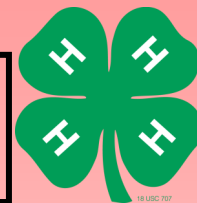




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NEWSFLASH



February 10, 2022

Find Your Spark!

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Director

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Program Coordinator
4-H Youth
Development

• **Julie Miller**
Office Support
Assistant

Hello 4-H Families, Leaders, & Volunteers,

Our 4-H family is growing so much this year! We have 7 new members since our last E-News! Please help me welcome: Leehn & Alivia Scheid, Hope DeVries, & Jeilyn DeVries to the Harlem Helpers 4-H Club, & Grace Maskell, Landon & Haydn Rice to the Freeport Fantastics 4-H Club!!! It is so exciting to see our 4-H Program grow this year! Please reach out to the new members within your own clubs and help them feel welcomed to be joining our 4-H family!!!!

If you are looking for something fun to do with your kids this next week, check out our After School Program at CHOM on February 17th. There is more information inside this newsletter.

Please check the Calendar of Events—I have highlighted a few new items this E-News. If you have any questions regarding your projects feel free to reach out to your leaders or myself, we will be happy to help.

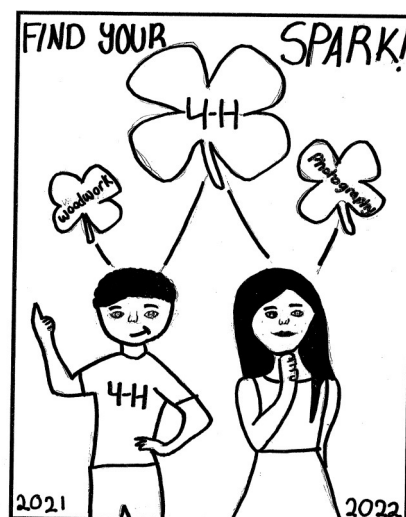
Till next time

~Brenda

Thank you to everyone who participated in the show book cover contest. We had 17 participants !!! We have such a creative group of 4-H'ers here in Stephenson County!!! The office staff did the voting and Colbie Roberts (left) won 1st place and Addison Tiesman (right) won 2nd. Both of these 4-H'ers are from the Lena Lucky Clovers 4-H Club! We will be using ALL the pictures throughout our show book this year! Great job everyone!!



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[Facebook!](#)



The Tallest Snowman Challenge

After School Program



For questions, contact Brenda at 815-235-4125



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STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H Club Meetings—Attendance Policy

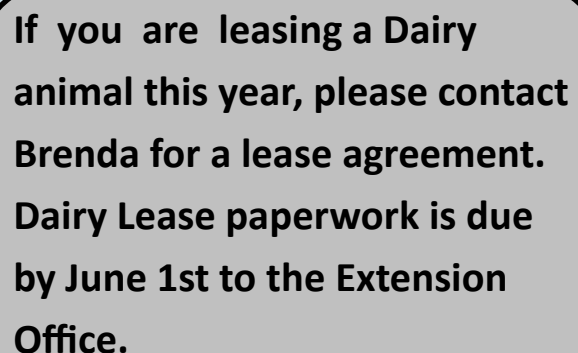
All 4-H members must attend 1/3 of their club meetings for the year, from the time of their enrollment, in order to show at the 4-H shows this summer. If you have questions on this, please reach out to your 4-H leader!



IF you are showing a Beef BUCKET CALF—
Contact Brenda for
your Project Record
Book.



Important



If you are leasing a Dairy animal this year, please contact Brenda for a lease agreement. Dairy Lease paperwork is due by June 1st to the Extension Office.

STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

QAEC TRAININGS

Quality Assurance and Ethics Training— The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in **horse, rabbit, poultry, dog, cavy (guinea pigs), and cat**. Members must take the training whether they own a live animal or not. It is advised that they complete this as soon as they are enrolled in the project area. 4-H Members only have to complete a QAEC training once in their 4-H career, when showing a live animal or doing animal science with the above breeds.

Counties will monitor completion of this. Failure to complete QAEC will result in the member's animal science project enrollment being cancelled and they will be ineligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round at: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Deadline is June 1st, 2022



STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

YQCA TRAINING

It's that time of year again! If you are a 4-H Member showing: **sheep, swine, dairy, goats, or beef** you will need to do your Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training again BEFORE the June 1st deadline. This is for all members ages 8-18 showing livestock for a 4-H show. There are two ways you can get the training:

- 1) **You can take the online training** (there is a test at the end) and the cost is \$12, per student. The link to do that is : yqca.learngrow.io
- 2) You **MUST** use your 4-H Online information to create an account and gain access to the course. **DO NOT** use the FFA/Independent sign-in. Once completed please print 2 copies of your certificate– 1 needs to be given to the Extension office before June 1st, and the other one travels with the 4-H member to the shows.
- 3) **Instructor-led training**– there will be two in-person trainings held again this year. The dates will be March 26th at the Winslow Community Building, Winslow, IL & April 9 at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau, in Freeport, IL in the A.M. Cost is \$3, per student and MUST be paid at the time of registration. You only need to attend 1 of these in-person trainings.



Registration will Open for in-person Trainings March 3rd!





2021-2022 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

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

FEBRUARY 2022

1	New Member Enrollment deadline
1	Add/Drop Project Deadline for all members
1	Beef Steers – Ownership (no paperwork to Ext. office)
5	Beef Weigh-In, Lena Vet Clinic, 9-11am - pre-registration required
5	SC 4-H Ambassador Meeting, 1-2:30 p.m., HCC- Building R
12	Inclement weather date for Beef weigh-in, Lena Vet Clinic
16	Leader's Meeting via Zoom, 6-7p.m.
17	After School Program- CHOM, 4-5pm-Tallest Snowman Challenge
19	4-H State Horse Judging Contest – at Blackhawk East, Galva, IL
19	Counselor Training, Sterling, IL 9:30-3:30p.m.

MARCH 2022

4-13	Brenda will be out of the office
19	Ambassadors Meeting, Rm 153- 1-2 p.m.
26	YQCA in-person Training at Winslow Community Building, 9:30-11am
30	Dog Show Kick-Off Meeting, 6:00 pm, HCC, BLDG- R, 153
31	Public Speaking Contest, 6 p.m. HCC (pending a date change)

APRIL 2022

6,13,27	Dog SPIN Club at the Fairgrounds, 6pm
9	YQCA in-person training at Farm Bureau Building, 9:30-11 am
15	Ambassadors Community Service- Tie Blankets- Deadline to donate
16	Robotics State Meet, McLean County Fairgrounds- Bloomington, IL
18-24	National Volunteer Week
23-24	4-H State Hippology, Horse Bowl & Speech at UIUC Campus
27	Leader's Meeting HCC, Building R 6 p.m.
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
4, 11, 18, 25	Dog SPIN Club at the fairgrounds, 6pm
15	Ownership for Sheep Wethers and ALL Meat Goats
17	Livestock Superintendent Meeting, 6:30p.m. Location TBD
30	Extension Office closed for Memorial Day

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, Swine- gilts & barrows, Dairy Goat Kids, Dairy Goat Yearling (not in milk), ALL



2021-2022 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

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

	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
24-30	State Fair Jr. Horse Show
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
28	Fashion Show, E & R Tent, 1:30-3:30p.m.
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 4-H News



Manual Ordering for 2021-2022!

New this year, All manuals will be ordered by the parents! Go to our webpage:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw/4-h-stephenson-county>

Under Calendar of Events & 4-H Show book, there is a link on “How to Order Manuals.”

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>

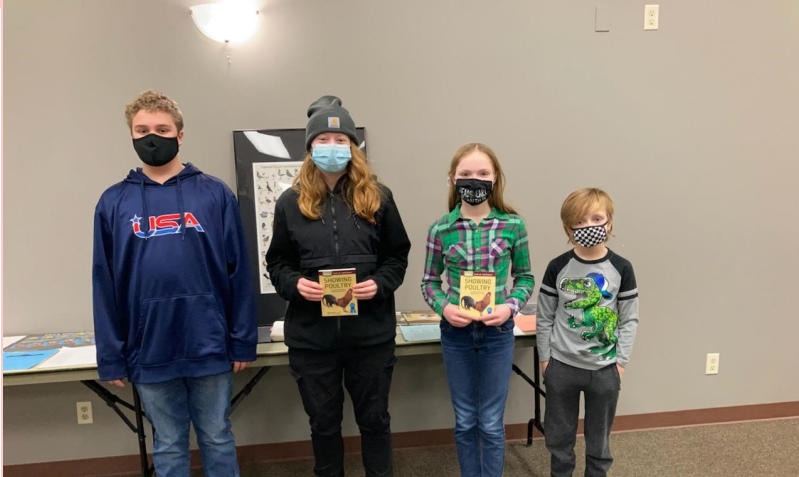
And 4-H At Home—

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



Stephenson County News

POULTRY CLINIC– January 22nd



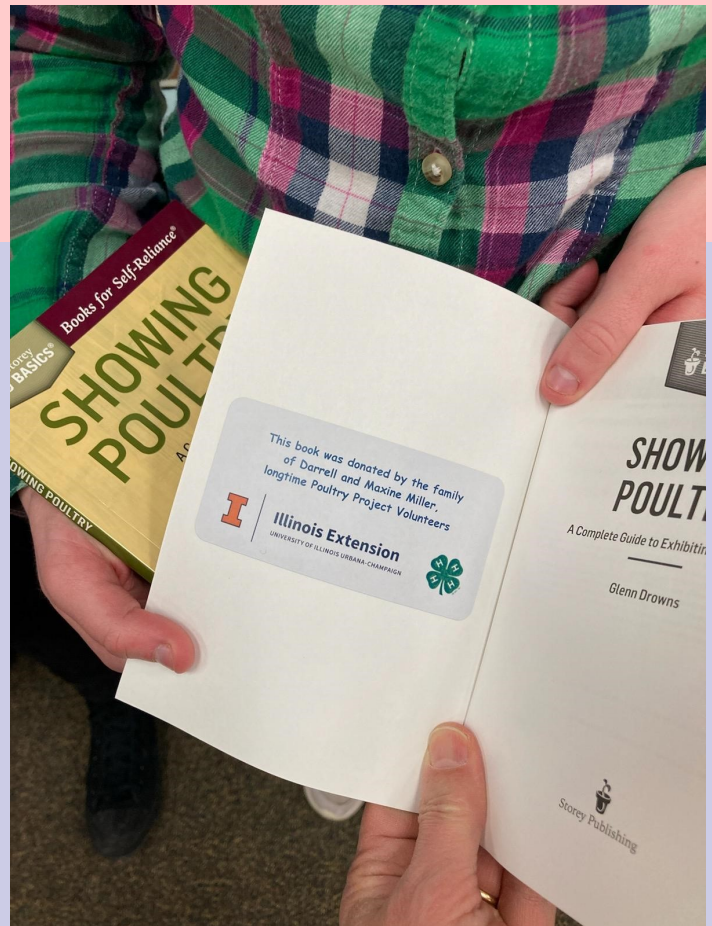
Hunter Miller, Rachel Kubatzke, Lily & Thomas Nestler

Our Poultry Clinic was held on January 22nd at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau Building.

Rita Koch, our poultry superintendent, and Dean Kuper, Florence Cricket 4-H Club Leader, led the clinic.

They discussed how to get ready for baby chicks & how to care for them. They also talked about pigeons and how to raise them.

Each of the participants received a free book called: "Showing Poultry: a complete guide to exhibiting chickens" by Glenn Drawns. We had a recent donation given to us by the Darrell & Maxine Miller family who were longtime poultry volunteers with 4-H. Each book had a book plate inside telling the members who helped support this awesome take home!





4-H Forestry Club



4-H "Forestry" Club will provide participants with unique, hands-on experiences which will spark youth's excitement about trees, nature, and environmental stewardship.

Who: Any youth currently in the 5th- 12th grades.

4-H Membership is not required.

When: Six times between March and August

Where: Meeting locations will vary



**There's still
time to sign
up!!**

The Forestry club will help youth learn to identify trees & leaves, how to tell the age of a tree, & learn about the growth & measure of trees. If you enjoy being outdoors this club is for you!

Some of the highlights for the youth will be taking a hike, visiting a local sawmill & planting oak trees to simulate a savanna in a local forest!

To register for the Forestry Club- go to: go.illinois.edu/forestryclub or call 815-235-4125.

Deadline to register is February 15.

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 4-H Robotics Club

Do you enjoy technology
& building things?
Then Robotics club may
be a perfect fit for you!

The 4-H Robotics Club is
getting ready to start their
plans for this year's:
Spacebot Mission! The
challenge will be held
April 16!

The Club will be meeting
on specific Tuesdays &
every Thursday from
5:30-7:30 p.m.



**We can still take new members through
February 15th!**

If interested call the office TODAY!

**Contact Brenda for
more information
815-235-4125.**



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4-H Dog SPIN Club Schedule 2022

Kick Off Meeting: March 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: HCC- Building R

Traditional obedience class (Beginning Novice, Preferred Novice and Novice) will begin at 6 p.m. Showmanship will begin at 6:45 p.m. Rally will begin at 7:00 p.m. These classes will meet on Wednesdays.



April 6
April 13
April 27
May 4
May 11
May 18
May 25
June 1



OPTIONAL Class-June 15th

July 8 *Last practice session on evening before Dog Show

One absence will be allowed, ONLY.

All classes will be held at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds under the Grandstand Building or outside of the building on the grass (weather permitting).

**The 4-H Dog Show is Saturday, July 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
Foresight Commerical Building.**

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4-H Camp—June 14, 15, 16

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS
4-H SUMMER DAY CAMP**



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JUNE 14, 15, 16

ROCK RIVER CHRISTIAN
CAMP
POLO, IL



SAVE THE DATES

COME JOIN THE FUN IN 2022

ATTEND ONE, TWO OR THREE DAYS!

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

SCHOLARSHIPS

Adkins Energy LLC Scholarship–

This scholarship is open to anyone actively in pursuit of higher education!

Applications can be found at: <https://www.adkinsenergy.com/>

picked up from the Extension office, or sent through e-mail by contacting Brenda at 815-235-4125.

Deadline is April 1st!



IAA Foundation Scholarships
84 Awards totaling \$164,500
Apply Now!

Deadline February 15
iaafoundation.org



A full listing of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines is available on the Foundation website, <https://iaafoundation.org/>

The application must be completed online by:

February 15, 2022.

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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STATE 4-H NEWS



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Illinois Junior Holstein Association's
Dairy Quiz Bowl | February 26, 2022

Show us you're an expert
in the field!



DEADLINE is February
15th

Contact Brenda for an
application:

bheimann@illinois.edu



Every dollar makes a difference in helping a young person find their SPARK. February 1 – April 30, visit a local @JOANN store and you can invest in a young person by donating to @4-H.

joann.com/4-H/
#JOANNhearts4H

STATE 4-H NEWS

GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes **only** for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. [Link to tournament details published in March!](#)

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Hint: *Sign up for 4-H Sport fishing project now*, and begin preparing for crappie contest in April by going here to begin learning about crappie:

<https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>



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STATE 4-H NEWS



Applications now open!

Applications are now OPEN for the **2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards!** Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:

- earn a \$5K scholarship
- serve as a national youth spokesperson...and much more!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply! <https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0>



Illinois 4-H
presents



VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

TUESDAY, MARCH 1 | 7:00 PM

Register by February 21: go.illinois.edu/4htownHall

Attendees will be able to submit questions by February 14, 2022

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Dr. Robert Jones
Chancellor, University of Illinois
& National 4-H Council Board of Trustees



Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson
Associate Dean & Director
Illinois Extension



Dr. Lisa Bouillion Diaz
Assistant Dean & Director
Illinois 4-H

STATE 4-H NEWS



Standing Together Taking Action (STTA) 4-H SPIN Club

Navigating Social Justice for Teens
*Social justice is the view that everyone deserves economic,
political and social rights and opportunities.*

**A 7-PART
VIRTUAL
SERIES FOR
YOUNG
LEADERS AGES
12 & OLDER**

**March 8 & 22
April 5 & 19
May 3 & 17
June 7**

STTA Club meetings will
be held from
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm CST.

**TOPICS INCLUDE: LEADERSHIP, RACIAL EQUITY, CONFLICT
RESOLUTION, SERVICE LEARNING & MORE!**

**APPLY BY FEBRUARY 21
TO APPLY: [HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/STTA](https://go.illinois.edu/stta)**

*EXPLORE SOCIAL JUSTICE IN A RESPECTFUL AND
NON-JUDGEMENTAL ENVIRONMENT*

STATE 4-H NEWS

Join us as a Health Data Literacy Ambassador!

Understanding health data can help you assess and manage health information you and your community encounter.

Illinois 4-H and researchers from the **University of Illinois** are partnering to invite participation in teens who are interested in learning how data analytics can help improve health outcomes and share insights with their community.



Apply

Check your eligibility.

- ✓ Are you an Illinois teen who has not yet graduated high school?
- ✓ Are you interested in health, data analytics, and helping your community?

Participate

What does participation involve?

- ✓ Online weekly meetings through **May 2022**
- ✓ Present your work.

Learn

What will you learn?

- ✓ Analyze health data sets and learn analytics methods and tools.
- ✓ Explore careers that use data analytics.
- ✓ Opportunity to engage with health data experts, Illinois faculty, students and teens across Illinois.

Apply here by **February 21** - <https://tinyurl.com/4H-HDLA>

**Participants will have opportunities to participate in compensated research activities.*

Want more information? Contact us at hdla-ischool@illinois.edu



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EXTENSION NEWS

Master Gardener program offers hybrid training

The University of Illinois Extension is pleased to announce that Master Gardener Training will be held in Stephenson County starting in February. Interested people can apply now for the training. Applications can be obtained by calling the office at (815) 235-4125 or on the web at go.illinois.edu/jsw.

The training includes videos, a Master Gardener manual, reading materials, and quizzes. Participants will complete videos and reading assignments on their own and then meet in-person on Tuesday mornings at the University of Illinois Extension-Stephenson County for discussion, review, and follow-up. Training consists of 11 sessions conducted on Tuesdays, starting on February 15, and concluding April 26, from 9 a.m. to Noon

Certified Food Protection Manager Certificate Course-

Do you currently have a position handling food, or are you looking to find a job in the food industry? If so, consider getting your Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) certification. The Illinois Department of Public Health requires retail food establishment managers to obtain an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) certificate. This requirement helps to ensure the safety of consumers when eating away from home.

The class will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, AND from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, March 25, at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau Building, 210 W. Spring Street, Freeport, IL. Participants must be present for the full two-day training to be eligible to take the exam. Please bring a valid photo ID and arrive 15 minutes early to check in.

Pre-registration is required due to limited space. To register contact the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw.



FUN WITH 4-H

Back by
popular Demand!

19th Annual



4-H DAY WITH THE *Cardinals*

4-H members, alumni, family, and friends are invited to join University of Illinois Extension in partnership with University of Missouri Extension for a (hopeful) Cardinal win against the San Francisco Giants!



May 14

1:15PM

\$25/ticket

*All sales final

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1 @ 11:59PM

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Additional raffle tickets available for \$1.00. 1st prize is to throw out the first pitch (4-H members only). Additional prizes include tickets to a future game and autographed baseballs (no exclusions for additional prizes.)

Register here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2022>

*Please note - groups that wish to *sit together* **MUST** submit one order.

TICKETS AND T-SHIRTS WILL BE MAILED OUT THE LAST WEEK OF APRIL!

Ticket/t-shirt questions? Contact *Rhonda Shafer* at shaferr@missouri.edu

Parade/raffle questions? Contact *Dave Hileman* at hilemand@missouri.edu



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