

4-H Show Briefing!



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Staff Greeting

Hello 4-H Families,

One 4-H show has already happened and we are anxiously waiting for the others to begin. *FairEntry.com* cut off deadline is June 15th. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and seeing the amazing projects you all have created!

This Show Briefing is full of important and useful information to help prepare you for the upcoming shows. I hope it answers any questions you may have. If not, please do not hesitate to contact me at 815-235-4125. I also (strongly) encourage you to call the 4-H Superintendent for your project area if you have questions about your project. Most of their phone numbers are in the Program Book at the beginning of each section heading. It's better to call and ask than to assume and make a costly mistake.

Keep in mind that 2021 4-H Shows may look different this year due to Covid. We are making the best of the restrictions we have been given and have made some changes to allow for us to have an in-person show this year.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the 2021 4-H Shows. Good luck and have fun!

Sincerely,
Brenda Heimann

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CLOVERBUDS

Date: Monday, July 19

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: UNDER THE GRANDSTANDS

Please do NOT come earlier than your club's scheduled time:

1-2 PM—Harlem Helpers

German Valley Golden Eagles

Lena Lucky Clovers

2-3 PM— Pearl Valley Rangers

Pearl City Hornets

Davis Rockets

Country Cuzins

Whiz Kids

- Check pages 32-34 of your program book, to see what items you NEED to bring with you to the show.
- All projects MUST have their Project Manual with them at the time of the show. If you don't have one, contact Brenda right away to get one- 815-235-4125.
- The judges will talk with your child and ask the simple questions about their projects: Who helped you with your project? Did you have fun while doing it? What was your favorite part about this project? Talk with your child before the show to help them understand and feel comfortable when their time comes to talk to the judge.
- Parents can stay in the building while their child talking with the judge.



Other Important Information

REMINDER: SEND THOSE THANK-YOU NOTES

A number of 4-H'ers will be awarded trophies, prizes, cash and other awards during 4-H shows and throughout the 4-H year. Be sure to take a few minutes to write the sponsor(s) a thank-you note for any award you receive. This includes those who contributed to the livestock sale and those volunteers who gave their time to help with the 4-H shows. Without their help, we could not have successful 4-H shows. Each award that is given will be accompanied by an index card with the name and address of your sponsor. If you lose your card and don't remember who sponsored your award, the sponsor list (including addresses) will be posted on our county website for your reference. Our sponsors are very important to us and we want them to come back year after year, so let's make sure we thank them for their contributions.



Thank you to all our volunteers, leaders, superintendents, judges, & recorders for all your help with setting up to tearing down for our 4-H shows. Without your time & energy these shows would not be the success that they are! We appreciate all that you do for our youth of Stephenson County!

General Information

WHAT 4-H IS REALLY ABOUT!

Please remember that there is more to 4-H than blue, red and white ribbons. Champion ribbons and awards are nice too, but there is much more than a ribbon gained from being in 4-H. As shows come and go, please evaluate your learning! Did you enjoy the project? Did you challenge yourself? What improvements could you make for next year? Did your project turn out how you envisioned it would? 4-H is about "learning by doing." What you put into the 4-H program will determine what you get out of it! Take advantage of the many opportunities 4-H has to offer!

4-H'ERS BUILD SELF-ESTEEM BY DOING OWN WORK

As 4-H'ers plan and prepare their exhibits for the 4-H shows, we would like to encourage parents to remember to allow the members to do their own work. While it is OK for mom and dad to give a few suggestions, or maybe a little help, it is even more important to allow the 4-H'er to do his or her own work. Exhibiting is a time for judges to see the work of the 4-H members, not the parents' work. Our judges want to know what the 4-H'ers have learned and how they completed the projects, not what they watched their parents complete. Please remember, 4-H is for youth and your 4-H members will only grow from the experience if they do their own work. While the 4-H program is a family organization, this is one of those times where the family should show their support through their words of encouragement! Let's help our 4-H members grow and blossom into independent, young adults!

2021 4-H PROGRAM BOOK

Please, please, please take time to review your 4-H Program Book pages **BEFORE** you begin your project and before the day of the show. Many projects and guidelines change from year to year, so please make sure you are up-to-date on all exhibit requirements (i.e. size restrictions, quantities, materials, etc.). If you are unsure, contact the project area Superintendent (phone numbers are in the Program Book).

4-H AWARD SPONSORS NEEDED

We are still looking for 2021 4-H award sponsors. If your family, business, club or friends want to sponsor an award, please call the Extension Office at 815-235-4125 and talk to Brenda. There are livestock, Visual Arts, Foods, Horticulture and too many awards to list here, so just give us a call and we'd be happy to tell you what's still available. Most awards are \$20 or \$25 depending on the project area. Awards will be given to sponsors on a first-come, first-served basis.

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

Project entry deadline for Stephenson County is **JUNE 15 @ 11:59 p.m.** Entries must be made using *FairEntry.com* and instructions can be found on our county website at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw/4-h-stephenson-county>

General Information

2021 STEPHENSON COUNTY SHOW NOTES & CHANGES

Please review the following information - as it affects ALL 4-H'ers!

For more information regarding any of these changes, please read your 2021 4-H Program Book or call the Extension Office at 815-235-4125.

- ◆ **The deadline to register all projects in Fair Entry is June 15, 2021.**
- ◆ Exhibit day for Sewing & Textiles, Flower Arranging, & Cake & Cookie Decorating/ Candy Making is Friday, June 25 at Highland Community College Campus- Building H in the Cafeteria. Please refer to that section for more info.
- ◆ Exhibit day for Dogs, Cats, & Rabbits/ Cavy is July, 10 at the Fairgrounds. Please refer to that section for more info.
- ◆ Exhibit day for all Cloverbuds, Crops, Food & Nutrition and Horticulture/Floriculture projects is **Monday, July 19** at the Fairgrounds. Please refer to those sections for specific times.
- ◆ The Illinois State Fair exhibit date for Stephenson County is **Friday, August 13, 2021.**
- ◆ Please note there is a Maker class all of it's own now; 3 total elevated to State Fair. (see page 62 in Program Book)
- ◆ Age restrictions: Ready4Life- must be 11; Innovation- No age restriction
- ◆ Child Development has a NEW description for 2021- (see page 40 of your program book.)
- ◆ Robotics has some wording changed to #4 in instructions, as well as Robotics 1 Beginning & Intermediate, & Robotics 2
- ◆ Visual Arts has added words to Chalk/Carbon/Pigment, Fiber, Leather, & Heritage Arts. Check to make sure your project is in the right class.
- ◆ Health added a new class in 2021
- ◆ Horticulture added a new class for Herbs. (See page 63 in your program book)
- ◆ Plants & Soils 1 & 3 changed their wording slightly..
- ◆ Photography has NEW CRITERIA for camera Settings (see page 66 in your program book #6.)
- ◆ Esports & Drones are completely NEW project areas this year.

- ◆ **Program Book Correction:**
 - SHEEP**
 - #21 on page 104 of program book should be Fall lambs for Columbia, Montadale, Corriedale, Suffolk, Hampshire, Dorset, and AOB born between 09/01/20 and 12/31/20. Fall lambs for Cheviot, Oxford, Shropshire, & Southdown born 09/01/20 and 02/15/21.
 - #22 on page 104 of the program book should be Spring lambs for Columbia, Miontadale, Corriedale, Suffolk, Hampshire, Dorset, & AOB born by 01/01/21 and after. Spring lambs for Cheviot, Oxford, Shropshire, & Southdown must be born by 02/16/21 and after.
- FOODS & NUTRITION**
- # 4 on page 53 in program book, Recipes are only required if you altered a recipe from the 4-H Cooking book, otherwise a recipe is not necessary. Recipes CAN be handwritten, typed or photo copied. Menus are still REQUIRED.

State Fair Information

STATE FAIR DELEGATE/ALTERNATE

If your project is chosen to go to State Fair to exhibit on August 13 and you are a State Fair Delegate, you will need to let the Extension Office know if you are going or not. If you are chosen as a State Fair Alternate, you have the opportunity to attend the State Fair if the Delegate is unable to attend. Please mark your card if you would like to go as an Alternate. We will need your State Fair postcard noting your decision either way by **Monday, July 19th**. Please begin thinking about going to the State Fair, if your project is selected, and good luck at your show! Don't forget, if you are chosen to represent us at State Fair, stop at the 4-H Table (during GP DAY), or call the Extension Office at 815-235-4125 for information!

State Fair Schedule- Friday, August 13

8-930-Project Drop off

9:30- Interviews begin

4:00-Projects Released- NOT A MINUTE SOONER!

4:30- All Projects MUST be gone

CHANGES TO STATE FAIR ADMISSION

The Illinois State Fair is no longer offering advance parking tickets to 4-Hers. State Fair exhibitors will pay for parking at the gate like all Fair attendees and there is no designated parking lot for 4-H members. The Illinois State Fair is only giving 15 Loading/Unloading passes to each county. These will be given out on a first come first served basis and we ask that anyone with a small, portable project refrain from requesting a pass. No CARS WILL BE ALLOWED to remain in LOT 1.

You may purchase Entry Ticket Passes for the State Fair, through the Extension office. The deadline for Ticket pass Requests is July 20th.

State 4-H Dog Show is August 28th at the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center

State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest- Open Livestock Center- Saturday, August 21

State Fair Livestock Shows- August 13-15

Poultry Show-Junior Livestock Building- Starting Monday, August 16

Rabbit Show- Junior Livestock Building-Starting Saturday, August 21

Horse & Pony Show

Date: August 1st

Location: Stephenson County Fairgrounds

Time: Check-In time 7:45- 8:15 AM

Show Time: 8:30 AM

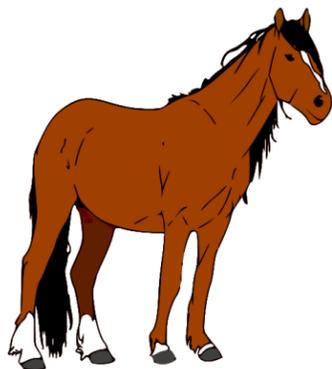
- ◆ This is a Rain or Shine Show
- ◆ We have changed the horse arena this year and have added sand. Come prepared to have a fun show!

HELMET REMINDER FOR HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS

This is a reminder that approved protective head gear, with safety strap (fastened and buckled), are required by ALL RIDERS WHENEVER MOUNTED. Helmets must meet ASTM/SEI standards. This goes for all horse clinics and the Horse Show for Stephenson County 4-H.



- Remember to bring your Coggins papers with you to check-in
- Check over all the rules & regulations on Page 98-99 in your program book and make sure you understand the classes and procedures for the event.
- We did combine some classes this year and we deleted some as well. The purpose of this was to help clean up the show and not make for sure a long day, where the same horses were having to go back into the ring, as soon as they came out.
- If you have questions about the changes, or your not sure which class you need, Call Brenda at the Extension office before June 15th.



Thank you to FNH for the donation of sand to make our horse arena great again.
Thank you to Fischer Excavating for your time and money hauling in all the sand for us.

Thank you to the Stephenson County Fairgrounds Groundskeeper—Jerry and crew for killing the weeds and helping lay the sand.

WE greatly appreciate all the hard work that went into this project!

Show & Fair Prep

FairEntry.com REGISTRATION

Don't forget that registrations for **ALL** shows and classes must be done using *FairEntry.com* online registration process. **The deadline to register is 11:59 p.m. on June 15, 2021.** If you fail to register by that date, the database will close and you will not be allowed to exhibit. For instructions on how to enroll, please visit our county website at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw/4-h-stephenson-county> to download a copy of the instruction packet. **It is YOUR responsibility to make sure you are registered to exhibit in the correct class(es).** If you have any questions about registering, you may contact Brenda in the Extension Office at 815-235-4125.

CONFERENCE JUDGING:

If you are showing at any of the shows, you have a great experience ahead of you! You will have the opportunity to participate in "conference judging." This unique type of judging gives you the chance to talk to the judges so they can find out what you've learned! The judges will consider what you've told them when assigning your ribbon placement and choosing champions!

Here are some things to remember as you prepare:

- ◆ Your exhibit offers a display of what you are capable of doing.
- ◆ The judges will be looking for positive learning. Tell them about your exhibit and your mistakes and how you have learned from them when you completed your project this year.
- ◆ The judge will be evaluating your exhibit and what you've learned - not YOU as a person.
- ◆ Your project will be evaluated against the blue ribbon standard. You won't be competing with others for your blue, red or white rating ribbon. Competition with other members is only involved when the Champion, Reserve Champion, Award and State Fair winners are selected.
- ◆ Your biggest competitor is YOU!
- ◆ Most importantly, READ the rules and guidelines in your 4-H Program Book pages. Be certain you have followed the established rules for the class you have entered.

Questions the judge may ask you:

- ◆ Did you enjoy working on this project? Why?
- ◆ What was the easiest or hardest thing you did?
- ◆ Why did you choose this exhibit?
- ◆ Who assisted you with this project?
- ◆ Tell me about the kinds of materials you used.
- ◆ What part of the exhibit do you feel you could improve? Why?

If you prepare a neat and creative exhibit, you'll be ready to tell the judge a lot. If you've followed the rules in your project area, you have nothing to worry about! Conference Judging will be a fun, learning experience for you!



4-H Shows: Updated Covid-19 Guidelines as of 6-11-21

We are so excited that we can be back to in-person 4-H shows & judging! With this in mind, and with the changes that have recently happened within our State, we need to update you on the newest policies for in-person showing. **This information is for all 4-H shows being held here in Stephenson county!** Please pass this information on to your family members, step parents, co-parents, grandparents, & anyone who is to be helping your 4-H member with getting to the 4-H shows.

- The University will no longer require fully vaccinated people to wear face coverings or practice social distancing indoors or outdoors. "Fully vaccinated" means 14 days after your final dose.
- Face coverings for youth under 12 and people who are not fully vaccinated will be required indoors. Masks may be removed outdoors only when it is possible to maintain social distance of at least 6 feet.
- These policies are grounded in the honor code. Participants will self-identify as vaccinated or unvaccinated; staff will not verify vaccination status for staff, youth, families, or volunteers.
- **The 4-H program teaches youth the values of honesty and integrity and this is a chance for us all to model and represent those principles. Youth will continue to pay attention to not only our words, but also our actions.**

- ⇒ When you register at Fair Entry.com you will be asked 3 custom questions, in order to register. The only question that has changed is the #1, they says you **MUST** wear a mask at both indoor & outdoor events. We will be following the rules above for that one question.
- ⇒ We will still require that **NO OVERNIGHTS**, for 4-H members, are allowed this year from Sunday, July 25 to Monday, July 26. After Monday's shows, 4-H's name will be taken down and the rest of the week will proceed under the Stephenson County Fair & their guidelines.
- ⇒ Lastly, we still have to maintain all event spaces to stay under our allotted number of people per area. We ask that only the 4-H member and 2 parents/guardians at the shows.
- ⇒ **NO SPECTATORS** are being allowed this year for the 4-H shows.

Again, we are excited to finally being able to move ahead with our planning & shows for the youth, by helping us follow this guidelines, **YOU** will ensure that we have a safe & fun show for everyone!



Show & Fair Prep

LIVESTOCK ENTRIES

General Rules and Reminders for all animal areas:

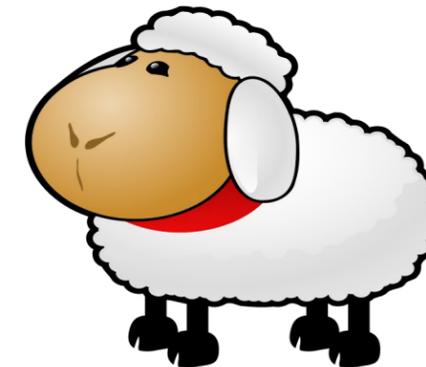
Make sure you read all health requirements for your animals (Program Book pgs. 107-110. You are responsible for following all requirements!

The Extension Office will email and post online all health forms for poultry, rabbits and guinea pigs (cavy) to members prior to the show. Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI) forms for cats, beef and dairy heifers, sheep, swine, and goats must be obtained from your veterinarian within 90 days prior to the show. These forms **MUST** accompany the animal to the show.

GUIDELINES FOR ALL 4-H ANIMAL PROJECTS

County rules specify that each exhibitor personally care for the animal(s) during the feeding period or required tenure of ownership. It also states that all purebred animals must be registered in the name of the 4-H Owner/Lessor. **The original copy of the registration papers MUST be available for inspection by the department superintendent before show time - NO EXCEPTIONS - they will be checked!**

All animals entered for exhibit in the Stephenson County 4-H Shows must be owned/leased by the 4-H Exhibitor and must have been personally cared for by that 4-H Owner-Exhibitor during the current 4-H year.



FRIENDLY REMINDER—

At all the Livestock shows, only the 4-H Member and 2 parents or guardians are to be in the show barns for the shows. This only pertains to the 4-H shows, once they are over, this rule is void.

Thank you for understanding and following these guideline so that we are able to have a fun & safe 4-H show!



Animal Information

ANIMAL WELFARE

Prepared by Dan Jennings, Animal Systems Extension Educator

Fair season is rapidly approaching once again. 4-H youth should be sure to present their animal projects to the benefit of the animal and the public. This behavior is encouraged both in and out of the show ring.

Animal welfare is a growing concern in this country today and warrants some attention during county fairs and any other 4-H livestock events. Livestock exhibitors should be aware of the fact that animal welfare and animal rights groups have been known to show up at county fair livestock events. Therefore, it is imperative that we show all general audiences at these livestock events that we, as keepers of animals, do know the right way to raise and care for our animals. This is something we should be doing regardless of who is watching!

While we are at the fair showing livestock we are under the watchful eye of the general public. This gives us a great opportunity to show people the method in which we care for our livestock.

The following is a list of guidelines that should be helpful in preventing any misconceptions that the public or any special interest groups may have about the way your livestock are raised. The proper care of animals should receive primary attention. Please follow these guidelines:

- o Always provide clean, fresh water.
- o Keep your pens clean and dry with good bedding at all times.
- o Be aware of animal comfort zones (i.e. temperature, space).
- o Sort and load animals safely and with concern for them.
- o Train animals to lead or be handled at a young age before the fair; this will make them more manageable at the fair.
- o Arrange for veterinary care in case of an emergency.
- o Handle animals in a very humane way.
- o Adhere to all antibiotic, drug, and water or feed additive withdrawal times.
- o Animals should be fed on a routine basis.
- o Avoid stressing the animal.
- o Keep animals clean, a clean animal is viewed as a healthy animal.
- o Use show sticks, whips, and canes for showing only and try to use them as gently as possible. Never use electric prods.
- o Review your 4-H project manual and follow the care recommendations. This is also a good way to answer any questions the public may have.
- o Have a plan of action if a problem should arise and who to contact to help solve it or answer any questions.
- o Know who and where fair officials are and how to get in contact with them.
- o If questioned about animal care by a stranger, remain calm, be polite, answer the question the best you can, don't argue, and refer them to the Department Superintendent, or Extension Staff member, if you are unable to answer their questions.

You are 4-H to the public...show it! Have a great showing season and good luck!!



Show & Fair Prep

4-H Building-

As most of you know we are no longer using the Club Booth area under the Grandstand, as in year's past. We have moved into the large Commercial building, also known as C2 or Foresight Building. We had some grand plans in place for 2020, which would have been our first year in the new setting and Covid-19 hit, and our fair went virtually. Due to the unknown and what-ifs, we have held off this year in making huge plans for our building and displays. With not having in-person meetings till just recently, it would have been hard to expect our leaders & clubs to get banners made, etc... to do booths and displays this year.

We are however going to:

- Setup the building and display your general projects during the fair. We will have the tables sorted out by project areas, so it will be easy for grandparents, family, & friends to locate your project and to see what you have made & learned this year!
- We will be offering information on 4-H for people that are curious about it and want to know more.
- We will have a blood pressure screening area that will have nurses from U of I at Chicago College of Pharmacy in Rockford.
- As well as a few other things, that we are still working on.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

- We are in need of volunteers to help be Hosts of our building during the Stephenson County Fair. Call us to let us know what time slot you can fill.
- We need your projects! After the general Projects day show, we have a secured building on the fairgrounds that we are able to keep your project until the week of the fair when they will be displayed for everyone to see. We will have a project pick up day on August 2nd from 3-6 pm for you to come back and collect your project to take home.



4-H SHOW INFO

PROJECT LEADER PASSES

Clubs are able to purchase project leader passes at a discounted price of \$8.00 per pass. These passes are available only to the project leaders that are enrolled through 4Honline and are active throughout the year in their club. Clubs must make payment by Friday, June 25 to the Extension Office. **If the leader gets a pass some other way (i.e. fair superintendent, open show exhibitor, employer, etc.), THEY MAY NOT take part in this offer.**

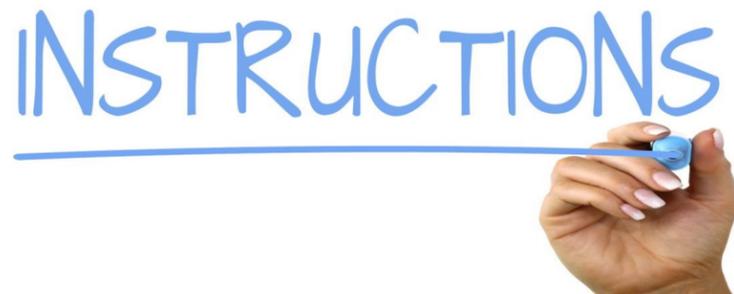
FAIR PASSES FOR 4-H MEMBERS

The Extension office will purchase a fair pass for any 4-H Member who is showing at a 4-H show, who is NOT showing in junior open or open show during the fair week. You must let your 4-H Leader know before June 25th.

If a member is showing in junior open &/or open show **THEY MAY NOT** take part in this offer.

Special Instructions-

Make sure you read the directions in the program book for dimensions & sizes that your project is allowed. Not only is the necessary for spacing on our tables, but MOST times they are also the State requirements. If you get elected to the State Fair and your project is not the right size you will get a lower score at judging time.



PASSPORT TO THE WORLD

If you are bringing a project in *Passport to the World* (individual or club), please bring a small card table to display your project.



Animal Information

LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP RULES

If you are exhibiting animals at one of the 4-H Livestock shows make sure you read and understand the Showmanship Rules. The rules can be found on page 82 in your 2021 4-H Program Book.

If you do not understand any of the rules, contact Brenda at the Extension Office at 815-235-4125 and ask. There are no stupid questions! Ask **BEFORE** you get to the show so you know what to expect and there are no surprises or disappointments.

4-H MASTER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

The Master Showmanship Contest will be held again at the 2021 Stephenson County Fair for 4-H members ages 14-18 currently enrolled in **ANY** livestock project area. The contest is being coordinated by Stephenson County 4-H and Stephenson County Farm Bureau Young Leaders. The winner of the local competition will represent Stephenson County at the Illinois State Fair on Friday, August 13. For more information about this awesome event, contact Brenda at the Extension office 815-235-4125

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS:

Illinois County Fair Health Requirements @ <https://my.extension.illinois.edu/documents/579192602190219/2019-county-fair-exhibition-health-requiements.pdf>

Animal Welfare at County Fairs @ <https://my.extension.illinois.edu/documents/579191705190519/animal-welfare-at-4-h-events.pdf>

Checklist for protecting visitors and pigs at County Exhibitions @ https://my.extension.illinois.edu/documents/579182903180318/checklist_for-protecting-guests-

4-H Livestock Shows

Date: July 26

Location: At the Stephenson County Fairgrounds

CHECK IN TIMES

***Sunday, July 25 at 5-7 pm Swine may arrive for weigh-in and stay on grounds overnight. NO 4-H MEMBERS may stay the night.**

- Monday, July 26– Beef, Dairy, Sheep, & Goats Arrival– 5-7 AM
- Beef Weigh-In–6-7 AM
- Poultry Arrival–7:30-8:30 AM

4-H Livestock Shows

8:45 AM– 4-H Poultry Show

9:00 AM–4-H Beef Show

9:00 AM–4-H Swine Show

9:00 AM– 4-H Sheep Show

9:30 AM– 4-H Dairy Show

9:30 AM–4-H Goat Show

*** When your 4-H livestock show is finished, you are no longer under 4-H rules & guidelines.***

- ♦ Make sure you have all your health & registrations papers the day you arrive. They will be checked at check-in.
- ♦ Unless you made previous arrangements with the office- ALL Livestock MUST be on the fairgrounds no Later than 7 AM, Poultry- No later than 8:30 AM.
- ♦ In order to show beef, dairy, goats, sheep, & swine the 4-H member must have completed their YQCA training by June 1st, and have submitted their certificate to the Extension off by that date, as well.
- ♦ In order to show Cat, Dog, Rabbits/ Cavy, Poultry, & Horse & Pony, the 4-H Member must have taken their QAEC training, at least once in their 4-H career, by June 1st.

2021 STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H SHOW SCHEDULE

Fri, Jun 25	9—11 a.m. 12-2 p.m. 2:30-4:30 p.m.	Sewing & Textiles, Cake & Cookie Decorating, Candy Making, Flower Arranging All at HCC, building H in the Cafeteria
Tues. July 6	9 a.m.	Set-up for General Projects Day
Wed. July 7	9:00 a.m. - noon	General Projects Day, Fairgrounds
Sat. July 10	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Dog Show, Under the Grandstand Rabbit & Cavy Show, Poultry/Rabbit building at Fairgrounds Cat Show, Under the Grandstand at the Fairgrounds
Mon. July 19	9:00 a.m.– noon 1:00	Crops, Food & Nutrition, & Horticulture at the Fairgrounds in both commercial buildings Cloverbud Show—Under the Grandstand, at Fairgrounds
Sun. July 25	5-7 p.m.	Swine Weigh-In and Arrival at fairgrounds * Families can start setting up their stalls in the afternoon of July 25th, NO LIVESTOCK allowed overnight Except for Swine on Sunday*
Mon. July 26	5-7 a.m. 6-7 a.m. 7:30-8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Beef, Dairy, Sheep, & Goat Arrival at fairgrounds Beef Weigh—In, Beef Barn Poultry Arrival on Fairgrounds 4-H Poultry Show 4-H Beef Show 4-H Swine Show 4-H Sheep Show 4 –H Dairy Show 4-H Goat Show
Unless you are staying for the junior open/ open shows all animals are released after their show is over		
Sat. July 31	1:00 p.m.	Master Showmanship Contest (Swine Show Rings)
Sun. Aug 1	8:30 a.m.	4-H Horse & Pony Show (Stephenson County Fairgrounds)
Mon. Aug 2	3:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Clean up 4-H buildings - projects released



Early Show:

Sewing & Textiles, Cake & Cookie Decorating, Candy Making & Flower Arranging

Date: June 25, 2021

Location: Highland Community College- Building H in the Cafeteria

Time: 9-11a.m.- Sewing & Textiles

12-2 p.m.-Cake & Cookie Decorating & Candy Making

2:30-4:30 p.m.-Flower Arranging

- Please show up to your show 10 minutes prior to start time, to check in.
- Judging times for these shows is a first come, first serve. Except for Cake & Cookie Decorating.
- Cake & Cookie Decorating show will start promptly at 12(noon).
- After each show the room will be cleared out and cleaned, before we start the next show.
- There is NO Fashion Revue this year
- Review pages 23-30 in your Program book to make sure you have all the necessary items for your project when you come.
- Sewing projects can be left with Brenda to be put on display for the Stephenson County Fair week.



General Projects Day- Map for Project Areas- July 7

UNDER THE GRANDSTAND- North

- Health, Child Development, Weather,
- Inter Design, Party Planning, Theatre Arts

HCE
Dining Hall

Commerical 2- (C2)
Foresight Bldg

- Ag Restoration
- Tractor
- Small Engines
- Welding
- Aero Space
- Electricity
- Animals Sciences
- Vet Sciences
- Computer Science
- Robotics
- 3D
- Maker &
- Esports
- Drones

- HCE
BLDG
- Civic Engagements
 - College & Career
 - Exploratory, Government,
 - Leadership
 - Consumer Ed., Inter-cultural
 - Family Heritage
 - Collections

Commerical 1 (C1)
Visual Arts
Photography
Communications
Video/ Film Making

Rabbit/Poultry Building
(next to HCE bldg.)

- Natural Resources
- Woodworking
- Entomology
- Forestry
- Geology

Fairgrounds Road- South

Food & Nutrition, Horticulture, Crops

Show Date: Monday, July 19th

At the Stephenson County Fairgrounds in Commercial Buildings C1 & C2

Time: Starting at 9:00 a.m.

Horticulture & Crops will be in C1 building. (Closest to the grandstands)

Foods & Nutrition will be in C2.

- Check-in time is 9 AM. You will be given your judge time at that time. Be prompt to your judge time, so you do not hold up others or cause skips in the schedule. Judging will start right away, however due to the temperatures please make sure your foods are kept in a cooler, so they do not get too hot before they are judged.
- All food will go home with you that day. You may choose to make a poster for display in the 4-H building for the week of the fair. Canning projects are allowed to stay and will be kept in the HCE Dining hall until we setup for the fair.
- Crops & Horticulture projects will go home, as well. You may choose to make a poster to display in our 4-H building for the week of the fair.

REMINDER- Youth with food, horticulture & Cloverbuds projects ONLY will be able to get their fair pass on Monday, July 19 when they show their projects.

Please see Brenda in C2 for your passes. You **MUSY** have ordered your pass through your 4-H leader prior to June 25th for us to one them reserved for you!



Saturday, July 10, 2021:
Dog, Cat, & Rabbit/Cavy Show

Dog Show- Starts at 9 AM under the Grandstand at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds.

- We plan to stay under the roof for shade as much as possible & will have fans going.
- Please bring water & water dish for your dog. (water hydrants are on grounds, however sometimes it tastes different to dogs vs what they have at home.
- Check page 89 in your program book to make sure you bring all **REQUIRED** papers with you to the show.

Rabbit/Cavy Show- Starts at 9 AM in the Rabbit/Poultry building on the Stephenson county fairgrounds.

- Cages will **NOT** be set up for show, you will be working out of your carriers.
- This will be a show-n-go, no rabbits/cavy will stay on grounds after the show.
- Plan ahead how to keep your rabbit/cavy cool... bring a fan, extension cord, frozen bottles of ice, water dishes/bottles for them to drink.
- Make sure your rabbit has it's marking in its ear & you bring your Ear ID form with you to show.
- Any Cavies will be shown before the Rabbit classes start.

Cat Show: Starts at 1PM in the building under the grandstand at the Fairgrounds.

- **Make sure you have proof of vaccination for your cat on the day of the show, all health regulations are listed on page 86 of your program book.**
- Bring a water dish & water for your cat.
- We will stay under roof for the show, and have fans going to help keep your cat cool.

GENERAL PROJECTS DAY

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General Projects Day is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 7**. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. ALL 4-H'ers must Sign up thru SIGN UP GENIUS for a time slot for judging with each project they are bringing. If you have decided not to show in a specific area, after you registered in fair entry, please check in with that area's Superintendent to let them know that you are NOT showing. Please note that you will receive your exhibit tag(s) when you check in your project. Please also note that only projects receiving a blue ribbon will be held until 11:00 a.m. for final judging of Champion, award and State Fair winners. All projects receiving a red or white ribbon will be released immediately for you to take to the HCE Dining Hall building to keep until fair week. Fair passes and leader passes will be available after 10:30 a.m. in C2 Commercial building.

Any 4-H'er that is not able to attend General Projects Day but still wants his/her project judged will need to refer to rule #7 on page 8 in the Policies section of the Program Book. This applies to ALL projects except livestock. Please remember....this is conference-style judging, so there is the chance the 4-H'er may not receive the highest rating due to the fact that the judge is not able to ask questions of the 4-H'er and may not fully know what was accomplished or learned by doing the project. Please let judges know ahead of time if you are in being judged in

NEW FOR 2021-

We will be using Sign up Genius for General Projects Day ONLY! This is to help us manage the numbers inside of each building (event space.) We are still being advised by the Stephenson County Health Department that each of our event spaces need to be under a certain amount of people at a time.

Once the Fair Entry closes on June 15th, we will be looking at the numbers for each project area and creating judging times to work accordingly.

The information for Sign up genius will be sent by e-mail with instructions on how to proceed. Please keep in mind when you are signing up for judging times that you look at the projects you have and what building they are in, & try as much as possible to plan your times so you are not running yourself all over the fairgrounds.

Judging Times-

* When it is your child's time to be judged. Only the child & their project will be allowed to go to the judging table. If your child needs an accommodation to meet their needs, please contact Brenda, by June 28th, at 815-235-4125.



GENERAL PROJECTS DAY

4-H PROJECT DISPLAY & FAIR PASS PICK-UP

In order to increase the public's awareness about the wide variety of amazing projects our 4-H'ers do and to help promote 4-H, the following guidelines will be followed for exhibiting your project(s):

- General Projects Day projects need to be brought to the HCE Dining Hall building when you are done showing on that day (Wednesday, July 7.) You will bring your project to the building, take your project where you are directed to put it, & get your fair pass (if eligible). 4-H'ers with projects too large for display in the booths are asked to make a poster with a picture of the project, their name, club name, project name, and the answer to one of the following questions:
 1. What was your favorite thing about your project?
 2. What was one thing you learned from your project?
- Fair passes will be distributed to youth age 6 and older as of 07/7/2021. Who have told their leader they need one.
- Youth with food, horticulture & Cloverbuds projects ONLY will be able to get their fair pass on Monday, July 19 when they show their projects. Youth exhibiting livestock ONLY can pick up their passes in the Extension office starting on Thursday, July 8, thru July 20th.
- If you are unable to deliver your project and pick up your own pass, you may give written permission to another 4-H'er, parent, or volunteer to drop off your project and get your pass.

FAIR PASS PICK-UP PERMISSION

I _____ of _____ Club
 (member)

give _____ of _____ Club
 (member or leader)

permission to pick up my Stephenson County 4-H Fair Pass when he/she delivers my project on General Projects Day to the 4-H Building.

Member phone number: _____

Pick-up person's phone number: _____

4-H Member's Signature _____

4-H projects will not be released until 3:00 p.m. on Monday, August 2 - NO EXCEPTIONS! All projects **MUST** be removed by 6:00 p.m. that day. If you cannot pick up your project(s), please arrange for someone from your club to do it for you. Please plan to assist in cleaning up the fairgrounds on Monday, August 2 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. It's a great service project for your club and it's the right thing to do!