



SEPTEMBER 2022

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

Sept. 15 - Club Awards
Sept. 15 - Secretary and Treasurer Books
Oct. 1 - County Award Apps
Nov. 1 - State Scholarships
Dec. 1 - Reenrollments

Events:

Oct. 1 - ZSuite Opens for Enrollments
Sept. 17 - State Archery
Sept. 24 - State Shotgun
Oct. 8 - State Rifle
Oct. 9 - State Pistol
Oct. 2-8 - National 4-H Week
Oct. 15-16 - Junior Leadership Conference



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The State 4-H Junior Horse Show took place in July. Several youth from our area participated and did very well in individual classes. This includes those pictured above Desiree Reid, from Mercer County; Anna Taylor, from Rock Island and Megan DeLille, from Henry County who all placed in the Versatility class. Full results can be found at the Illinois State Fair website.



Important Information

- If you have not turned in secretary and treasurer books from last year, please do so by **September 15**. The first two pages of the treasurer books are **Required**.
- Enrollment is moving to ZSuite. We will no longer be using 4-H Online. Stay tuned for instructions.
- **Enrollment will not be open until early OCTOBER.** Do not try to enroll until instructions are sent out.

National 4-H Week



Mark your calendars for the 2022 National 4-H Week!

October 2-8

What has your club done in the past to celebrate that you think other clubs should know about? Share your ideas for a chance to be featured on a statewide idea sheet (with credit to your club!). Share your idea here: <https://form.jotform.com/221983990346063>

Club News and Notes



Rural Go-Getters Submitted by Wyatt Viager

We had our regular meeting wrapping up the 2021-2022 4-H year. We then talked about our member's experiences with their projects and going to the Illinois State Fair. Alex E talked about taking his swine project to the State Fair. Emma S talked about her welding project where she made a boot rack out of horseshoes. James N talked about taking his Small Engine project to State Fair and how he received a medal and ribbon. Lastly, Riley M did several Visual Arts projects, including wood burning and several art pictures she showed to the club.

Robotics Club

The first meeting of the Robotics SPIN Club will be held on Thursday, September 29 at 6 p.m. in the Milan Office. Focus of the year will be on different types of robotics as well as learning the new Lego Spike Prime kits. Club meetings will continue monthly on the 3rd Thursday. Look for a sign-up link soon or email Jennifer (jpetersn@illinois.edu) to register.



Participants in the state shoots must be 12 years of age as of Sept. 1, 2022 and enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports club. Online registration is now open at the listed sites.

Archery - Saturday, Sept. 17 @
Pekin Archers in Pekin, IL
Register: go.illinois.edu/20224HArcheryShoot

Shotgun - Saturday, Sept. 24 @
Brittany Shooting Park in Bunker Hill, IL
Register: go.illinois.edu/20224HShotgunShoot

Rifle - Saturday, October 8 @
Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL
Register: go.illinois.edu/20224HRifleShoot

Pistol - Sunday, October 9 @
Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington.
Register: go.illinois.edu/20224HPistolShoot

AWARDS

Now is the time to start looking at award applications. You can find links to all applications on our website:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/hmrs>. Go to 4-H and then select your county.

County Experience Awards - Due September 15

Open to all 4-H youth 8+. This award focuses on all events you've experienced during the 4-H year. Activities are divided into four areas: Participation, Community Service, Leadership & Project Learning. This award is given out at both a county and state level. County awards are Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels.

State Experience Awards - Due November 1

State awards are Diamond or Emerald. Please use the tip sheet found on our website for help filling out the award application.

Club Award - Due October 1

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. If you need help filling out the app: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=elGd7Y759-E>

IL 4-H Scholarships - Due November 1

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. Scholarship applications go directly to the State Office when submitted.

Sustaining the Future Award - Due January 9

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

****Individual counties have their own county specific awards. See individual county 4-H pages on our website (link at the top) for a listing of those awards and links to applications. A list of all award opportunities is also included in new year packets given out by leaders.****



NEWS & notes

Club Information

WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the club booth decorating contests in Mercer and Rock Island. It was great to see all the booths decorated this year after two years off. There were a lot of creative ideas.

Mercer Winners:

- 1st - Alexis All Stars
- 2nd - Kimel
- 3rd - Country Kids

Rock Island Winners:

- 1st - 4-H in the City
- 2nd - Rural True Blues
- 3rd - Edgington Go-Getters

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. Visit 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



State Events

State Events happening in 2022-2023:

Civic Engagement Conference - November 6-7, 2022

Junior Livestock Conference - January 14-15, 2023
Open to youth in grades 7-9th grades. Held in Decatur.

Legislative Connection - Two dates will be selected between March & May 2023. Any youth who is trained in Speaking for IL 4-H will be invited to attend.

State Public Speaking Contest - April 29, 2023 (tentative)

State Robotics Competition - May 13, 2023

Illini Summer Academies - June 25-29
Held at the University of Illinois. Open to youth who have completed 9-11th grades. Graduating 8th graders and graduating seniors are no longer eligible to attend.

Junior Leadership Conference

When: October 15-16, 2022

Who: 7th and 8th Grade 4-H Members

Where: Decatur Hotel & Conference Center

Cost: \$185 - scholarships available

Register: Before September 15 @

<https://go.illinois.edu/4hjlc>

Registration limited to first 100 youth! Contact your county coordinator if you have questions.

How to Order Project Manuals

Project manuals are no longer ordered through the Extension Office. Instead, there is a new Illinois website hosted by Shop 4-H that houses all the books for individual order. That site should also link to project manuals that are available in online form.

New year packets contain a Project Selection form that lists all manuals and the prices in Shop 4-H at the time of printing. The highlighted projects denote those that require a manual to fulfill fair exhibit requirements. It also contains links to manuals that are available via download.

This is the link to order manuals:

<https://shop4-h.org/collections/illinois-virtual-pop-up-shop>

New Enrollment System



Illinois 4-H is switching our enrollment and registration system from 4-H Online to ZSuite this fall. We believe this new system will offer a more user-friendly experience and features that will help you stay connected to the 4-H program and find new exciting experiences and opportunities for your kids!

Registration will open in this new system in early October. Look for emails from your local 4-H staff at that time with directions on how to get your family set up in the new system.



NEWS & notes

All Things Fair

We had a great group of youth represent our counties at the state fair this year. Everyone who participated did a great job showcasing their projects. A special congratulations goes out to those who received one of the top 3 awards: Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and Inspire. Grand Champions had the top score in their category. Reserve Champions had the 2nd highest score. Inspire award winners had a unique project/story that the judge felt warranted commendation.

Grand Champions:

Chloe Finch, Henry - Pistol
Hailey Olson, Henry - Tractor B
Anika Ruthaivilavan, Henry - Passport to the World
Jack Jungmann, Mercer - Photo Editing
Olivia Boehle, Rock Island - Health 2
Maya Boehle, Rock Island - Weather 2
Gus Larkins, Rock Island - Natural Resources 1
Emma Steiger, Rock Island - Floriculture A
Logan Goerks, Stark - Wildlife 3
Isley Shafer, Stark - Foods 101: Cereal Bars

Reserve Champions:

Katelyn Attig, Henry - Family Heritage
Max Gehling, Henry - Robotics
Piper Johnson, Henry - Foods 101: Cereal Bars
Bella Nightingale, Henry - Food Science
Colby Cox, Mercer - Woodworking 3
Ainsley Groth, Mercer - Video/Filmmaking
Jonah Hays, Mercer - Aerospace Display
Kate Jungmann, Mercer - Chalk/Carbon/Pigment B
Abigail Struble, Mercer - STEAM 1 Non-Clothing
Olivia Heick, Rock Island - Chalk/Carbon/Pigment A
Abigail Yoder, Rock Island - Fiber Non-Original
Owen Mercer, Stark - Electricity 3
Riggins Shafer, Stark - Tractor B
December Tracy, Stark - Photography 3

Inspire Award Winners:

Victoria Connor, Henry - Chalk/Carbon/Pigment A
Grace Conrad, Henry - Foods 101: Cookies
Hadaly Curry, Henry - Quilting
Jack Gehling, Henry - Tractor A
Abigail Wolf, Henry - Intermediate Food Decorating
Ella Bernhardt, Mercer - Photography 3
Will Ahrens, Rock Island - Vegetable Plate
Makenna Boggs, Rock Island - Visual Arts Nature
Jillian DeMeyer, Rock Island - Veterinary Science
Nicolas Gorbach, Rock Island - Photography 1
James Nelson, Rock Island - Small Engines
Carter Tharp, Rock Island - Civic Engagement 2
Lauren Orwig, Stark - Food Science

Congratulations!

The members of the 2022 Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame class were recognized during the State Fair on Saturday, August 13. These individuals have been exemplary volunteers and are valued members of the 4-H program.



Mike Peterson, left, was the Mercer County inductee.



Joseph Tracy, left, was Stark County's inductee.



Julie Derrer, below, was inducted from Rock Island County.

Henry County inducted Angie Reed who was not able to make the State Fair.
Thanks to all!



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Monday - 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. There are a lot of things to look forward to in the coming year.

We wanted to say a big



to everyone who made this summer happen. Thanks to superintendents, leaders, parents and members for making the fairs a success. The quality of projects was great to see and we were well represented at the state level. We appreciate the hard work and time you all contributed.

We look forward another wonderful year!

Jennifer, Teresa, Tracy, & McCala



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