



Deadlines:

Oct. 1 All Award Apps

Dec. 1 Re-enrollments

April 1 All Enrollments

Events:

Sept 1 New 4-H Year

Sept 9 Mercer Federation

Sept 10 Mercer Leader Meeting

Sept 24 RI Leader Meeting

Oct 6-12 National 4-H Week

Oct 19 Shooting Sports Training



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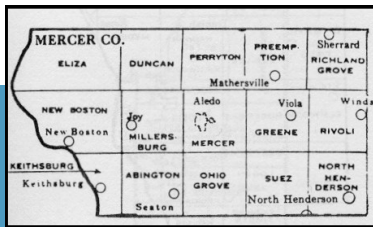


National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year's theme, **INSPIRED to LEAD | CALLED to SERVE**, captures what it means to be a 4-H member. You are encouraged to find ways to celebrate October 6 – 12. Use the hashtag **#inspiredby4H** and **#inspiredtoLEAD** as you share your 4-H activities on social media. Watch our Facebook page for contests all week long.

The Cambridge Champs 4-H Club will be hosting a 5K fun run to kick off National 4-H Week on Sunday, October 6. The run will take you through the town of Cambridge. Look for sign-up information soon.

New Year Updates

- 4-H Online will be shut down from Sept. 1-6. It will open for 2019-2020 enrollment on **Sept. 7**
- Remember that you should **NOT** create a new profile in 4-H online when re-enrolling. If you can't get into your old profile, contact the Extension Office.
- Remember to update your t-shirt size on the second screen.
- Double-check your email address because we use those emails for all correspondence.
- Some of you signed old risk forms last year and will need to sign the new 'once in a lifetime' form. Your club leaders will be given a list of everyone who needs the new form.
- Do not add shooting sports projects.



NEWS & notes

Mercer County



Congratulations to everyone who exhibited at State Fair! You all did amazing work and represented our county well. The top two scorers in each general project category were deemed the Champion and Reserve. The judges also gave out Inspire Awards to those exhibitors who impressed them in some way. Special congratulations goes out to those who received those awards.

- Tyler Barrington** - Reserve Champion Tractor C
- Alexis Blake** - Inspire Award in Visual Arts
- Kylee Duncan** - Reserve Champion & Inspire in Soybeans
- Katheryne Jungmann** - Reserve Champion Floriculture A
- Jack Jungmann** - Reserve Champion Creative Writing
- Tyler Marlow** - Champion Photography 1
- Darrin McKeag** - Inspire Award in Vegetable Gardening
- Colton Reid** - Champion Vegetable Gardening
- Davin Shike** - Champion Electricity 2
- Reagan Shike** - Reserve Champion Scrapbooking

Congratulations

Great job to all the youth who exhibited at the state dog show on Saturday, August 24 in Dixon. Special congratulations go to Kate Harrouff for placing 4th overall in the Beginner Novice Obedience Class and Korryn Baraks for placing 5th overall in the Beginner Novice II class.



Reminders:

- Secretary & Treasurer books are due ASAP!
- The first leader meeting of the year is Tuesday, Sept. 10 - 6 pm at the Mercer County Farm Bureau
- The first Mercer County Federation meeting is **Monday, Sept. 9** at the Mercer Farm Bureau. Youth 13 and older are welcome to attend.

Hall of Fame



Congratulations...

to Krystal Jungmann on her induction into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame. She was inducted at a ceremony on August 14 at the State Fair. Mercer county is lucky to have such a dedicated leader, volunteer, 4-H parent, and support system.

Club Resources

The Illinois 4-H Website has all of the resources and forms needed to guide 4-H club officers, committees, and members as they plan for the new 4-H program year.

- Go to go.illinois.edu/IL4H
 - Click on the **Clubs** tab.
 - Scroll to Meeting Resources near the bottom
- Club Meeting Agenda** – this fillable form is for your club officers to use as they plan each section of the meeting. It provides them with a meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be in charge of each portion of the meeting.
- Club Committee Planning Worksheet** – the Committee Planning Worksheet is an excellent tool to give to committee members as they plan club events and activities.
- Club Yearly Program Plan** – this helpful tool guides the club officers and club members as they identify club goals and brainstorm what programs, events and/or activities to plan for the club to engage members in fun, hands-on learning experiences throughout the program year.
- More** – Don't forget to download your new secretary book, treasurer book, tips for good club meetings, tips for using the 4-H name, and more other important resources.



NEWS & notes

Rock Island County

CONGRATULATIONS

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Bryn Callahan - Champion & Inspire in Civic Engagement

Carma Chavez - Reserve Champion Heritage Arts

Brie DeBlaey - Reserve Champion Floriculture

Klay Goodnight - Champion Woodworking 1

Logan Heick - Reserve Champion Rock Hounds

Colton Heim - Inspire Award in Intercultural

Zoe Larkins - Champion Health 3

Augustus Larkins - Champion Wildlife 1

Lilly Letts - Reserve Champion Food Preservation

Carter Orr - Champion & Inspire award in Small Engines

Adalyn Solomonson - Champion Shopping in Style

Aiden Zoller - Reserve Champion Entomology 3

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We would like to congratulate Amie Callahan again for her induction into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame. Amie is a great asset to the Rock Island 4-H program and a valued volunteer, leader and parent.

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Shooting Sports Notice: For those interested in joining Rock Island shooting sports, contact Bill Peterson for full details on dates & locations.



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More Club News



INSPIRED TO LEAD CALLED TO SERVE

Information to make your new year sparkle!

It's the new 4-H year, and we've got lots of things to get the new year started! We've added four new projects: Child Development, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Visual Arts Leather! Our theme for the year and National 4-H Week is **Inspired to Lead | Called to Serve**. Download the new Project Guide @ go.illinois.edu/4Hprojectguide. 4-H Online new year enrollment begins September 7.

Paper copies of the project guide will be given out to leaders at the leader meetings. Quantities are limited so clubs will be given enough for 1 per family.



Become a Shooting Sports Instructor

One day is all you need! Here is how to get trained:

- Contact your local Extension

Office for information about the program in your county.

- Complete the required application and background checks. Volunteers must be at least 21 years old.
- Choose a discipline for training. Options are archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol and hunting/outdoor skills.
- Pay the \$60 registration cost for the state training.
- Extension staff will complete your registration, which is due **October 9**.
- Attend the certification training on **Saturday, October 19** at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Do not bring firearms or bows. Do bring eye and ear protection.
- Complete additional online training
- Begin volunteering and sharing shooting sports with youth.



The deadline for county and state awards moved. All award applications must be turned in to the Extension office by **October 1**. The state award application deadline moved from early January to **November 1**. Those applying for state awards will get their applications back.

County awards include:

Bronze, Silver & Gold Experience Awards - Use Experience Award application

Excel Awards - Use the IL State 4-H award application

Electricity Award - Open to youth who were enrolled in electricity in the 2018-2019 year.

Outstanding Record Book - Use sheets given to you in your green 4-H enrollment folder

Outstanding Treasurer & Secretary - based off books turned in by club treasurers and secretaries

State awards include:

IL State 4-H Award - Open to youth ages 15-18 years old

Key Award - Open to youth ages 16-19 years old

LCP Award - Open to youth ages 17-19

Veterinary Science Award - Open to youth enrolled in the Vet Science project in the 2018-2019 year

Diamond/Emerald Experience Awards

All applications can be found here: go.illinois.edu/4Happly

State Scholarship applications are also due **November 1**.

These include the Legacy of Leadership Scholarship and the Livestock Scholarship. For more information about these opportunities go to:

go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships

****All applications must be typed. Please read all instructions carefully and contact the Extension Office with questions.**





Around the State



If you have questions, contact Jennifer

Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer – recognizing individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, region or state level.

- Give presentations at schools, school organizations or other youth-serving agencies
 - Have members bring projects to local civic organizational meetings
 - Host a project fair in the community to recruit new members
 - Have a poster contest for members and hang them around the community
 - Promote 4-H projects at relevant businesses in the community
 - Take cookies to local businesses with a poster thanking them for their contributions to 4-H
 - Take thank you flowers to club leaders
 - Host a 4-H fun day for families
 - Wear your 4-H clothing to school
 - Host a fun run
 - Have a community service day and prepare an impact story about the importance of 4-H service
 - Plant a tree in honor of 4-H
 - Carve pumpkins with the 4-H logo and display at local businesses
 - Host a special interest workshop for the community but sponsored by 4-H
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Coming Soon

We will be piloting a new record book app. Specific clubs will be asked to join the pilot, but we will also be asking specific livestock members, such as those showing bucket calves, to try the app. The app provides an easy way to stay up-to-date with record books throughout the year and has options for all types of projects. Stay tuned for more details.

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Welcome to the New Year!

The new 4-H year is upon us, with that comes the 4-H online enrollment process, project selection, those darn deadlines, learning new skills, sharing our talents, making new friends, serving our community, having fun, making memories and MAKING THE BEST BETTER!

IL4honline.com will open on **September 7**. Please check your family email address, phone numbers and address, make updates and/or corrections. Check your project areas, add new project levels or selections and delete any project level or project you no longer want to be enrolled in.

It is important for you and for the mental state of all of us at the Extension office that you get your enrollments done EARLY. Please don't wait until the day before the deadline. Also, please remember to select project manuals in 4-H online. There is a small drop down on the screen below each project. We can't order them if we don't know you need them!

We are all excited for some of the new things coming this year and look forward to all the great things you'll accomplish!

Tracy & Jennifer



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