



APRIL 2022

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

- April 1 - Henry Scholarships
- April 15 - Premiere Pig Tattoo
- May 1 - Horse Papers
- May 15 - Sheep/Goat Nominations
- May 15 - Henry Fair Entry
- June 1 - Mercer/RI Fair Entry
- June 1 - YQCA

Events:

- April 2 - Portrait Workshop
- April 2 - Regional Horsebowl
- April 10 - Mercer Spaghetti Dinner
- April 21 - Robotics Club
- April 21 - YQCA Training
- April 23 - National Day of Service
- April 26 - RI Pork Chop Dinner



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Congratulations!



The Henry/Stark livestock judging team had success at the Black Hawk Livestock Judging Contest. In the senior questions division, they had High Team Overall and 2nd Team Overall. The high team included: Kashen Ellerbrock, Kylie Gillespie, Sam Nightingale & Slone Windish. The 2nd team included: Brayden Hardin, Cole Kinsella, Chet Gillespie, Brylie Roberts and Nolan Orwig.

In the individual contest, Kashen Ellerbrock was 2nd overall, Chet Gillespie 4th, Cole Kinsella 5th and Kylie Gillespie 6th. Congrats to all participants!

Fair Entry

Fair season is here. Fair books will be distributed to most clubs at their April meetings. Please read all requirements for your projects prior to doing any fair entries. The website to enter projects for the fair is faireentry.com. Use your 4-H online log-in information. Password resets must be done through 4-H Online. Deadlines are:
Henry - May 15
Mercer - June 1
Rock Island - June 1
Stark - July 1

Community Service



Saddle Teens 4-H Club has 10 members who are students at Winola Elementary School in Viola, IL. The 4-H members wanted to do something special for the

teachers and support staff as their 4-H community service project. The group came up with the idea to give each teacher and support staff a small bag of treats as a thank you gift for their dedication to the student's well being and education. On Monday March 21st Saddle Teens 4-H members passed out 42 bags as a thank you to the teachers and support staff at Winola Elementary School.



NEWS & notes

CLUB REPORTS & NEWS

Kimel 4-H Club Report Submitted by: Alysse DeBlock

December: At our Kimel 4-H meeting on December 12, 2021 we had a blast wrapping presents and making cards for our Christmas families. We also did elections. President is Jack Jungmann. Vice President is Kaitlynn DeBlock. Secretary is Macy DeBlock. Treasurer is Luke Jungmann. Reporters are Kate Jungmann and me, Alysse DeBlock. Parliamentarian is Belle Colbrese. We also did the achievement awards program. At the end of our meeting, we had a candy bar exchange. Our meeting was very fun for the kids, me and other people.

March: Sunday, March 13 at the church in Aledo, the Kimel club held a meeting. After our secretary's report and treasurer's report, we went into old business. Reiley Burns talked about a 4-H training in the meeting that he had gone to. We are doing a pork chop sale at Mercer Market on April 9. The Federation spaghetti dinner is being held April 10, 11am to 1 pm. The 4-H Registration-fair books are available in April. Fairentry.com opens April 1 and closes June 1. Becky talked about the Horse Bowl recruitment, which is about horse knowledge. Jack Jungmann talked about the 4-H public speaking contest. Three 4-H members did talks and demonstrations. One was about plane history, another about track and field and the last talk was about finding animal skulls and antlers. At the end of the meeting, we took a group photo outside of the church.

Hamlet Handy Helpers Report Submitted by Mason Gray

The Hamlet Handy Helpers 4-H Club held their March 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 approved and ordered new club shirts. Our club tour will take place June 7th, at 4:00. Members voted and approved a donation for the Mercer County Food Pantry. Caidel Monson and Megan Gray gave a report on the greeting cards that were delivered to Mercer Manor. The Federation will be holding their 4-H spaghetti supper on April 10th. The Grays have volunteered to purchase the spaghetti as our donation. Addison Monson attended the CPR training and discussed her experience. Our meeting was adjourned.

Alexis All Stars Report Submitted by Jayne Johnson

Meeting was called to order by Ellie Robinson on March 20th at Community Center at 6:00 pm. Pledges led By Attie Bernhardt Roll Call with 16 members 2 leaders and 5 parents. Secretary and Treasurer report was given. Reminded all livestock exhibitors to take the YQCA course online. Donation of \$25 was sent for Spaghetti Supper. It will be Sunday April 10th 11am to 1 pm. Fair books will be handed out next meeting - there are some changes in some shows - will discuss next meeting. Fair Registration how and when it needs to be completed. Put on calendar 4-H BBQ June 10th. We will have to set up for it. Reminded everyone to send a Easter Card to their Pen Pals. Talks given by Temperance Skutt - taking care of a Parakeet. Hunter Brundage on Electricity. Snacks served by Brundage and Jaminets. Next Meeting will be April 10th at Community Center 6:00pm. Talks will be Jake and Jayla Johnson, Sawyer and Peyton Jaminet. Servers - Bernhardt's. Worked on tying blankets.



Congratulations to all the participants of the Mercer County public speaking contest held on Sunday, March 20. Participants included Ellie Hampton, Jasmine Frerkes, Jocelyn Erickson, Carter Nelson, and Lucas Nelson. They all did an outstanding job. Everyone was well prepared. The formal speeches were informative and the oral interpretation presentations were entertaining. Jasmine Frerkes, Ellie Hampton, and Carter Nelson will represent Mercer County at the state contest on April 30.





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Magical Muggles Club Notes Submitted by Bailey Callahan

The Magical Muggles met March 21 for our regular meeting. We talked about the upcoming events, project enrollment, and heard reports about the freezer jam workshop, dog obedience class and horse bowl. Our activity was painting using the techniques of Alma Thomas who was an African American painter. For our snack we had cookies and lemonade. Our next meeting is April 18.



Rural Go-Getters Report Submitted by Wyatt Viager

We started off the meeting by saying the pledges then we took roll call. Next, the secretary read the meeting minutes for the last meeting, the treasurer reported, and we talked about all the upcoming events. No talks were given, and we went through old business. We voted to donate funds to be a trophy sponsor for the same amount as last year. Finally, we discussed what everyone was showing or planning to take to the fair. The meeting was adjourned.



4-H in the City Report Submitted by Olivia Boehle

Our last meeting was on February 23rd on Zoom. We talked about National Day of Service and we discussed talking with a senator at our next meeting. Emily presented a project on cats. We also played fun Valentine's Day games.

On March 11th we had a meeting with Senator Anderson on Zoom. Carter did a welcome and the club members shared a little bit about themselves. Emily shared the club information and we all shared a 1-to-2-minute presentation about our 4-H experiences. Then we asked some questions to the Senator.

On March 14th we had 4-H officer training on Zoom. We went over the order of the meeting and learned about how to make a motion and vote. We had lots of fun doing practice situations.

Pork Chop Dinner

The Rock Island pork chop dinner is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 26** from 4-7 p.m. at the American Legion in Milan and we need your help!

Here are some of the ways you can help with this fundraiser:

1. Volunteer to work. We need help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. Shifts and roles are detailed in this sign-up form: <https://form.jotform.com/220666586225158>
2. Dessert and Pie Donation. If you would like to make a dessert to be included with the meal or a pie for the pie auction, please register at this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/220667041922149>

Tickets for the dinner can be pre-ordered or purchased at the door. A grilled butterfly pork chop meal is \$10 and a hot dog meal is \$5. All meals include potato chips, Bush's baked beans, apple sauce, and dessert. A silent pie auction will happen throughout the evening with staggered ending times to give everyone a chance to win a pie.

Mercer/Rock Island Goat Club

Are you interested in learning about and showing goats, but don't have the ability to house your own animal? This club will allow you to lease a goat, learn how to care for it, and show it at the fair this summer.

Meeting Dates: May 1, 15, 29; June 12, 26 and July 10.
2-3:30 p.m.

Location: 3 meetings will be at the Mercer County Fairgrounds and 3 at the Rock Island Fairgrounds.

This club is limited to 15 youth ages 8-18. Register by April 22 at:

<https://go.illinois.edu/4-HGoatSPINClub>



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Joy Eliza Ag Report Submitted by Aurora Fitchner

The Joy-Eliza Ag 4-H club met on February 13th, 2022 at the Eliza Community Center. The cards we made for our January community service project were delivered to the hospital. The federation spaghetti dinner is on Sunday April 10th. During the meeting, the Cloverbuds played a Valentine's Day game. The following members gave presentations on their 4-H projects: Nathan Taylor on beef, Desiree Reid on colic in horses, Carson Holmes on fly control in cattle, Tyler Marlow on tagging goats and Savannah McKay on canning pickles.

The Joy-Eliza 4-H club met on March 13, 2022 in the Eliza Community Center. The club voted to donate garlic bread to the 4-H Federation Spaghetti lunch on April 10th. We also chose colors for new club shirts. After the meeting, we split into groups and discussed goals for our projects this year. The following members did demonstrations about their 4-H projects: Colby Cox on woodworking, Aurora Fitchner on preparing a rabbit for show, Colton Reed on magnetic rocks, Brady Holmes on lice in cattle and Kylee Duncan on medicating and tagging newborn calves. During the meeting, the Cloverbuds did a vet science activity.



Crop Scouting Competition

The University and state Extension will hold a crop scouting competition on August 4, 2022 at the Crop Sciences Research & Education Center

4202 South 1st Street, Savoy.

This competition is open to youth in grades 9-12 in teams of 2 to 5 people and a coach. Teams will rotate through 10 outdoor stations to test skills in identifying weeds, insects, diseases, and stages of growth. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams.

Sign up by **July 1** at go.illinois.edu/CropScouting.

For full details and study materials, visit: <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/illinois-crop-scouting-competition>

Stark County Club Notes Submitted by Logan Goerks

Marjie started our March meeting by sharing a thank you letter our club received from Cleta Riggins of the Bradford Courtyard Estates for the foam heart Valentine she received in February. For the month of March members colored St. Patrick's Day pictures to go to the Courtyard Estates. Demonstrations were given by Chloe Delbridge, Lily Perrine, and Makayla Perrine on how to make bracelets, and by Lily Terbush and Jersey Peterson on how to wash a horse. A new 4-H fishing spin club is being started. All interested please go to the 4-H website to register. If you have trouble please contact Marjie or Jennifer for help. Our club will also be setting up a date to go fishing at the Cozzi Ranch sometime in the near future. If you are interested please contact Marjie. Our next meeting will be on April 3rd where we will be filling Easter eggs for the Toulon Lions Club as well as having our own Easter egg hunt for all members.

Stark Federation

Stark County Federation had a presentation by Al Curry on a tree planting project for the Stark County High school. The 4-H Greener Communities Tree program was made possible by the Illinois 4-H and the Illinois Association of Soil and Water Conservation District Forestry Committee. Al talked about the goal of the program - to plant trees within the county in a public place. On April 2nd we will be helping to plant 25 oak trees at the Stark County High school. Al also explained that the oak trees were picked not only for their appearance and longevity but also for the many benefits they provide to wildlife.



Stark County Shotgun

The Stark County shooting sports club will begin offering shotgun classes at the end of April.

Who: Youth ages 10-18 as of Sept. 1, 2021

Where: Isaak Walton League at Baker Park in Kewanee

When: April 26, May 2, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Register:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=25502>

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 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 option.

An in-person training is scheduled for **Thursday, April 21** at 6 p.m. in the Milan Office. To register, you must log-on to the YQCA website and select the in-person training. You must also pay the \$3 through the website. We will mark you complete after the training and your card will be charged.

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/>.



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



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.

Club News and Notes



The state fishing contest is back! April 1 - 30 is all about crappie.

The competition is open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes will only be given to members enrolled in the sportfishing project.

Entry Process:

Measure the fish by holding a tape measure next to it like the picture above. Take a picture of yourself with the fish. Upload all information and picture at <https://go.illinois.edu/fish4H>.

May will switch to Largemouth Bass. June will be Channel Catfish.

For all details, visit: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-hooks-us-together-fishing-tournament>.



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.

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Greener Communities Project

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island, and Stark counties will all be planting 25 Oak trees in a community location the first two weeks in

April. This project is being done in conjunction with local Soil and Water districts. We hope that these trees will be enjoyed by people in the community for years to come.

Dates: May 20-22

Fees: Cabin Rental- \$210

Participant Fee:

8 years old and older: \$81/person

4-7 years old: \$54/person

Under 3- No Charge

***At least one child must be 4-H Age (5-18)**

Each cabin has 10 beds

More information and registration forms can be

found on the 4-H Memorial Camp Website

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>



All meals will be provided from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. Activities will include swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, rock climbing, fun STEM activities, hikes, etc.



4-H at Home

In the latest 4-H at Home activity, kids can learn exactly what the internet is with the help of augmented reality to visualize all those bits and bytes.

Get started [HERE](#).

This project is put on by National 4-H.

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>





4-H DOG CLINIC SHOWMANSHIP

WHEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 30
9:45 AM TO 2:30 PM



WHERE

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS. EAST
MOLINE, IL



WHO

HANDLERS AND/OR DOGS



WHY

LEARN ABOUT:
PRESENTATION, GROOMING,
DOG CARE, PREFERRED
ATTIRE, PATTERNS & MORE!

COST

\$5 PER MEMBER

REGISTER BY APRIL 22 @
[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4-
HDOGSHOWMANSHIPCLINIC](https://go.illinois.edu/4-hdogshowmanshipclinic)

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.**

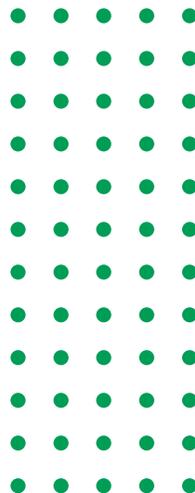
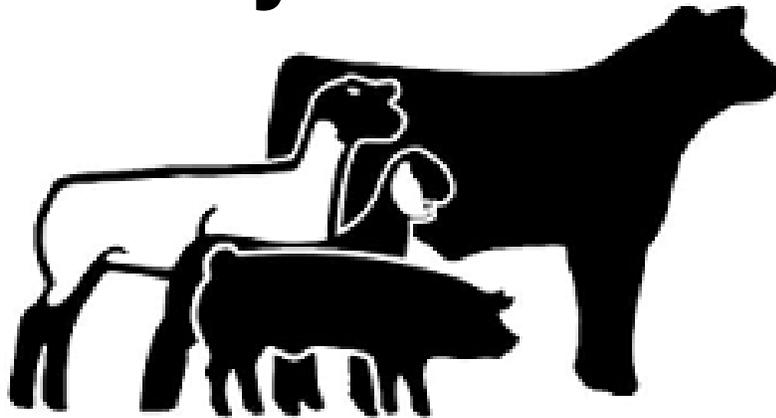
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WARREN COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Registration
8 AM

Contest
9 AM



Saturday, May 28, 2022
Warren County Fairgrounds
Roseville, IL



Junior Division, Ages 8-13 as of January 1 | Senior Division, Ages 14-18 as of January 1

Team and Individual Awards Presented to Overall and Species Winners

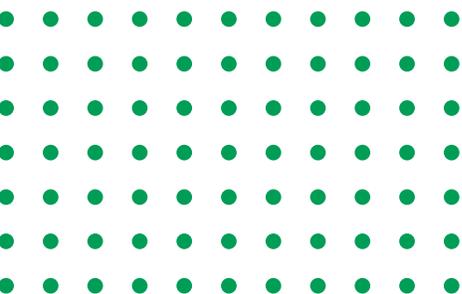
\$3/person | Checks payable to "University of Illinois Extension"

Contact Shelby Carlson, 4-H Youth Development Educator at srcarls2@illinois.edu or

(309)734-5161, or Lynn Shimmin at (309)224-1469 with questions

Advanced registration requested by emailing Shelby at srcarls2@illinois

Lunch Available for Purchase
from Happy Hustler's 4-H Club



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Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

We would like to spotlight a blog post written by Rock Island 4-H member Bailey Callahan for the state 4-H blog. Bailey is a member of the Magical Muggles and wrote this post about a local horse bowl/hippology group.

Please take a second to read her post here:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/blogs/our-illinois-4-h-story/2022-03-29-love-horses-dont-have-horse?fbclid=IwAR0Q2dkfvTOvRKtd1f19-GqpbmYtBqQRqfJr6uA0dG9b2cff0vK2FssfI08>

Great job, Bailey!



Jennifer, Teresa, Tracy, & McCala

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