



## JULY 2023

# Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

### Deadlines:

- July 1 - State Livestock Entries
- August 1 - State Dog Entries
- August 1 - SF General Entries
- August 1 - National Congress Applications

### Events:

- July 10-16 - Mercer County Fair
- July 15-23 - RI County Fair
- July 28-31 - Stark County Fair
- Aug. 13 - State General Projects
- Aug. 26 - State Dog Show



The Henry/Stark livestock judging teams had an amazing State Livestock Judging Contest on Tuesday, June 20 in Champaign. The Henry/Stark Red team was the top senior team. They not only placed 1st overall, but also won the beef and sheep/goat divisions. The team consisted of Kashen Ellerbrock, Sam Nightingale, Kylie Gillespie and Slone Windish. The Henry/Stark White Team placed 3rd overall in the senior division with members Avery Knupp, Nolan Orwig, Cole Kinsella, Brayden Hardin and Chet Gillespie. They also won the beef division.

Members also did well individually. Slone Windish was the top of the swine division. Cole Kinsella was 2nd in beef. Kashen Ellerbrock was the top individual in the reasons division and 6th overall. Both teams will be invited to compete at national contests this fall.



### Important Information

A few notes about State Fair:

- If you are selected for state fair general projects, please let us know at your county project check-out if you plan to attend. Our day is **Sunday, August 13.**
- **Since our day is Sunday, admission passes are not cheaper to order from us. It is \$5 no matter what. Due to this, we are not selling tickets this year.** We will have drop off passes for those who need them.
- You will receive a packet in the mail with an exhibit tag. This tag **must** accompany your project.
- State Fair livestock entries are due **July 1.** They do not accept late entries. If you still need papers signed, contact us asap.

### Congrats!

Members of the Stark County Shooting Sports Club had their archery exhibition and went on to compete at the Summer Sizzle in Chillicothe in early June.

Congratulations:

#### Senior Division:

- 1st—Riggins Shafer
- 2nd—Lauren Best
- 3rd—December Tracy

#### Junior Division:

- 1st—Julia Kronner
- 2nd—Alex King
- 3rd—David Horsley

#### Summer Sizzle:

- Riggins Shafer—1st in Inter. Compound
- CJ Richards—2nd in Senior Sighted Compound
- Isley Shafer—1st in Junior Non-Sighted
- David Horsley—4th in Junior Non-Sighted
- Johnathan Horsley—6th in Junior Non-Sighted



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# Club News and Notes

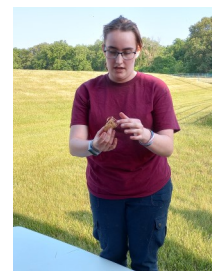
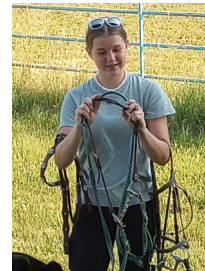


## Hamlet Handy Helpers Submitted by Mason Gray

The Hamlet Handy Helpers 4-H Club held a meeting on June 11 at 5:00pm at the Hamlet Hall. President, Megan Gray, called the meeting to order, and the secretary and treasurer's report were read and approved. Discussions took place on how to publicly announce our club's centennial celebration. The extension office is having a cake celebration on July 12 at 1:00 pm. Our club gave a report on the County BBQ from last Friday. Thanks to our members who donated food and their time to this event. Good luck to all our members who are preparing and showing at the fair. Many talks/demonstrations were given: Addison Monson - 12 duck facts, Caidel Monson - goats eating preferences, Mason Gray - preparing sheep for fairs, Megan Gray - vaccinations in sheep, Zach Icenogle - family heritage, and Ryley Zippe - safety with a PTO. The meeting was adjourned.

## Buccaneers Report Submitted by Bethany Prialux

On June 7th, at 6pm at the Rock Island County fairgrounds, the Buccaneers 4-H Club held their monthly meeting. Old business included mentioning the movie night on June 11th and information about decorating the fair booth. New business included dates for the club dinner, information about club T-shirts, and who would watch the Exhibit hall. Bethany Prialux gave a talk about sugar content in sweet drinks. Olivia Heck showed the members moth cocoons and told them how moths made them. Samantha Fender showed the parts of a saddle and bridle and their names. Adde Snowden showed the members the different kinds of horse head stalls. The meeting was adjourned and ended with snacks and practice for horse project members.



## Attention Rock Island Members:

Do you have project manuals you are no longer using, but are still in good shape? Bring them to the fair to be recycled! There will be a drop box in the Copeland Building during the fair for you to drop off all your old manuals. We'll go through them and recycle any that are outdated. The rest we will keep in the office for others to use in the future.



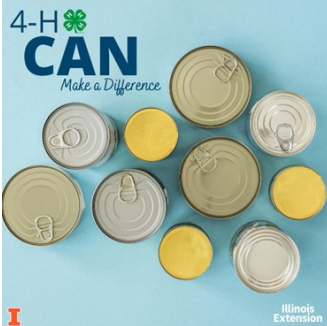
If this will be your first time showing at the State Fair, find answers to all your questions in the First-time Fairgoer brochure. It can be downloaded in English or Spanish from here: <https://uofi.app.box.com/s/woy39js-wx57okl2uc2a2iz1rnedix6jh>







# MORE NEWS & notes



The 4-H Can Make a Difference Food Drive is back at the Illinois State Fair. This year we will be collecting food by weight to see which county brings in the most items. The top three counties in the state will receive a prize, which can be distributed at the local office discretion. The Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Booth, located on the South side

of the Orr Building will be collecting the donations. They are collecting on the General Project show days (August 11-13). Canned goods and other non-perishable food items are acceptable.



## STATE SHOOTS

Members age 12 + (as of Sept. 1, 2023) and enrolled in an active shooting sports club are eligible to compete in the state shoots. All disciplines will have their own shoots this fall.

### Archery:

Saturday, September 16  
Pekin Archers Club in Pekin, IL  
Fee: \$20

### Shotgun:

Saturday, September 23  
Brittany Shooting Park in Bunker Hill, IL  
Fee: \$20—Covered by Illinois Ducks Unlimited

### Rifle:

Saturday, October 7  
Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL  
Fee: \$20

For more info:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/state-shoots>



## Crop Scouting Competition

Crop scouting is an important skill for anyone dealing with commercial crops that can lead to higher yields and increased profit per acre. This year's competition will be held on **August 1** at the U of I South Farm Fields in Champaign. Teams should consist of 2-5 high school aged youth with an adult coach. There will be 10 outdoor stations with topics such as identifying weeds, insects, diseases, plant growth stages and integrated pest management. For details, and to register, visit: [go.illinois.edu/CropScouting](http://go.illinois.edu/CropScouting).



National 4-H Congress will be held November 24-28, 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia. National 4-H Congress is a world class event that is diverse, authentic, and challenge oriented. The workshops will be laser focused on the 4-H mission, the service-learning experiences promise to be hands-on, the speakers will be engaging and entertaining, and there will plenty of opportunities for networking and recreational activities. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity!

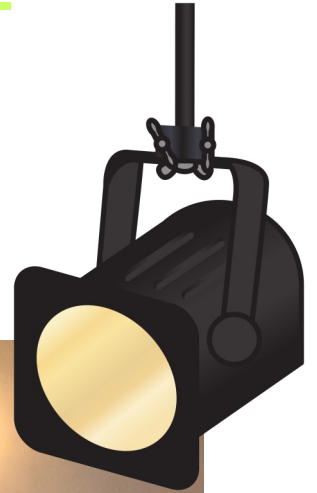
This is open to teens ages 14-18 (as of January 1, 2023). To apply follow these steps:

1. Complete the National Congress Application by **August 1**. Application found on ZSuite.
2. **10** applicants will be selected.
3. Total cost is \$2,000, but the Illinois 4-H Foundation will pay \$1,500 for each of the 10 delegates.
4. If you have questions about the event or the application, please reach out to Katie Duitsman at [pilcher3@illinois.edu](mailto:pilcher3@illinois.edu)



The State 4-H Office is launching a statewide newsletter starting this September. It will provide bigger highlights of state and national experiences. You will be able to opt-out of this email through ZSuites.

# KIMEL 4-H CLUB SPOTLIGHT



Members of Kimel 4-H Club pictured above:

**Row 1-** Leo Smet: Ethan Robinson; Kade Roeder; David Wheeler; Rian Mayhew; Ella Hays; Joshua Struble

**Row 2-** Meliah Morford; Brylie Fearman; Maddux Mayhew

**Row 3-** Jaelynn Smet.

**Row 4-** Jaxon Kenney; Avery Boss: Haven Dunn; Tylie Fearman; Liberty Abendroth; Logan Campbell; Bryce Campbell; Abigail Struble

**Row 5-** Haddie Fearman; Tatum Dunn; Kylie Kenney; Colt Roeder; Jack Robinson; Sadie Bonynge; Reiley Bruns; Josie Bonynge

**Row 6-** Aubrey Salmon; Silas hays; Lucas Struble; Griffin Bruns; Jack Robinson; Emily Hessman

**Row 7-** Ella bull; Justin Haun; Alysse DeBlock; Jonah Hays; Brady McPeek; Mason Vogt

**Row 8-** Lizzy Wheeler; Gabriella McPeek; Lincoln Bonynge; Ingrid Hays; Kate Jungmann

**Row 9-** Jacob Kenney; Bodie Salmon; Macy DeBlock; Kaitlynn DeBlock; Jack Jungmann; Luke Jungmann

**Not Pictured-** Abby Blaser; Michael Brown; Jenna Brown; Aeryn Haun; Easton Haun; Westin haun; Alexander Augustine; Allison Augustine; Azariah Augustine; Claire Fowler; Kason Loving; Landon McPeak; Landon Frakes; Kyler Roeder; Elsie Bonynge



*The Emerald Year*  
*Team*  
**PUREBRED**  
*Celebrating 20 Years*

# Multi-Species Livestock Judging Contest

*Friday, June 30th*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Junior-Senior Registration

7:30-8:30 am in the Livestock Pavillion

### Novice Registration

9 am in the Livestock Pavillion

*\*\*Novice Division will judge on second round of the contest, group leaders will be provided\*\**

### Judging Contest

9 am in the Livestock Pavillion

## CONTEST BREAKDOWN

### Junior-Senior Division

6 Classes total

2 Classes Swine

2 Classes Cattle

2 Classes Sheep and/or Goats

### Novice Division

3 Classes total

1 Class Swine

1 Class Cattle

1 Class Sheep and/or Goats

## DIVISION BREAKDOWN

### Senior Team or Individual

Age Group: 17-21

*Seniors will give 3 sets of reasons*

### Intermediate Team or Individual

Age Group: 13-16

*Intermediates will give 2 sets of reasons*

### Junior Team or Individual

Age Group: 9-12

*Juniors will answer 2 sets of questions*

### Novice Team or Individual

Age Group: 8 and Under

*Novices will answer 1 set of questions*

*Teams in ALL divisions will consist of either 3 or 4 members with the top 3 scores counting*

**\$25 per Team**

**\$10 per Individual**

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closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.

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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

Thanks to all the superintendents, judges, parents, volunteers and members for a great Henry County Fair! It takes a village to pull of all the livestock and general project shows and we appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation.

We look forward to the Mercer, Rock Island, and Stark fairs. Please pay attention to sign-ups and schedules for set-up days, clean-up days, project check-outs, and building monitoring. Things go faster when there is enough help. If you have questions, please contact your local office.



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