



# Hamilton County Clover News

## Members Headed to Illinois State Fair

Twelve 4-H members from Hamilton County are headed to the Illinois State Fair to exhibit their 4-H projects on August 12. Youth planning to attend include:

- Blu Barrow—Animal Science
- Nola Launius—Clothing & Textiles
- Gracie Walker—Electricity
- Sky Tolbert—Food & Nutrition  
Cookies
- Lainey Davis—Food & Nutrition  
Coffee Cake
- Granger Wilson—Horticulture
- Aydan Hood—Robotics II
- Corbyn Hood—Robotics I
- Emma Hood—Video/Filmmaking
- Shiloh Willis— Visual Arts Food  
Decorating
- Emilee Cox—Visual Arts—  
Computer Generated Art
- Brooklin Durbin—Weather  
Best of Luck!



## 4-H Foundation Mum Sale

The Hamilton County 4-H Foundation is once again holding a mum sale as a fall fundraiser. All 4-H members are asked to sell at least 3 mums. They will be \$17 each. Prizes will be awarded to the top three sellers. Everyone that sells will be invited to a pizza party.

Order forms can be found in the back of this newsletter. They are due back in the office by August 31. Payment should be made at time of ordering and turned in with order form. Pick up will be Friday September 15 from 3 until 4:30 p.m. at the GIFT garden.

## August 2023

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## Federation Meeting Scheduled

The next Federation meeting is scheduled for August 10 at 1:00 p.m. . We will be discussing the Fall Festival Parade and collecting 4-H Can Make a Difference items. Please plan to join us!



# JOIN THE TEAM. CHANGE THE WORLD.





# Livestock Show Held

The Hamilton County 4-H Livestock Show was held on Friday, June 30, 2023. A large crowd gathered to watch our 4-H members exhibit their livestock projects. Five species were exhibited by 4-H members; beef, dairy, goats, sheep, and swine. Thank you to Logan Kennard for evaluating our livestock projects. Results for the show are:

## Goats

Grand Champion Doe-Marcie Cunico  
Reserve Champion Doe-Brody Bilderbeck  
Grand Champion Wether-Brody Bilderbeck  
Reserve Champion Wether-Granger Wilson  
Senior Showmanship-Shiloh Willis  
Junior Showmanship-Marcie Cunico

## Swine

Grand Champion Gilt- Caroline Lueke  
Reserve Champion Gilt-Abby Erwin  
Grand Champion Barrow-Gavin Douglass  
Reserve Champion Barrow-Cecelia Lueke  
Senior Showmanship-Abby Erwin  
Junior Showmanship-Terryn Launius

## Beef

Grand Champion Steer-Maddie Karcher  
Reserve Champion Steer-Cecelia Lueke  
Senior Showmanship-Maddie Karcher  
Junior Showmanship-Cecelia Lueke  
Grand Champion Bucket Calf-Olive Launius  
Reserve Champion Bucket Calf-Cecelia Lueke

## Dairy

Grand Champion Cow-Terryn Launius  
Junior Showmanship-Terryn Launius

## Sheep

Grand Champion Ewe-Nola Launius  
Reserve Champion Ewe-Olive Launius  
Grand Champion Wether-Olive Launius  
Reserve Champion Wether-Gracie Walker  
Senior Showmanship-Shiloh Willis  
Junior Showmanship-Gracie Walker

## Overall Senior Showmanship

Maddie Karcher

## Overall Junior Showmanship



Gracie Walker





# Hamilton County General Projects Show Held

The Hamilton County 4-H General Projects show was held at the Big Red Barn on Tuesday, June 20. There were 113 projects displayed by 40 4-H members. Several projects were selected in each category to go on to compete at the Illinois State Fair on August 12. Those selected were:

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| Blu Barrow – Animal Science   | Nola Launius – Clothing & Textiles                 |  |
| Gracie Walker – Electricity   | Corbyn Hood – Family Heritage                      |   |
| Leah Bowling, Cecelia Lueke, Shiloh Willis,<br>Finn Bowling, Sky Tolbert, Lainey Davis,<br>Serenity Smith (Nola Launius – Alternate) – Food & Nutrition | Granger Wilson – Horticulture                      |  |
| Emilee Cox, Shiloh Willis – Floriculture  | Emma Hood, Shiloh Willis, Emilee Cox – Photography |   |
| Emilee Cox (Shiloh Willis – Alternate) – Interior Design  | Shiloh Willis – Visual Arts, Food Decorating       |   |
| Emilee Cox – Nature/Fishing & Wildlife  | Visual Arts, Chalk/Carbon/Pigmen                   |   |
| Aydan Hood, Emma Hood, Corbyn Hood – Robotics   | Brooklin Durbin – Weather                          |   |
| Emma Hood – Video   |  |   |
| Gracie Walker, Shiloh Willis (Emilee Cox – Alternate)   |  |   |
| Emilee Cox – Visual Arts, Computer Generated Art  |  |   |
| Laynna Wilson – Visual Arts, Fiber  |  |   |
| Gracie Walker – Woodworking   |  |   |

Thank you to the judges for helping to interview these kids.

**Best of Show** ribbons were awarded to youth with the overall best project in each project area. Those were:

- Blu Barrow – Animal Science
- Nola Launius – Clothing & Textiles
- Corbyn Hood – Communications
- Gracie Walker - Electricity
- Aydan Hood – Exploratory
- Corbyn Hood – Family Heritage
- Leah Bowling – Food & Nutrition
- Gracie Walker – Geology
- Blu Barrow – Horticulture
- Emilee Cox – Interior Design
- Aydan Hood – Maker-Robotics
- Emma Hood – Photography
- Emilee Cox – Visual Arts
- Shiloh Willis – Visual Arts
- Cake Decorating
- Brooklin Durbin – Weather
- Gracie Walker – Woodworking.



These projects were on display for public viewing from 4 until 7 p.m. during the Hamilton County 4-H Foundation Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser.



## Farm Follies Fun



## Rabbit Show Held

The Rabbit Show was held on Thursday, June 29. Ten rabbit projects were exhibited. Congratulations to Shaina Brown as she exhibited the Grand Champion rabbit with her heavy weight, and Abby Erwin for receiving Reserve Grand Champion with her pen of three. Judge Mike Wilson praised the members for taking excellent care of their rabbits. Congratulations to all exhibitors.



## Poultry Show Held

The Hamilton County 4-H Poultry show was held on Thursday, June 29, 2023. Judge Mike Wilson was very impressed by the quality of chickens presented. Forty-two poultry projects were exhibited. Granger Wilson was presented Grand Champion with his market pen of three chickens and Reserve Champion was presented to Shiloh Willis with a pigeon. Great job exhibitors!



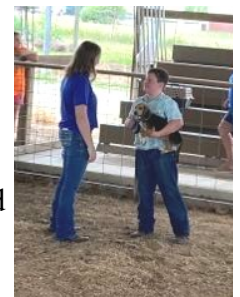
## 4-H Pork Chop Dinner Held

217 meals were served and the 4-H members and families were great help. The pork chops were prepared by Sweet Evalina BBQ. Thank you to all who helped support the Hamilton County 4-H program and took time out to look at these kids' hard work on their projects.



## Dogs, Cats Small Pets Show Results

Dogs, Cats, and Small Pets Show was held on Thursday, June 29. Several gathered to watch our 4-H members participate in the show. We had three dogs, two cats, and two guinea pigs exhibited. Best of Show Small Pets and Best of Show Cat was awarded to Shiloh Willis and Best of Show Dog went to Maddie Karcher. The crowd enjoyed watching the members exhibit and share their knowledge about their projects. Thank you Lucille Smith for judging our show.



## Multi County Horse Show Successful

It is always good to try something new. Last year our unit combined several of our counties for a horse show since none of the counties had many horse exhibitors. This year we doubled in size. We had a total of 10 exhibitors from the counties of Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, and Pope. By combining the counties for the horse show the kids had the opportunity to compete against others their age. This is important especially when we had 5 first year exhibitors. They were able to learn by doing and learn by watching. I am beyond proud of each one of the exhibitors. The results from the show are as follows:

### Gallatin County:

Sr. High Point Horseman-ship/Showmanship/Pleasure – Emersyn Smith  
Sr. High Point Speed & Fun – Emersyn Smith

### Hamilton County:

Jr. High Point Horseman-ship/Showmanship/Pleasure – Gracie Walker  
Jr. High Point Speed & Fun – Gracie Walker

### Hardin County:

Sr. High Point Horseman-ship/Showmanship/Pleasure – Kallie English  
Sr. High Point Speed & Fun – Tucker Mayfield

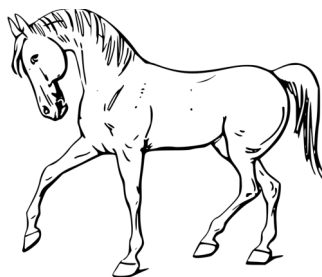
### Pope County:

Jr. High Point Horseman-ship/Showmanship/Pleasure – Sofia Megleo  
Walk/Trot High Point Horseman-ship/Showmanship/Pleasure – Luke Vinyard  
Sr. High Point Horseman-ship/Showmanship/Pleasure – Lily Vinyard  
Jr. High Point Speed & Fun – Emily Megleo  
Sr. High Point Speed & Fun – Lily Vinyard

### Overall Show:

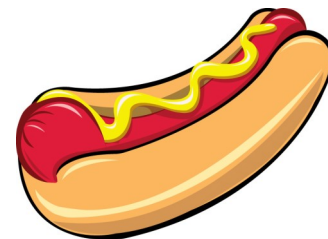
Jr. High Point Winner  
**Gracie Walker**  
from Hamilton County

Sr. High Point Winner –  
Lily Vinyard  
from Pope County



## Food Stand at the Fair

4-H will have the food stand open during the grandstand events during the Hamilton County Fair. Saturday, August 19 will be the Rodeo. We will need workers from about 6 p.m. until the end of the rodeo.



Friday, August 25 will be the tractor pull. We will need workers from about 6 p.m. until the end of the pull.

Saturday, August 26 we will need workers from 5:30 p.m. until the end of the demo derby.

Please call the office to let us know which nights you can work.

## End of Year 4-H Records Due

August 31 is the end of the 2022-2023 4-H year. It is time to get those dreaded 4-H records filled out. All members must complete the Experience awards, and at least one blue sheet. Blue sheets are for each project area. All awards are selected from these forms. If you are applying to attend any camps, conferences, conventions, ISA, JLC, Washington Focus, these are selected from the Coral Sheet.

These will be e-mailed to you and you can also find them on the website. Deadline to turn in is August 31.

Remember if you are in high school you must receive a Gold (all 4 years) on your Experience Awards to be qualified for a \$500 Senior Scholarship.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call the office and ask. I will be glad to work with groups or individuals to complete these awards.





## End of Year Club Officer Duties

As the 4-H year comes to an end it is time to turn in all necessary paperwork.

Leaders, make sure that you turn in your club's documents.

Secretary books need to have completed minutes and attendance records for all meetings.

Treasurer books need to have the financial statement completed with ALL five signatures before turning in to the office.

If you do not know your EIN number we have it here. Call or email Kathy and she can help you out.

These are due August 31!



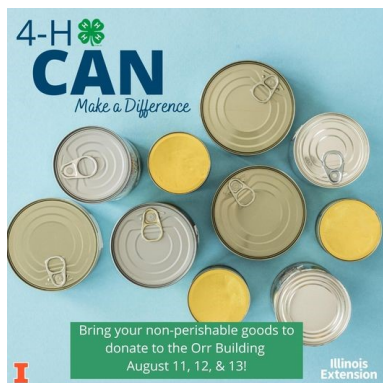
## 4-H Can Make A Difference Food Drive

The 4-H Can Make a Difference Food Drive is back at the Illinois State Fair this year!

This initiative began over 25 years ago and represents the power of Illinois counties pulling together to create a larger change! Counties will gather donations locally and coordinate to transport the food to the Illinois State Fair and participate in a friendly competition to see who can donate the most.

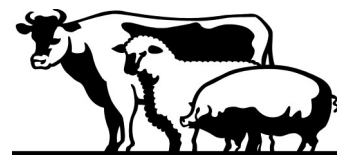
Food can be dropped off at the office until noon August 10.

If you participate with donating food it will count as a state community service activity even if you do not attend the Illinois State Fair. Let's see how much Hamilton County can donate!



## Livestock Checks Need Cashed

Reminder that all 4-H livestock pictures and thank you notes need to



be delivered as soon as possible. All checks need to be cashed before August 31. If you do not cash or deposit yours by that date it will be stale dated and NOT Reissued!

## HCE To Hold Cultural Arts Show

Once again this year the Hamilton County HCE will hold a cultural arts show in the courthouse basement during the Fall Festival on September 7 and 8. Entries will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5 in the courthouse basement.

Entry is open to anyone in Hamilton County-not just HCE members. Entries must have been completed within the past 12 months. No entry fee! Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and a Best of Show in each category.

There are 6 categories in adult (Post high school and older) and youth (high school and under) divisions.

- 1 Photography\*
- 2 Arts & Crafts
- 3 Paintings/Drawings\*\*
- 4 Quilts
- 5 Afghans (knit or Crochet)
- 6 All other Handwork\*\*\*



\*photos must be framed for standing, not hanging. Minimum image size is 5"x7", maximum image size is 8"x10", maximum exhibit size including frame 18"x20".

\*\*Any artwork done with pencil, chalk, pens, ink, paint, charcoal, dyes, etc. Drawing and paintings should be matted or framed under glass, except for oil and acrylic paintings or on canvas stretched frame. Matted pieces without frames are acceptable.

\*\*\*"Handwork" includes knitted, crocheted, and embroidered items.

The show will be open for public viewing on Thursday, September 7 and Friday, September 8 from 6 p.m. to 8p.m. each night. Entries must be picked up 10:30 a.m. until noon on Saturday, September 9.

I know there are several 4-H projects out there that would qualify. This will count as an extra exhibit on your records and would be friendly competition.

# Hamilton County 4-H Foundation Mum Sale

\$17 Per Plant 28" Across

Orders due August 31<sup>st</sup>

Payment due at time of order

Must be picked up on: September 15<sup>th</sup>

@ GFT Garden

Color Variety: Red, Yellow,

Orange, Purple, & White

Office: 618-643-3416

All proceeds help support the Hamilton County 4-H Program!



<i>Name:</i>	<i>Number, Color of Mums:</i>	<i>Total Price:</i>



## Upcoming Dates

August 10	Federation Meeting 1:00 p.m.
August 12	Hamilton County Day at Illinois State Fair
August 19	Food stand at Rodeo at Fair
August 25	Food stand at Tractor Pull at Fair
August 26	Food stand at Demo Derby at Fair
August 31	4-H Records Due
August 31	Secretary and Treasurer books due
August 31	Mum order forms due
August 31	Deadline to cash livestock checks
September 5,6	Float Building after school
September 7,8,9	Fall Festival
September 9	Fall Festival Parade
September 15	Mum pick up 3-4:30 p.m.
October 9	International Night
October 23	Achievement Night

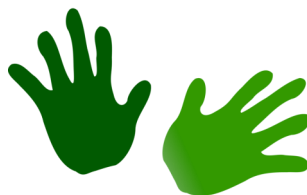
## 4-H is Online 24/7

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global>



Be the first to email Paula with the correct answer and win a prize!

Riddle: I grow down as I grow up. What am I?



### Last months answer

Give me a drink, and I will die.  
Feed me, and I'll get bigger.  
What am I?

### Fire

Congratulations to Addy Brown!

## Float Building

Mark your calendar to help build the float for the Fall Festival Parade. We plan to work afterschool on Tuesday, September 5 and possibly September 6 after school if needed. This years theme is "Building A Future in Hamilton County". Let me know if you have any ideas or can help build the float.



**Youth Sponsors:** Hamilton County Coal, Rubenacker Farms, Consolidated Grain and Barge, Wabash Valley Service Company, Dahlgren Building Center, Farm Credit Services, SynEnergy Partners, Thomas Farms, Honeysuckle Vine Events, McNeil Consulting, Hamilton County Home & Community Education, Larry Pauketat, Lisa Cross Financial Advisor, Food Park, Wilson Computers, Corteva, York Pharmacy, Auten's Pizza, Christopher Johnson Seed LLC, Bunge SCF, Hamilton County Rotary, Hamilton Memorial Hospital District, McLeansboro Kiwanis, Hamilton County Farm Bureau, Roger Swartz, Banterra Bank and Insurance, Peoples National Bank, Posey County Co-Op, Southern FS, City of McLeansboro, McLeansboro Elks, Mike Harre/The Big Red Barn, Fairfield National Bank, H & R Agri Power, Woodrow Farms, Justin Drake Country Companies, Archer-Daniel-Midland, Aydt Hardware, Bowling and Associates CPA Firm LTD, Countertop Creations, Lynn Braden State Farm Insurance, Edward Jones-Tim Millenbine, Country Mutual Insurance-Chad Mitsdarffer, Fender Mender Auto Body, Hamilton County Water District, Lakeland, Gary & Mary Little