

Nov. 11 Digital Ambassadors

Dec. 14 Gifts from the Heart

Dec. 16 Terracycling Program

Jan 25 Geneseo Livestock Judging

Feb 22 4-H Academy



Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton with Mercer 4-H member Sheridan Hank

Sheridan Hank is passionate about agriculture, so when Illinois Lieutenant Governor, Juliana Stratton, and her staff, stopped in Mercer County on October 18th to learn more about ag, Sheridan jumped at the opportunity to talk to her about the role youth play in this important industry in Illinois. "4-H has provided me with so many opportunities, whether it be an avenue for showing cattle or for leadership development or honing my public speaking skills" said Sheridan, "and we felt she would better understand the importance of 4-H by meeting a young leader face to face". While the Lieutenant Governor picked corn with Mercer County Farm Bureau President, Michael Zecher, Sheridan answered questions for Stratton's staff. "They asked questions like, why did the field corn look so different from the corn they eat in the summer?" Sheridan said, "it was neat, as a cattle producer, to be able to explain things to them". She started her own herd of purebred angus cows in 2016 and is the daughter of Jeff and Trisha Hank of Aledo. Sheridan is President of the Kimel 4-H Club, President of the Mercer County FFA Chapter, and the high school volunteer for Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program. Sheridan says, "I was impressed that Lieutenant Governor Stratton mentioned National 4-H Week, which was the week before her visit. I felt she truly was trying to learn as much about agriculture and the important impact it has on the Illinois economy."

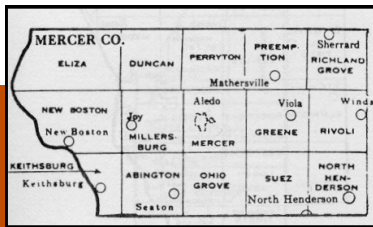


The Hamlet Handy Helpers, pictured above, received 3rd place in the National 4-H Week window decorating contest. The top prize went to Saddle Teens and second place went to the Alexis All Stars. Thanks to all clubs for promoting 4-H in your communities. All the displays were wonderful!



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NEWS & notes

Mercer County

Joy-Eliza Ag Report Submitted by Ayla Coulter



2019-2020
Officer Team

We held our first meeting on September 8th. We voted on new officers. They are: President-Carson Holmes, Vice President-Desiree Reid, Secretary Kaelyn Boruff, Treasurer-Savannah McKay, Reporter-Ayla Coulter, Historian-Colton Reid. Federation delegates will be Carson, Ayla, Desiree, and Kaelyn. Committees were formed and the publicity committee will start working on our window display. We are sponsoring 2 families for Christmas. Kaelyn Boruff gave a report on what Federation is and encouraged anyone 13 or older to join. The Cloverbuds did pumpkin bowling. Our next meeting is Sunday October 13.

Sherrard 4-H Minutes Submitted by Sydney Perkins

The October meeting began at 1 p.m. on the 12th. We came up with an agenda for the year and voted on offices. Ty, Sydney, and Liam were in attendance and approved the positions. The club decided to pay the \$20 registration fee for members. Barb Wiedenmann and Jeff Wiedenmann are leaders. Matt Barkau will fill out volunteer application. Joanne Hayes is stepping down as leader. At the meeting, pumpkins were made from twine. In November, we will be doing acrylic painting to give away. Liam will be giving a talk.

Club Officers are:

President & Secretary - Sydney Perkins

Vice President - Cole Perkins

Treasurer - Rachel

Historian/Committee Chair - Liam Barkau

Mercer County Federation Report Submitted by Ayla Coulter

Mercer County 4-H Federation report. We held officer elections Kaelyn Boruff is the President, Vice President is Meg Fowler, Secretary is Desiree Reid, Reporter is Ayla Coulter, Treasurer is Carson Holmes. Re-enrollment opened September 7. We decided to help with the bounce house for Oktoberfest on September 28th. We will be doing a window for National 4-H week which is Oct 6th-13. We also discussed community service and soup cook off ideas. Our next meeting is October tenth at 6:30pm at the Mercer County Farm Bureau in Aledo.

Hamlet Hand Helpers Submitted by Megan Gray



The Hamlet Handy Helpers 4-H club held a meeting on October 13 at Hamlet Hall. The pledges were led by Olivia and roll call was taken by Megan. The secretary and treasurer reports were given and approved. Barbara

announced that we were fortunate to receive 3rd place on our window display during National 4-H Week. We decided to put up Veterans grave markers at the Sugar Grove Cemetery. Mercer County Federation is looking for members. If you are interested contact the Extension Office. 4-H enrollment is now open online. Make sure you go online to sign up for your projects as soon as possible. Just a reminder that members can receive up to 3 new manuals for free each year. Our club will be hosting a pizza awards night at our next meeting in order to recognize the accomplishments of our club and members. Our by-laws were presented to the members. A motion was made by Matthew to accept the by-laws as read and Mason seconded the motion. The motion passed. Our club also discussed the membership fees for this upcoming year. Olivia made a motion to have the club pay for the membership fees, seconded by Mason, and the motion passed. A motion was made to table the discussion for the Food Pantry donation till next month. The Hamlet Handy Helpers 4-H club held officer elections. Those members elected were: Barbara, President; Matthew, Vice-President; Megan, Secretary; and Mikayla, Treasurer. All members signed the waivers for the Extension office to public appearances. Our annual wiener roast was held afterwards.



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Rock Island County



Join the Magical Muggles for a workshop on Terracycling. The workshop will be led by Karen Neder. Karen runs a Terracycling program for Trinity Lutheran Church.

When: Monday, December 16, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Program @ Bethel Wesley UMC
1201 13th Street, Moline

Following the program, the group will walk across the street to Trinity and do a craft project using recycled materials. All 4-H ages are welcome, but they ask that Cloverbud age youth have an adult with them.

Register on the Extension web site:
extension.illinois.edu/hmrs.

For more information about terracycling, visit:
www.terracycle.com/en-US/



Shooting Sports Notice: For those interested in joining Rock Island shooting sports, contact Bill Peterson for dates & locations. shootyssa@gmail.com or (309) 945-2108



Congratulations to the Rock Island shotgun team for placing 3rd overall at the AIM Championship Event. They were also the highest scoring 4-H squad. Members include: Jeb Collins, Josh Meyer, Michael Lemburg, Luke Ager, and Chase Martin.

Speaking for IL 4-H

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. Members age 14+ can join the **Speaking for Illinois 4-H** team. The training is **Saturday, November 9** at the Adams County Extension Office in Quincy.

The day-long training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol. There is a \$12 fee to attend the training which helps cover the cost of lunch and supplies. Use the following link to register and get additional details: go.illinois.edu/sfi4H.



Join us at the Milan Extension office on Saturday, December 14 for a morning of gift making. Youth of 4-H age are invited to attend the workshop from 9 a.m. to noon, where they will be able to make and wrap their own gifts to give out during the holidays. Look for more information on our website soon.



Microsoft

The Digital Ambassadors will meet on Monday, November 11 at 5 p.m. in the Milan Office. They will be working on lesson plans and scheduling trainings. Any youth age 12+ is welcome to join the group.



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Around the State

Service to Others

Illinois 4-H member and 2020 Miss Central Illinois Outstanding Teen Elizabeth Weidner of Effingham County is inviting members and clubs to help with an amazing service project. Elizabeth wants to provide needed personal items to families whose children are being treated at Children's Miracle Network hospitals and Ronald McDonald houses. She is asking your help collecting:

- Shampoo and conditioner
- Shower gel/soap/moisturizer
- Deodorant
- Razors and shaving cream
- Toothbrush/toothpaste/mouthwash
- Combs/brushes
- Baby wash

These items will be stocked in nurse stations and available to families who need items.

In addition, Elizabeth is collecting:

- Pre-packaged snacks, cereals, oatmeal, chocolates, and hard candies
- Small packets of teas, coffee, creamer, sugar
- Packages of hot chocolate, teas, juice boxes

Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/crownsfightcancer>. Elizabeth is a stage IV high risk neuroblastoma cancer warrior survivor and patient of Children's Miracle Network hospitals. For more information, one may call 217-925-5700. Elizabeth wants to deliver her items in late fall, so plan your campaigns soon!

The **World of 7 Billion** video contest challenges you to think critically about some of the planets most pressing issues and come up with solutions. Share what you've learned in a 60-second video. The contest is open to all middle and high school students worldwide, and the deadline for submissions is February 27, 2020. Up to \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to 80 student winners.

Understanding

Copyright &

Trademark Laws



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all rights reserved

When an author, musician, designer, or artist creates something, it is immediately protected by copyright or trademark laws and other people can't use it or create something similar. Original works such as stories, music, pictures, plays, dances, sculpture, movies, and architecture are protected. 4-H members should use caution when working on a speech, display, or exhibit so you don't use something that doesn't belong to you.

4-H members can't draw or copy someone else's design, logo, words, or music without the permission of the original owner. That means, you can't draw a logo (such as Ford or John Deere) and use it on your exhibit. You can't create Mickey Mouse ears on your cake. You can't draw a Disney princess. You can't put SpongeBob image on your natural resource project exhibit board.

Think of it like this. You wouldn't take your neighbor's bike and ride it around to make your life easier without getting permission first. That would be stealing. When you take words, art, graphics, or photographs that aren't yours but use them like they are, that's stealing, too. Copying them from the internet is the same as stealing them unless you are using a site specifically created for free use of images.

For more information on what's allowed, contact Judy at illinois4H@illinois.edu and ensure you're respecting the rights of others.

***This is something to keep in mind as you think about your projects and the exhibit opportunities within those projects.*



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Livestock Edition



UPDATE to Ethics Requirements

Youth enrolled in horses, cats, dogs, rabbits & poultry:

Requirement is still a one-time completion of the Quality Assurance & Ethics (QAEC) online training. That training is found here:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Youth enrolled in beef, sheep, swine, and goats:

New requirement is completion of the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. This training may be completed in two ways:

1. **Online** - The training can be completed online at a cost of \$12 per year. The online training also has a test-out option similar to the old youth PQA. Youth can test out of their age division, which will fulfill their ethics requirement until they enter the next age division. If you choose this option, beware that you will still have to pay the \$12 per year. For example, if you complete a test-out option that covers three years, it will charge you \$36. **Online training here: yqca.org.** Sign in using the 4-H Online log-in option.

2. **In Person** - We will offer 1 in-person training per county in the winter/spring. Cost of certification through this method is \$3, but it will only certify you for one year.

Note: This requirement only applies to youth planning to show a *live* animal at any show - county, state, regional or national. It does not apply to youth exhibiting a poster related to an animal.

Contact Jennifer or Tracy if you have questions.

Geneseo Livestock Judging Contest

When: Saturday, January 25, 2020

Where: Black Hawk East Ag Pavillion

Time: Registration 8:00-9:45 a.m.

Contest 10:00 a.m.

What: 3 Beef, 3 Swine, 2 Sheep, 1 Goat and 1 EPD class with 1 question class from 3 species.

Divisions: Junior (8th grade and under)
Senior (9th-12th)

Cost: \$20 if registered on or before January 20
\$25 after January 20

Contact: Brian Stahl at (309) 945-0347 or
bstahl@dist229.org



Free Agriculture Classes

The Quad Cities Campus of Western Illinois is offering free agriculture classes for high school students. This fall, the class is AGRI 220 - Introduction to Agribusiness.

In the Spring, they will offer ANSC 112 - Introduction to Animal Science.

In this course, high school students will have the opportunity to learn the application of fundamental biological principles as related to the nutrition, reproduction, and management of livestock.

All classes are held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7-8:10 a.m.

For more information, contact Curtis Williams at 309-762-1495 or CM-Williams11@wiu.edu.



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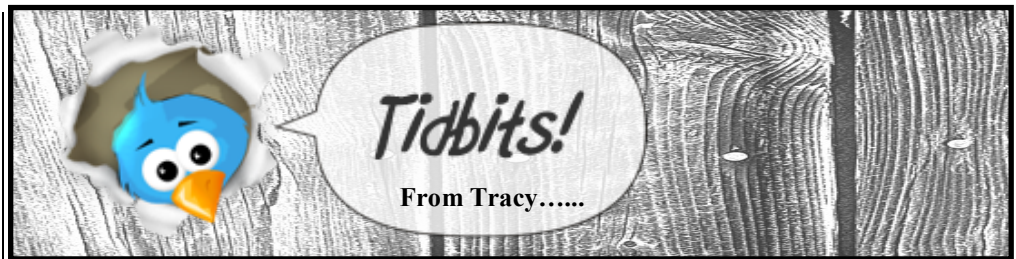
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Greetings!

Welcome to winter. There is nothing like snow in October to remind us that the holiday season will be here before long. As a reminder: if programs or events are cancelled due to weather, it will be announced via email and on media outlets like WRMJ.

Our offices are closed November 28 & 29 for Thanksgiving and December 24-January 1 for the Holiday break. Please take note that much of the staff will not return until January 6.

Please continue to re-enroll. If you run into problems, let us know. This is also a good time to invite a friend to join. There is a state-wide push to get 2020 new 4-H members in 2020. We can't reach that goal without your help promoting 4-H.

We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving, and know that we are thankful for all our members, leaders, parents, volunteers, and community supporters.

*Warmest regards,
Tracy & Jennifer*



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