



OCTOBER 2022

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

Oct. 1 - County Award Apps
Nov. 1 - State Scholarships
Dec. 1 - Reenrollments

Events:

Oct. 2-8 - National 4-H Week
Oct. 8 - State Rifle
Oct. 9 - State Pistol
Oct. 10 - ZSuite Opens
Oct. 15-16 - Junior Leadership Conference
Oct. 24 - Mercer Blood Drive



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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>

We are having a new year kick-off event for potential 4-H members at the Niabi Zoo on Saturday, October 1. If your club has plans to hold events or do extra promotion for National 4-H Week, please let your local office know in addition to sharing with the state via the link above.

National 4-H Week is also a great time to thank the businesses and individuals who support your clubs and the program throughout the year.

Important Information

- If you have not turned in secretary and treasurer books from last year, please do so by **ASAP**. The first two pages of the treasurer books are **Required**.
- Enrollment is moving to ZSuite. We will no longer be using 4-H Online.
- Enrollment will not be open until OCTOBER 10. There will be a leader training on 10/20 via Zoom from 7-8 p.m.**
- Ask your leader about preferred method of payment. Some clubs prefer members to pay online via credit card. Others collect program fees and write one club check.
- Re-enrollments are still due by **December 1**. This gives us time to fix issues.

BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

Mercer County 4-H Teen Federation

Monday, October 24 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Speer Funeral Home 2502 SE Third St., Aledo, IL

MASKS AND APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.

To schedule, please call Annette Speer at (309) 582-4679 or visit www.bloodcenter.org.

Give blood 9/12 – 11/13 and get a voucher for a blood type mug or a gift card. Mugs are available in all 8 blood types.



Please eat before donating and bring Photo ID.
Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 8/29/22
Group Sponsor Code: 3998



Club News and Notes



Joy-Eliza Ag Submitted by Colton Reid

On Sunday the 11th of September, the Joy Eliza Ag 4-H club had a meeting. During the meeting Shellie Price from Skinner Landscaping demonstrated how to plant and take care of flowers. The Cloverbuds cleaned out the pots in front of the community center. The rest of the club talked about ideas for community service and fundraisers to do during the year. The club talked about ideas for fair week and decided on decorating a club display.



Trailblazers 4-H Club Submitted by Gracelyn Viall

It's a new year for the 4-H Trailblazers club. Elections were held and this year's positions are: Lilly Passno as President, Ayana Vela as Vice President, Anna Taylor as Secretary, Matt Gorbach as Treasurer, Nick Gorbach as Photographer and Gracelyn Viall as Reporter.

Upcoming service projects will be painting fences at Black Spur Equestrian Center in Milan on Monday, October 17 at 3:00. Clubs who wish to participate or those interested in checking us out to see what 4-H is all about are welcome. Bring a paint brush and dress appropriately. Our club meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at 4:00 in Sherrard. We are always looking for new members, maybe it's You!

Archery

The Henry County Shooting Sports club announced its fall dates.

When - Mondays beginning October 17

Where - Cambridge Community & Youth Center

Times - Sessions at 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30

Register - By letting Jennifer or Stephanie Reed know

Cost - There is a range fee for each session

Stark County Century Clovers Submitted by Logan Goerks

On September 11th the Stark County 4-H Century Clovers had their first meeting of the new 4-H year. Officers were elected with new Presidents- Lauren Orwig and Logan Goerks, Secretary - Hailey Allen, Treasurer- Riggins Shafer, Reporter- Kaylee Goerks, and Historians- December Tracy and Julia Kronner. Riggins and Isley Shafer gave a demonstration on the parts of a rocket. Finally, ceramic projects from Yer Kiln Me were handed out to all attending members who were unable to do a project at the shop. The next meeting will be held on October 9th at the 4H fairgrounds. This will be our kick-off meeting with a hotdog roast to follow the meeting.

Stark Federation Notes

The Stark County Federation elected officers on September 11th. New officers are Presidents- Cole Kinsella and Nolan Orwig, Secretary- Hailey Allen, Treasurer- Kellen Wall, Reporter- Logan Goerks, and Historian- December Tracy. It was then discussed that we would be providing games for Spoon River Day in Wyoming on October 8th. Members were asked if they had any ideas for games that we could do. Federation members will also be helping set up for the hotdog roast at our next meeting on October 9th.

Magical Muggles Report Submitted by Bailey Callahan

Magical Muggles met on September 19. At the business meeting each person talked about what they like most about 4-H. Members liked horse bowl, sportfishing, archery, weather science, dogs and art. Last year's members showed the new members the Passport to the World project and talked about the Rice Bowl Packaging Event we did in July. 1200 rice meal packets were delivered to Ukraine in early August. We made nebula jars with paint, water, glitter, and cotton balls. It was fun to make and looked cool at the end.





NEWS & notes

Club Information

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.

AWARDS

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=eIGd7Y759-E>

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.

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.

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



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.



Interested in competing in the Superior Young Producers Contest or just interested in livestock in general?



Join us for our

Livestock Skillathon Contest and Workshop

Saturday, November 5 | 9am-noon
Animal Sciences Lab
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Open to all 4-H'ers and FFA members
ages 8-18!

\$5 Registration Fee | Lunch Provided

Compete in a traditional livestock
skillathon contest with a workshop
immediately following!

More details and register at
go.illinois.edu/LivestockSkillathon

Contact Molly Kipfer with any questions:
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Milan Office Hours

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8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.



Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

We hope to have the last of the fair awards ready for leaders to pick up and distribute very soon. It is also almost time for enrollment to open. We realize that another change in systems is not ideal. Please be patient while we work through any bugs.



Jennifer, Teresa, Tracy, & McCala

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