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#Opportunity4All

Hello 4-H Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you all enjoying the snow we have been so blessed to receive this winter!

I want to introduce myself to all of you: my name is Brenda Heimann and I am the new program coordinator for 4-H Youth and Development here in Stephenson County. I am a native to this area, born and raised in Winslow on a dairy farm. In fact, some of you may remember me, my maiden name is Wire. My parents are Gerald and Barb Wire. I have a husband, Jeremy, who is a farmer and 4 incredible kids: Jason, Ashley, Nash, and Jordan. I have been actively involved in 4-H for 14 years. When my oldest turned 7 he joined the Lena Lucky Clovers as a cloverbud. I became the Cloverbud leader, alongside Dorothy Wire. Three years later we moved to Jo Daviess county and became involved in the 21st century 4-H club in that county. I served as leader from 2014-2017. I have enjoyed watching my children grow and learn throughout their involvement in 4-H. The growth and knowledge they each have shown through working with their show animals, designing a general project, or holding an officer position has given them lifelong skills that I believe are so incredibly important for every child.

While I may not be new to 4-H programing & events, I am new to the whole program coordinating part. I am jumping in with both feet and hoping you will bear with me while I learn them! I am excited to see what all 2021 has in store for Stephenson County 4-Hr's and look forward to working with

each and every one of you!

February 24^{th,} we have our Virtual Countywide 4-H Meeting via Zoom at 6:30 pm, I hope to see you all then!

Stay Warm,

Brenda Heimann

Addy Ackerson of Lena Lucky Clovers
4-H Club was our 4-H Snowman
Contest Winner for Stephenson
County!

Great use of that 4-H green, Addy!





STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:



BEEF WEIGH IN

The time is fast approaching to weigh your 2021 Beef projects. Beef Weigh-In will be held at the **Lena Vet Clinic** just south of Lena on Hwy 73. This year's Weigh-In is scheduled for **Saturday**, **February 6 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.** The scheduled snow date is Saturday, February 13 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Please arrive at the site according to your scheduled time. In order to better facilitate the unloading and reloading of trailers, please enter the Vet Clinic from the west, off of Goddard Rd. To get to

Goddard Road, you will need to go one mile west of the intersection of Hwy. 20 and Hwy. 73 to Five Corners Rd. At Five Corners Rd., turn north, and then proceed for one mile to Goddard Rd., turn east to get to the veterinary clinic entrance. By entering from this direction the line-up of trucks and trailers on Hwy. 73 will be eliminated, thereby alleviating the potential for a very dangerous situation.

The Lena Vet Clinic will be offering a variety of vaccinations at the time of weigh-in, for those interested. Please do not feel that you must utilize any of the Lena Vet Clinic services; it is not a requirement, it's only offered as a service if you're interested.

If you will be weighing any beef cattle, please take time to complete the enclosed electronic registration link below and return it to us by 8 am on Friday, February 5. This is required for registration and participation in the Beef Weigh-In, and allows us to accurately prepare for the day. Additionally, you must be registered as a 4-H member in 4-H Online. You can register for your 4-H membership in 4-H Online at: https://v2.4honline.com/

Please register by FAMILY and be sure to list your CELL phone number in the Daytime Phone slot We are hoping to eliminate as much contact as we can and be as safe as possible, so the following safety measures will be in place for beef weigh-in.

- -No extra people will be allowed. Only the exhibitor of the animal that is currently being processed OR one parent/guardian will be allowed out of their vehicles at a time. NOT BOTH.
- -Only the exhibitor OR one parent/guardian will be allowed in the "processing" area at a time.
- -Everyone must wear a mask.

If you have any questions, or need further clarification, feel free to call the Extension Office at 815-235-4125.

Please complete the required registration ASAP to ensure your timeslot: https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22962.

* If you are planning on exhibiting your steer at the 2021 Illinois State Fair, those steers must be electronically tagged along with the usual tattoo procedure. There is no charge for the electronic tag and you will receive it on weigh-in day.



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YOUR THOUGHTS MATTER 4-H SPIN CLUB

Navigating Mental Health for Teens

A 6-PART ONLINE SERIES FOR AGES 13 AND OLDER

Open to youth **in Jo Daviesss, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties.**You do not need to be in 4-H to join.

LEARN IN A LIVE, ONLINE
NON-JUDGEMENTAL ENVIRONMENT
WITH TEENS YOUR AGE



Learn to define mental health, how to talk about it with family and friends, and how to help yourself and others.

FEBRUARY 16, 23, MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23 5:30-6:30 pm REGISTARTION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS FREE SERIES Deadline is **February 8.**

https://go.illinois.edu/YourThoughtsMatterjsw

For more information or if you need a reasonable accommodation to participate contact organizers Angela Miller at amillr11@illinois.edu or Becky Gocken at rgocken@illinois.edu.

Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.



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4-H Dog SPIN Club Schedule 2021

Kick Off Meeting: March 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Location TBD

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.



May 19
May 26
June 2
June 9
June 16
June 23
June 30



July 7
July 9 *Last practice session on evening before Dog Show

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

The 4-H Dog Show is Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Foresight Commerical Building.

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<u>CLUB ATTENDANCE POLICY-</u> Please remember that all 4-H members must attend at least 1/3 of the club meetings/activities in order to participate in the 4-H Fair. At the end of June, 4-H Club Organizational Leaders will be given a "Non-Eligible for Show" Form to complete and turn in to the Extension Office. Please do your best to attend!



<u>PROGRAM BOOK COVER CONTEST</u> — With the new 4-H year underway, it is once again time to think about the 2021 4-H Fair Program Book Cover Contest.

All 4-H members are invited to submit a drawing. If chosen, this drawing will be the cover for the 4-H Fair Program Book. The deadline to submit your drawing will be <u>February 28</u>, 2021.

The theme for this year is: "4-H: OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL"

- A fine point black marker or dark pencil works best for copying your picture, so please <u>do NOT</u> 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. <u>Please do</u>
 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.

4-H UNIVERSITY APP- The State 4-H Office has launched a free app for IPhones called "4-H University." Currently, this app will feature "Cooking 101" material, project manual for the "Technology: Drone" project and material for the new "Maker" project. You may find this app on the Apple Store.

STEPHENSON COUNTY IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 2021

6 Beef Weigh-In, Lena Vet Clinic

6 SC 4-H Ambassador Meeting, HCC, Bldg. R, Room 153, 1:30 pm

8 Your Thoughts Matter Virtual Series Registration Deadline American Heart Month

10 Organizational Leaders Meeting, 6:30 pm, Zoom

13 Beef Weigh-In, Lena Vet Clinic* SNOW DATE

15 4-H Manuals 2nd Quarter Order Deadline

16, 23 Your Thoughts Matter Virtual SPIN Club, 5:30-6:30 pm

22 Camp Counselor Training, Zoom, 6-8 pm

24 Stephenson Countywide Virtual 4-H Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm



MARCH 2021

2, 9, 16, 23 Your Thoughts Matter Virtual SPIN Club, 5:30-6:30 pm

15 Fair Entry opens for Public Presentations

24 Dog Show Kick-Off Meeting, 6:30 pm, Location TBD



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APRIL 2021

1 Final day to add/change projects in 4-H Online

1 Enrollment due date to enroll in 4-H Online for ALL new members

10 Camp Counselor Training, Zoom, 9-12pm

20 Stephenson County Public Presentations Contest, HCC, Room TBD, 6:30 pm

18-24 National Volunteer Week

MAY 2021

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

deadline (No paperwork to Ext. Office)

Camp Counselor Training, Ogle County Office, 9-3pm

15 Ownership for Sheep Wethers and ALL Meat Goats

19, 26 Dog Show SPIN Club, 6 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Foresight Commercial

Building

31 Extension Office closed for Memorial Day

JUNE 2021

1 Deadline for YQCA & QAEC Certification—In person training will be offered in April or May

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

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:



IAA Foundation Scholarship Program Announcement

The 2021 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The lineup includes 78 scholarships totaling \$124,000 in tuition support. Several of their scholarships require participation in either 4-H or FFA, this is a great opportunity for our youth.

Apply Online

Application link and all supporting materials including eligibility can be found at www.iaafoundation.org. Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions.

Watch the Deadline

Students can apply between now and February 15, 2021. All required information must be submitted by that date, no exceptions.

Supporting the Future of Agriculture

As the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, our Mission is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture. We proudly offer scholarship opportunities for students pursuing degrees related to agriculture, and those with family farming backgrounds.



Tell Your 4-H Story -

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, March 6.**

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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.

Registration is open NOW @: https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/ speaking-illinois-4-h-training.

ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES

If you are curious as to what college or career is right for you, plan now to join us and discover new possibilities at the Illini Summer Academies (ISA)! At ISA you can expect a fun and exploratory experience featuring a virtual academy session and a variety of new workshops and fun virtual activities. For questions, contact us at illini-illinois.edu.



Career Sparks Series (Not a Summer Program)

Career Sparks is a unique opportunity for teens to **explore career paths** by connecting with highly successful young professionals in diverse industries.

We are looking for (3) youth who are highly energetic and interested in being in front of a camera to interview a young professional. Please contact Cindy Ogwal at cowusu@illinois.edu for additional information.

Discovering STEM in ACES

The pre-college summer programs have officially launched and wish to invite you to share with students grades 9-11 in your units. Many of you have known of the Research Apprentice Program (RAP) is held in person in campus. Due to Covid-19 pandemic we have decided to move forward this summer virtually. We have renamed the program to **Discovering STEM in ACES**. You can access more information at https://aces.illinois.edu/academics/diversity/discovering-stem.

Discovering STEM in ACES is a two-week virtual experience, July 11-23, 2021, via Zoom from the University of Illinois. It is designed to help the students explore STEM programs dealing with food, environment, and human sciences. Students are selected based on grades, stated interest in STEM areas, letter of recommendation, and a final zoom interview. The application deadline is Friday-March 19,2021.

For students interested in exploring opportunities associated with becoming a veterinarian and working with wildlife, there is a program offered through the USDA called Ag Discovery Program. This program is also virtual via Zoom, July 11-30, 2021. The deadline to apply is Thursday- March 25, 2021. See the link to access the application: https://academics.aces.illinois.edu/diversity/ag-discovery

2021 National 4-H Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit

Registration is now open for the 2021 Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit. This is a great opportunity for high school students to develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

Register here: https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#agriscience

Registration closes on Friday, February 19th.

Contact Mark Becker with any questions at mbbecker@illinois.edu



INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR 4-H STORY?

Interested in sharing your 4-H story for a 4-H Alumni profile? We are seeking 4-H alumni to share their 4-H story to be highlighted on our social media accounts for a "Member Monday" 4-H profile!

Click here "share your 4-H Story" today!



4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

9am - 7pm; Saturday, June 5, 2021

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Registration Details Coming Soon.













4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

During this period when 4-H members find themselves experiencing restrictions associated with gathering with friends and club members face-to-face, having the opportunity to be part of an engaging and fun, yes we said FUN virtual meeting might be the highlight of their week! Register now for this upcoming Volunteer Training - Leading in a Virtual World!

If you question whether you have the skills or tools you need to put together a virtual club experience, this webinar will help you become comfortable interacting in a virtual meeting format; and more importantly support you as you include every part of the club meeting virtually. You can conduct club business; engage members in group decision-making; create positive learning experiences; and give members an opportunity to laugh and have fun together! Be sure to encourage your 4-H members in leadership roles to participate as well.

Link to register for the **February 25, 2021** volunteer training opportunity

https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23034

Don't forget - all 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug! We have had great participation so far and if you have already attended at least one session, you are on your way to receiving you Café Conversations mug!

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations. We are so excited to continue this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs Still Hot? Let's Play!

Link to register for the **February 18, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation: https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go! Summer Fun! Link to register for the May 20, 2021 Volunteer Café Conversation: https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738



If you do gardening with kids or have them do service projects such as bring food to food pantries, you might see something on our NDSU Extension webinar list you want to attend.

https://ndsu.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe? u=b303ec77430a20180bc6a4b92&id=502444b486

Sign up below to register for the Field to Fork Weekly Webinars from NDSU. Depending on your state, you might see some familiar names!

The free webinars will be held each Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. Central time February 10 through April 21. They will be archived for later viewing; however, participating in the "live" webinar allows you to interact with the presenter.

When you sign up, you'll receive two reminder emails, a link to an evaluation survey, and a message about how to access the recording for each of the 11 webinars below:

- Feb. 10: Shopping in a Garden Center: Tips for Customers and Managers Don Kinzler, NDSU Extension agent horticulture, Cass County
- Feb. 17: Growing Safe Produce for Distribution to Food Pantries Barbara Ingham, professor and Extension food science specialist, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Feb. 24: Hot Topics in Food Preservation Karen Blakeslee, Extension associate, Kansas State University
- March 3: High Tunnel Cut Flower Production Esther McGinnis, associate professor and Extension horticulturist, NDSU
- March 10: The Best Vegetable Varieties for 2021 Tom Kalb, Extension horticulturist, NDSU
- March 17: Weed Control in the Home Garden Randy Nelson, Extension home horticulture and agriculture production systems educator, University of Minnesota
- March 24: The "Good" Creepy Crawlers in Your Garden Janet Knodel, professor and Extension entomologist, NDSU
- March 31: Maple Syrup Production Joe Zeleznik, Extension forester, NDSU
- April 7: Hot Topics in Nutrition: Why Eat Fruits and Vegetables, Anyway? Julie Garden-Robinson, professor and food and nutrition specialist, NDSU
- April 14: Tips for Selling Food Safely at Farmers Markets Londa Nwadike, food safety specialist, Kansas State University and the University of Missouri
- April 21: How to Start a New Food Business Amy Illg, program administrator, North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Food and Lodging

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June		Horse Show Events at the Illinois State Fair Grounds					
Sun	Mon	Тие	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	Region XI Arabian Show	Region XI Arabian Show	4 Region XI Arabian Show	5 Region XI Arabian Show	
			Non Fair Show	Non Fair Show	Non Fair Show	Non Fair Show	
6 Region Xl Arabian Show	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Non Fair Show							
13	14 Set up for Midwest Charity	15 Set up for Midwest Charity	16 Set up for Midwest Charity	17 Midwest Charity show starts	18 Midwest Charity Show	Midwest Charity Show	
	Non Fair Show	Non Fair Show	Non Fair Show	Non Fair Show	Non Fair Show	Non Fair Show	
20 Take down Midwest Charity Décor	21 Western Show Appaloosa & POA Show Move in	Western Show Appaloosa & ? POA Show	23 Western Show Appaloosa & ? POA Show	24	25	26 Centerline Dressage Show	
Non Fair Show	State Fair Show	State Fair Show	State Fair Show	Non Fair Show	Non Fair Show	Non Fair Show	
27 Centerline Dressage Show	28	29 Western Paint Show Move in	30 Western Paint Show				
Non Fair Show	Non Fair Show	State Fair Show	State Fair Show			2021	

July		Horse Show Events at the Illinois Fair Grounds						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
				Western Paint Show AQHA move in	2 Western AQHA Show	3 Western AQHA Show Barrel Racing in MPA		
				State Fair Show	State Fair Show	State Fair Show		
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State Fair Show	Non Fair Show	Non Fair Show	Non Fair Show	Non Fair Show	Non Fair Show	Non Fair Show		
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18 Clean Stalls	19 Western Reining Show move in	20 Western Reining Show State Fair Show	21 Western Reining Show State Fair Show	Western Reining Show	23 Western Reining Show State Fair Show	24 Western Reining Show State Fair Show		
25 Jr Horse Show Schooling over jumps. In the After noon 4:00 to 8:00	26 Jr Horse Show English Dressage, Jumping Hunt Seat Saddle Seat	27 Jr Horse Show English Showmanship Conformation Equitation	28 Jr Horse Show Tail Class, Traditional &Stock Patten Costume Class Scholarship Class	29 J Horse Show Western Ranch Riding & Pleasure & Horsemanship	30 Jr Horse Show Western Horsemanship Gymkhana in the MPA in the afternoon	31 Jr Hose Show Western Conformation Showmanship, Egg & spoon Versatility		

August		Horse Show Events at the Illinois State Fair Grounds						
Sun	Mon	Тие	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
I Jr Horse Show Western Pleasure Reining State Fair Show	2	3	4	5	Society Horses move in			
8	9 1st Session Society Horse Show	10 1st Session Society Horse Show	11 1st Session Society Horse Show	12 1st Session Society Horse Show	13 1st Session Society Horse Show	14 Draft Horses move in Livestock show of champion		
15 Draft Horse Show	16 Draft Horse Show	17 Draft Horse Show Livestock Sale	18	19 2nd Session Society Horse Show	20 2nd Session Society Horse Show	21 2nd Session Society Horse Show		
22 Draft Horse Pull in the afternoon	23	24	25	26	27	28 Western Mounted Shooting		
29 Western Mounted Shooting	30	31				State Fair Show		
State Fair Show						2021		



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION:





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Stateline Fruit & Vegetable Growers Conference

Virtual events held in February 2021

Thursday Tracks

February 18 | 1:00-3:30PM - Fruit Diseases & Insects

February 25 | 1:00-3:30PM - Vegetable Diseases & Insects

Friday Events

February 12 | Noon-1:00PM - Hard Cider Production

February 19 | Noon-1:00PM - Pumpkin Varieties

February 26 | Noon-1:00PM - High Tunnel Production

Visit for more information & registration: go.illinois.edu/stateline2021



