



MAY 2022

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

May 1 - Horse Papers
May 15 - Sheep/Goat Nominations
May 15 - Henry Fair Entry
June 1 - Mercer/RI Fair Entry
June 1 - YQCA/QAEC
June 15 - State Horse Entries
July 1 - State Livestock Entries

Events:

June 4 - Summer Sizzle
June 10 - Mercer BBQ
June 11 - Henry General Project
June 15-19 - Henry Fair
June 20 - State Livestock Judging
July 11-16 - Mercer Fair
July 16 - RI General Projects
July 18-24 - RI Fair
July 29-Aug. 1 - Stark Fair



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Congratulations!



The Rock Island County horse bowl participants had a very successful day at the regional horse bowl and hippology contest held on April 2 in Knoxville.

The team placed 1st in the junior team horse bowl competition and qualified for the state contest.

Palak Rawani placed 1st in the individual horse bowl contest and qualified for the state contest. Also qualifying as individuals were: Anna Hessel and Emma Steiger.

Desiree Reid, of Mercer County, placed 1st in the senior division individual horse bowl.

Fair Entry

Fair season is here. Fair books are out for all counties except Stark. Please read all requirements for your projects prior to doing any fair entries. Deadlines are:

Henry - May 15
Mercer - June 1
Rock Island - June 1
Stark - July 1

- Website to do entries is fairentree.com
- Use 4-H Online log-in information
- Password resets must be done through 4-H Online
- DO ENTRIES EARLY! This way we have time to fix errors or troubleshoot with you.
- Try to do entries for all youth in your family before hitting submit.
- Contact us if you need step by step instructions sent to you.

Congratulations

Congratulations to everyone who participated in Rock Island County's public speaking contest. A special congratulations and best of luck go out to the two members advancing to the state contest on April 30.

Bailey Callahan - Formal Speech
Abby Yoder - Formal Speech

Congratulations also go out to the Rock Island Bert Blood scholarship winners. All three gave great presentations to the Rotary Club. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Winners were:

Evan DeKeyrel - Rockridge Royals
Dylan Craver - Rockridge Royals
Zoe Larkins - Rural True Blues



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Country Kids Report Submitted by Lane Weber

Country Kids 4-H club met on March 29, 2022 at the Viola Community Center at 6:30. There were 12 members present. President Levi Schurr called the meeting to order. Pledges were led by Wyatt Miller. Attendance was taken and the secretary minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved. The club approved sponsoring a class at the New Windsor Youth Horse show in August. Levi reported that the spaghetti fundraiser is on April 10. Our club moved to approve a donation of \$20 for the dinner. Also mentioned that our club will be helping at the 4-H BBQ in June. There was a reminder that all members must complete their yearly YQCA. Talks were Aliyah McRae about her beef and gardening projects and Lane Weber on beef, swine and woodworking. Leader Ann then allowed members to make edible soil layers. This was to talk about Earth Day and the importance of soil and our environment. Next meeting will be April 26 at 6:30.

Alexis All Stars Report Submitted by Jayne Johnson

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Ellie Robinson on Sunday April 10th. Pledges led by Emma. Roll Call with 15 members, 2 leaders and 9 parents attending.

Secretary minutes read by Emma. Treasurer report by Ella. Ellie went over projects with members - drop or add projects by May 1st. Reminded everyone about 4-H BBQ on June 10th - need 4 pies. Johnson -Bernhardt-Olson will make pies. We will be setting up, so next meeting will get a list of kids to help. Pen pals don't forget to send out Easter Cards. And please keep in contact with them over the summer. Handed out fairbooks and please look at your projects as some things have changed. 4-H entries need to be done by June 1st. Decided next meeting date will be changed because of high School graduation. Jayne will check on dates that are open.

Talks: Jake Johnson - his farm equipment collectibles; Jayla Johnson - scrapbooking; Abbi Terwillinger - Rock Tumbling; Peyton Martin - Beef and Swine projects.

Hamlet Handy Helpers Report Submitted by Mason Gray

The Hamlet Handy Helpers 4-H Club held their April meeting on Sunday the 10th 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 approved a design for our new club shirts, and it was voted and approved for a pullover too. April 23rd we are scheduled to pick up trash on country roads for the 4-H Day of Service. One of our leaders will contact the Legion to find out when we will start placing the Veteran Grave Markers. Our club tour will take place June 7th, at 4:00. We were reminded that the County BBQ is June 10th and we are responsible for tear-down starting at 6:45. It was discussed to move our May meeting to the 2nd, as our next meeting date fell on Mother's Day. It was approved. Remember that members in livestock projects need to complete the ethics requirement online at the yqcaprogram.org website. Fair books were handed out to all families. Meeting was adjourned.

Sherrard 4-H Report Submitted by Cole Perkins

March 15, 2022: Our club meeting was all about photography. We went outside and practiced taking pictures. Ty Donnelly also presented his report on Bearded Dragons. In attendance were Sydney Perkins, Cole Perkins, Claire Cardinal, Ty Donnelly, Max Young, Giana Young, and Amelia Young.

April 18, 2022: Our club met at Western District Library. At our meeting we discussed past business and June 1 fair entries will be due. The club painted rocks and donated them to the library. There were all different colors used and members even wrote words such as love. The library will display them out front according to the librarian. Members who painted were Cole Perkins, Amelia Young, Sebastian Young, Max Young, Ty Donnelly, and Claire Cardinal. Thank you to Mrs. Young, Mrs. Shepherd and Barb for helping us with the project.



STATE FAIR DATE

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island and Stark are scheduled to show general projects at the State Fair on:

Saturday, August 13



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Magical Muggles Club Notes

Submitted by Bailey Callahan

Magical Muggles met on April 18. At our business meeting we discussed the upcoming pork chop dinner and fair entries. Haley T reported on the tree planting at Illinek and Palak reported on the regional horse bowl. For the program, we did activities from the communications project.

Bailey tried to teach a soccer move using only words. Then, we split into partners and had one partner give directions for how to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches

without seeing what the other partner was doing. Last but not least, we split up into two teams and made up a dance for the other team to learn using written instructions.



Rural Go-Getters Report

Submitted by Wyatt Viager

We started off the meeting by saying the pledges. Then the secretary called role and read the minutes from the last meeting. Next, the treasurer gave his report and told us how much we had in our account. As a club, we talked about fair entry being open, and the president read about the upcoming events. We had talks by Elec Viager, Wyatt Viager, Sladyn Kurtenbach. We wrapped up the meeting by talking about the fair book and adjourned the meeting.



4-H in the City Report

Submitted by Olivia Boehle

We had our meeting virtually on March 25th. Our club discussed doing the National Day of Service. We also discussed what our fair booth design would look like. Then, we talked about the goat spin club. We also discussed the pork chop dinner on April 26. We are looking for volunteers to donate and help out. Finally, we made Latin American art called Talavera tiles. Our next virtual meeting was on April 8th. At our meeting we talked about the National Day of Service and our fair booth ideas. We voted on our booth idea. We were reminded about the pork chop dinner on April 26th. Near the end of the meeting, we made worry dolls. It was a very fun activities.

Stark County Club Notes

Submitted by Logan Goerks

The Stark County 4-H Century Clovers had a busy April 3rd meeting. We started by filling 1,000 Easter eggs with candy for the Toulon Lions Club to use at their annual Easter egg hunt. Several demonstrations were given: Colby Gentle on how to hunt deer, Caleb Gentle on what to feed heifers, Chelby Gentle on how to take care of your cat, Hailey Peterson on the parts of a compound bow, and Lauren and Blake Orwig on how to make chocolate chip muffins. We then had an Easter egg hunt for the Cloverbuds and one for the regular members at the Courthouse yard. On Saturday, April 23 we had a community service day at the Stark County High School. Litter bottles were put around 10 of the 25 trees we planted to protect them. As we get more bottles, we will finish getting them around all the trees. Litter was then picked up around the ball diamonds and the school grounds. The first meeting of the 4-H fishing spin club was held on Sunday, April 24 at Cozzi Ranch. Kids and parents alike had a very enjoyable afternoon and we want to say thank you to Andy and Michelle for putting it together. Everybody is looking forward to the next meeting. We would like to let everybody know about a new Facebook page we have: Stark County Century Clovers. This site will have important club information and dates for the events as well as pictures from them. There is no May meeting, so our next meeting will be Sunday, June 12.

Kimel 4-H Club Report

Submitted by: Alysse DeBlock

On April 10th, we had a 4-H meeting only a day after we did pork chop sales. It started at 5:06 p.m. and ended at 5:47 p.m. After all of the officer's reports we talked about the pork chop sale (April 9th), dog obedience (April 14th), YQCA training, fair entries (4-H minute) where Bodie Salmon talked about how to enter your fair entries, Mercer County Fair (July 11-15), Fire Station BBQ (June 10th, 5-7p.m.). Once the main meeting was over, we moved into eight member talks. We adjourned after and agreed that our next meeting will be on May 1.



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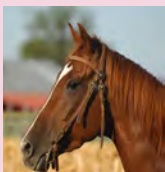
Peppy Partners Reports Submitted by Karen Dellitt

March 2022 - Peppy Partners met March 20. Roll call was what did you do on St. Patrick's Day. The secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. Old business consisted of discussing speakers. We have on coming next month also reminding all to check with Tracy about project books she may have at the office before they order any and to get them ordered soon. We were reminded that we needed to send 2 checks - 1 for fair award donation and another for enrollment to U of I.

The spaghetti drive through dinner on April 10 was discussed. We've agreed to donate the tomato paste 10-18 oz cans. They also agreed to help if possible and we're checking on the best prices of the paste. We also discussed the service project day. We received a list of items the animal shelter needs so it was agreed that our club would donate \$100 for supplies and if each member wanted to donate something that would be ok. Ben and Amelia agreed to buy the supplies with the club money and all are invited to help deliver it to the shelter. Also, it was brought up about soil and water conservation asking for help planting 25 trees around the new Northside ball diamond. More information next month. New business was our date for our Times Record articles. Ours is May 24. We're planning to get the pictures taken at the April meeting and work on the paragraphs at home or next month.

The 4-H BBQ is planned face-to-face at the fire station on June 10. We offered to make the drinks and our club is responsible for 1 pie and 3 dozen cookies.

Because our regular meeting should be the day before Easter, we considered having it Monday April 18 if it works for everyone. While eating a snack we decided on the 1 design for our t-shirts and the meeting was adjourned.



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.

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. The Premium Book for the horse show is now available on the Illinois State Fair website. The entry deadline is **June 15**.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/statefair/competitions/premium-books/Pages/default.aspx>

Peppy Partners Reports Submitted by Karen Dellitt

Feb. 2022 - Peppy Partners met Feb. 19. Roll call was what happened on Valentine's Day. We had 3 members and 1 new member. The secretary minutes were read and approved as well as the treasurer report. There were no new outstanding bills. Old business included speakers for our meetings, the t-shirts. We are almost ready to order them. We've got the design down to 2. New business: we discussed upcoming events. We agreed to sponsor an award for \$25. The spaghetti dinner is April 10. We agreed to donate the tomato paste and help if possible. April 23rd is a club service project day we've mentioned helping out an animal shelter, thought we'd discuss more at the next meeting. The Facebook page was asked about, it was assured to get taken care of. Amelia gave a special on her fair book design. The next meeting is planned for March 19 at 11:30.

Upcoming Shooting Sports Summer Sizzle

The Chillicothe Summer Sizzle shooting sports competition is back this year. Date is June 4, 2022 at the Chillicothe's Sportsman's Club. Registration is open now and closes May 24 at <https://extension.illinois.edu/blmp>

Instructor Training

If you know anyone interested in becoming a certified shooting sports instructor - in any discipline - this summer is the best time to be trained! There will be a training on Saturday, July 16 at Bi-State Sportsman's Club in Colona. Contact the Extension Office if interested.

State Shoot Dates

Archery - Saturday, Sept. 17 in Pekin
Shotgun - Saturday, Sept. 24 in Bunker Hill
Rifle - Saturday, Oct. 8 in Bloomington
Pistol - Sunday, Oct. 9 in Bloomington

Other Livestock Deadlines

Sheep/Goat Nominations: Due May 15, contact office if you need paperwork.

State Livestock Judging Contest: June 20 @ Stock Pavilion

State Fair Livestock Entries: Due July 1



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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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 a **NEW WEBSITE:** <https://yqcaprogram.org>

You will have to register for a new account at this site. It no longer uses 4-H Online log-in information. Once you register, you will see all the course offerings. Scroll down to the bottom to see test-out options.

Those showing cats, dogs, small pets, 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/>.

Community Service Opportunity Step Up for Ukraine

Amanda Murray, a Rock Island resident, was an exchange student with the Rock Island Rotary program in Krakow, Poland. The area in which she lived is now a hub for refugee families from Ukraine. Her host family is helping to coordinate shelter, food & necessities for the refugees. Amanda is trying to help by collecting money that is sent electronically to her host family where it goes directly to purchasing food, clothing, medical supplies, etc.



If you or your club are looking for an easy community service, you can help Amanda in her effort to collect funds. She is collecting **CASH ONLY** because it is easiest to transfer using Venmo.

All donations need to be to Extension by **Monday, May 16** and we will get the funds to Amanda.



Participants of the portrait drawing workshop held in Milan in April. Thanks to Elaine Kaple for leading!

TREE PLANTINGS



Henry County planted trees in Geneseo at the Isaak Walton League in Hennepin State Park. Thanks to the Curry family and Henry County SWCD!



Mercer planted at the Sherrard Elementary School. Thanks to Spencer Griffin and Mercer County SWCD for all the help!



Rock Island planted at the Illiniwek Forest Preserve. Thanks to RI SWCD, Dawn Temple, and Rich Stewart!



Stark planted trees at the high school in Toulon. Thanks to Al Curry and the Stark SWCD for all the help and information!

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Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

We are fast approaching fair season. Most fair books are out. Please read your exhibit instructions carefully. Fair entry is open and we ask that you get your entries in early. In Henry County, especially, we are working on tighter turn-around times than normal.

The state livestock specialist and the Illinois Dept. of Ag are keeping watch on the avian flu situation. As soon as we have an official word on poultry shows, we will let everyone know.

Congratulations go out to all 4-H seniors as they approach graduation. We know you all have bright futures and we wish you the best.



Jennifer, Teresa, Tracy, & McCala

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