



MARCH 2021

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

- March 1 - Enrollments
- March 4 - Speaking for IL 4-H
- March 15 - Local Scholarships
- March 15 - YLT apps
- March 24 - Illini Summer Academy Registration

Events:

- March 5-7 - Agri-Science Summit
- March 13 - Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the state award winners selected this year. Both winners will be honored during a virtual banquet in April.

Sheridan Hank, Mercer County - Illinois 4-H Leadership Scholarship

Desiree Reid, Mercer County - Project Learning Emerald Experience Award



Enrollment Information

- The enrollment deadline to show at the fair is **March 1**.
- The website to enroll is: il.4honline.com.
- Do NOT create a new profile.
- 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.
- There is no way to request project manuals via 4-H Online this year. You can request by getting a paper form from your leader or emailing the 4-H staff directly with orders. To save on shipping, we will be batch ordering .
- You will be able to add or change projects until we open fair entry.

Contest Winner



Jillian DeMeyer of the Hayburners 4-H Club was the winner of the January Baking Box Challenge. Everyone's bread looked delicious!

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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.
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NEWS & notes

Clubs & Members

Magical Muggles Report Submitted by Miriam Schwartz



On Monday, February 15, we had our monthly meeting. During the meeting, we did our yearly King's Harvest service project. We made, muffins, sandwiches, brownies, and cookies. We also made Valentine cards to put in the bags.



4-H in the City Report Submitted by Carter Tharp

4-H In the City met on February 9th and February 23rd. We talked about 4-H Online, project manuals and fair possibilities. We also talked about t-shirts and colors. Members shared their 4-H Academy classes they were taking and their experiences. Carma did a presentation on Egypt and we made bookmarks with our names in hieroglyphics. Noah presented on Italy and we made decorated masks.



Kimel 4-H Club Report Submitted by Kate Jungmann

The Kimel 4-H Club met via Zoom on February 14th. We discussed project enrollment by March 1st to be able to exhibit at the fair. President Jack Jungmann said that everyone has to have YQCA training done by May 1st. All Fair book cover entries are due February 15th. All Communication contest submissions are due by April 17th. The members were informed that the Mercer county fair will start on the 12th of July and will end on the 16th. Fairentry.com will open on the 1st of April. Sheridan Hank received the State 4-H Leadership Award. Leaders encouraged members to start submitting talks to them. The next meeting will be on the 14th of March at 5PM.

Hamlet Handy Helpers Submitted by Megan Gray

The Hamlet Handy Helpers 4-H club held their February meeting on February 14, 2021 at 5:00 via Zoom. Vice President Ryley Zippe called the meeting to order. The secretary and treasurers reports were given and approved. Members were informed to make sure they have re-enrolled as the deadline is March 1. All members were asked if they received their 2019 fair premium checks. We discussed possible spring community service projects as we are limited on what we can accomplish due to Covid. The Soup-Cook off has been cancelled, which is disappointing. Any member is invited to join the Speaking for Illinois 4-H team, which one can check the newsletter for additional details. Next project manual ordering date is April 19th. Let one of the leaders know if you may need one. The set-up for the Mercer County Fair was discussed, which is still in the preliminary planning stages. The meeting was adjourned.





NEWS & notes

Livestock Edition



Rock Island is looking for a new poultry superintendent. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact McCala.



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 soon. 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/qaec

State Fair Junior Horse Show

This year's junior horse show will be held **July 25-August 1** at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

Other Important Dates

Youth Livestock Conference - April 24 & 25 @ Orr Building on the IL State Fairgrounds. Limited to 50 youth/day. Registration info is coming.

State Livestock Judging Contest - June 4 @ the Stock Pavilion in Urbana

State Dog Show - August 28 @ Granny Rose in Dixon

Mercer County Dog Obedience



When: First class is **Monday, April 5**

Where: Mercer County Fairgrounds in Aledo

Time: 6:30 p.m.



Notes:

- No dogs attend the first session
- Classes will continue every Monday until the fair
- Obedience & Showmanship will be taught
- Participants must wear a mask and maintain a 6ft distance at all times

For more information, contact Lorraine Kinsey at 596-2542.



Premiere Animals:

Barrows

- *Farrowed on or after February 10, 2021
- *Weighed & Tattooed by April 15, 2021
- *Tattooed within 35 days of birth
- *Must not weigh more than 1 lb/day of age

Wethers & Ewe Lambs:

- *Weighed & Tattooed between March 15 & May 15, 2021
- * Lambled on or after January 1, 2021

--Contact Jennifer if you wish to tattoo pigs or sheep for the Premiere shows.

Note to ALL State Fair sheep & goat exhibitors:

The nomination process will be the same as last year. You will self-nominate and include a picture of the Scrapie tag in the animal's ear. Forms are available from the Extension office and due May 15, 2021.



NEWS & notes

Around the State

The Illini Summer Academies will be virtual this summer! With the recent risks of COVID 19, Illinois 4-H is bringing the University of Illinois campus to our youth across the state! **Registrations open on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 and close MARCH 24.**

Trailblazer scholarship: Do you feel like a *Trailblazer*? Like you've paved the way for others around you? Be a part of the virtual Illini Summer Academies experience and get the opportunity to attend a college exploratory camp that you will never forget! The Trailblazer scholarship is open to first generation, low income youth in the state of Illinois. This is a full scholarship! Apply by **February 28, 2021**

Visit our website for more information: For more information, visit our [website](#) or contact us at illini-4h@illinois.edu



The next shooting sports leader certification training is scheduled for **Saturday, June 5, 2021** at the 4-H Memorial Camp in

Monticello. Registration details will be coming soon. If you are interested in becoming a certified instructor in any discipline (Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Pistol and/or Hunting & Outdoor Skills), please contact Jennifer at jpetersn@illinois.edu.



Join the Team

Eligibility: Age 16 to 19

Length of service: Two years

Apply online: go.illinois.edu/4HYLT. Look for the "application" at the bottom of the page.

Deadline: March 15, 2021

The State Youth Leadership Team plans and implements the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists for many other statewide events. Team members have the opportunity to serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.



Help us tell the 4-H Story

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the **Speaking for Illinois 4-H** team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, March 6.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Registration is open NOW @:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>. **Registration will close March 4.**



Mercer County Scholarships

4-H Memorial Scholarship

4-H Memorial Scholarship was established by memorial funds from Dylis McCutchan and Daniel McLaughlin and memorials made to honor Dylis and Daniel. Dylis was a leader of Hamlet Handy Helpers for over 40 years. Daniel was a Mercer County 4-H alumni and a long-time member of the Young Riders 4-H club. Both of these individuals knew first-hand the value and impact that 4-H can have. The scholarship funds continue to grow as more people donated in memory of loved ones. As a result, the scholarship committee continues to increase the scholarship payouts and/or scholarships available. The Memorial Scholarship is open to current Mercer County 4-H members graduating from high school or in their final year of 4-H. It is intended for educational purposes at a college, university or trade school. **Deadline March 15, 2021.** For more info go to: <https://extension.illinois.edu/4-h-mercercounty>

Patti Jeanne Higgins 4-H Scholarship—This scholarship is for one year, available to high school seniors or persons enrolled in the first year of college, university, technical, or vocational school. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded each year. Applicant must be a resident of Mercer or Warren County. Applicant must have been actively involved in 4-H for a minimum of three years. Preference will be given to applicants who are or were a member of the Alexis All-Star 4-H Club. Applicant is required to verify acceptance to or present enrollment at a college or university prior to receiving the grant. Applicant shall be required to submit a written application. In addition to eligibility guidelines, the following will be considered in selecting recipients: Academic performance and honors Rank in class ACT score Financial need Character and personality: Consideration shall be given to maturity; industriousness and motivation; intellectual interest; moral character; and demonstrated leadership. Completed Application due on or before 4:30 p.m. on Friday, **March 23, 2021.** Applications can be found at <https://extension.illinois.edu/4-h-mercercounty>



Rock Island County Bert Blood Scholarship

The Rock Island County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation and the Rock Island Rotary Club are co-sponsoring college/trade school scholarships for Rock Island County 4-H members and recent graduates.

Eligibility: Rock Island County 4-H members who are seniors in high school are eligible to apply for one of three scholarships that will be awarded in the amounts of \$1,500, \$1,250 and \$1,000. Rock Island County 4-H alumni who will be enrolled as sophomores, juniors and seniors in college or trade school in 2021-2022 can apply for two \$500 scholarships. All checks will be made out to the college or trade school to which the winners are enrolled. The awards funded 50/50 by Rotary and the Foundation.

Deadline: Applications and reference forms are due to the Rock Island County Extension office, 321 W 2nd Ave. Milan, IL 61264 by Monday March 15, 2021 (or postmarked by Friday, March 12, 2021.)

Application materials can be found on the Rock Island County 4-H webpage <https://extension.illinois.edu/4-h-rock-island-county> You can also request one from McCala Crawford, 4-H Program Coordinator by calling her at 217-300-8321 or emailing her at mmmille@illinois.edu

The scholarship applications ask about 4-H experience, community service and career plans. The committee is interested to hear about the lessons and impact that being a part of 4-H has made on the applicant's life and future goals. There is also a 4-H reference form that goes with the application and that should be completed by two references (ie: 4-H leader, Extension/4-H staff, coach, teacher, clergy, boss or other mentor/supervisor).

Announcements: The top high school finalists will be asked to prepare a 3-minute presentation about their project to the Rock Island Rotary Club members via ZOOM on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at their noon meeting. The winners will then learn about which scholarship amount they will receive - first, second or third.

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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,

State Fair General Project Date

Friday, August 13

We have a date for in person general project show at State Fair! As of right now, there is no plan to offer a virtual option for this show. We are working now on preparations for county 4-H shows this summer. We are planning ways to hold the shows in person with a few modifications to ensure we are following both health department and university regulations.

There will be guidelines coming out in fair books and future newsletters about the safety protocols that will be implemented during shows. Please read those and be prepared to follow them. Help us so that we can see each other this summer!

Until then, get your enrollments in and let us know if you need project manuals.

Jennifer, Teresa, Tracy, & McCala

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