



SEPTEMBER 2020

## Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

### Deadlines:

Sept. 25 - Club Awards  
Oct. 1 - Award Apps  
Dec. 1 - Reenrollments

### Events:

Sept. 5-6 - State Horse Show  
Sept. 11-13 - State Livestock  
Sept. 18-20 - State Livestock  
Sept. 21 - JWCC Virtual  
Judging Contest  
Oct. 4-10 - National 4-H  
Week



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### Important Information

- If you have not turned in secretary and treasurer books from last year, please do so ASAP. The first two pages of the treasurer books are **Required**.
- New year packets and fair awards will definitely be ready for your October Club meetings.
- 4-H Online is shut down for rollover from Sept. 1 - 10. It is also being updated to version 2.0.
- **DON'T PANIC!** 4-H Online will look different this year. Version 2.0 will go live after Sept. 10. You will get instructions to help you navigate changes. All your contact information will rollover.
- At this time, they don't believe credit card information will transfer. You will have to enter new information.
- Similar to previous years, do **NOT** create a new profile when reenrolling.
- Your log-in user email and password will not change. If you can't remember your email, please contact us. Use the password reset option for forgotten passwords.
- Project manuals will be ordered primarily through paper form. Get this form from your leader/in new year packets. Manuals will only be ordered 4 times in the year.

**IMPORTANT!**

### Club Meetings: Risk Management

As of September, clubs are able to follow the state rule of allowable gatherings up to 50 people. To be in compliance with University insurance requirements, we ask that you follow these rules when attending club meetings:

- Masks must be worn at all times. Even at outdoor meetings.
- Masks must cover the nose and mouth
- Social distancing practices should be followed
- Detailed attendance records must be kept. This includes adults and youth in attendance.
- Any food provided must be pre-packed in individual servings.
- Tables, doorknobs, and any frequently touched surfaces should be disinfected periodically during the meeting and at the end.
- All in-person meetings may be cancelled if there is a change in state or health department rules.

### Contact Us

We are each in the office one day per week. Continue to use these numbers, and contact us if you need to set-up an in-person meeting. Email is still best.

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# Club News and Notes



## State Fair General Projects

# *Congratulations!*

Results from counties judged during "week one" of the virtual state fair were the only ones available at the time of this publication. Week one included Henry and Mercer. Results from subsequent weeks will be sent out when made available. All participants received Awards of Excellence, but we had many individuals receive either the Grand Champion, Reserve Champion or Inspire Awards. Congratulations to everyone who participated and a special shout-out to the following:

### Henry County:

Ashlynn Chamberlain - Inspire Award in Cooking 101  
Tony Dochterman - Inspire Award in Beekeeping 1  
Jovey Nightingale - Reserve Champion STEAM Clothing 1  
Madeline Nightingale - Champion Intermediate Scrapbooking

### Mercer County:

Benjamin Bennett - Inspire Award in Tractor D  
Jack Jungmann - Reserve Champion Video/Filmmaking  
Luke Jungmann - Reserve Champion Maker Class  
Katheryne Jungmann - Champion STEAM Clothing 2  
Savannah McKay - Reserve Champion Interior Design  
Darrin McKeag - Reserve Champion Vegetable Gardening  
Carter Nelson - Champion Visual Arts Wood  
Desiree Reid - Reserve Champion Veterinary Science  
Reagan Shike - Reserve Champion Floriculture  
Davin Shike - Champion Electricity 3

# *Congratulations!*

Emma Preston, of Rockridge Royals, was named to the State Livestock Ambassador team. As part of the team, she will help teach about and promote livestock all across the state and help plan the youth livestock conferences. Congratulations, Emma!



## AWARDS

Now is the time to start looking at award applications. Several of the state level awards are different this year, so read the options and instructions carefully.

### **Due September 25 - Club Award**

Club awards often go unclaimed due to lack of entries. This could be your club's time to get recognized for all the work you put in throughout the year. Applications at link below. If you need help filling out the app:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIGd7Y759-E>

### **Due October 1 (County):**

**Experience Award** - Same application as previous years with minor tweaks. Open to all 4-H youth 8+. This award focuses on all events you've experience during the 4-H year. Activities are divided into four areas: Participation, Community Service, Leadership & Project Learning. Let us know if you want a tip sheet or a link to a tutorial video. This award is given out at both a county and state level. County awards are Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels. State awards are Diamond or Emerald.

### **IL 4-H Scholarships** - New this year.

Open to youth ages 15-18. 5 \$1,000 scholarships available in each of 9 different categories. The categories are: Animal Science, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creative Arts & Communication, Food Systems, Healthy Living, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth, and STEM/Robotics. A tutorial video on the application is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0NVQVZ5oBQ>. Apply online at [go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships](https://go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships). Scholarship applications go directly to the State Office when submitted. They are due **November 1**.

### **Sustaining the Future Award** - Former LCP award.

Sponsored by Farm Bureau. Open to youth 17-19. Winners get to attend the Farm Bureau Premier 20 Conference.

National 4-H Conference has been cancelled for 2020.

All award applications and descriptions can be found on the Illinois State 4-H page here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>



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## Miscellaneous



The state shoots will be held a little differently this fall. Instead of a state-wide in-person shoot, there will be smaller, local competitions supervised by certified Level I instructors who will report youth scores centrally through an online system.

This format will run from September to December 2020. Registration is free and there will still be junior (11-13) and senior (14-18) age divisions. Registration is open.

Disciplines will include compound archery, recurve archery, shotgun, and air rifle.

For full rules and the registration link, visit:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-virtual-shoot-fall-2020>

### JWCC Ag Alumni Virtual Livestock Judging Contest

This virtual judging contest will go live on **September 21**. It is hosted on the JWCC Ag Alumni Facebook Page @jwccag. The contest will run for 3 weeks with 2-3 classes per week. Each class will consist of 10 questions.

The contest is open to FFA and 4-H members with the junior division being freshman and younger and the varsity division being sophomores and older.

Teams must be 4 individuals with only the top 3 scores counting.

There will be prizes for the top 10 individuals and teams along with weekly prizes.

For questions, contact Justin Lewis (jlewis@jwcc.edu), Mike Tenhouse (mtenhouse@jwcc.edu) or Jeff Galle (jeff\_galle@jwcc.edu).

## Shooting Sports: Shotgun Club

**Dates:** September 8, 15, 22, 29 & October 6, 13, 20 & 27

**Times:** Sessions held at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

\*Early session primarily for beginners or less experienced shooters. However, they will work with individual schedules.

**Location:** Isaak Walton League at Baker Park in Kewanee.

**Questions:** Direct questions to county coordinator, Karen Horsley. (309) 853-7081.

**Register:** By contacting Karen at the number above or Jennifer at jpetersn@illinois.edu.

**Cost:** \$20 yearly 4-H enrollment fee + range fee

**Masks must be worn at all 4-H club meetings and gatherings.**



## Superior Young Producer Contest

**When:** September 19. Start any time between 9a.m. & 2p.m.

**Where:** South show ring of Jr Cattle Barn, IL State Fairgrounds

**What:** Compete for nine \$1,000 scholarships by testing your knowledge on breeds of cattle, sheep & swine, marketing, equipment, and quality assurance.

**Who:** 4-H youth ages 14-18. No pre-registration required.

## Volunteer Café Conversations

The next 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation will be

**Thursday, November 19 at 7 p.m.** A registration link will be available closer to the date.

Prior to that conversation, the volunteer development team is offering two virtual trainings. The first will be held on **Thursday, October 15** and will cover Code of Conduct. The second will be on **Thursday, November 7** and will cover Effective & Engaging Meetings.







# NEWS & notes

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



OCTOBER 4-10, 2020

### National 4-H Week – October 4-10, 2020

#### Theme: Opportunity4ALL

National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year's theme, **Opportunity4ALL**. We are lifting up youth voices and helping kids get equal access to the resources they need to thrive. You are encouraged to find ways to celebrate October 4 – 10. 4-H Spirit Day will be held Wednesday, October 7. Encourage your clubs to show their 4-H pride and wear a clover! Use the hashtag #Opportunity4All or #National4HWeek as you share your 4-H activities on social media. We will be sharing more information in the coming weeks.

Need inspiration? See this list of ideas →

#### Other dates to consider for October 2020

October 1-31 – STEM Challenge Month

**\*\*Stay tuned for information on a unit-wide club contest related to National 4-H Week. We also encourage those of you who participated in the virtual fair to wear your River Valley t-shirts on Spirit Day, Wed. Oct. 7.\*\***

### New Year Club Planning Resources:

The IL 4-H Website has numerous resources and forms to help guide clubs as they prepare for the new year. We may not know what the structure of clubs will be this fall, but that doesn't mean clubs can't organize. Visit [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H) and click on Clubs for forms like:

- Fillable club meeting agenda forms
- Club committee planning sheets
- Club yearly program plan
- Fillable secretary & treasurer books
- Club activity ideas



*During times of COVID19, please plan accordingly to adhere to all social distancing guidelines in your area. Some face to face activities may not be feasible this year.*

- Post 4-H window signs in your windows (downloadable) "Proud 4-H Member Lives Here" or "Proud 4-H Volunteer Lives Here"
- Change your Facebook cover for National 4-H Week
- Have a day to wear a 4-H shirt to work or school. – 4-H Spirit Day will be held on Wednesday!
- Start a county 4-H alumni club or solicit 4-H Alumni names through the paper and newsletter to join the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association.
- Host a "To Me Opportunity Means \_\_\_\_\_" event in your community. (downloadable file) Have 4-H members, alumni, volunteers share their sign on social media to promote 4-H.
- Join the National 4-H Week Spirit week on Illinois 4-H Facebook page.
- Use the Facebook Photo Frame to show you are a proud member of 4-H
- In a 4-H meeting or remote schooling, use the 4-H zoom backgrounds during National 4-H Week.
- Have a flag-raising ceremony at a local bank, park, business, veterans club or school. Could the 4-H flag also be hosted by a business during National 4-H Week?
- Get Social! Start a social media engagement post —What did you gain in 4-H? and distribute it to your social media channels and encourage other club members to post too.
- Post 4-H alumni signs, National 4H week signs, or join 4-H signs in the yards of current or past 4-H members.
- Have a poster contest with your members, then display them in local business windows.
- County Window Display Contest to have clubs host a 4-H window display in a local business.
- Write letters to your congressional leaders or local legislators about how important 4-H is to you.
- Promote 4-H livestock projects at the feed store.
- Promote 4-H technology projects at the electronic/phone/computer stores.
- Promote 4-H foods projects at the grocery stores.
- Promote 4-H entrepreneur projects at the banks.
- Take thank you flowers to all your club leaders.
- Carve pumpkins with a 4-H logo and take them to area homes, businesses or have a photo contest to see which ones get the most likes.

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**Office Hours**  
**Monday – Wednesday – Friday**  
**8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.



# Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

Welcome to the New 4-H Year. We can only hope this year is better overall than last year. We are all excited that clubs will be able to start meeting in person. Hopefully, that will make 4-H feel like 4-H again.

We want you to be able to continue to meet in person, so please follow all the safety guidelines outlined on the first page and please do what your leaders ask.

It is an unusual start to the year, and we want you to get the most out of your 4-H experience, in person and virtually. We want to hear from you about what you need to get through this time. Do you want virtual special interest clubs or workshops? Do you want non-virtual activities you can do at home? Do you want activities you can do as a club? If we hold challenges, what sort of prizes would make it worth participating?

Drop any of us an email with thoughts, and look for a link to a member survey coming soon.

We enter this new year with hope. Hope for a great 4-H year and hope that we will be gathering without restrictions again soon.

Have a great holiday weekend,

*Jennifer, Teresa, Tracy, & McCala*



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<https://www.facebook.com/StarkCounty4H?ref=hl>

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