



OCTOBER 2019

MERCER & ROCK ISLAND

Deadlines:

Oct. 1 County Award Apps

Oct. 1 Sec/Treasurer books

Nov. 1 State Award Apps

Dec. 1 Re-enrollments

Events:

Oct. 6-12 National 4-H Week

Oct. 8 Mercer Leader Mtg

Oct. 9 Mercer Window Judging

Oct. 19 Shooting Sports
Training in Monticello

Oct. 22 Viola Open House

Oct. 22 Mercer E&R Meeting

Oct. 22 RI Teen Clubs Open
House



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National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year's theme, **INSPIRED to LEAD | CALLED to SERVE**, captures what it means to be a 4-H member. You are encouraged to find ways to celebrate October 6 – 12. Use the hashtag **#inspiredby4H** and **#inspiredtoLEAD** as you share your 4-H activities on social media. Watch our Facebook page for contests all week long.



INSPIRED TO LEAD | CALLED TO SERVE
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

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#inspiredby4H

Listen to WRMJ all week for 4-H trivia.
Call in and win prizes!

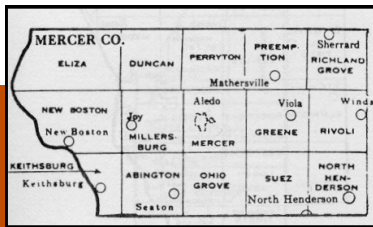
Cambridge Champs 5K kick-off run is
October 6 at 4 p.m. Register by
contacting Angie Reed or Tadd Jeffries.

National 4-H Week Club Participation Ideas:

- Give presentations at schools, school organizations or other youth-serving agencies
- Have members bring projects to local civic organizational meetings
- Host a project fair in the community to recruit new members
- Promote 4-H projects at relevant businesses in the community
- Take cookies to local businesses with a poster thanking them for their contributions to 4-H
- Wear your 4-H clothing to school
- Have a community service day and prepare an impact story about the importance of 4-H service
- Host a special interest workshop for the community but sponsored by 4-H

New Year Updates

- 4-H Online is open at il.4honline.com. Re-enrollments are due **December 1**.
- Do **NOT** create a new profile in 4-H online when re-enrolling. If you can't get into your old profile, contact the Extension Office.
- Project manuals need to be ordered via the drop-down menu under individual projects on the project selection screen.
- **New Policy:** We will only provide 3 free project manuals. You will be asked to pay for additional manuals.
- **New Policy:** There will be no free manuals given out after the **March 1** fair enrollment deadline.
- Do not add shooting sports projects.



NEWS & notes

Mercer

Hamlet Handy Helpers Submitted by Barbara Close

Hamlet Handy Helpers had our first meeting of the new 4-H year on September 8th, 2019 at the Hamlet Hall. Megan called the meeting to order; Megan & Barbara led the meeting. The pledges were recited and roll call was taken. The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were given and approved. Under Old Business, the club held its annual fundraiser at Mercer Market yesterday and it was a success. A big thank you to Mercer Market for providing this opportunity! Matthew, Olivia, Megan, Caidel, & Barbara were thanked for their help with the event. Barbara gave a brief talk about the fundraiser. Mikayla & Spencer each gave a brief talk on their experiences attending the State Fair this past summer with their 4-H projects. Jason encouraged all 4-H members to take advantage of any opportunity to attend the State Fair. Club members were notified that all 4-H Award applications are due by October 1; visit go.illinois.edu/4Happly online for the forms. It was also noted that the Mercer County Extension Office has moved from Aledo to Viola. Our club received three thank-you notes this summer, which were read, for fair awards received that were purchased with our club's donation. In June our club was awarded a generous check from Farmer's State Bank. Mason & Brenda went to their bank in Viola to accept this much-appreciated donation, and Brenda deposited the check in our 4-H account and wrote a thank you. Under new business, we congratulated our new club leaders: Jason Monson & Chris Zippe. We will be holding our club officer election at our next meeting in October and all members were encouraged to attend and vote. National 4-H week is October 6th-12th. This year's theme is 'Inspired to Lead/Called to Serve.' The club voted to participate in this year's window display. Annette was present to talk about the use of the Senior Center building for this event and it was decided to meet on October 6th to do the activity. The club voted on our community service project for this year; it was decided to do the Veteran's grave markers once again since it is such a worthy cause. Club members were advised that due to the possibility of the Hamlet Hall being winterized this year, we may need to hold our meetings this winter at the Hamlet Perryton Presbyterian Church. Under leader announcements, Annette was thanked for all she has done as a club leader. She was given a card and gift from the club. It was also advised that there is a leaders' meeting September 10th, at which time the new 4-H packets will be available and handed out to members at our October club meeting. We were reminded to always read the monthly 4-H Newsletters from the Extension Office for important dates and information. Our next club meeting will be October 13th. The meeting was adjourned.



- The Teen Leadership Conference traditionally held in January will now be held later in 2020. Stay tuned for more information.
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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.



SPEND FALL BREAK EXPLORING SCIENCE WITH 4-H



Youth in grades 1st - 6th can spend their fall break exploring and creating cool projects at science camp at Winola Elementary School October 14 - 17. Drop off between 6 - 8 a.m., Camp activities from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. and pick up between 3 - 5:30 pm. Cost is \$70. Register online at this link.



NEWS & notes

Rock Island County

Magical Muggles Report Submitted by: Miriam Schwartz

We held our meeting on September 16, 2019. We didn't have much old business because the last two months were focused on fair activities. In new business, we talked about the upcoming year and changes that are coming up, like a new location for our meeting. We talked about having elections for new officers at our next meeting. For our activity, we made a magnet maze out of a paper plate, 2 magnets, glue, paper and a pencil.

Rural Go Getters Report Submitted by: Hannah Close

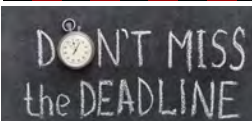
Our meeting consisted of a normal meeting except this time we elected new officers since it is the first meeting of the new 4-H year. Our new officers are:

Rachel Mackin, President
Alex Edmondson, Vice President
Megan Mackin, Secretary
Wyatt Viager, Treasurer
Hannah Close, Reporter

We also got 4 new members in our group. Welcome to:
Will Ahrens
Henry Ahrens
Mason Hamerlinck
Brooklyn Smith

We then adjourned our meeting and enjoyed snacks provided by one of our members.

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



Secretary & Treasurer books are due **October 1**. It is imperative that we have the first two pages of the treasurer's book to submit to the IRS. They can & will revoke EIN's if not turned in.

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TEEN LEADERSHIP

Interested in Teen Leadership opportunities? Join us on Tuesday, October 22 at 7 p.m. in the Milan Extension office to find out more about:

Citizen Scientists
Digital Ambassadors
Teen Teachers

And other opportunities available to youth **ages 13+**





NEWS & notes

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.

Learn more @ <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!



Salute 4-H Volunteers

The Illinois 4-H program is built on the work of amazing volunteers! The National 4-H Council sponsors the Salute to Excellence Award Program that targets 4-H volunteers. Nominate outstanding local volunteers by contacting the Extension office by **October 15**.

The award categories are:

Volunteer of the Year – recognizing individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, region, and state level.

Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer – recognizing individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, region or state level.



The deadline for county and state awards moved. Award applications for county consideration must be turned in to the Extension office by **October 1**. The state award application deadline moved from early January to **November 1**.

County awards include:

Bronze, Silver & Gold Experience Awards - Use Experience Award application

Excel Awards - Use the IL State 4-H award application

Electricity Award - Open to youth who were enrolled in electricity in the 2018-2019 year.

Outstanding Record Book - Use sheets given to you in your green 4-H enrollment folder

Outstanding Treasurer & Secretary - based off books turned in by club treasurers and secretaries

State awards include:

IL State 4-H Award - Open to youth ages 15-18 years old

Key Award - Open to youth ages 16-19 years old

LCP Award - Open to youth ages 17-19

Veterinary Science Award - Open to youth enrolled in the Vet Science project in the 2018-2019 year

Diamond/Emerald Experience Awards

All applications can be found here: go.illinois.edu/4Happly

State Scholarship applications are also due **November 1**.

These include the Legacy of Leadership Scholarship and the Livestock Scholarship. For more information about these opportunities go to: go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships

****Visit our local web page extension.illinois.edu/hmrs and click on 4-H at the bottom for the county-only award applications.**





NEWS & notes

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



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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Illinois Pork Producers Association wants you as its 2020 State Ambassador intern. You'll represent the association and the pork industry during the coming year for a full year and will work from the Springfield office during the summer (May - August 2020). Open to youth ages 18-23.

Main duties include managing the birthing center during the Illinois State Fair, attending Summer Ag Institutes, completing a project of his/her choosing (to be discussed with staff), and various other tasks. The internship is education and communication focused. A \$4,500 scholarship will be provided to the intern upon successful completion of the internship. Start date will depend on the student's school schedule, and end date will be after the State Fair.

Application deadline is OCTOBER 31, 2019. For application information, contact Jenny Jackson at jenny@ilpork.com or 217-529-3100.

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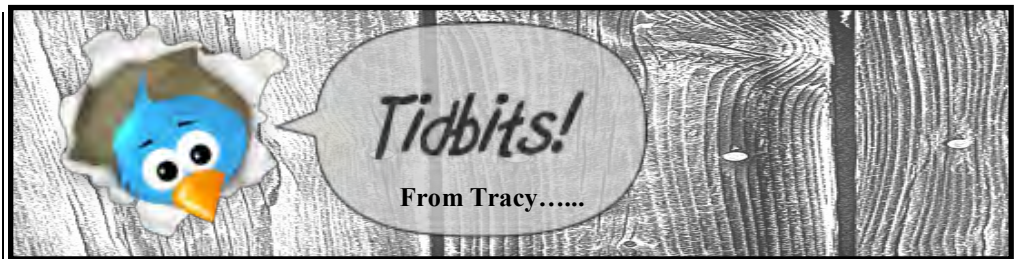
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Greetings!

Welcome to a brand new 4-H year. This is prime recruitment time. Share your experiences with others and invite them to join in on the fun! National 4-H Week is a great time to showcase all the wonderful things you do as individuals and as clubs. You make a difference in your communities throughout the year. It is ok to be proud of your accomplishments.

*Please try to get your enrollments/re-enrollments done early, and remember that **program fees** must be paid before enrollments will be approved. Lifetime Risk Forms must also be on file for enrollment to be complete.*

Keep an eye out for deadlines, and attend club meetings so the leaders can keep you informed on upcoming activities, deadlines and process changes.

We wish you all a safe harvest and a happy Halloween.

*Warmest regards,
Tracy & Jennifer*



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