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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

# NEWSFLASH



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*Find Your Spark!*

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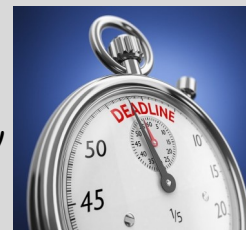


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4-H Families , Leaders, & Volunteers,

You are receiving your e-news a little early this week! I will be off this Thursday & Friday and wanted to get you the newsletter before I left.

TODAY- is our 4-H re-enrolling deadline. It is very important that you get re-enrolled NOW!! Go to [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) to re-enroll! Each year after re-enrollment closes we do annual housekeeping with our mailing lists. If your family is not enrolled through 4honline, we will be removing you from our lists, assuming you are no longer participating. Please contact me through e-mail, if you run into any issues with enrolling on 4honline.



I want to give a warm welcome to 9 new 4-H members since our last E-News: Shiloh Bawinkel- Harlem Helpers, Ezekiel Graybill & Katie Brinkmeier- Country Cuzins, Macall Heath, Blair & Cora Schultz- Snappy Shazzers, Hudson Voss- Pearl Valley Rangers & Hollynn Nevel & Kenlee Price- Lena Lucky Clovers 4-H Club!

We have a new Spin Club we are starting after the holidays that will be focusing on Trees & Forestry- see details inside! We are also working on bringing back the Poultry Clinic this year, if you are new to poultry or just want some helpful tips, this clinic will be very helpful for your 4-H'er!

Till Next Time!

*~Brenda*





## 2021-2022 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

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

### DECEMBER 2021

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| <b>1</b>   | <b>Re-enrollment deadline for returning 4-H members-</b>        |
| <b>4</b>   | <b>SC 4-H Ambassador Meeting, 1-2:30 p.m./ Building R, HCC</b>  |
| <b>16</b>  | <b>After School Program at CHOM, 4-5 pm</b>                     |
| 24– Jan. 4 | Office closed for holidays (Re-open Wednesday, January 5, 2022) |

### JANUARY 2022

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| <b>1</b>  | Beef Steers, Beef Perf. Cows, & Milking Dairy Goat ownership (No paperwork to Ext. Office) |
| <b>5</b>  | Extension Office Back to work from the holidays  |
| <b>16</b> | Ski Day, more info to come *TBA*   |
| <b>17</b> | Extension Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day                                    |
| <b>22</b> | SC 4-H Ambassador Meeting 1-2:30 p.m., HCC- Building R                                     |
| <b>22</b> | Poultry Clinic at Farm Bureau, 10-11 a.m.  |
| <b>23</b> | Ski Day- SEVERE Weather date   |
| <b>31</b> | Program Book Artwork Contest Deadline  |

### FEBRUARY 2022

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| <b>1</b>  | <b>New Member Enrollment deadline</b>                    |
| <b>1</b>  | <b>Add/Drop Project Deadline for all members</b>         |
| <b>3</b>  | Beef Weigh-In Registration Deadline                      |
| <b>5</b>  | Beef Weigh-In, Lena Vet Clinic                           |
| <b>12</b> | Indement weather date for Beef weigh-in, Lena Vet Clinic |

### MARCH 2022

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| <b>16</b> | Leader's Meeting, HCC, Building R 6 p.m.              |
| <b>19</b> | Ambassadors Meeting, Rm 153- 1-2 p.m.                 |
| <b>30</b> | Dog Show Kick-Off Meeting, 6:30 pm, HCC, BLDG- R, 153 |
| <b>31</b> | <b>Public Speaking Contest, 6 p.m. HCC</b>            |

### APRIL 2022

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| <b>6,13,27</b> | <b>Dog SPIN Club at the Fairgrounds, 6pm</b>                                 |
| 18-24          | National Volunteer Week  |
| <b>30</b>      | State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Parkland Community College, Champaign, IL |

### MAY 2022

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>1</b>             | Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Horse Show- Due to Ext. Office |
|                      | Swine ownership deadline (No paperwork to Ext. Office)       |
| <b>4, 11, 18, 25</b> | <b>Dog SPIN Club at the fairgrounds, 6pm</b>                 |
| <b>15</b>            | Ownership for Sheep Wethers and ALL Meat Goats               |
| <b>30</b>            | Extension Office closed for Memorial Day                     |



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### JUNE 2022

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| 1     | <b>Deadline for YQCA &amp; QAEC Certification</b>   |
| 1     | <b>Dairy Lease paperwork due to Extension office</b>  |
| 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,  |
| 13-16 | 4-H Camp, Daycamp- Rock River Christian Camp, Polo, IL  |
| 15    | Dog SPIN CLUB – Optional Class, 6pm- Stephenson County Fairgrounds  |
| 25    | Breeding Sheep Ownership deadline   |

### JULY 2022

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

### AUGUST 2022

|       |   |
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| 11-21 | <b>Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL</b><br><b>Stephenson County State Fair Exhibition Day</b> |
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# 4-H FORESTRY SPIN CLUB

**Who:** Any youth currently in the 5th- 12th grades. 4-H  
Membership is not required.

**When:** Will meet 6 times between March- August 2022.

**Where:** Meeting locations will vary

**This club will provide youth an understanding of the benefits of trees to their society & how to identify & measure trees. Participants will get to take a hike, help plant oak trees in their county, & visit a local sawmill.**

**To register for the Forestry Club- go to:  
[go.illinois.edu/jsw](https://go.illinois.edu/jsw) or call 815-235-4125.**

**Deadline to register is January 14, 2022**

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the Extension Office at 815-235-4125. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.



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# Stephenson County News

## 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](mailto:bheimann@illinois.edu)



# 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 4-H

# POULTRY CLINIC

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022  
10- 11 A.M.  
STEPHENSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
210 W. SPRING ST.  
FREEPORT, IL**

The day will focus on the basics of starting your  
poultry project!

The following will be covered:

- Preparing for chicks
- Feeding
- Getting started with pigeons
- Lots of general information

For more information contact Rita Koch at 815-449-2910

Please RSVP to the Stephenson County Extension Office at <http://go.illinois.edu/jsw>  
or call (815) 235-4125 by Friday, January 14 by 4 p.m.



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# GINGERBREAD

## AFTER SCHOOL FUN



**DECEMBER 16**  
**4-5PM**



FOR ALL  
KIDS- Ages 3-  
12

**CRAFTS | STORY |  
ACTIVITIES**



You do Not have  
to be in 4-H to  
participate

Activity is held at:  
**Children's Hands-On Museum  
of Northwest Illinois**



**1233 W. Galena Ave. Freeport, IL**

**Pre-Register at 815-616-5632**



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## ILLINOIS 4-H ALUMNI

Register Today!

[go.illinois.edu/4Halum](https://go.illinois.edu/4Halum)

*Save the date!*

## STATE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

April 30, 2022



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