



MARCH 2022

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

March 7 - Bert Blood Scholarship
March 11 - Register for Canning
March 14 - Register for RI Speaking
March 15 - Register for Mercer Speaking
March 15 - Stark Fishing Interest
April 1 - Henry Scholarships
April 15 - Premiere Pig Tattoo

Events:

March 12 - Photography Workshop
March 16 - Canning Workshop
March 19 - RI Public Speaking
March 20 - Mercer Public Speaking
April 2 - Portrait Workshop
April 2 - Regional Horsebowl



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Congratulations!



Congratulations goes out to several of our youth on their success at the horse judging contest held at Black Hawk East on Saturday, February 19.

Desiree Reid (pictured), of Mercer County, placed first in the Non-Reasons division. She was followed by Megan DeLille, of Henry County, in second; Samantha Fender, of Rock Island, in third; and Emma Steiger, of Rock Island, in fourth. The Rock Island Green team placed 2nd overall in the team competition.

Bailey Callahan, of Rock Island, placed 4th overall in the Reasons Class.

A big round of applause goes out to them.

Henry County Fair Schedule

As previously announced, the Henry County Fair moved the dates up for 2022. We re-arranged the 4-H show schedule to accommodate. Here is the show schedule as of now. The fair book will have more details and we will update you if anything changes.

Saturday, June 11: General Projects, Small Pets & Dog Obedience

Thursday, June 16: Bucket Calves, Horses, Master Showmanship

Friday, June 17: Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Auction

Saturday, June 18: Rabbits, Poultry

Sunday, June 19: General Project release from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Officer Training

Mercer County Federation members did a great job leading an officer training on February 12. They taught youth about officer



roles, meeting requirements, Parliamentary procedure, and creating welcoming environments.





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CLUB REPORTS & NEWS

Hamlet Handy Helpers Report Submitted by Mason Gray



Hamlet Handy Helpers donated to the Veteran Grave Marker Project through the American Legion in Aledo. Pictured, from left to right: Tom Harlan, Lynn Howard (back), Hal Earl, George Howard (back), Megan Gray-President, Caidel Monson-Secretary, Mason Gray-Reporter, Ryley Zippe-Vice President, and Jay Doherty

The Hamlet Handy Helpers 4-H Club held their February meeting on Sunday the 13th at 5:00pm at the Hamlet Hall. The President, Megan Gray, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Our club discussed ordering new club shirts and picked out two different styles. Megan and Mason Gray gave an update on the Mercer County Crisis Center backpack project. Our club tour was postponed till spring for discussion. We had several members at the Officer Training hosted by the Federation Club. Megan Gray and Caidel Monson gave a talk about the experience and the activities. Our club voted and approved a donation for the Mercer County 4-H Fair Award. We received a check from the Extension Office for our IL 4-H Excel Club Award. After the meeting, our members signed greeting cards for the Mercer Manor residents. Our meeting was adjourned.

The Cooking 101 SPIN Club is learning a lot and eating delicious food!



Alexis All Stars Report Submitted by Jayne Johnson

We met on Sunday Feb 20 at the Community Center at 6:00 pm 3- leaders 10- members 6-parents present. Meeting called to order by Pres Ellie Robinson. Pledges led by Hunter Brundage. Attendance and Sec minutes read. Old Business reported on our Pen Pals Christmas gifts and Valentines were delivered to them by our 4-H members. Our Club gave a local United student that was in the hospital for several months a gift box for Christmas. New Business: Went over scholarships that need to get done. Ellie Robinson is our only Senior. Ethics training needs to be done. Talked about Spaghetti Supper on April 10th. Made a motion to donate \$25 towards the supper. Julie will find out what they need. Next meeting is March 20. Adjourned. We worked on blankets



Stark County Club Notes Submitted by Logan Goerks

The Stark County 4H Century Clovers held a meeting on Sunday, February 13th. We started the meeting with a demonstration from Cole and Cash Kinsella showing us how to ear tag cattle. As a community service project 4H members decorated 144 foam hearts to donate to the Bradford and Galva Courtyard Estates, and Toulon Nursing Home for Valentine's Day. Thank You to Kendall King for the hearts and to Chloe and Connie Delbridge for all the craft supplies to decorate them. Also, a Thank You to Nicole Mercer for supplying extra hearts. Finally, to end the meeting there was a party with Casey's Pizza, chips, and many sweets.

Henry County Scholarships

Attention Henry County seniors: The applications for Henry County 4-H Foundation scholarships are now open. Two (2) \$1,000 awards will be given. Applications are available online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/210386131269049>

All applications are due **April 1**.

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer.



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Bert Blood Scholarships

Applications are available now and due **March 7, 2022**. Three scholarships will be awarded to current seniors in high school in the following amounts: \$1,500, \$1,250 and \$1,000. Two \$500 scholarships will be given to current college students who are former 4-H members. To apply: follow the instructions on our website @ [Extension.illinois.edu/hmrs/4-h-rock-island-county](https://extension.illinois.edu/hmrs/4-h-rock-island-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.

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.

Hunger Ambassadors

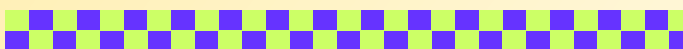
Did you know that 5,090 kids are food insecure in Rock Island?

The hunger ambassador group is open to youth ages 12-18 with an interest in addressing food insecurity and food access issues. Youth will work with Tayler Wheatley, SNAP educator, and partners like Farm Bureau to create unique solutions to community needs. Register your interest by filling out this form: go.illinois.edu/HungerAmbassadorInterest.

Rural Go-Getters Report

Submitted by Wyatt Viager

We started with our regular business meeting. We discussed a plan for decorating our fair booth for this summer. Then the club did a craft project with beads. Emma adjourned our meeting, and Henry 2nd it.



Magical Muggles Club Notes

Submitted by Bailey Callahan

The Magical Muggles met Feb 14 and made 80 sack meals for the homeless. We made amazing chocolate chip cookies, Oreo balls, blueberry muffins, gingersnaps and more. In each bag we placed two desserts, a sandwich, fresh fruit and a Valentines card made by 4-H members. We delivered them on the 15th to Humility Services, Davenport, which runs a homeless shelter. We had a lot of fun making the meals and delivering them.



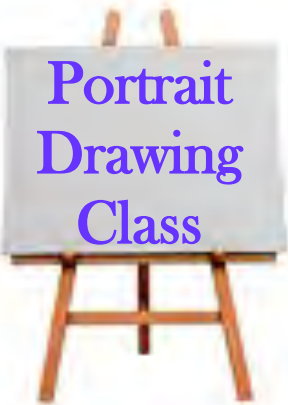
Magical Muggles met Feb 21, 2022. We had a short business meeting where we talked about projects and upcoming events. For our activity we did the first experiment of the 4-H Food Science project. We figured out how much gluten was in four types of flour. We added water to the cake flour, bread flour, all-purpose flour and whole wheat flour. After kneading our dough for 10 minutes, we rinsed off the starch to leave the gluten. We found that cake flour had the least amount of gluten but was the most airy, Wheat flour had the most gluten and was the toughest, all purpose flour and bread flour were pretty similar. After cleaning up we had brownies for a snack.





NEWS & notes

LOCAL PROGRAMS



Learn drawing fundamentals through the art of portraiture!

When: Saturday, April 2
Where: Milan Extension Office
Time: 10-11:30 a.m.
Who: Youth ages 8-12 years
Cost: \$10 for supplies including a sketchpad
Register: by March 28 via the link below. Space is limited.

<https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2022-04-02-portrait-drawing-class-youth>

Photography Workshop

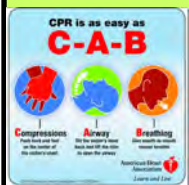
The art of photography, lighting, and composition can be confusing. Get all your questions answered during this workshop. You'll learn everything you need to succeed in photography no matter what kind of camera you use.

Date: Saturday, March 12 from 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Where: Milan Extension Office
Register:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=25190>

For questions, contact McCala at (309) 756-9978

CPR Training



Learn basic life support training for CPR, first aid, and AED certification.

When: Saturday, March 5; 9am
Where: Alexis Ambulance Service

106 East Palmer Avenue, Alexis
Who: 4-H Members age 12 and up

What: 3 hour training. Participants must pass a written exam following the training to receive their certification for CPR, AED, and First Aid through the American Heart Association.

Cost: \$15 payable at the door

Register: Class size is limited. Registration closes on Feb. 26 or when full. Register here:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24979>

Shooting Sports Instructor Training



If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a shooting sports instructor, now is the time to get certified! There will be a local training on **Saturday, July 16, 2022 at Bi-State in Colona**

The training will run from 9 am to 6 pm. It will allow certification in any of the disciplines: archery, pistol, shotgun, rifle, hunting & outdoor skills or county coordinator. To complete the certification, participants will have to complete an online module in addition to the in-person training.

If you are interested in becoming a certified instructor, contact your local Extension office to register.

Stark County 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.



**4-H Put it Up!
Freezer Jams &
Fruit Leather
Workshop
March 16**

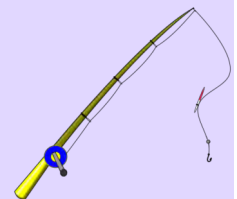
This workshop is open to youth ages 9-13. Participants will make a jam in the canner and compare with freezer jam. They will also learn to make fruit leather.

The workshop will run from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Milan Extension Office. There is a \$10 fee for supplies. Register by March 11 at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=25192>

There are a couple upcoming fishing SPIN clubs. For information on Mercer County's, see the included flyer.

Stark is planning a Spin club for this spring. Register your interest at:

<https://form.jotform.com/220544679592062>



ANIMAL NEWS

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 will hold an in-person training in mid to late April in Rock Island. Register your interest in that training at: <https://form.jotform.com/220253798619061>. 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/>.



DOG OBEDIENCE PRACTICES

All exhibitors planning to show in the county dog obedience show are required to attend at least 6 sessions of dog obedience training.

There will be free classes offered in Henry, Mercer and Rock Island Counties. If you cannot make those and choose to take private lessons, make sure the classes follow AKC obedience show rules. Proof of those sessions will be required.

Proof of rabies vaccination required at all practices and shows. No female dogs in season are allowed at practices.

HENRY COUNTY: Introductory meeting will be **Wednesday, March 16**, 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Cambridge. Practices will continue every Wednesday until the fair. Show date is **Saturday, June 11** at 3 p.m.

MERCER COUNTY: Introductory meeting is **Monday, April 4**, 6:30 at the fairgrounds. Do NOT bring your dog to the first meeting. A schedule of practices will be available at the first session. Show date is Wednesday, July 13 at 8 a.m.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY: First practice will be **Tuesday, April 19** from 6-7 p.m. at the fairgrounds in East Moline. Practices will continue every Tuesday and Thursday until the fair. Show date is Saturday, July 16 at 4 p.m.

STATE SHOW: To qualify for the state dog show, an exhibitor must earn a score of at least 170 in obedience and/or 70 in rally. The state show is scheduled for Saturday, August 27 at Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon, IL.



Regional hippology/horse bowl is **April 2** at Knoxville High School. Participants must be registered by the Extension Office in advance. Please let your county office know who plans to participate by **March 2**.

State hippology and horse bowl will be April 23 & 24 in Champaign.

Reminder: Horse ownership/lease papers are due to the Extension Office along with 2 color photos of each side of the horse by **May 1**. These documents must also be included with state horse show entries which are due June 1.

State Fair Junior Horse Show dates are July 24-30. The 24th is move-in day. Shows start on July 25. No shows on Sunday.

Henry Fair Bucket Calf Updates

The Henry County Beef Ambassadors will hold a showmanship clinic for bucket calf exhibitors on Thursday, June 16 at 10:00 a.m. The bucket calf show will follow at 11:00 a.m. They will then host games for the exhibitors at 2:00 p.m.

Other Livestock Deadlines

Premiere Swine: Must be tattooed by April 15

Sheep/Goat Nominations: Due May 15

State Livestock Judging Contest: June 20 @ Stock Pavilion

State Fair Livestock Entries: Due July 1

Club News and Notes



**Photos due
11:59 p.m. on
March 31, 2022**

"Hit Me with Your Best Shot"
4-H Photo Contest

Register at: <https://z.umn.edu/BestShotPhotoContest>
Info: <https://extension.umn.edu/event/hit-me-your-best-shot-4-h-photo-contest>
Questions? Email fourphoto@umn.edu

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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 in March.



Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose. Four selected recipients will: earn a \$5K scholarship, serve as a national spokesperson and more. Apply at <https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0>



The next volunteer conversations will be:
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>



Every dollar makes a difference in helping a young person find their SPARK. February 1 – April 30, visit a local @JOANN store and you can invest in a young person by donating to @4-H. joann.com/4-H/ #JOANNhearts4H. Get your @4-H Rewards Card today! Stop by a local

@JOANN store now to sign up for free and receive 15% off your purchases. It's a great way to shop with purpose & give back to 4-H! joann.com/4-H/



Illinois RiverWatch has 15 training sessions set up for March and April each in a different county in Illinois. To learn more, visit their official website at: <http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/> This is a tremendous opportunity become an aquatic citizen scientist! Ask for the 4-H discount off their regular fee. A great, long lasting club activity!

Illinois Extension Sport Fishing 4-H SPIN Club



Meeting Dates:
Saturdays, April
23, 30, 7, 14, 21, 28
from 9-11 a.m.

Supplies Needed-Please bring to all meetings.

Rod and reel in good working condition with fresh line;
Size 4 Aberdeen Eagle Claw hooks;
Split shot and small bobbers;
Fingernail clippers or kids Fiskar scissors for cutting line;
Small needle nose pliers for hook removal;

If you are a bassmaster bring:

Weedless jigs with trailers, Plastic worms and spinnerbaits.

- No lure with treble hooks will be used during this class.

Safety Protocols:

- Illinois 4-H will respond to and adjust events in response to evolving guidance as provided by the CDC, IDPH, and University of Illinois. Additional local venue guidelines will be followed.

The first meeting will be April 23 at **Aledo Central Park** followed by meetings located at various ponds around the area. Pond locations will be announced at the first meeting. Youth must have their own rides to the ponds each week. Open to 10 kids ages **8 to 15**. **Pre-register by April 15**. The fee will be **\$10** and your cost of your own supplies, plus a \$20 program fee for non-4-H members. *A complete list of supplies can be found on the online registration form or by calling Mercer County 4-H at (309) 513-3100.

**Register online at go.illinois.edu/FishingClub or
Call Mercer County 4-H at 217-300-9117.**

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate call 309-582-5106 or email Tracy at fawlerpe@illinois.edu

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We are **HELPFUL**

We achieve goals

We have **FUN**

We are *Courteous*

We are **PATIENT**

we are friends

we are **SUCCESSFUL**

we work together

we are a

TEAM



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