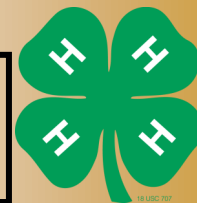




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November 4, 2021

Find Your Spark!

4-H Families, Leaders, & Volunteers,

I want to give a warm welcome to all of our new 4-H members and families! This E-News comes out bi-weekly and will give you all kinds of updates and information related to 4-H. This is how 4-H & the Extension keeps in touch with our families, so you will want to make sure you read through it! Please help me welcome to 4-H:

Country Cuzins 4-H Club— Taylor Geddes, Owen Goeke, Madeline & Michael Pals
Davis Rockets— Leia & Whitney Doescher

Florence Crickets— Finley Feldman

Freeport Fantastics— Elizabeth, Elowen & Griffin Lamm

German Valley Golden Eagles— Lily Pratt & Evelyn Sieber

Harlem Helpers— Jayce Dyson & Jordan Zimmerman

Lena Lucky Clovers— Caladin Drake, Jordan Heimann & Gunner Winning

Pearl City Hornets— Anna, Mason & Maxx Dampman, Sarah McPeck, Benjamin Miller, Elliotte & Hudson Sheffey, & Tysen Tessendorf

Pearl Valley Rangers— Ellie Daiker, Elmer Heid, George & Welden Snetcher

Snappy Snazzers— Caleb Amborn

As a reminder— 4-H re-enrolling members, the deadline to re-enroll by is **December 1st**. Please don't wait till the last minute.

There are new events listed and our Calendar of Events has been updated this E-News— make sure you take a look at it!

Til' next time,

~Brenda





2021-2022 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

****Some dates/times subject to change****

NOVEMBER 2021

18

"How to Catch a Turkey" After School Program at CHOM- 4-5 pm.

20

SC 4-H Ambassador Meeting, 1-2:30 p.m/ Building R, HCC

25-26

Extension Office closed for Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2021

1

Re-enrollment deadline for returning 4-H members-

16

After School Program at CHOM, 4-5 pm

24- Jan. 4

Office closed for holidays (Re-open Monday, January 4, 2021)

JANUARY 2022

1

Beef Steers, Beef Perf. Cows, & Milking Dairy Goat ownership (No paperwork to Ext. Office)

16

Ski Day, more info to come *TBA*

17

Extension Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

22

SC 4-H Ambassador Meeting, 1-2:30 p.m., HCC- Building R

23

Ski Day- SEVERE Weather date

31

Program Book Artwork Contest Deadline

FEBRUARY 2022

1

New Member Enrollment deadline

1

Add/Drop Project Deadline for all members

3

Beef Weigh-In Registration Deadline

5

Beef Weigh-In, Lena Vet Clinic

MARCH 2022

16

Leader's Meeting, HCC, Building R 6 p.m.

19

Ambassadors Meeting, Rm 153- 1-2 p.m.

30

Dog Show Kick-Off Meeting, 6:30 pm, HCC, BLDG- R, 153

31

Public Speaking Contest, 6 p.m.

APRIL 2022

6,13,27

Dog SPIN Club at the Fairgrounds, 6pm

18-24

National Volunteer Week

30

State 4-H Public Speaking Contest

MAY 2022

1

Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Horse Show- Due to Ext. Office

Swine ownership deadline (No paperwork to Ext. Office)

4, 11, 18, 25

Dog SPIN Club at the fairgrounds, 6pm

15

Ownership for Sheep Wethers and ALL Meat Goats

30

Extension Office closed for Memorial Day

Daylight Savings- Time
Change is this Sunday,

November 7th!



2021-2022 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

****Some dates/times subject to change****

JUNE 2022

1	Deadline for YQCA & QAEC Certification
1	Dairy Lease paperwork due to Extension office
1	Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Dog Show - Due to Extension Office
1	Swine Ear Notch form deadline- Due to Extension Office
1	Ownership deadline: Beef Heifers, Beef Bucket Calves, Dairy Goat Kids, Dairy Goat Yearling (not in milk), *ALL Pygmy Goats, Dairy Calves & Heifers, All Poultry, Rabbits & Cavies (No paperwork to Ext. Office)
1	Dog Show SPIN Club, 6 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds,
15	Dog SPIN CLUB – Optional Class, 6pm - Stephenson County Fairgrounds
25	Breeding Sheep Ownership deadline

JULY 2022

4	Extension Office Closed for Independence Day
8	Dog Show SPIN Club- Final practice, 6 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds
9	Stephenson County 4-H Dog Show, 9 am, Stephenson County Fairgrounds
	4-H Cat Show, 10 am, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Foresight Commercial Building
19	Set-up at Fairgrounds for general Projects Day & Fair week
20	General Projects Day, 8 AM at Fairgrounds
22	Clothing & Textiles, Food Decorating, & Flower Arranging Shows At Highland Community College, building TBD
25	4-H Shows: Crops, Foods, & Horticulture 9 AM
	Stephenson County Fairgrounds- Foresight buildings
25	4-H Show: Cloverbuds- 1PM- Stephenson County Fairgrounds Foresight building
26	Stephenson County 4-H Livestock shows-Poultry, Goat, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Beef, & Rabbit / Cavy Stephenson County Fairgrounds
27-30	Stephenson County Fair, Stephenson County Fairgrounds
30	Master Showmanship Contest – 1:30 p.m. Swine Show Ring

AUGUST 2022

11-21	Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL
	Stephenson County State Fair Exhibition Day

Re-enroll in 4honline NOW

If you were in 4-H last year and want to continue as a member this year (2021-2022) you MUST re-enroll by December 1st, 2021!! Go here to register:

<https://v2.4honline.com>



We have new Yard signs available in the Extension office! If you would like to display one at your house, please stop by and check

one out! We will be asking for them to be returned at the end of November– to be stored for winter.

Join the Club



LEAD!
SERVE!
INSPIRE!

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Program Cover Contest-

Each year we have a program book that is put together for our 4-H shows that are held in the summer. The 2021-2022 theme is FIND YOUR SPARK!! Start planning now to help us create a new cover for our program book! The guidelines to follow are:

A fine point black marker or dark pencil works best for copying your picture, so please do NOT use colored pencils. The program book is printed in black and white.

- Please make sure you have the theme title AND the current year somewhere in your drawing.
- Please make sure your text is legible and spelled correctly.
- You may bring your hard copy to the Extension Office or you can scan and email it to me. Please do NOT fax or send it as a picture.
- If you are submitting a hard copy, please include name, age, and club on the back lightly in pencil. If you are emailing it to me, please include the information in the email.



Manual Ordering for 2021-2022!

New this year, All manuals will be ordered by the parents! Illinois 4-H has made a pop-up shop online and almost all manuals are able to be ordered through this shop. If you did not receive the instructions in the mail, please reach out to me!



If you have any questions regarding manuals, please call me direct at 815-235-4125 or bheimann@illinois.edu

HOW TO CATCH A TURKEY

After School Program

STEM Activity
story
painting

For ALL
kids -
ages 5-12

November 18
4-5 p.m.

Pre-register
at CHOM

Children's Hands On Museum of Northwest Illinois
1233 W. Galena Ave. Freeport, IL

815-616-5632



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CHILDREN'S HANDS-ON MUSEUM OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

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Stephenson County 4-H News



2021-2022 New 4-H

Projects:

*Cover Crops

*Quilting

⇒ For more info on Cover Crops go here: <https://covercrops.cemastprojects.org/>

⇒ For More info on Quilting: Check out: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects>

Are you looking for more ways to help your child learn & engage with 4-H?

Illinois 4-H has many resources that can help!!

Check out the 4-H Spark Sheets—

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-spark-sheets>

And 4-H At Home—

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/>



STEPHENSON COUNTY—THINGS HAPPENING CLOSE BY

Northwest Illinois Rock Club's 2021

JEWELRY, GEM, FOSSIL AND MINERAL SHOW

NOVEMBER 13TH AND 14TH



New Location! Freeport Eagles Club
1200 W Galena Ave, Freeport, IL

Demonstrations - Dealers - Displays
Children's "Fish Pond" and Games
Holiday Shopping - More!

Saturday, November 13th - 9 AM - 5 PM

Sunday, November 14th - 10 AM - 4 PM

Free Will Donation

Find us on Facebook - Northwest IL Rock Club - for more information.
We will be following current local and state mandates regarding masks.

This is a great show to attend if you LOVE Rocks, Gems, & Minerals. Don't forget 4-H does offer a Geology project area... this kind of stuff fits right in with it!

AROUND THE WORLD IN 30 DAYS—

At home event

Did you know...

Mount Everest was formed when two tectonic plates (land masses) smashed into each other? It's true! Learn about the formation of Mount Everest and other fun facts and the culture of **TIBET** and/or **NEPAL**.

Aye-aye lemurs use their long middle finger to pull grubs out of trees? Crazy, isn't it? Find out more about lemurs and the wildlife of **MADAGASCAR**.

Yah, have yah ever had homemade **Lefse**? It's a delicious holiday side dish the Norwegians made out of common household ingredients. It's delicious - especially when you add a little bit of sugar and cinnamon. Learn about and make unique recipes from **NORWAY**.

In **JAPAN**, messages were written on what is known as Japanese hand fans. As the years passed, the fans turned into more of an art form. Want to make your own **Japanese hand fan**?



Join us as we go Around the World in 30 days! Families will be provided with a monthly calendar full of activities to do as family or an individual. Activities may include the arts, cooking, geography, games, nature & wildlife, music, and a deep dive into the country's culture. Some activities may require commonly found household supplies and others only a computer.

The calendar of activities will be sent to all registered participants.

This activity is being planned by one of Illinois 4-H Educators and is a FREE activity, Deadline to register is November 30th, go here to register:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24464&preview=yes&OfficeID=472>

ILLINOIS STATE 4-H NEWS

Illinois State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest

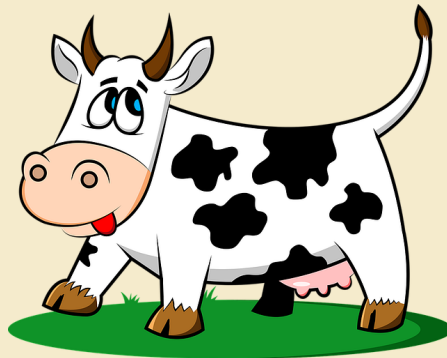
We want to give a shout out to our 4-H members that participated & Placed in the Top 10 at the 2021 Illinois State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest back in August!

In the Senior Division “Top 10”

- Magen Busker—Country Cuzins 4-H Club
- Ella Gunderson—Florence Crickets 4-H Club
- Ben Bremmer—Pearl Valley Rangers 4-H Club

In the Junior Division “Top 10”

- Alaina Dinderman—Snappy Snazzers 4-H Club



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION



Renewable Energy Resurgence: What You Need to Know About Solar and Wind:

Renewable energy projects have been popping up across the country. Locally, new solar projects have been installed on acreages and connected to the grid. Other solar and wind developments have been proposed for the area. Solar panels can

now be seen on many homes and businesses. There are many terms flying around related to renewable energy projects. University of Illinois Extension's Environmental and Energy Stewardship Educator Stanley Solomon will discuss these questions and much more at the ***Solar and Wind Renewable Energy Workshop*** at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 29. The workshop will be held at Stephenson County Farm Bureau, 210 W. Spring Street, Freeport, IL. Register: <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-11-29-solar-and-wind-renewable-energy-workshop>

Invasive and Problematic plants in the landscape

Join University of Illinois Extension Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator Jay Solomon for *Invasive and Problematic Plants in the Landscape* at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau, 210 W. Spring Street, Freeport, IL. There is no fee to attend, but registration is requested by November 8. To register visit us online at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-11-10-invasive-and-problematic-plants-landscape>



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION:

Food Certified Food Protection Manager Course : This is a two-part class and is American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited course, which meets the Illinois Department of Public Health's Food Service Sanitation Code Requirements.

The class will take place locally at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau– 210 W. Spring St. Freeport, IL on Tuesday, November 30 from 9 AM –3 PM AND Friday, December 3 from 9 AM– 3 PM

Visit our website for more information on this course, or to register at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-11-23-certified-food-protection-manager-course>



Radon, still an indoor issue:

When was the last time you tested your home for radon? What changes might have increased our exposure risks over the last few years? Join University of Illinois Extension Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator Jay Solomon to learn more about the dangers of radon in our home. The program, *Radon: Still an indoor issue*, is being held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4 at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau, 210 W. Spring Street, Freeport, IL. Register by calling the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or online at [https://extension.illinois.edu/](https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-11-12-radon-still-indoor-issue)

[events/2021-11-12-radon-still-indoor-issue](https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-11-12-radon-still-indoor-issue) Registration cost is \$10 per household. Each household will receive a free radon test kit.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION



Join University of Illinois Extension as they present, ***Getting the Scoop on Winter Squash!*** During this workshop, we will discuss a variety of common and not-so-common types of winter squash. As well as how to select and store winter squash, offer great ideas on how to prepare and use these culinary favorites, and best of all, you'll receive some delicious recipes.

If you'd like to learn more, please join us for this virtual workshop. ***Getting the Scoop on Winter Squash!*** will be held from 1 – 2:30 PM on Tuesday, Nov. 23. To receive your meeting link, register before Monday, Nov. 22. For more information, or if you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact U of I Extension at (815) 235-4125, or visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw.

Geothermal provides sustainable, efficient energy

Geothermal energy systems could reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40% and lower energy bills by up to 70% and are 400% more efficient than conventional heating and cooling systems, says Nancy Ouedraogo, Illinois Extension community and economic development specialist. The Illinois Geothermal Coalition works to help Illinois move towards achieving its commitment of converting all energy systems to running on 100% renewable energy by 2050.

The federal energy and water policies are set by statutes and executive orders. Federal agencies may set their own policies above those required by federal policies. On Nov. 9, Extension will highlight specific federal energy and water sustainability requirements and available resources regarding the performance metrics and individual federal agencies' progress towards meeting these metrics. The webinar, Geothermal Energy: Federal Models in Resiliency and Sustainability, begins at 2 p.m. and registration is required at: go.illinois.edu/Geothermal110921.

VOLUNTEER CAFE

We love our 4-H Volunteers! Without our volunteers, our 4-H program would not be able to exist and thrive! Our State 4-H office is offering another set of **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations this year!** These sessions are meant to help our volunteers gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts. The next Café is **Thursday, November 11 at 7 pm.**

TOPICS will include:

1. **4-H Parents...Identifying their Role in 4-H!**
 - Positive 4-H Parenting! Share ways you help parents understand how to support their child's learning experience
 - Effective ways you engage 4-H Parent's in Club Meetings
 - **Navigating the Fiscal Side of 4-H**
 - Fundraising – share tips on effectively navigating 4-H fundraising

Share your best practices for managing 4-H fiscal matters

Use this link to read more about the content of the Café Conversation and to register for the **November 11, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24536>

