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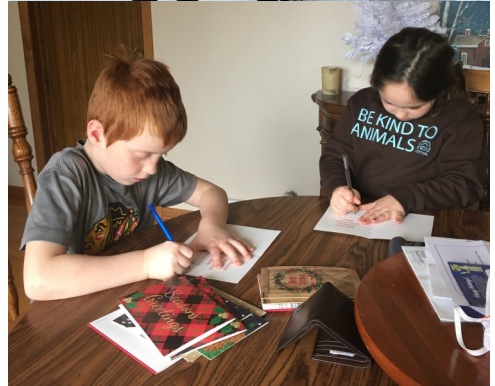
- Feb.- Steer Info
- Feb. 6 - Snowman Entries Due
- March 1 - Enrollments Due

Events:

- Feb. 6 - Beef Weigh-in
- February - 4-H Academy
- March 5-7 - Agri-Science Summit
- March 13 - Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology



Kinsley and Rylie Lough (top) and Ty Donnelly and Claire Cardinal (bottom right) helped the Sherrard 4-H Club in Mercer County make cards for Hope Creek. Cole and Sydney Perkins (top right) delivered the cards. These cards were part of a big "Hugs from the Heart" initiative across all four counties to send holiday wishes to nursing homes.



Steer Weigh-in

Henry/Stark: Saturday, February 6

Henry - 8-10 a.m. @ fairgrounds in Cambridge.

Stark - 11 a.m.-1 p.m. @ fairgrounds in Wyoming. Be on grounds by Noon. Please contact **Jennifer** by February 1 with how many steers you plan to bring. jpetersn@illinois.edu or (217) 300-7348.

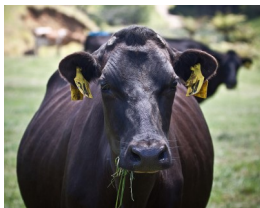
Mercer/Rock Island: Saturday, February 6

Held at Mercer County fairgrounds in Aledo 8 - 10:30 a.m.

Mercer County - Contact Tracy to register by calling (217) 300-9116.

Rock Island - Contact McCala to register at (217) 300-8321

When registering: Please provide member name(s), number of steers weighing, and a cell phone number to be used in case of bad weather cancellation or emergency.



Enrollment Information

- Please get enrollments/reenrollments done as soon as possible.
- The website to enroll is: il.4honline.com
- If you choose to pay by check, you will get an automated email saying your enrollment is not complete without payment. You can disregard this email if you pay your club.
- We will be placing publication orders every couple months starting now. Please get your requests in soon.

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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.

Tracy - (217) 300-9116
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NEWS & notes

Rock Island County

Magical Muggles Report Submitted by Miriam Schwartz

On Monday December 21, 2020, we had our monthly meeting using Zoom. During the meeting, we talked about the possibility of making a meal for Kings Harvest in February. We also talked about getting books for fair projects; possible events that could happen in February; and baking kits. After the meeting portion, we had our activity. It was learning how to make yarn from wool using a drop spindle



Rural Go-Getters Report Submitted by Hannah Close

We held a quick regular meeting and then began our Christmas party. We enjoyed pizza and snacks then had a game of bingo. We opened gifts from our exchange and made gingerbread houses.

4-H in the City Report Submitted by Carter Tharp

In November, we reviewed our virtual open house. We welcomed a new member, Whitney. Olivia presented her Passport to the World Project on Mexico. We made paper dancing girls. Carter shared his "Hugs from the Heart" card for seniors program. We made Thankful Trees by painting with our fingerprints. In December, Carma shared a community service project about hosting a Blood Drive. Carma helped each of us take a part in the blood drive. Our blood drive is from December 27th to Jan 2nd. We made salt art silhouettes. At our December 15th meeting, we held our Club Celebration - Going for the Green. We congratulated everyone for the awards they earned last 4-H year.



YQCA Ethics

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is still the **required** yearly ethics training for members enrolled in beef, goats, sheep & swine.



Due to Covid restrictions, we are not able to hold in-person trainings. We will reevaluate the situation in the spring to see if we can offer live certifications. The training is always available online at yqca.org. It is \$12 to take it online and there are Junior (8-11), Intermediate (12-14) & Senior (15-18) levels. To test out of an age division, you must be in the beginning year of the level - either 8, 12 or 15.

Quality Assurance and Ethics (QAEC) is required **ONCE** in a 4-H career for members enrolled in dogs, cats, small pets, horses, rabbits and poultry. It is free and can be found at:

Web.extension.illinois.edu/gaec

2021 National Youth Agri-Science Summit



At the Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the ag community in a collaborative, hands-on educational setting. As a cornerstone of the experience, participants are challenged to identify and develop action plans that address issues related to agriculture in their communities.

The summit will be held March 5-7, 2021 online. For more information visit: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#/agri-science>



NEWS & notes

Miscellaneous



Save the Date
Virtual
Illini Summer Academies
June 27 - July 1, 2021

ISA will be held virtually.
 Details are coming soon!

Illini Summer Academies: Trailblazer Scholarship

The Illinois 4-H Foundation offers scholarships to assist youth in attending Illini Summer Academies. Trail Blazers Scholarships are provided to make college exploratory experiences accessible to all youth by encouraging participation of scholars who are under-represented in certain career fields and who may find the cost of attendance a significant challenge.

To view the application and all the requirements, please go to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2vAsJuQ3L6TTkT0LQeJ7WX-Gu_Fx-x45INE_3HBK-La4eNg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Applications are due Friday, January 22. Inquiries can be directed to Roxana Cejeda at illini-4h@illinois.edu or (217) 333-0910

COMING SOON

The 4-H Academy is going virtual. This February, the 4-H Academy will happen via a series of workshops held throughout the month. The list and a link to register for your favorites will be out soon. This will be followed by a 'Find Your Spark' SPIN club coming in March. Details to come.

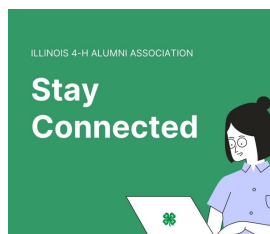


ILLINOIS 4-H ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
FEBRUARY 4 2021
SAVE THE DATE

Join us for the first 4-H Alumni event!
 7:00 p.m. - Trivia Night
 8:00 p.m. - Update on Illinois 4-H & 4-H Alumni Association
 Cost: \$10 /per person
 Illinois Extension

For more information and a link to register, please visit the Illinois 4-H alumni page:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/about/alumni>



Attention all 4-H Alumni:

We want to hear from you. We hope you will engage with us online and help create a network of alumni.

There are many ways to stay connected, share your 4-H story and keep us up to date on your life. Follow the links below to become part of the alumni family.

To register as an alum:

<https://go.illinois.edu/il4halumnifiles>

To share your 4-H story for a member spotlight:

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

Social Media:

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/groups/il4halumni/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IL4halumni>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/il4halumni/>

Linked In: <https://go.illinois.edu/LinkedIn4HALumni>



4-H SNOWMAN MAKING CONTEST

JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 6, 2021

Calling 4-Hers in Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark Counties...

- Let's see your winter snow creations!
- Spend time outside getting innovative.
- All entrants will receive a prize!

Categories include:

- Best Traditional Snowman
- Best Snow Creation
- Most Creative

To enter: Build a snowman, take a picture of your creation and submit picture by email to the 4-H program coordinator in your county:

In Henry send to kirwan@illinois.edu

In Mercer send to fowlerpe@illinois.edu

In Rock Island send to mmmille@illinois.edu

In Stark send to jpetersn@illinois.edu

You are encouraged to add your own creative touches to make your snowman unique. Get Creative and build an animal, a sculpture, your favorite movie character, etc.

Entries will be available for viewing on our 4-H Facebook pages as they come in. By submitting an entry, contestants grant 4-H permission and authority to use your pictures in any reasonable advertising or promotional activities.

We look forward to seeing your creations!
Enter anytime between now and February 6th!



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8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

We made it to 2021. The enrollment deadline is still March 1. Please try to get that done as early as possible so that we have some time to troubleshoot problems. We are going to be ordering project manuals in batches to save on shipping. Get your requests in soon to be part of an early order.

Meeting restrictions are still in place until the Governor ups the number of people allowed to gather. We realize this may present problems with meeting requirements for the fair. As we get closer to summer, we will decide if there is a need to alter those requirements. For now, we have a lot of fun virtual challenges, workshops and SPIN clubs coming. Keep an eye on your email for registration links. They will be sent out individually as things are finalized.

Fingers crossed we will be gathering together very soon. Until then, stay healthy, stay safe, and stay warm!

Jennifer, Teresa, Tracy, & McCala



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Programs and activities sponsored by University of Illinois Extension are open to anyone. If a special accommodation must be addressed in order for any individual to participate, please contact Jenny Garner at 309-932-3447 in advance of the event.