



MAY 2023

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

- May 1-Horse Papers due
- May 15 - State Fair Sheep/Goat Nominations
- May 19-Henry Fair Entries
- June 1 - RI & Mercer Fair Entries
- June 1 - State Horse Entries
- June 30 - Stark Fair Entries
- July 1 - State Livestock Entries

Events:

- June 17-25 - Henry County Fair
- June 20 - State Livestock Judging
- July 10-15 - Mercer County Fair
- July 15-23 - RI County Fair
- Aug. 13 - State General Projects

GREAT JOB!



Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Northwest Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology Contest and a huge THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to help us host the contest. Teams and individuals from our counties did very well and many went on to compete at the State Contest held on April 22/23 in Champaign— including the Rock Island/Henry junior team, and the Mercer junior team in its first year competing.



Important Information

It is time for fair entries. All projects will continue to be entered via fairentry.com, but the log-in process is a bit different this year:

- Visit fairentry.com and click on 'Find Your Fair' at the top
- Search county name and Illinois
- Click on the fair when it pops up
- Click on 'Create a FairEntry Account'
- Create a family account and add exhibitors

Once you add exhibitors, the process to enter projects is the same as previous years.

Remember not to hit submit until you've entered for everyone in the family. If you do you, it will lock you out until we approve what was submitted. Contact us if you need us to approve ASAP.

Staff Updates

We are excited to welcome Kristen VanDeVelde as the new Henry/Stark 4-H Program Coordinator. She starts in this position May 1 and can be reached at (309) 932-3447 or kristenv@illinois.edu.

Teresa Kirwan will be resuming full time Ag in the Classroom duties in Mercer County. We want to say a big thank you to her for all her help with Henry County 4-H over the last few years.

We also want to officially welcome Paula West and Teresa Frakes as the office support assistants in Galva and Viola. Teresa transitioned from extra help in December and Paula joined us in January. They are both great assets to Extension.

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Club News and Notes



Alexis All Stars 4-H Submitted by Jayne Johnson

Alexis All Stars 4-H met on Sunday April 16th at Community Center in Alexis at 6:00pm Meeting called to order by V Pres Peyton Martin. Pledges led by Rachel Shike. Present 17 members, 2 leaders, 12 parents. Secretary and Treasurer report was given. Old Business went over Livestock Ethics Training QAEC & YQCA. Reminders was handed out. Temperance talked about the Spaghetti Dinner she helped with over in Aledo. Jayne talked about the Spring Dance that is scheduled for April 21st, we did table decorations last meeting for it.

New business - handed out fairbooks and need to be registered by June 1st. State Fair needs to be done by July 1st. Next meeting May 7th anyone that hasn't given a talk needs to Talks : Sawyer Jaminet on paint on wood; Clay Olson on his Farm truck and wagon (Visual Arts project) he made; Bella Jaminet a painting on Canvas. Lily Grobosky on taking care of her 7 pigs; Porter Burns Going fishing; Blair Burns on her items she uses to groom her Horse.

Meeting was adjourned We worked on tying blankets and did cards for our pen pals. Refreshments by Grobosky and Johnson.

Kimel Club Report Submitted by Reiley Burns

The Kimel 4-H club met on April 16, 2023. After the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, the old business of used manuals, Dog Obedience Club, and Mercer Market Pork Chop sales on April 9th were reviewed. For new business, the club went over the YQCA and QAEC ethics training programs, the annual 4-H barbecue on June 9th, the Mercer County Fair from July 10-14, and the deadline for State Fair livestock entries. As usual, April brought many talks and demonstrations (10, in this case), including Griffin Burns on chicken breeds, Logan Campbell on ear-notching pigs, and Ella Hays on her baby Nigerian dwarf goat. After all of this, the club took a photo, and with such a large turnout, it was very difficult to get everyone in the picture! The meeting was then adjourned.

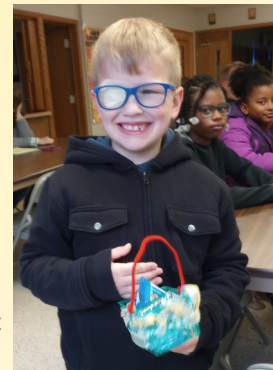


Buccaneers Report Submitted by Bethany Prialux

On April 16, 2023, the Buccaneers 4-H club held their monthly meeting in Port Byron, IL. Old business included voting on whether the club should do an outdoor or indoor movie night for their May meeting. Indoor movie won, 10-9. 4-H fair books and entries were



discussed. Colton Heim gave a demonstration about how to make a pocket hole for wood crafting. Hannah Pialux gave a demonstration about her bug-drawing for visual arts. During the meeting the Cloverbuds made their own May baskets with ribbon, craft baskets and pipe cleaners, and added some sweet treats inside.



Annawan All Stars Report Submitted by Ella Anderson

We had another great month! Our meeting was hosted on April 16. We had an amazing talk completed by Cole Dynes about his project. This month we also recognized our new Annawan All-Star, Ava Hakes. We can not wait to see all of the great things she does in 4-H! We also recognized our senior members, Coy Mckibbon and Makayla Park. We are lucky to have gotten to watch all of their successes throughout their 4-H careers. We can not wait to see all of the great things they do!



Club News and Notes



READY FOR THE
ULTIMATE COOL
SUMMER CAMP?



Make new
friends &
lasting
memories!

Registration is open for
4-H Leadership Camp
July 6-8!

Illinois 4-H Leadership Camp is an opportunity for 9th-12th graders to participate in a variety of activities designed to help them understand the fundamentals of leadership, practice effective communication, work as a team, and become self-confident and motivated individuals. And it's all happening July 6-8!

PLUS youth will experience everything they love about camp like swimming, hiking, campfires and more at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello!
Register by 6/1 when you head to go.illinois.edu/4HTeenCamp



Explore 4-H: Child Development

May 11 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Illinois
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<https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/20244>

This online opportunity to learn from professionals working in Child Development is open to 4-Hers in grades 3 and up. Deadline to register is **May 8**. The class will be taught by Jill Tompkins and Sarah Isaacs of the Illinois Early Intervention Clearinghouse at the University of Illinois.

Magical Muggles Report Submitted by William B.

Magical Muggles met Monday, April 17, 2023. The meeting was called to order and the pledges were said and the March meeting report was read. The Pork Chop Dinner is Thursday April 27 and you can sign up to volunteer or make dessert and drop it off or do both and show up and eat. It will be at the Milan University of Illinois Extension office. Our project for the evening was an egg drop contest. You had to use different materials to protect the egg. Everybody had to drop their egg from a ladder and hope it did not break. Several eggs did not survive, The Ladder Drop. Our next meeting will be Monday, May 15, 2023.



Project Manual Orders

Project manuals are required for a number of general projects. If you do need a manual, you can:

- Order from Illinois' online store @ <https://shop4-h.org/collections/illinois-virtual-pop-up-shop>
- Contact the Extension Office to see if we have a copy on file. (Do not wait until 2 days before fair to contact us because we do not have all manuals in the office)
- Crops exhibitors: This project requires a crop record. There are 4-H records available, but you can also use an FFA record. Read the exhibit requirements for full

Phyllis Nelson Memorial Scholarship

The Mercer County Youth Livestock Auction Committee will be awarding the 2023 Phyllis Nelson Memorial Livestock Scholarship. Scholarships in the amount of \$250 will be awarded to a high school senior or freshman in college. The applicant must be a current Mercer County 4-H member and must be a current livestock exhibitor. To request an application email klaleman13@gmail.com





MORE NEWS & notes

State Fair Date

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island and Stark members who are selected to show general projects at State Fair will show on

Sunday, August 13

Ready to try a social media career on for size? 🌱

🌱 Applications are open for the NEW Illinois 4-H Influencers team!

Applications are open now for a NEW team of Illinois 4-H Influencers.

Members of this team will get training in social media management and hands-on experience that can be included in portfolios for your future.

Apply at: go.illinois.edu/IL4HInfluencers.



Ready to challenge yourself and then prove it to your 4-H Leader or another trusted adult? You could teach them a thing or two! Learn these skill levels and compete for some great prizes that will help you enjoy the outdoors!

For full information visit:

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

4-H Hooks



Get your rods and reels ready! The 2023 **4-H Hooks-Us-Together Statewide Fishing Tournament** will run from April 1 – June, 30 2023.

Each month will feature a different species of fish:

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Participants will take pictures of their catch clearly showing the length in inches and submit to be entered to win prizes. You must be enrolled in the Sportfishing project in ZSuite to be eligible to win.

Stark County members enrolled in the Fishing SPIN club are automatically enrolled in Sportfishing.

All pictures should be submitted to this website:

<https://go.illinois.edu/fish4H>

Henry County Fair Dates

The Henry County Fair Dates moved back to the 3rd Week of June. The final show schedule is still being determined, but here are some important dates:

General Projects—Saturday, June 17

Livestock Auction—Thursday, June 22

Project Check-out—Sunday, June 25, 3-4 p.m.

- Note that the checkout time is different than what is listed in the fair book. It was moved because the fair will be charging admission until 3.

4-H Camp Registration



Spring Family Camp will be back again May 19-21. Bring the whole family to enjoy a weekend of camp fun.

Planned activities include:

Swimming, Boating, Fishing, Arts & Crafts, Zip Lining, Rock Climbing, STEM Activities, and more!

Fees: Cabin Rental—\$215; each cabin has 10 beds

Participant Fee—\$84/person for 8+; \$56 for 4-7 year olds

Registration and Information here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/event/4-h-memorial-camp/4-h-family-camp>

Intermediate 4-H Rifle Clinic

On Saturday, June 17 the River Valley Sharpshooters 4-H Rifle Club will offer a intermediate rifle coaching clinic. This will be held at the River Valley Club in Kankakee, IL from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Tina Odle at (815) 450-7162 or 200target@gmail.com for details.



Sing the National Anthem at State Fair! We'd love to hear your voice on the stage representing Illinois 4-H this August. To be considered, please submit your information and a 30 - 60 second singing audition clip using this link: <https://go.illinois.edu/StateFairAnthem> Please submit by June 15, 2023 and a panel of judges

will make a final decision on the winner the following week. Event Details: Need to be available the morning of August 11th, 2023 with transportation to the State Fair Grounds in Springfield. Specific timing details to follow. Must be a 4-H member to audition.



NEWS & notes

Livestock Info

State Fair Sheep/Goats

Anyone planning to exhibit sheep and/or goats at the State Fair must submit a nomination form by **May 15**. Forms were emailed earlier in April. Contact your local office if you need them sent again. All forms must be accompanied by pictures of each animals' ear showing the affixed Scrapie tag. Forms must be signed by a 4-H Extension staff member.



Other Dates to Note:

State Livestock Judging—June 20, 2023 @ U of I Stock Pavillion
State Horse Show—July 23 –29 in Springfield

Goat SPIN Club

When: Sundays - May 7, May 21, June 4, June 18, July 2 and July 16

Where: Rock Island County Fairgrounds
4200 Archer Drive,
East Moline

Time: 2:00-3:00 pm

Learn:

- *How to evaluate and select goats
- *How to feed and manage goats
- *How to fit and show goats



During these sessions, you will work with live animals, learn how to lead goats and set them up to be judged.

Goats will be provided for you to lease or you can bring your own goat. The number of goats available to lease is limited and will be supplied on a first come, first served basis. Sign up early!

Registration is open now and will close on **May 1**:
[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4-HGOATSPINCLUB](https://go.illinois.edu/4-HGOATSPINCLUB)

Livestock Ethics Trainings

The animal ethics trainings are **required**. There are two different trainings. Please follow the rules for the one that fits the type of animal you show. If you plan to show animals in both categories, you are required to complete both trainings.

QAEC - for cats, dogs, horses, poultry & rabbits.

This training is only required ONCE per 4-H career. It is free and can be accessed here:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

YQCA - for cattle, goats, sheep & swine

This training is required once per YEAR. It is \$12 to complete online at yqcaprogram.org. Remember that this is a new website as of last spring.

State Fair Entry Deadlines

Horses—State Fair entry forms due to state fair office by **June 1**.

State Fair entry forms must include a copy of the ownership/lease/registration papers and pictures. You can find entry forms at:

<https://statefair.illinois.gov/competitions/premium-books.html>

Livestock—Entries due to the state fair office by **July 1**. Office will not accept late entries. You can find class listing and entry forms at the link above.

Reminder: All admission tickets and parking passes for livestock exhibitors must be purchased through the section on the state fair entry form.

State Fair Market Animals

Here is a checklist of forms to have with you when you check-in your market animals at the State Fair. The things superintendents require to be checked can vary from species to species, but it is a good idea to have:

1. Copy of your nomination form from beef weigh-in, premiere swine tattooing or sheep/goat self-nomination form. If you do not have a copy, please contact the Extension Office.
2. Copy of YQCA certificate
3. Copy of Health Paper/CVI if required

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Galva Office Hours

Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday

8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.

Viola Office Hours

Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday

8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.

Milan Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.



Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

As we approach fair time, please be paying attention to fair entry deadlines. All fair books except for Stark County have been distributed. Please read the requirements for your project areas carefully. Check for required pages from the manual, required records, or other paperwork that needs to accompany your project. It will impact your State Fair eligibility if you don't bring all the required components to general project judging.

If you have questions about where projects fit or have trouble getting through the fair entry website, please let us know.

To all the seniors graduating this month: We wish you all the best as you move into the next phase of your life. It has been wonderful watching you grow through 4-H and we appreciate the leadership you've provided to your clubs and younger 4-H members.

We also want to wish all the 4-H moms a very Happy Mother's Day!

Jennifer, McCala, Tracy, Teresa—and Kristen.



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