

2025 Stephenson County 4-H Fair Briefing



Hello 4-H Families,

Summer has arrived, and we at the Extension office are busy preparing for another exciting season of 4-H Shows! I hope you're just as eager as I am for this year's events!

Our 4-H building at the Stephenson County Fair will once again be filled with your amazing projects for fairgoers to enjoy. In addition to the project displays, we'll have our Champion board, interactive games, engaging activities, and a silent auction! We're working hard to create a fun, creative, and farm-friendly atmosphere for everyone who visits. We'll be rotating activities daily throughout the fair, so we encourage you to stop by with your family and friends each day you attend!

We do have a small favor to ask: We kindly ask all families to leave their general projects with us after the 4-H Shows so we can display them in the 4-H building throughout the fair. Since General Projects Day happens the week before the fair, keeping them in our building helps us avoid extra handling and ensures your hard work is showcased beautifully for all to see!

This Fair Briefing includes important details to help you get ready for the 4-H Shows—please take a moment to read through it carefully.

Don't forget: Fair entry is where you let us know which projects your child will be bringing to the shows. The deadline to sign up for classes is **Monday, June 9, 2025**. If entries are not submitted by then, we won't be able to include you in the shows. Register here: <http://stephenson4-hfair.fairentry.com>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at **815-235-4125** or by email at js80@illinois.edu. I'd much rather help you ahead of time than see a disappointed 4-H member on show day.

I can't wait to see everyone at the 2025 4-H Shows—good luck, work hard, and most of all, have fun!

~Jen

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2025 Stephenson County 4-H Show Schedule



Wednesday, March 12

6 p.m. Public Presentations Contest - County Extension Office

Saturday, June 28

9 a.m. Dog & Cat Show - 4-H Buildings at Fairgrounds

Wednesday, July 16

9 a.m. General Projects Day - 4-H Buildings at Fairgrounds

Friday, July 18

9 a.m. Clothing & Textiles, Food Decorating and Flower Arranging Shows - Highland Community College

Saturday, July 19

8 a.m. Horse & Pony Show - Horse Arena at Fairgrounds

Monday, July 21

9 a.m. Crops, Foods and Horticulture Shows - 4-H Building at Fairgrounds
1 p.m. Cloverbud Show - 4-H Building at Fairgrounds

Tuesday, July 22

8:30 a.m. Rabbit & Cavy Show - Rabbit Building at Fairgrounds
8:45 a.m. Poultry Show - Poultry Building at Fairgrounds
9 a.m. Beef Show - Beef Show Ring at Fairgrounds
9 a.m. Sheep Show - Sheep Show Ring at Fairgrounds
9 a.m. Swine Show - Swine Show Ring at Fairgrounds
9:30 a.m. Dairy Show - Dairy Show Ring at Fairgrounds
9:30 a.m. Dairy Goat Show (Meat Goat Show immediately following) - at Dairy Goat Show Ring & then Meat Goat Show Ring at Fairgrounds

Thursday, July 24

3 p.m. Master Showmanship Contest - Starting in the Swine Show Ring at Fairgrounds

Saturday, August 9

Stephenson County's State Fair Day

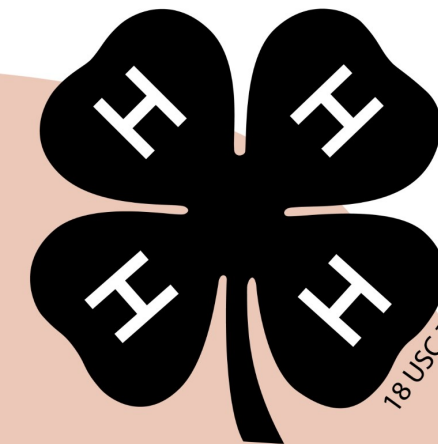
All 4-H Shows are open to the public. Seating may be limited.



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Arts & Crafts



With 4-H Volunteers and Youth

**Wednesday - Friday
July 23-25
3-4 p.m.
In the 4-H Building (C-2)**

Each day we will offer something different:

- Arts & Crafts
- Legos & STEM
- Hands-on learning

Contact Stephenson County 4-H Youth and Program Coordinator, Jen Schultz, for questions: (815) 235-4125

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4-H FUN NIGHT AT THE FAIR

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 6 P.M.
4-H BUILDING (C-2)



- Trophy Winners will be announced
- Games & Activities
- 4-H Hall of Fame Recognition
- Show your family what you made
- Enjoy a Root Beer Float

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General Information

WHAT 4-H IS REALLY ABOUT!

Please remember that there is more to 4-H than blue, red, and white ribbons. Champion ribbons and awards are nice too, but there is much more than a ribbon gained from being in 4-H. As shows come and go, please evaluate your learning! Did you enjoy the project? Did you challenge yourself? What improvements could you make for next year? Did your project turn out how you envisioned it would? 4-H is about “learning by doing.” What you put into the 4-H program will determine what you get out of it! Take advantage of the many opportunities 4-H has to offer!

4-H MEMBERS BUILD SELF-ESTEEM BY DOING THEIR OWN WORK

As 4-H members plan and prepare their exhibits for the 4-H shows, we would like to encourage parents to remember to allow the members to do their own work. While it is okay for mom and dad to give a few suggestions, or maybe a little help, it is even more important to allow the 4-H member to do his or her own work. Exhibiting is a time for judges to see the work of the 4-H members, not the parents’ work. Our judges want to know what the 4-H members have learned and how they completed the projects, not what they watched their parents complete. Please remember, 4-H is for youth and your 4-H members will only grow from the experience if they do their own work. While the 4-H program is a family organization, this is one of those times where the family should show their support through their words of encouragement! Let’s help our 4-H members grow and blossom into independent, young adults!

2025 4-H SHOW BOOK

Please take time to review your 4-H Show Book pages **BEFORE** you begin your project and before the day of the show. Many projects and guidelines change from year to year, so please make sure you are up-to-date on all exhibit requirements (i.e. size restrictions, quantities, materials, etc.). If you are unsure, contact Jen at the Extension office, 815-235-4125. You can find the [2025 4-H Show Book online](#).

4-H AWARDS - THANK YOUS

Each year we reach out to sponsors and ask for donations to help sponsor the choice awards that are given at each 4-H show. If you are a recipient of one of these awards, you will receive a “Choice Award” envelope at the **Family Fun Night, Tuesday, July 22 at 6 p.m. in the 4-H Building**. It is the responsibility of each 4-H member who wins one of these awards to write a thank you to the sponsor. On the envelope of your Choice Award you will find the name and address of your sponsor. Please make sure you take the time to write them a thank you in a timely fashion following the shows. Pictures are encouraged, but not required.



ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

Project entry deadline for Stephenson County is **MONDAY, JUNE 9 AT 11:59 p.m.** Entries must be made using <https://stephenson4-fair.fairentry.com> and instructions can be found on our county website at: go.illinois.edu/SC4-H

General Information

2025 STEPHENSON COUNTY SHOW NOTES & CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR

Please review the following information - as it affects ALL 4-H MEMBERS!

For more information regarding any of these changes, please read your 2025 4-H Program Book or call the Extension Office at 815-235-4125.

♦ **The deadline to register all projects in Fair Entry is Monday, June 9, 2025.**

♦ **All 4-H Shows will take place at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds, 2250 S. Walnut Rd. Freeport, IL. Except for Sewing & Textiles, Flower Arranging, & Food Decorating/ Candy Making which is Friday, July 18 and will be held at the Extension Office- Highland Community College Campus, Building R-2998 W. Pearl City Rd. Freeport, IL. (Please refer to that section for more info.)**



♦ The Illinois State Fair exhibit date for Stephenson County is **Saturday, August 9, 2025.**

♦ Group project opportunities have expanded: They include Civic Engagement, Diversity and Cultural Awareness, Leadership, Passport to the World, Service Learning and Video.

♦ Dairy, Beef and Swine: All Dairy, Beef, and Swine exhibited at County and State Fairs must have an EID/840 tag. For more information, please contact Jen at the Extension Office, (815) 235-4125.

♦ Project Manuals: Some projects require a project manual, book, workbook, or guide. These are indicated with a book icon in your Show Book. 4-H Members are required to bring the completed project manual, book workbook or guide along with to the show.

Please refer to your 2025 Stephenson County 4-H Show Book for clarification on these changes

County Fair Passes

FAIR PASSES FOR 4-H MEMBERS

The Extension office will provide a fair pass to any 4-H Member who is showing at a 4-H show. You must sign up in FairEntry with your project & then show your project at the 4-H show to get your **free fair pass**. The fair passes will be at each General Projects show available for pick up. Each family is responsible for their pass pick up, unless they make prior arrangements with Jen.

On Wednesday, July 16 and Monday, July 21- the fair passes will be available in the 4-H Building during the 4-H shows at the 4-H table.

On Friday, July 18- the fair passes will be available at the Extension Office during the Clothing & Textiles, Food Decorating, & Flower Arranging Shows—at the check-in table.

Livestock Members- if you are only showing livestock and will not be at the other shows, please make arrangements with Jen on how to get your pass, before Tuesday, July 22.

All 4-H members are eligible for a pass this year, as long as you are showing in ONE 4-H show.

Special Instructions For Fair Projects

Make sure you read the directions in the program book for dimensions & sizes that your project is allowed. Not only is this necessary for spacing on our tables, but **MOST** times they are also the State requirements. If you get selected to the State Fair and your project is not the right size you will get a lower score at judging time.

REMINDER: SEND THOSE THANK YOU NOTES

A number of 4-H'ers will be awarded trophies, prizes, cash and other awards during 4-H shows and throughout the 4-H year. Be sure to take a few minutes to write the sponsor(s) a thank-you note for any award you receive. This includes those who contributed to the livestock sale and those volunteers who gave their time to help with the 4-H shows. Without their help, we could not have successful 4-H shows.

At this year's Family Fun Night we will be handing out your "choice award" letter with your award sponsors address on the envelope. We hope you will take a few minutes after the fair to send them a thank you!



Volunteers: Thank you for your dedication to 4-H



Thank you to all our volunteers, leaders, superintendents, judges, & recorders for all your help with getting our shows ready, helping on the day of, and tearing down after it's all over. Without your time & dedication to the 4-H program, it would not be the success that it is today!

We appreciate all that you do for our youth of Stephenson County!

Horse & Pony Show

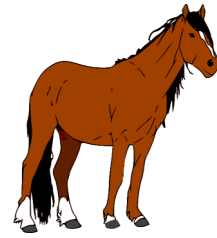
Date: Saturday, July 19

Location: Stephenson County Fairgrounds

Time: Check-In time 7:00 AM

Show Time: 8:30 AM

- ◆ Rain or Shine this show will take place at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds. We will use the Beef Arena, if it rains.
- Remember to bring your Coggins papers with you to check—in—you cannot show without them!
- Check over all the rules & regulations on Page 121-122 in your show book and make sure you understand the classes and procedures for the event.
- If you have questions about the changes, or your not sure which class you need, Call Jen at the Extension office before fair entry closes on June 9.
- Please share the horse show date with family friends we would love to see the bleachers full. We will have a Food Truck at our show serving food!



HELMET REMINDER FOR HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS

This is a reminder that approved protective head gear, with safety strap (fastened and buckled), are required by ALL RIDERS WHENEVER MOUNTED. Helmets must meet ASTM/SEI standards. This goes for all horse clinics and the Horse Show for Stephenson County 4-H.



State Fair Information

State Fair Schedule– Saturday, August 9

8-9 a.m.—Project Drop off

9:00 a.m.—Interviews begin

3:00 p.m.— Judging Ends

3:30 p.m.—Projects Released

Families have the option of when to pick up projects.

4:30 p.m.—All Projects MUST be gone



STATE FAIR ADMISSION

The Illinois State Fair is no longer offering advance parking tickets to 4-Hers. State Fair exhibitors will pay for parking at the gate like all Fair attendees and there is no designated parking lot for 4-H members. The Illinois State Fair gives 25 Loading/Unloading passes to each county. These will be given out on a first come first served basis and we ask that anyone with a small, portable project refrain from requesting a pass. No CARS WILL BE ALLOWED to remain in LOT 1.

You may purchase Ticket Passes for the State Fair, through the Extension office. They are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Jen will have them available at the 4-H table at all 4-H shows & during the week of the fair. Cash or check is accepted.

Show & Fair Prep

FairEntry.com REGISTRATION

Don't forget that registrations for **ALL** shows and classes must be done using *FairEntry.com* online registration process. **The deadline to register is 11:59 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2025.** If you fail to register by that date, the database will close and you will not be allowed to exhibit. [For instructions on how to enroll, click here.](#) **It is YOUR responsibility to make sure you are registered to exhibit in the correct class(es).** If you have any questions about registering, you may contact Jen in the Extension Office at 815-235-4125.

The fair entry website is: <https://stephenson4-hfair.fairentry.com>

CONFERENCE JUDGING:

If you are showing at any of the shows, you have a great experience ahead of you! You will have the opportunity to participate in “conference judging.” This unique type of judging gives you the chance to talk to the judges so they can find out what you've learned! The judges will consider what you've told them when assigning your ribbon placement and choosing champions!

Here are some things to remember as you prepare:

- ◆ Your exhibit offers a display of what you are capable of doing.
- ◆ The judges will be looking for positive learning. Tell them about your exhibit and your mistakes and how you have learned from them when you completed your project this year.
- ◆ The judge will be evaluating your exhibit and what you've learned - not YOU as a person.
- ◆ Your project will be evaluated against the blue ribbon standard. You won't be competing with others for your blue, red or white rating ribbon. Competition with other members is only involved when the Champion, Reserve Champion, Award and State Fair winners are selected.
- ◆ Your biggest competitor is YOU!
- ◆ Most importantly, READ the rules and guidelines in your 4-H Show Book pages. Be certain you have followed the established rules for the class you have entered.

Questions the judge may ask you:

- ◆ Did you enjoy working on this project? Why?
- ◆ What was the easiest or hardest thing you did?
- ◆ Why did you choose this exhibit?
- ◆ Who assisted you with this project?
- ◆ Tell me about the kinds of materials you used.
- ◆ What part of the exhibit do you feel you could improve? Why?

If you prepare a neat and creative exhibit, you'll be ready to tell the judge a lot. If you've followed the rules in your project area, you have nothing to worry about! Conference Judging will be a fun, learning experience for you!



If your child needs an accommodation for judging, please let Jen know as soon as possible to make sure we have time to make those arrangements. Preferably no later than July 1.

4-H Building– Information

Set– Up & Tear Down for 4-H Shows

We need your help setting up for General Projects Day & tearing down after the fair. A lot of the work involves carrying tables and chairs and setting them up. Many hands makes this work lighter!!! This year we are assigning 5 clubs to Set Up and 5 clubs to Tear Down. Please check with your 4-H leader on the shift your club is signed up for. We are asking for at least one family (one adult and three 4-H members, 8 years old and older, from each club.)

Set-Up: Tuesday, July 15 from 8—10 a.m.

Tear-Down: Sunday, July 27 from Noon—3 p.m.

Your help is greatly appreciated!



We Could Use Your Help!

We're looking for volunteers to help **host the 4-H building** during the fair. This is a great opportunity to welcome visitors, answer questions, and support our 4-H members as they showcase their hard work. Whether you can give an hour or a few, your time and friendly presence make a big difference!

If you're interested in helping out, please reach out to us—we'd love to have you join us! Email Jen at js80@illinois.edu

Display Your Projects at the Fair!

We need your projects! After the General Projects Day Show, we would love for you to leave your projects, so we can display them during the fair. Project pick-up will be on Sunday, July 27, from Noon to 3 p.m. Help us fill up our 4-H Building and show our county what Stephenson County 4-H is all about!



Animal Information

ANIMAL WELFARE

Prepared by Dan Jennings, Animal Systems Extension Educator

Fair season is rapidly approaching once again. 4-H youth should be sure to present their animal projects to the benefit of the animal and the public. This behavior is encouraged both in and out of the show ring.

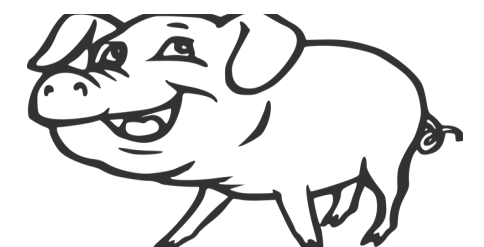
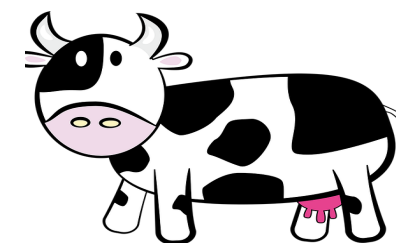
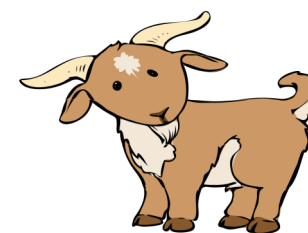
Animal welfare is a growing concern in this country today and warrants some attention during county fairs and any other 4-H livestock events. Livestock exhibitors should be aware of the fact that animal welfare and animal rights groups have been known to show up at county fair livestock events. Therefore, it is imperative that we show all general audiences at these livestock events that we, as keepers of animals, do know the right way to raise and care for our animals. This is something we should be doing regardless of who is watching!

While we are at the fair showing livestock we are under the watchful eye of the general public. This gives us a great opportunity to show people the method in which we care for our livestock.

The following is a list of guidelines that should be helpful in preventing any misconceptions that the public or any special interest groups may have about the way your livestock are raised. The proper care of animals should receive primary attention. Please follow these guidelines:

- Always provide clean, fresh water.
- Keep your pens clean and dry with good bedding at all times.
- Be aware of animal comfort zones (i.e. temperature, space).
- Sort and load animals safely and with concern for them.
- Train animals to lead or be handled at a young age before the fair; this will make them more manageable at the fair.
- Arrange for veterinary care in case of an emergency.
- Handle animals in a very humane way.
- Adhere to all antibiotic, drug, and water or feed additive withdrawal times.
- Animals should be fed on a routine basis.
- Avoid stressing the animal.
- Keep animals clean, a clean animal is viewed as a healthy animal.
- Use show sticks, whips, and canes for showing only and try to use them as gently as possible. Never use electric prods.
- Review your 4-H project manual and follow the care recommendations. This is also a good way to answer any questions the public may have.
- Have a plan of action if a problem should arise and who to contact to help solve it or answer any questions.
- Know who and where fair officials are and how to get in contact with them.
- If questioned about animal care by a stranger, remain calm, be polite, answer the question the best you can, don't argue, and refer them to the Department Superintendent, or Extension Staff member, if you are unable to answer their questions.

You are 4-H to the public...show it! Have a great showing season and good luck!!



Show & Fair Prep

LIVESTOCK ENTRIES

General Rules and Reminders for all animal areas:

Make sure you read all health requirements for your animals (Show Book pgs. 109-137). You are responsible for following all requirements!

The Extension Office will email all health forms for poultry, rabbits and guinea pigs (cavy) to members prior to the show. Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI) forms for cats, beef and dairy heifers, sheep, swine, and goats must be obtained from your veterinarian within 90 days prior to the show. These forms MUST accompany the animal to the show.

GUIDELINES FOR ALL 4-H ANIMAL PROJECTS

County rules specify that each exhibitor personally care for the animal(s) during the feeding period or required tenure of ownership. It also states that all purebred animals must be registered in the name of the 4-H Owner/Lessor. **The original copy of the registration papers MUST be available for inspection by the department superintendent before show time - NO EXCEPTIONS - they will be checked!**

All animals entered for exhibit in the Stephenson County 4-H Shows must be owned/leased by the 4-H Exhibitor and must have been personally cared for by that 4-H Owner-Exhibitor during the current 4-H year.

We encourage you to invite your family, grandparents, & friends to come out and watch the 4-H Livestock shows on Tuesday, July 22.



GENERAL PROJECTS DAY

Check-in for Judging Instructions

- General Projects Day is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 16**. Judging of 4-H projects will begin at 9 a.m.
- When you arrive at the Fairgrounds, you will want to find your child's project area(s) and **check-in** their project. At check-in you will be given a time to return to that table for judging. The sooner you arrive, the quicker you should be judged.
- **ALL PROJECTS** must be checked-in by 10 a.m. to their project areas or we will assume you are not showing & your project will not be State Fair eligible. **If you have numerous projects, please check them all in, before you start to speak with judges.**
- At check-in you will receive an exhibit tag for your project, please attach it to your project with tape or string. This is how we know who to return the project to after fair.

Accommodations for General Projects Day

- **If you have decided not to show in a specific area, after you registered in FairEntry, please let Jen know in the Extension Office that you are NOT bringing that particular project anymore. We will cross your name off before the day arrives.**
- Any 4-H member that is not able to attend General Projects Day but still wants his/her project judged will need to refer to rule #7 on page 10 in the 4-H Exhibit Guidelines section of the 4-H Show Book. This applies to ALL projects except livestock. Please remember....this is conference-style judging, so there is the chance the 4-H member may not receive the highest rating due to the fact that the judge is not able to ask questions of the 4-H member and may not fully know what was accomplished or learned by doing the project. You may have another 4-H member bring your project to be judged, BUT make sure you include your Absentee form with it. The Absentee Form is on page 138 of the 4-H Show Book.

Judging Times are for 4-H Members ONLY!

* When it is your child's time to be judged, only the child & their project will be allowed at the judging table. If your child needs an accommodation to meet their needs, please contact Jen, by July 1, at 815-235-4125.

****No Parents are allowed at the judging tables. This is conference judging and is meant for the child to tell the judge what they did and how.****

GENERAL PROJECTS DAY

4-H PROJECT DISPLAYS STAYING in the FAIR BUILDING

In order to increase the public's awareness about the wide variety of amazing projects our 4-H members do and to help promote 4-H, the following guidelines will be followed for exhibiting your project(s) during the fair week:

- If you are leaving your 4-H project(s) for fair week, after Champion placings have been made in your project area, please help transport your project to the designated area in the 4-H building for all projects that will be staying for fair week. You will check-in your project with the person in charge, they will highlight your name, so we know we are keeping that project for fair week.
- Make sure your exhibit tag is attached to your project, by either tape or string. Take your ribbons home with you.
- The exhibitor or someone from your family **MUST** pick up the project at the fairgrounds on July 27 between noon-3 p.m. We will not be bringing any projects back to the Extension Office.

STATE FAIR DELEGATES

Stephenson County's Day at the State Fair is Saturday, August 9.

- Each project area per county, is allowed to send a specific number of projects to the State Fair each year. After judging is complete, and projects have been awarded their ribbons, judges will decide which projects to send to the State Fair.
- If your project is chosen you will be given a large postcard that says "STATE FAIR DELEGATE." This card must be filled out and returned to the 4-H Table in the 4-H building no later than **Thursday, July 24 at 4 p.m.**
- Each 4-H member can only take **one** project to the State Fair. (This does not include group projects, public speaking, and dog). If your child should win in more than one area for State Fair, they will need to choose which project they are taking.

STATE FAIR ALTERNATE:

- If you receive a large postcard that says: "STATE FAIR ALTERNATE" you need to check the correct box and turn it in by **Thursday, July 24 at 4 p.m.** as well. If the State Delegate for your project area should decline to go to state, Jen will contact you, if you checked "yes" you would like to go to the State Fair on your postcard.
- As an Alternate, you will be contacted no later than Friday, July 25 if the State Delegate of your project area declined going. Jen will be the person who will phone a parent about this request.

IMPORTANT Animal Information

CHANGE to HEALTH PAPERS for LIVESTOCK

Illinois Steers now are required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for all County and State fairs. Please make sure you add this to your to-do list when you have the vet out to your farm. If you have questions regarding this change, please reach out to Jen, 815-235-4125.

LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP RULES

If you are exhibiting animals at one of the 4-H Livestock shows make sure you read and understand the Showmanship Rules. The rules can be found on page 110 in your 2025 4-H Show Book.

If you do not understand any of the rules, contact Jen at the Extension Office at 815-235-4125 and ask. There are no stupid questions! Ask *BEFORE* you get to the show so you know what to expect and there are no surprises or disappointments.

4-H MASTER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

The Master Showmanship Contest will be held again at the 2025 Stephenson County Fair for 4-H members ages 14-18 currently enrolled in **ANY** livestock project area. The contest is being coordinated by Stephenson County 4-H and Stephenson County Farm Bureau. The winner of the local competition will represent Stephenson County at the Illinois State Fair on Saturday, August 9 at 5:00 p.m. For more information about this awesome event, contact Jen at the Extension office 815-235-4125 or stop by the 4-H Table in 4-H building, no later than Wednesday, July 23 to sign up.

Join us for the Stephenson County Master Showmanship Contest

Thursday, July 24, 3 to 5 p.m.
Starting in the Swine Show Ring

This entertaining competition invites 4-H members ages 14 to 18 years to display their showmanship skills across three species - beef, sheep, and swine. The 4-Hers were judged on their ability to handle each animal, knowledge of the species and animal husbandry, as well as overall showmanship skills.



POULTRY EXHIBITORS

Please Note: "The Illinois Department of Ag (IDOA) is continuing a 30-day suspension, through June 11, 2025, on the exhibition or sale of poultry at swap meets, exhibitions, flea markets, and auction markets in response to the ongoing threat of H5N1 avian flu."

What does this mean for 4-H? This suspension will be reviewed every 30 days and lifted or continued until a final fair season call can be determined. We will continue to plan our poultry show this summer, and members should complete the QAEC training. However, be prepared for a possible cancellation or last-minute pullorum testing- we do not know what the situation will look like 60 or even 90 days from now. Jen will inform 4-H poultry members as the information comes in.

4-H Livestock Shows

CHECK IN TIMES

Monday, July 21–

- **Beef Weigh-In— 5-6 PM (if arrival will be after 6pm, please contact Barb Curry at 815-541-5642, so we know you are coming.)**
- **Dairy Check- In—7-10 PM**
- **Goat Check- In— 6-8 PM**
- **Poultry Check-In—5:30-7:30 PM**
- **Swine Weigh-In—4-7 PM**

Tuesday, July 22 -

- **Sheep—may arrive on Monday, but Check in will not be until 7-8:30 a.m. Tuesday morning.**
- **Rabbits Arrive —8:00 AM**

4-H Livestock Show Times —Tuesday, July 22

8:30 AM—4-H Rabbit Show

8:45 AM—4-H Poultry Show

9:00 AM—4-H Beef Show

9:00 AM—4-H Swine Show

9:00 AM— 4-H Sheep Show

9:30 AM—4-H Dairy Show

9:30 AM—4-H Dairy Goat Show

****Meat Goat Show will follow the Dairy Goat Show****

- ♦ Make sure you have all your health & registrations papers the day you arrive. They will be checked at check-in.
- ♦ In order to show beef, dairy, goats, sheep, & swine the 4-H member must have completed their YQCA training by June 1st, and have submitted their certificate to the Extension office by that date, as well.
- ♦ In order to show Cat, Dog, Rabbits/Cavy, Poultry, & Horse/Pony, the 4-H Member must have taken their QAEC training, at least once in their 4-H career, by June 1st.

General Projects Day– Map for Project Areas– July 16

Commercial 1 (C1)

- Photography
- Civic Engagement
- College & Career Readiness
 - Exploratory
 - Collectibles
- Consumer Education
- Family Heritage
- Intercultural
- Computer Science
 - Esports
 - Maker
 - Robotics
 - Bicycle
 - Babysitting
 - Health
- Interior Design
- Theatre Arts
- Entomology
- Natural Resources
 - Conservation
 - Geology
 - Ready4Life
 - Service Learning
 - Shooting Sports
 - Video
 - Forestry
- Creative Writing

Commercial 2 (C2) — 4-H Bldg.

- Tractor/Ag Restoration
 - Small Engines
 - Welding
 - Aerospace
 - Drones
 - Electricity
 - Weather
- Animals Sciences
 - Vet Sciences
 - Woodworking
- Visual Arts—all categories



Feel free to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on while waiting for your child to be judged. In order for the building to be semi-quiet we will be asking that families & siblings stay outside as much as possible while the judging is taking place.

Clothing & Textiles, Food Decorating, & Flower Arranging 4-H Show

Date: Friday, July 18

Location: Extension Office– Highland Community College Campus-
Building R- 2998 W. Pearl City Rd. Freeport.

Check-In Times:

8:45 a.m.— Clothing & Textiles

9:45 a.m. — Candy Making

10:15 a.m. — Food Decorating

12:45 p.m.— Flower Arranging

- We will be using the South & Middle Lobby in Building R for these shows. Please watch for signs once you enter the building on where to check in your project.
- Please show up by the check in time.
- Food Decorating will start promptly at 10:30 a.m.
- If you are late to your decorating time (listed above) no added time is given.
- **Review pages 75-84 in your 4-H Show book to make sure you have all the necessary items for your project when you come.**
- There will be no access to refrigerators.
- Sewing projects can be left with Jen to be put on display for the Stephenson County Fair the following week.



Crops, Horticulture, Floriculture & Foods

Date: Monday, July 21

Location: 4-H Building, Fairgrounds

Time: 9 a.m. (check-in NO later than 10 a.m.)

- Judging will start at 9 a.m.
- All projects **MUST** be checked in at their project table no later than 10 a.m. (if you arrive after this time, your project will not be State Fair Eligible. Please check all your projects in, before you start to be judged.
- We encourage you to leave your projects for us to display for fair week. PLEASE NOTE: when the food and vegetables get wilted or spoil, we will throw them out.
- Please make sure you tape your exhibit tag to your project before leaving it. Our fair-goers like to see who made the project when they are walking through the buildings.
- Take your ribbons with you, please do not leave them on your projects.

Cloverbuds – July 21

Date: Monday, July 21

Time: 1:00 –2:30 p.m. (Check-in no later than 2:15 p.m.)

Location: 4-H Building, Fairgrounds

- Check pages 103-105 of your show book, to see what items you NEED to bring with you to the show.
- All projects **MUST** have their Project Manual with them at the time of the show. If you don't have one, contact Jen right away to get one– 815-235-4125.
- Our Cloverbud judges are all older 4-H Members.
- The judges will talk with your child and ask them simple questions about their projects: Who helped you with your project? Did you have fun while doing it? What was your favorite part about this project? Talk with your child before the show to help them understand and feel comfortable when their time comes to talk to the judge.
- Parents can stay in the building while their child is talking with the judge, but please let your child talk with the judge without your help.
- We encourage you to leave your child's project for us to put on display in our 4-H building for the week of the fair. Pick-up will be Sunday, July 27 from noon-3 p.m.

