



APRIL 2021

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

- April 1 - Henry Project Changes
- April 17 - Mercer Public Presentations
- May 1 - Mercer/RI/Stark Project Changes
- May 1 - Horse Papers
- May 14 - Henry Fair Entries
- June 1 - Mercer/RI Fair Entries
- June 28 - Stark Fair Entries

Events:

- April 18 - Stark Archery
- April 24 - WIU livestock judging
- April 24- Fishing SPIN
- May 3 - Henry Archery
- May 6 - RI Pork Chop Dinner
- June 11 - Mercer BBQ



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Congratulations!

Congratulations to the winners of the Stark County shooting sports Rifle competition.

- Senior Division:**
- 1st - Tanner Price
 - 2nd - December Tracy
 - 3rd - Hyatt Longabaugh

- Junior Division:**
- 1st - Raidyn Allison
 - 2nd - Luke Bedford

- Air Rifle:**
- 1st - Austin Haga



Congratulations to the winners of the Pistol competition.

- Senior Division:**
- 1st - Coy McKibbon
 - 2nd - December Tracy
 - 3rd - Alex Welch

- Junior Division:**
- 1st - Raidyn Allison
 - 2nd - Luke Bedford

- Junior Air Pistol:**
- 1st - Jalynn Conlin

Fair Entry

The fair entry website will be open to all by Monday, April 5. The site is: Fairentry.com. Click on "Find Your Fair" at the top, then search by state/county. You need to use your 4-H Online email & password to sign-in. If you don't remember your email, contact Extension. Passwords must be reset in 4-H Online.

Contact Us

The Galva Office is now open every Monday. Viola every Tuesday & Wednesday. Milan Monday-Thursday. You can call the office or:

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- McCala - (217) 300-8321
- Teresa - (217) 300-9260
- Jennifer - (217) 300-7348



NEWS & notes

News & Notes

Rural Go-Getters Submitted by Hannah Close

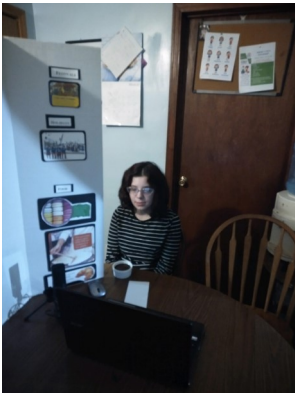
3/17/21 - We had our regular meeting. We voted to donate money for a fair trophy. We had our refreshments served by Morgan. We ended our meeting with an Easter craft and treats.

Magical Muggles Report Submitted by Megan Gray

On March 15, 2021, we had our monthly 4-H meeting. During the meeting, we talked about fair entries and classes that you can join. For our activity, we wrote down instructions for everyone to do. We then had to guess what the person was trying to have us do. This taught us how to program and how you must make sure you have every step, so the program won't do something you don't want it to do. We then went on to Scratch and made a short program in ten minutes.

4-H in the City Report Submitted by Carter Tharp

Our club met on March 9th and March 23rd. We talked about an electricity class. Mr. Herrick will be teaching us on April 17th. We also talked about Illini Summer Academies. We also discussed fair this year. We made spring wreaths out of egg cartons. That was fun. Emily presented her project on France and we made a stained glass art project.



LET'S GO FISHING



The Mercer County fishing club is back this spring. Join to try catching fish at various ponds in the greater Mercer County area.

The first meeting is **April 24** at Aledo Central Park at 9 a.m.

The rest of the club will take place at different ponds on May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 9-11 a.m.

Cost to participate is \$10 and you must bring some of your own supplies, including a rod and reel in working condition.

Register at go.illinois.edu/FishingClub

Questions can be directed to Tracy Pestle at (309) 582-5106 or fowlerpe@illinois.edu

Upcoming Archery Dates

Henry County

Meets at the Cambridge Youth Center

Start Date: Monday, May 3

--Runs every Monday through June 14, skipping Memorial Day.

--Sessions at 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30.

Stark County

Meets at the Stark County Fairgrounds in Wyoming

Start Date: Sunday, April 18

--Runs every Sunday through June 13 with Mother's Day and Graduation optional.

--Sessions at 3, 4 & 5 p.m.

Questions? - Contact Jennifer Peterson



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Mercer County Club Notes

Sherrard Club Report Submitted by Catherine Young

Claire's favorite animal is a dog, Catherine's is a sea turtle, Max's is a lion, Dominic's is a dolphin, Kinsley's is a horse, Amelia's is a panda, Miriam's is an owl, Rylie's is a dog, Gianna's is a goat, Ty's is a cat, Sydney's is a horse, Cole's is a wolf and Madelyn's is a dog.

Today's meeting, Saturday March fifteenth, was talking about and planning what our projects for the fair will be. With lots of different interests around the room, we discussed many different options! We worked on cards to say thank you to all the farmers for all that they do, and enjoyed the beautiful spring weather together. We planned for our next group project, which will be stomp bottle rockets.

Hamlet Handy Helpers Submitted by Megan Gray

The Hamlet Handy Helpers 4-H Club held a meeting on March 14, 2021. President Matthew Gray called the meeting to order. Pledges were given and roll call was taken. The Secretary and Treasurer's report was given and approved. The club was informed that the Soup and BBQ for the County will be able to take place in April. The Federation will be in charge, and it will be a drive thru. Our club voted to make a donation to the Mercer County Food Pantry. The next date to order fair books will be



April 19th. Our club received the dates for when we will be advertised in the Times Record. Also, a donation to sponsor fair trophies was moved and approved. A reminder was given

to all members to make sure they are reading the monthly newsletter. The meeting was adjourned. After the meeting, members made spring cards as a community service project to send to senior citizens to help brighten their day.

Kimel 4-H Club Report by Kate Jungmann & Reiley Burns

The Kimel 4-H Club met on March 14, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by President Jack Jungmann. After the pledges and reports were completed, Jack reminded the club that projects can be added or changed until May 1. Two scholarships are due in March - the Patti Higgins on the 15th and the Mercer County Memorial on the 22nd. Public speaking submissions are due April 19, and dog obedience classes start April 5. Mercer Market will be home to a Pork Chop sale on April 17. Horse papers are due May 1, and fair entries are due June 1. The 4-H BBQ is June 11. The fair is July 12-16, and horses show on the 18. The State Fair is August 13. There were 6 talks/demos on March 14 featuring yeast, rabbits, electric trains and more. The next meeting is April 11.

Peppy Partners Report

We began our meeting with pledges and roll call. The secretary minutes and treasurer reports were read and approved. Old business was the discussion of the 2019 premium checks. They all received them and been cashed. We discussed election of officers and decided to keep the same officers as last year with the exception of Clayton doing roll call and parliamentarian. One of the leaders will be reporter. The donation for use of the church basement for our meetings was sent. It was reported that they are planning to have the Mercer County Fair. Our show date is planned for July 12, but there may be changes in how it is done. Fair books will be ready by the end of March and you can enter your fair entries starting April 1st until June 2nd. We discussed having club shirts made. It was agreed to check on a couple places of interest and discuss it at our next meeting. We talked about the workshops coming up encouraging everyone to consider looking into them. Amelia gave her special on her drawings for the fairbook and promised to bring her drawing to the next meeting. The next meeting is planned for March 20.



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Henry & Stark Club Notes

Stark County Update

Submitted by Katelynn Allen & Izzee Mayer

The Stark County 4-H Federation and 4-H Century Clovers met March 21st.

Bradford's Court Yard Estates were very pleased to receive all the cards that were made for the residents and they want to continue it. 4-H members filled 1500 Easter eggs for the Toulon Lions Club. Vicki, Kaylee, and Logan Goerks made St. Patricks Day cards and placemats for the Veterans Home in LaSalle. Vicki and Marjie donated puzzles, movies, and candy to the Veterans Home. Federation members are going to help Jennifer set up chairs and help with outdoor planning for the Awards Program once the date is set. The club is considering a clean up day for the Wy-Hi Community Center as a service project.



The Atkinson Boosters held a canned food drive in March. The donations will be given to the Geneseo food pantry.

Stark County Club Notes

Submitted by Logan Goerks

On February 21 the Stark County 4H century Clovers had their first meeting since October. A late Valentine's Day was celebrated. Socially distanced games were played including making paper airplanes and seeing which one flew the farthest. Sophie Finnegan took 1st place and Cole Kinsella took second place. Treats were also served.



Congratulations to Levi Nusz for 1st place, Jacob Nusz for 2nd place, and Alex Welch for 10th place in the Compound Category at the State Archery Shoot. Also, Congratulations to December Tracy for 2nd place in the Recurve Category at the State Archery Shoot. Thank you to everyone who donated items to the Food Pantry and the Animal Shelter. We were able to donate 32 lbs of food to the pantry. It is greatly appreciated! The March meeting was held on the 21st at the Orwig's Auction and Event Center. A letter was read from the LaSalle Veterans Home to say thank you for the 100 decorated St. Patrick's Day placemats that were sent. St. Patrick's Day cards were also made and donated to Galva and Bradford Courtyard Estates and the Toulon nursing home. In addition puzzles, vhs movies, dvds, and candy bags were also donated. In celebration of our spring meeting Easter egg hunts were done both for Cloverbuds, and for older kids. 4-Hers checked projects that they signed up for to make sure they were correct and everyone was reminded to fill out paper order forms to order project manuals. Contact Marjie if you need to still order. A total of 27 pounds were collected for the Food Pantry. Items were also collected for the animal shelter. A demonstration was given on administering medication to cattle by Kylie Gillespie, Hailey Peterson and Makenzie Tilch. 3:30 on Sunday April 11th will be the next meeting with Federation at 3:00 PM and will be held at Orwig's Auction and Event Center.





A Note About Fairs

We are excited to be in person this year for the county fairs! As we plan, we want to make sure that everyone is aware of the rules 4-H will need to follow to allow us to be together. These rules will apply only to the 4-H shows. The county shows have their own set of guidelines. During all 4-H shows (inside or outside):

- Masks must be worn by all members, volunteers and spectators.
- Social distancing practices should be followed according to health department guidelines.
- Building capacities will be based on current state guidelines. We ask that you limit the number of people attending the shows to immediate family.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all show areas.
- We will not be requiring general projects to stay on the grounds. A schedule for general projects will be released closer to the fairs. For this year only, we encourage all general project participants to consider entering their projects in the county open show after they are judged for 4-H.

Public Speaking Contest

The Mercer Public Speaking Contest will be done via video submission this year. Videos are due by **April 17** to this link: go.illinois.edu/mercerfairvideo. Contact Tracy with questions.

Mercer County Fundraisers

Mercer Federation Spaghetti Dinner

When: Sunday, April 25 | 11-1 p.m.

Where: Aledo American Legion Post 121

What: Spaghetti Dinner Drive-thru Fundraiser

Meal: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Dessert

Proceeds: Free-will donations will be accepted to benefit the Mercer County American Legion’s Veteran’s Memorial Marker Project.

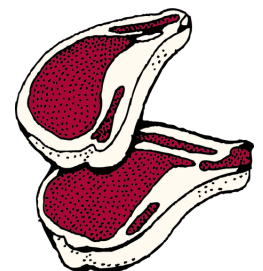
*Drive up or call ahead - (309) 373-3636 or (309) 372-6258 to place your order.

Mercer 4-H Foundation BBQ

The Mercer County 4-H Foundation will hold its annual BBQ on Friday, June 11. This year will be drive-thru only. Meals can be ordered in advance or on the day and will be available for pick-up from 4:30-6:30 p.m. There will be no Farm in the Park.

Rock Island 4-H Foundation Pork Chop Dinner

The Rock Island County 4-H Foundation will hold a drive-thru pork chop dinner on **Thursday, May 6**. Meals will be available to pick up at the Milan Extension Office from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Look for more information soon about how to order meals in advance.



Henry County Food Stand

The Henry County 4-H Foundation food stand is not requiring clubs/youth to work a shift this year. We have to limit the number of

people in the stand and follow extra health safety protocols making it hard to have young kids work. Instead, we are looking for adult volunteers willing to work a couple hours. The stand will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday. If you are willing to donate time, contact Jennifer or Teresa.



NEWS & notes

Livestock Edition

WIU Livestock Judging Contest

When: Saturday, April 24
Where: 4-H Center, 3028 W. Jackson St., Macomb
Time: Registration @ 8 a.m., Contest @ 9 a.m.
Who: Contest is open to 4-H members only
 Junior Division = Under 14 as of 1/1/21
 Senior Division = 14 + as of 1/1/21
Register: <https://go.illinois.edu/WIU>
 Register by April 21 for fast check-in
Cost: \$5 per contestant or \$20 per team of 4
Questions: Contact Beth Chatterton - chattert@illinois.edu or (309) 837-3939

Dog Obedience Classes



Mercer County

When: First class is **Monday, April 5**
Where: Mercer County Fairgrounds
Time: 6:30 p.m.
 Classes run every week until the fair.
 For more information, contact Lorraine Kinsey at 596-2542.

Henry County

When: Classes currently meeting every Wednesday
Where: Henry County Fairgrounds
Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Classes run every Wednesday until the fair.

Rock Island County

When: First Class is **Tuesday, April 6**
Where: Rock Island County Fairgrounds
Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Classes run every Tuesday & Thursday until the fair

*At least 6 classes of dog obedience are required to exhibit in the dog obedience show in any county.



Premiere Animals:

Barrows

- *Farrowed on or after February 10, 2021
- *Weighed & Tattooed by April 15, 2021
- *Tattooed within 35 days of birth
- *Must not weigh more than 1 lb/day of age

Wethers & Ewe Lambs:

- *Weighed & Tattooed between March 15 & May 15, 2021
- *Lambled on or after January 1, 2021

--Contact Jennifer if you wish to tattoo pigs or sheep for the Premiere shows.

Note to ALL State Fair sheep & goat exhibitors:

The nomination process will be the same as last year. You will self-nominate and include a picture of the Scrapie tag in the animal's ear. Forms are available from the Extension office and due May 15, 2021.



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is still the **required yearly ethics training for members enrolled in beef, goats, sheep & swine.**

The training is available online at yqca.org. It is \$12 to take it online and there are Junior (8-11), Intermediate (12-14) & Senior (15-18) levels. To test out of an age division, you must be in the beginning year of the level - either 8, 12 or 15.

Quality Assurance and Ethics (QAEC) is required **ONCE** in a 4-H career for members enrolled in dogs, cats, small pets, horses, rabbits and poultry. It is free and can be found at: Web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec



Reminder: Horse lease/ownership/registration papers are due to the Extension Office by **May 1**. The papers must include color photos of both sides of the animal. Be sure to submit papers for any horse you *might* exhibit.

Other Important Dates

State Livestock Judging Contest - June 4 @ the Stock Pavilion in Urbana

State Dog Show - August 28 @ Granny Rose in Dixon



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Around the State

ILLINOIS RIVER WATCH NETWORK NATIONAL GREAT RIVERS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER

With one paid adult, two 4-H youth may attend one of 14 different statewide workshops free of charge. During this 6-8 hour training, volunteers are taught to identify over 30 different organisms using a stereoscope. During the field training session, participants visit a local stream, where the Trainer demonstrates proper monitoring techniques and explains how to complete the data sheets. Additional information about RiverWatch is available at: <http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/>.



To the first 20 adult volunteer 4-H leaders that respond.....start up a new 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club and I'll mail you a kit of supplies that will allow you to complete all six of the fun activity lessons in this new curriculum! Each kit will supply up to ten 4-H youth with the learning supplies they need.

Want to look at the curriculum first? Find it on the Illinois 4-H Project page website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/nature-fishing-and-wildlife>

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu to submit a request!



The next shooting sports leader certification training is scheduled for **Saturday, June 5, 2021** at the 4-H Memorial Camp in

Monticello. Registration details will be coming soon. If you are interested in becoming a certified instructor in any discipline (Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Pistol and/or Hunting & Outdoor Skills), please contact Jennifer at jpetersn@illinois.edu.



National 4-H Day of Service

Inviting 4-H members and clubs to be part of the 2021 True Leaders in Service: National 4-H Day of Service event on April 24th as they support the people around them and the communities they live in! Use the link below to find out about two opportunities to join statewide efforts to advocate for others, making a difference in your community!

Registration is open:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183>

ILLINOIS 4-H



VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

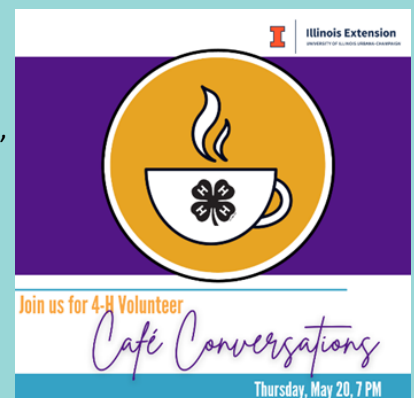
Join this training on the Illinois 4-H Cloverbud program to learn how to support 4-H learning experiences for youth in the 5-7 year age group. Cloverbuds is an exciting entry point to 4-H for youth you don't want to miss! Use this link to find out more about this training and to register:

Registration is open:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23352>

The next 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation is scheduled for Thursday, May 20 at 7 p.m.

Use the link below to register now.



<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

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Monday – Wednesday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.



Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

We are coming in to the season of deadlines. Be sure you get fair entries and paperwork for state fair done in advance. It is a big help to us when we have information early. Here are the big deadlines again:

May 1 - Horse Papers

May 14 - Henry County Fair Entries

May 15 - Sheep/Goat State Fair Nominations

June 1 - Mercer & Rock Island Fair Entries

June 1 - State Horse Show Entries

June 28 - Stark Fair Entries

July 1 - Livestock Fair Entries

August 1 - Dog Obedience State Entries

If you have any questions about any of the deadlines, please contact any of us. We want this summer to be stress-free and a celebration of being back together.

*Jennifer, Teresa,
Tracy, & McCala*



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