



JANUARY 2022

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

- Feb. 1 - Register for Officer Training
- Feb. 1 - Register for Steer weigh-in
- March 14 - Register for RI Speaking
- March 15 - Register for Mercer Speaking

Events:

- Jan. 11 - Mercer Leader Mtg.
- Feb. 5 - Steer Weigh-in
- Feb. 12 - Officer Training
- Feb. 16 - Speaking for IL 4-H
- March 19 - RI Public Speaking
- March 20 - Mercer Public Speaking

**I PLEDGE
my hands
TO LARGER SERVICE.**



The Mercer County Federation put together 10 laundry baskets filled with cleaning supplies like laundry soap, dish soap, bathroom cleaner, kitchen cleaner, dish towels, sponges, a mop, a broom and dust pan. These baskets were donated to the Mercer County Crisis Center.



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Officer Training

Join us for fun, games, and dinner on **February 12, 2022**, 5 p.m. at Speer Funeral Home in Aledo.

Mercer County Teen Federation will lead fun, hands-on activities to help members learn how to run a business meeting using Parliamentary Procedure. They will also go over the responsibilities of each club officer. Members from all counties are welcome to attend.

The evening will start with a taco bar, followed by the training.

Cost to attend is \$5. This will help cover the food.

Register by **February 1** at <https://form.jotform.com/213184990163155>.

Steer Weigh-in

Please see page 5 for full details on each county's weigh-in. All weigh-ins are scheduled for **Saturday, February 5**. Please watch your email and our Facebook pages closer to the date for any weather-related updates.

Also, remember to **contact the appropriate person, see page 5, to register.**

A Note to Henry County:

The Henry County Fair Board voted to move the fair up a week for this summer. General projects will show on Saturday, June 11. Swine weigh-in, dog obedience and small pets will be on Monday, June 13 and the fair regular fair dates are June 14- 19. General project procedures will be back to normal.



NEWS & notes

MERCER COUNTY

Mercer Federation Report Submitted by Colton Reid

The Mercer County Federation held a meeting on December 8th, 2021 at Speer Funeral home. The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm by Carson Holmes. The secretary report was read by Ayla Coulter and the treasurer report was read by Ryley Zippe. We practiced parliamentary procedure for the multi-county event that is taking place on February 12th. The training will start at 5pm. We also talked about the blood drive held by the Mercer County Federation that occurred on December 29th, 2021. For future events, Mercer County Federation will be holding a spaghetti dinner on April 10th from 11am to 1pm. The money raised will go to shop with a hero. The next meeting will be held on January 12th.

Hamlet Handy Helpers Report Submitted by Mason Gray

The Hamlet Handy Helpers participated in WRMJ's Christmas Trees in the Park. Our Club decorated the tree using the theme Christmas in our Hometown. In order to incorporate 4-H,



our sign read: Using our head, heart, and hands to celebrate Christmas down on the farm.

Last month, the club held their award program. Several members received awards. Pictured below from left to right: Mason Gray, Megan Gray, Caidel Monson, Ryley Zippe, Muireann Zippe,

Addison Monson, and John Tucker.



Saddle Teens celebrated being one of the Club of the Year winners with a holiday pizza party sponsored by the Mercer County Extension & 4-H Foundation.



Sherrard 4-H Report Submitted by Cole Perkins



Claire Cardinal accepting Scarecrow Contest 1st place Certificate. Ty Donnelly with his Cloverbud Certificate

We met Monday November 28th and handed out rewards. Claire Cardinal accepted our 1st Place Certificate awarded to the Club for National 4H Week Scarecrow Contest. Thank you to the Cardinals for allowing us to setup our display in their yard. Several Cloverbud Certificates were presented along with 1st year pins. Congratulations to everyone for a great year. We worked on a fun packet about Thanksgiving and looked at the Animal Science Book and discussed what normal and abnormal means. Club members will be watching their animals at home and reporting next month on their findings



NEWS & notes

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

4-H in the City Report Submitted by Olivia Boehle

On Friday, December 17th we held our virtual awards party. We went over the awards that our club and members of our club received. Congratulations to all! We also showed off our mini pinatas that we made for our Latin American Art. Thank you to our club leader for supplying the toys and candy for the piñata. For fun we showed off our ugly sweaters.



Magical Muggles Club Notes Submitted by Bailey Callahan

Magical Muggles met December 20, 2021. We had our business meeting where we congratulated Bailey Callahan on her Emerald award for project learning. We set our community service project for February 14. We will be making sandwiches and baked goods for the homeless. Audri and Addy led the activity which was how to make Christmas art. They also provided the snack which was making ice cream cookie sandwiches. The next meeting is January 17, 2022.



Rural Go-Getters Report by Wyatt Viager & Sawyer Kurtenbach

November - We started our meeting with information about the enrollment deadline that is fast approaching. We talked about our upcoming Christmas Party for our December meeting. We plan on having pizza, a gift exchange, and playing Bingo. Sawyer did his talk on rabbits, then Pat gave out the Awards from the 2020-2021 4-H year and told us we did a great job! We also made string art Christmas trees.



December - We had a short business meeting. We ate pizza, and Alex Edmondson brought pop and Christmas Santa cookies. We opened gifts all the members exchanged and played Bingo with prizes brought by James and Madison Nelson. The club had a good time and enjoyed the evening!



Bailey Callahan
Member of the Magical Muggles



Congratulations

ILLINOIS 4-H
EMERALD CLOVER AWARD
PROJECT LEARNING

Nicholas Gorbach
Member of the Trailblazers



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NEWS & notes

HENRY/STARK



Upcoming Shooting Sports

The Stark County Shooting Sport Club has set dates for Rifle, Pistol and Archery. Range fees vary by discipline.

Rifle - This is in progress. January 2nd was the start date. Remaining sessions will be held every Sunday through February 6. Sessions are at 3, 4 and 5 p.m.

Pistol - Sessions will be held on February 13, 20 & 27 and March 6, 13, 20 & 27 at Promisedland Firearms aka Hulsey's outside of Toulon. Sessions at 3, 4 & 5. This discipline is almost full. If you are interested in joining contact the Galva Extension office or Karen Horsley.

Archery - Sessions held at the Stark County Fairgrounds in Wyoming beginning April 3. Remaining dates will be April 10 & 24, May 1, 8 & 15 and June 5. Register with Karen Horsley or through the Galva Extension Office.

If you have questions, contact Jennifer at (309) 932-3447 or (217) 300-7348.



Air Rifle Competition Shooting

Competition training for 4-H Rifle club leaders and up to three 4-H club members will take place on February 19, 2022 from 9am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington. Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu for a flyer. To register, visit: go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining.

There will also be several adult shooting sport volunteer trainings in the spring. Details to come, but dates are: Saturday, March 26, 2022 at Tombstone Range in Marion, IL Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello **Saturday, July 16, 2022 at Bi-State in Colona**

Stark County Club Notes Submitted by Logan Goerks

The Stark County Century Clovers have been very busy the last couple of months. The November meeting was held on the 14th with several demonstrations being done. Kinsley and Kennedy Wall showed us how to make rice krispie treats. Brady and Brenna Leezer gave us information on different breeds of cattle. Lilly Gillespie showed us several products to use on show cattle and Tyson Gillespie showed us how to insert a rocket motor. After the meeting was adjourned all kids painted clover ornaments to decorate a lighted tree at the Wyoming Public Library in loving memory of Kaden Wall. The tree will remain decorated through the month of December. From November 15th through 18th the Stark County Shooting Sports and Century Clovers worked on a Scooby Doo themed float to enter in the Moonlight Madness parade. The float won first place in the Organization category. We held the December meeting on the 5th. Norah Rorem gave a demonstration on what you should take when you go on a hike. It was then announced that we had turned in roughly 190 pounds of food to the food pantry in November, a record amount. 427 Christmas cards for veterans were turned in this year. It was also decided to donate a puzzle and DVD's to the Courtyard Estates in Galva and Bradford and to the Toulon Health Care Center. Christmas cards were done for each resident at all these locations. On December 10th we had the YMCA fun night. Kids were able to do tumbling, swimming, and play in the open gym. There was lots of food and drink including Pizza Hut pizza. The January meeting will be held on January 9th at the fairgrounds.

Cambridge Champs Submitted by Hunter Wexell



The Cambridge Champs met on November 14 at the Catholic Church. We made Thanksgiving baskets and gave out awards to Chloe Finch for Best Reporter and all 1st year members. At the end, we had snacks.

The Cambridge Cloverbuds made a reindeer craft at the holiday meeting in December.





NEWS & notes

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Livestock Ownership Dates

Market Animals

Steers: Calved on or after January 1, 2021.

Owned by February 1, 2022

Barrows: Farrowed on or after January 1, 2022

Owned by June 1, 2022

Premiere Barrows: Farrowed on or after February 10, 2022

Owned by June 1, 2022

Sheep: Lambled on or after January 1, 2022

Owned by May 15, 2022

Meat Goat Wethers: Born on or after October 1, 2021

Owned by May 15, 2022

Breeding Animals

Heifers: Owned by June 1, 2022

Cows: Owned by January 2, 2022

Gilts: Owned by June 1, 2022

Sheep: Owned by June 25, 2022

Dairy Goat Kids: Owned by June 1, 2022

Milking Does: Owned by January 1, 2022

Meat Goats: Owned by May 15, 2022

Rabbits & Poultry: Owned by June 1, 2022

NOTE: These are State Fair dates. Individual county ownership dates may be earlier. This is especially true for Henry County. Please see the local fair book for exact county dates.



MERCER/ RI STEER WEIGH-IN

When: Saturday, February 5; 8-10 a.m.

Where: Mercer County Fairgrounds, Aledo

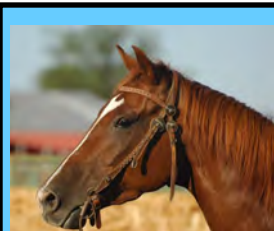
Who: Any Rock Island youth planning to exhibit a steer at the county or the state fairs.

Register: Please let McCala know how many head you'll be bringing and the best contact phone number by February 1. You can either call the Milan office @ (309) 756-9978 or email her directly at mmmille@illinois.edu

Reminder!

Ethics Requirement

Everyone planning to show beef, dairy, goats, sheep and/or swine is required to take the YQCA course yearly. It is found at yqca.org. We are also discussing an in-person offering. Those showing cats, dogs, rabbits, poultry and/or horses are required to take QAEC once in their 4-H Career. It can be found at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>.



The state horse judging contest is scheduled for **Feb. 19** at Black Hawk East. State hippology and horse bowl will be April 23 & 24 in Champaign. Regional contest information coming soon.

HENRY/STARK STEER WEIGH-IN

When: Saturday, February 5

8-10 a.m. - Stark/Peoria

11(ish) - 12:30 - Henry

Where: Stark County Fairgrounds - Stark/Peoria

Henry County Fairgrounds - Henry

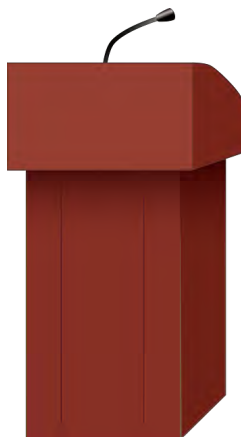
Who: Any youth planning to exhibit a steer at the county or the state fairs.

Register: Please let Jennifer know how many head you'll be bringing by February 1. 309-932-3447 or jpetersn@illinois.edu

Club News and Notes



County Public Speaking Contests



We encourage all youth to participate in their county's public speaking contests. It is a great way to improve communication skills, build self-confidence, develop leadership skills, and overcome a fear for many people.

The contest to determine a state fair delegate is restricted to 4-H members age 8-18 as of September 1, 2021. Cloverbuds may participate in a 4-H Pledge Presentation. For exact rules and instructions, contact your county program coordinator.

Anyone wishing to participate must register for the Public Presentations project in 4-H Online and then register for the contest at the appropriate link below.

Mercer County: Contest date is **March 20** at the Mercer County Farm Bureau, 2 p.m.

Registration by **March 15** @

<https://form.jotform.com/213185207998163>

Rock Island: Contest date is **March 19** at the Milan Extension Office, 9 am. Register by **March 14** @

<https://form.jotform.com/213186164531048>

The State public presentation contest is scheduled for April 30, 2022. Locations and times will be announced soon.



SFI4-H Speaking for Illinois 4-H

The next Speaking for Illinois 4-H training will be held virtually on Saturday, January 16 from 9-11 am.

Registration is open at

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>.

Completing this training makes youth eligible to attend Legislative Connection in Springfield. It is open to youth ages 14 and up.



The state fishing contest will be back and bigger this spring. It will run for 3 months with prizes for each month.

April will be Crappie

May will be Largemouth Bass

June will be Channel Catfish

In order to be eligible to win prizes, youth must be enrolled in the Sportfishing project in 4-H Online.

Details will be coming on how to submit your catch each month.

4-H Memorial Camp

Camp is returning this summer in Monticello. Registration for enrolled 4-H members will be open from January 24-February 6. It will open to all youth on Feb. 7. Slots always fill quickly, so register early. Cost to attend is \$265 for members and \$305 for non-members. Dates options for camp are:

June 5-9 or June 12-6

July 5-9 or July 17-21

The registration website won't go live until right before Jan. 24.



The next volunteer conversations will be:

Thursday, February 17 at 7pm

Thursday, May 19 at 7 pm

Topics and the registration links will be coming soon.

Every year, in April, 4-H designates a day to focus on service. In 2022, that day will be Saturday, April 23. This is a good day to schedule club or individual service projects. How can you use your HANDS for larger service?

Start planning now and register your event at:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24356>



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