



JUNE 2021

## Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

### Deadlines:

- June 1 - Mercer/RI Fair Entries
- June 1 - SF Horse Entries
- June 25 - Stark Fair Entries
- July 15 - SF Livestock Entries

### Events:

- June 11 - Mercer BBQ
- June 19 - Henry General Projects
- June 21-16 - Henry Fair
- June 21 - State Livestock Judging Contest
- July 12-16 - Mercer Fair
- July 17-24 - Rock Island Fair



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# Congratulations!



Congratulations to several 4-H members on a great season of horse related competition. Desiree Reid (left) of Mercer County placed 1st in the reasons division of the state horse judging competition and qualified for the state horse judging team.

Nicholas Gorbach, of Rock Island County, placed 4th overall in the non-reasons division of the horse judging competition.

Sydney Perkins (right) of Mercer County placed 9th overall in the reasons division of the state horse judging competition.

Desiree Reid also placed 3rd overall in the senior division of the regional horsebowl competition. She was also a member of the joint Mercer/Knox/McDonough team that placed 2nd. She took 4th in the senior hippology competition.

In the junior division of hippology, Emma Steiger of Rock Island placed 2nd overall.



### Fair Entry

- Mercer & Rock Island entries are due **June 1!** Remember:
- Passwords must be reset at [il.4honline.com](http://il.4honline.com)
  - **Do NOT hit submit until you've completed entries for all kids**
  - Read fairbook requirements before making entries.

### Contact Us

Starting in June the offices will be open full time. Please return to regular methods of contact:

Galva - (309) 932-3447  
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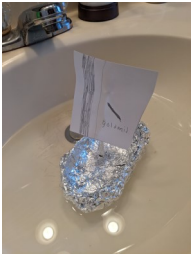


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### 4-H in the City Report Submitted by Carter Tharp

We met on May 11. Haley presented on Norway. She shared about their culture and how some homes have grass roofs. We participated in a challenge on making boats. We could use foil, cardboard, glue, tape, sticks and paper. We had to check to see if they could float. We have all done our Passport to the World presentations. Our next meeting is May 25 where we will share and talk about our fair projects.



### Magical Muggles Report Submitted by Miriam Schwartz

This month our 4-H meeting was on Monday, May 17, 2021. For our old business, we talked about getting a fair book. For new business, we talked about fair sign ups and we also talked about events some of our members took part in. For this month's activity, we had a pizza dance board game party because last year we won the club of the year award. Due to Covid, we could not have it until this month's meeting.



### Stark County Club Notes Submitted by Logan Goerks

The Stark County 4-H Century Clovers will be holding their June meeting at the Spoon River Bowl in Wyoming on June 6th. The 1st shift of bowling will be at 1 p.m., with the meeting beginning at 2:30 and being followed by the 2nd shift of bowling. 4-H fair books and entry instructions will be given out at the meeting. Online fair instructions should be done by **June 18th** if at all possible, though the site will remain open until June 25. If you have questions or run into trouble with entries, they need to be fixed by June 18 because Jennifer will be at the Henry County fair from June 19-26.



### Henry County Food Stand



The Henry County 4-H Foundation food stand is not requiring clubs/youth to work a shift this year. Instead, we are looking for adult volunteers willing to work a couple hours. The stand will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday. Extension staff is covering Tuesday and Thursday, but we would appreciate volunteer help on the remaining days. You can sign-up for a shift here:

<https://signup.com/go/UphLavO>



- Archery** - Saturday, Sept. 18 @ Pekin Archers in Pekin, IL
- Shotgun** - Saturday, Sept. 25 @ Brittany Shooting Park in Bunker Hill, IL
- Rifle/Pistol** - October 2 is Rifle and October 3 is Pistol both @ Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington.

### Rural Go-Getters Submitted by Hannah Close

We started our meeting as usual with the pledges and continued with our regular meeting. Henry gave us a talk about sheep. He talked about the breed he had, which are Cordell sheep. He talked about what he feeds them and the type of personalities they have. We had a guest speaker from the Rock Island Sheriff's Department - Deputy Bill Boney. He talked about bombs and search dogs. Boney's dog is named Benny. Benny is an 8-year old German Shepherd breed from the Czech Republic. Benny has been Boney's partner for 6 and a half years and he is given commands in Czech. Not only is Benny trained to find explosives, he is also trained to track people and objects. All dogs in the QC working for the police department are fed by a donation from Purina. If and when Boney and Benny retire, Benny will be Boney's permanent partner in crime. We finished the meeting with refreshments from Henry and Will Ahrens.





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## Mercer County Club Notes

### Sherrard Club Report Submitted by Catherine Young

We started off the meeting by going over the dates of the fair and showing some old projects just to get a feel for what we will be doing. We got to see an interesting project about the different kinds of pine trees. We shared the kind of projects we are all going to be doing. There were lots of fun ideas about compost, baking, animals, robotics, and more! We ended the meeting with a (slightly wet) walk outside for tree identification.

### Hamlet Handy Helpers Submitted by Megan Gray

The Hamlet Handy Helpers held a meeting on May 2, 2021 via Zoom. Megan Gray led the pledges and roll call was taken by Caidel Monson. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and approved. Under old business, all members were reminded to turn in their Times Record write-ups to Brenda by May 20. Annette Speer contacted us about helping with the Honorary Grave Markers for Sugar Grove Cemetary. It was reported that the Federation's spaghetti fundraiser was a



huge success and Ryley Zippe gave more details about the event. Our club

participated in the National 4-H Day of Service by cleaning up around the Hamlet Church, which was posted on our Facebook page, and making a donation to the local food pantry. Reminder that the BBQ is on June 11 from 4:30-6:30 and will be a drive-thru only. Always remember to check the 4-H newsletter. The meeting was adjourned.



## Congratulations!

The 2021 Mercer County 4-H Memorial Scholarship recipients are Kaelyn Boruff, of Joy-Eliza Ag, and Matthew Gray of Hamlet Handy Helpers. Walter Franck, not pictured, of Kimel 4-H Club was the third scholarship recipient.

Congratulations also goes out to the winners of the Patti Jean Higgins Memorial Scholarship. Those winners were:

Tyler Barrington, of Alexis All Stars  
Kaelyn Boruff, of Joy Eliza Ag

We wish all winners the best in their future endeavors.

## Mercer County Fundraiser

### Mercer 4-H Foundation BBQ

The Mercer County 4-H Foundation will hold its annual BBQ on Friday, June 11. This year will be drive-thru only. Meals can be ordered in advance or on the day and will be available for pick-up from 4:00-6:00 p.m. There will be no Farm in the Park.





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## Livestock & Fair Edition

State Fair General Project Date  
**Friday, August 13**



### State Fair Entry Deadlines:

Horses - June 1  
Dogs - August 1  
**Livestock - JULY 15**

Please note the recent change in the livestock entry deadline from July 1 to July 15. Entries must still be signed by Extension 4-H staff. Please allow enough time to get those signatures. Anyone attending the Henry County fair can come to the 4-H office for signatures. We will also have entry forms available.

The state fair premium books are now available on the Illinois State Fair website.

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**READY, SET, REGISTER!**



UPDATE: State Livestock Judging Contest

The State Livestock Judging Contest will now be held on Monday, June 21 at the Peoria County Fairgrounds - 1601 W. Northmoor Rd. Peoria, IL.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the contest starts at 10:00. All participants must be on the grounds by 9:15.

Registration must be done on the day of the contest by turning in registration cards. **Please get registration cards from the Extension Office prior to the contest.**

There are two divisions. Junior = Age 8-13 as of January 1, 2021. Senior = 14-19 as of Jan. 1, 2021. Juniors may NOT move up to the senior division.

Seniors will give 3 sets of oral reasons and answer 15 questions. Juniors will answer 1 set of 15 questions.

Senior contestants will be charged a \$10 entry fee to cover lunch.

**Each contestant must bring a pencil and eraser.**

**Jacket and ties are discouraged due to heat.**



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

The training is available online at [yqca.org](http://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/qaec](http://Web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec)







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## Around the State



Winola Elementary School held a bike rodeo on May 1. The participants all had a great time!



What do you think would happen if the toy company Schleich got together with 4-H to create the most fantastic animal tale of all time?

Find out with the "Create Your Story" contest, launching NOW! Join in the fun by creating a story only YOU can imagine.

The top 10 stories will go to a vote and the top two will be part of an interactive "create your own adventure" video premiering this fall!

Find out more here: <https://bit.ly/3taqrEV>

**Photos due 11:59 p.m. (CST) on June 30, 2021**

**Capture What's Great in Midwest States 4-H Photography Challenge**

Register at: <https://z.umn.edu/Midwest-states-photo-reg>  
 Info: <https://z.umn.edu/Midwest-states-photo-challenge>  
 Questions? Email [fourhphoto@umn.edu](mailto:fourhphoto@umn.edu)

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Calling all youth photographers! The Capture What's Great in Midwest States 4-H Photography Challenge is all about exploring what makes your town, county, state or the Midwest great! Submissions due June 30. Learn more: [z.umn.edu/Midwest-states-photo-challenge](https://z.umn.edu/Midwest-states-photo-challenge)



Youth can take the role of citizen scientists through the I-Pollinate program run through the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Youth volunteers can join up to three research projects and help collect critical data on monarch butterfly eggs and caterpillars, pollinator visits to

ornamental flowers, and statewide bee distribution. Your efforts will help inform conservation plans and how to plant gardens for pollinator habitat! Ready to learn more? Head here: <https://ipollinate.illinois.edu/how-to-participate/>

**HENRY, MERCER, ROCK ISLAND, & STARK UNIT**

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Monday – Wednesday – Friday

8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.



# Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

We are excited to be back in full force this summer! As of this moment, we do not know for sure what our mask requirements will be for 4-H shows.

Regulations are constantly being evaluated by the University and the state 4-H office. We will let everyone know what the official requirements as close to the fairs as possible.

Schedule changes for general projects and livestock shows will remain as planned. Be advised that these changes apply to this summer only. We plan for everything to be entirely back to normal for summer 2022.

You will be getting several email reminders with the exact schedule for general project days and updated requirements over the next several weeks. Please look for those emails and read them thoroughly. We will also be sending out information through the leaders.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

*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.