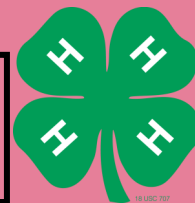




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NEWSFLASH



December 16, 2021

Find Your Spark!

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Dear 4-H Families, Leaders, & Volunteers,

Our Stephenson County 4-H program has grown by 45 new members so far for the 2021-2022 year! We are so excited to see the program grow & be able to offer some new SPIN clubs & project areas!! Please help me welcome our newest members: Lane & Avalon Atwater—German Valley Golden Eagles 4-H Club.

Please take some time to look inside this E-news to find more information on our upcoming Forestry & Robotics SPIN Clubs, as well as a Poultry Clinic. We have our Program Book Cover Contest going on now—January too! Details are inside!

This will be our last E-News for 2021! The Extension office will be closed from December 24th– January 4th. We will return to the office on January 5th, 2022! I want to wish you all a very, merry Christmas! I hope you all enjoy a break from the daily schedules and are able to gather around family & friends during this season of love & giving!

Merry Christmas!

~Brenda



Find us on
Facebook!





2021-2022 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

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

DECEMBER 2021

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

JANUARY 2022

1	Beef Steers, Beef Perf. Cows, & Milking Dairy Goat ownership (No paperwork to Ext. Office)
5	Extension Office Back to work from the holidays
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
22	Poultry Clinic at Farm Bureau, 10-11 a.m.
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
12	Inclement weather date for Beef weigh-in, Lena Vet Clinic
19	4-H State Horse Judging Contest – at Blackhawk East, Galva, IL

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. HCC

APRIL 2022

6,13,27	Dog SPIN Club at the Fairgrounds, 6pm
18-24	National Volunteer Week
23-24	4-H State Hippology, Horse Bowl & Speech at UIUC Campus
30	State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Parkland Community College, Champaign, IL

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



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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,
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

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
13	Stephenson County State Fair Exhibition Day

STEPHENSON COUNTY NEWS



Our winners from the National 4-H Week Goose Chase Scavenger Hunt have been released!

The Winners are: Colbie Roberts & Jordan Heimann with the Lena Lucky Clovers 4-H Club!!

Congratulations girls!!!

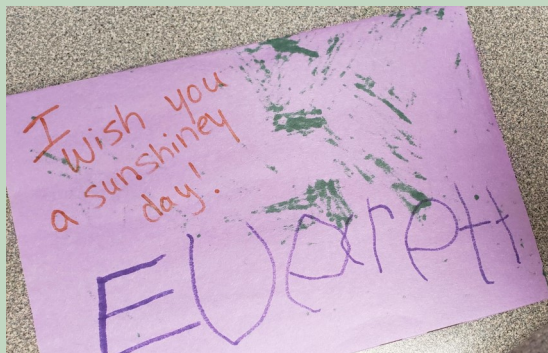
Stephenson County Community Service Outreach



This fall our county 4-H Program joined together to make cards for people either in a nursing home or shut in. We held a special day just for this during our National 4-H week, as well as during our Awards Event. Some clubs also held card making nights during their monthly meetings!!

We had over 60+ cards made and delivered to local nursing homes and elderly shut ins throughout our county!!!

Thank you to each & everyone who helped participate in this community service!!!





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 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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Program Cover Contest-

DEADLINE: January 31st

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.

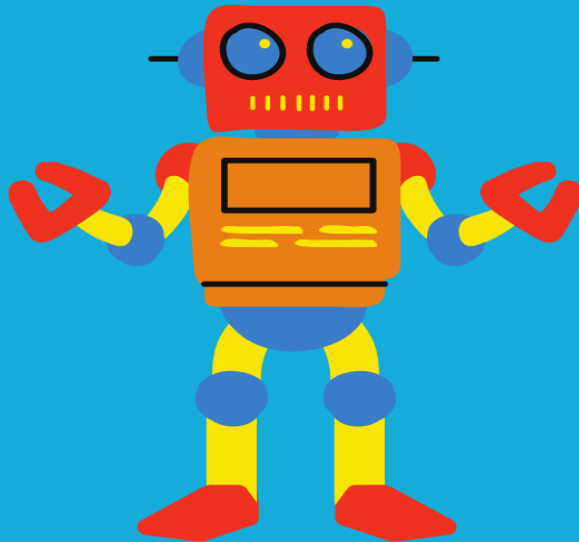
- Please make sure you have the theme title AND the current year somewhere in your drawing.
- Please make sure your text is legible and spelled correctly.
- You may bring your hard copy to the Extension Office or you can scan and email it to me. Please do NOT fax or send it as a picture.
- If you are 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.



- 1st place will receive a 4-H Baseball Cap and their Picture will go on the front of our Program Book.
- 2nd place will receive a 4-H Beanie and their picture will be on the back of our Program Book.
- The rest of the pictures will be used as needed within our program book!

Let's make our Program Book look beautiful!

ROBOTICS 4-H SPIN CLUB



Stephenson County is starting a Robotics Spin Club in January 2022!

We are looking for youth to join this club!
Participants do NOT have to be enrolled in 4-H.
This year's State Competition revolves around a space mission & the challenge will be held
April 16, 2022.

Please reach out to Brenda by e-mail: bheimann@illinois.edu or phone: 815-235-4125 with questions or to reserve your place in the club. There are limited spaces.



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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



**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 State 4-H News



**ARE YOU A 4-H MEMBER WHO
EXEMPLIFIES LEADERSHIP WITHIN
THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY?**

APPLY TODAY FOR THE ILLINOIS 4-H
SUSTAINING THE FUTURE AWARD!
APPLICANTS MUST BE AGE 17-19

VISIT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/4HSUSTAINFUTURE](https://bit.ly/4HSUSTAINFUTURE)

SPONSORED BY THE ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU & AFFILIATES YOUTH
EDUCATION IN AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE



**The Illinois 4-H Sustaining the Future Award applications are due:
January 7, 2022!**

- To apply go to: <https://bit.ly/SustainFutureApp> Forms must be filled out online, no paper copies!
- This is a two-tier award program: plaques will be given for the top 10 scoring members & invitations to the 2-day Premier 20 Youth Leadership Conference in April.
- Award winners are selected based off of their outstanding Leadership within either 4-H or FFA.
 - Applicants must be ages 17-19 (as of 09/01/21)

ILLINOIS STATE HORSE 4-H NEWS



Save the Date

**4-H State Horse Judging
February 19th, 2022
Blackhawk East - Galva**



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Save the Date

**State Horse Bowl, Hippology & Horse Speaking Contests
April 23 & 24, 2022
UIUC Campus**



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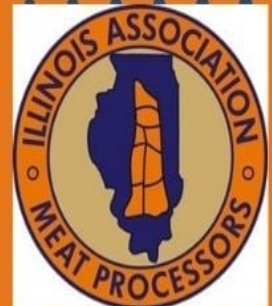
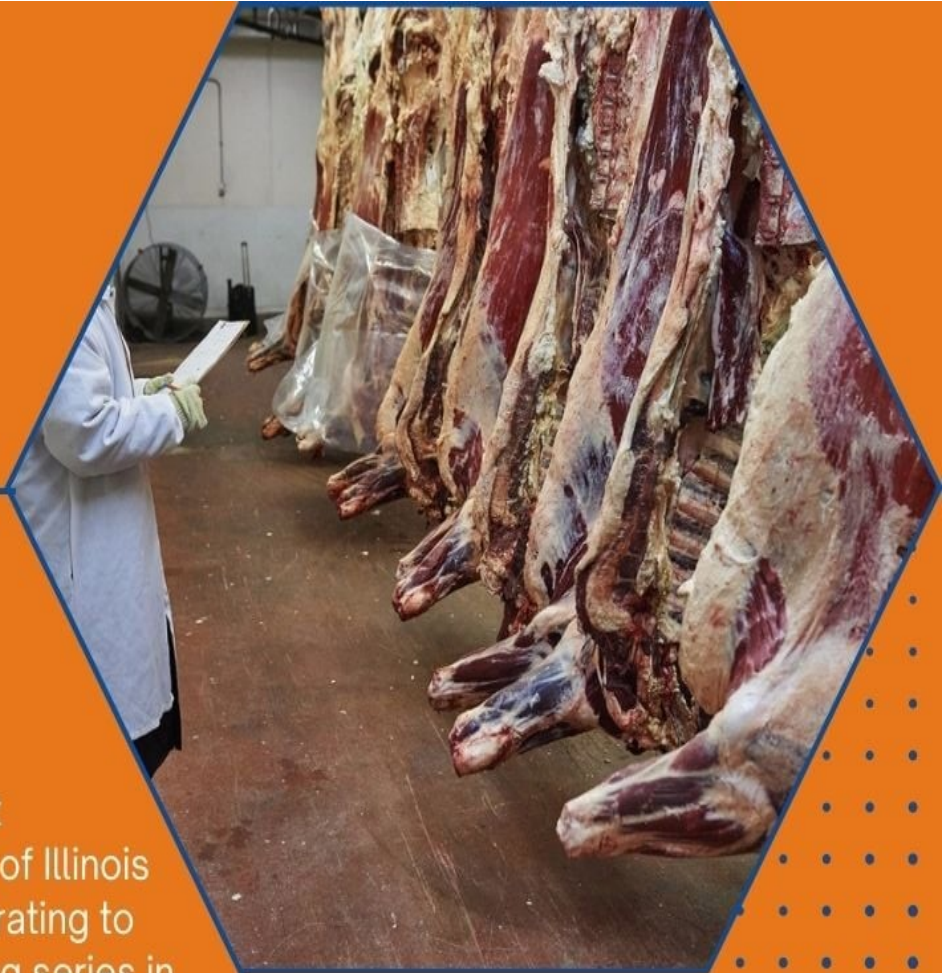
COMING
2022

YOUTH MEAT JUDGING SERIES

Illinois Association of Meat Processors and University of Illinois Meats Judging are collaborating to launch a youth meat judging series in spring 2022. Open to 4-H & FFA Youth. Following the outline of Illinois FFA Contest. Each contest is an invitational and will include a clinic. More information to come.

- January 22 - Eickman's Processing, Seward, IL
- February 5 - Coach workshop @ U of I
- February 12 - Raber Packing Company, West Peoria, IL
- February 19 - Wenneman Meat Company, St. Libory, IL
- March 5 - State Contest at University of Illinois (not affiliated with the series)

Questions contact: Jesse Faber jfaber@pontiac90.org



ILLINOIS STATE 4-H NEWS

Do you have a 4-H Story you would like to tell? –

Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the ***Speaking for Illinois 4-H*** team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, January 16 from 9-11 a.m.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Members of this team will meet a minimum of four times throughout the year virtually as a team to remain on the team.

Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>. Registration will close January 13.



Save the date!
**STATE
PUBLIC
SPEAKING
CONTEST**
April 30, 2022



INTERNATIONAL 4-H

Host an international youth this summer.....

International students come to IL each summer and stay with a host family for about 4 weeks. Host a Japanese or South Korean youth this summer through States' 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language, all while sharing your own. Your children will build life-long friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too! Families are needed for July 23 through August 18 (tentative dates). Applications are accepted until all placements are made. There is no cost for this program.

Students are matched with a host sibling by age gender and interests. So families hosting, must have a child the between 12-18

Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

For more information or to apply, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>.

