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NEWSFLASH



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Find Your Spark!

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Hello 4-H Families, Leaders, & Volunteers,

We are all geared up here at the Extension & 4-H office for summer!! We have our babysitting clinic, Wizardly World of 4-H daycamp, 4-H camp, & all of our summer shows coming up very soon! If you are interested in any of these programs please look inside for the registration links. Each program & summer shows have either a registration or fair entry requirement, so we know who is coming.

4-H Summer Camp is right around the corner! This Sunday—May 22 is the last day to register your kids, if you would like them to attend! 4-H Camp is held at Rock River Christian Camp in Polo, IL and is June 14, 15, & 16. Hurry over to: <https://go.illinois.edu/4Hsummercamp> to register!

Fair Entry is open and an e-mail was sent last week with the link and instructions. We also have the instructions and the 4-H show book on our website: <https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw/4-h-stephenson-county>

Please remember, if you are signing up to bring beef, dairy, goats, sheep, & swine to the fair, you will need your YQCA training done and certificate sent to the Extension office, by June 1 at 4:00pm in order to show. Your entries will not be accepted into fair entry until your certificate is received by our office. The YQCA training link is: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Congratulations to all of our 2022 Seniors!! We have 16 graduating seniors from our county this year! We wish you all the best of luck on your future endeavors. I know you will do great things!

~ Jill Next Time, Brenda



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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS of 2022!!

Ellie Bower—Lena-Winslow

Benjamin Bremmer—Pearl City

Trevor Brenner—Pearl City

Magen Busker—Freeport

Conor DeZell—Lena- Winslow

Christian Fischer—Pearl City

Emma Gustafson—Orangeville

Cheyenne Handsaker—Pearl City

Zakary Krahmer—Lena-Winslow

Michelle March—Freeport

Samantha Mock—Orangeville

Stella Prasse—Pearl City

Lila Sloan—Dakota

Ross Stabenow—Lena-Winslow

Braydy Sullivan—Orangeville

Dalia Weber—Dakota



STEPHENSON COUNTY NEWS

We need your help!



We are trying something new in the 4-H building this year to try and help keep our project signs standing up!!

Please help us out by saving your Ice Cream buckets!!!

(Schwan's plain white would be perfect, but we will take any gallon size bucket)

Please drop off to Brenda at the Extension Office by June 30.

Join the Club



LEAD!
SERVE!
INSPIRE!

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We have yard signs available at the Extension Office for 4-H families to sign out and put in their yards!


Please call us at 815-235-4125 to have one set out for you!

****Find Your Spark!****

STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H Club Meetings—Attendance Policy

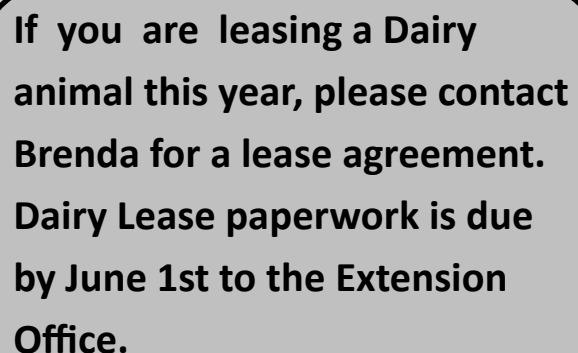
All 4-H members must attend 1/3 of their club meetings for the year, from the time of their enrollment, in order to show at the 4-H shows this summer. If you have questions on this, please reach out to your 4-H leader!



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 1, 2022



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YQCA TRAINING

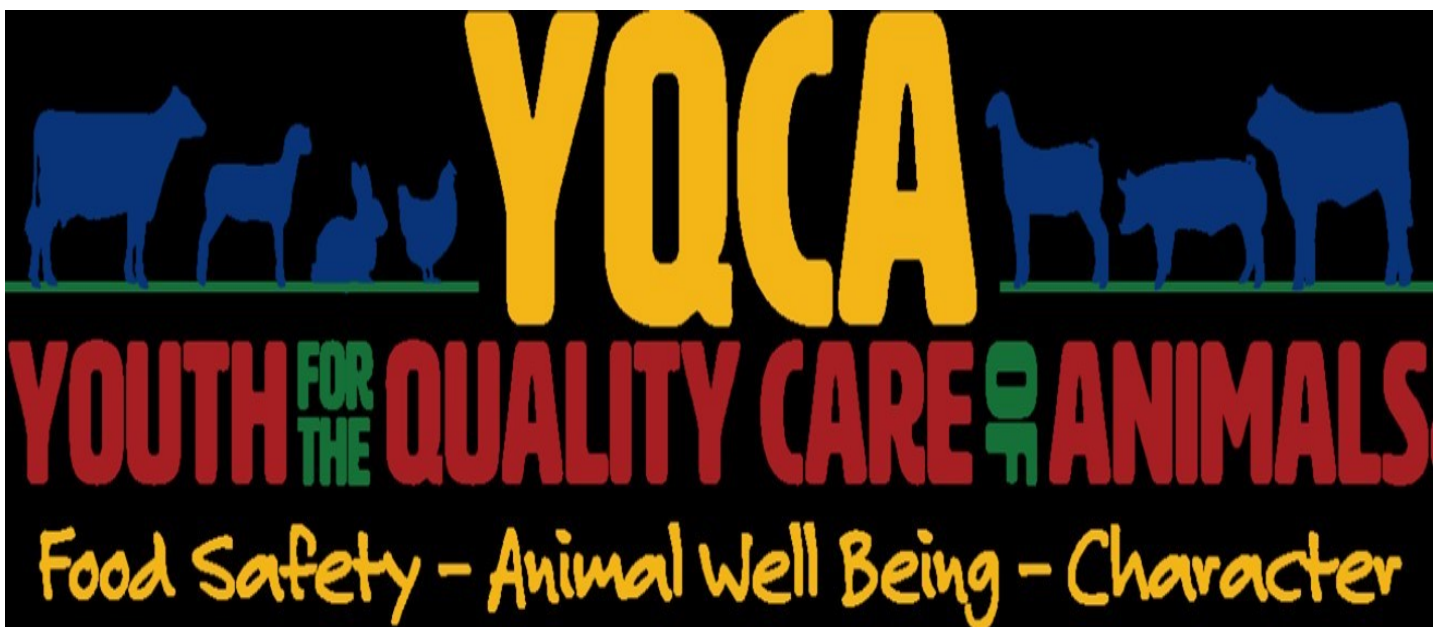
If you are a 4-H Member showing: **sheep, swine, dairy, goats, or beef** you will need to do your Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training again **BEFORE the June 1 deadline**. This is for all members ages 8-18 showing livestock for a 4-H show.

1) **Online training** (there is a test at the end) and the cost is \$12, per student. Once completed please print 2 copies of your certificate— 1 needs to be given to the Extension office before June 1, and the other one travels with the 4-H member to the shows.

Link is: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Whether you take the online course OR attend an in-person training, you MUST submit your certificate of completion to Brenda at the Extension office—NO LATER than 4pm on June 1.

If you missed the email with step-by-step instructions on how to setup your new YQCA account, please reach out to Brenda at bheimann@illinois.edu





2021-2022 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

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

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
21	Forestry Club Meeting 3
22	DEADLINE for 4-H Camp registration
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 Pygmy Goats, Dairy Calves & Heifers, All Poultry, Rabbits & Cavies (No paperwork to Ext. Office)
1	Dog Show SPIN Club, 6 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds,
2	Livestock Superintendent Meeting, 6:30p.m. at HCC, Rm 153
6	Babysitting Clinic, Farm Bureau, 9-2:30
14-16	4-H Camp, Daycamp- Rock River Christian Camp, Polo, IL
15	Dog SPIN CLUB – Optional Class, 6pm- Stephenson County Fairgrounds
17	Extension Office Closed for Juneteenth
25	Breeding Sheep Ownership deadline
25	Multi- County Tubing Day, 10:30 a.m., Sugar River Adventures- Rockton, IL
28	Wizardly World of 4-H Part 2, HCC- Building H, Rm 201, 9-12

JULY 2022

4	Extension Office Closed for Independence Day
6	Creative Writing Submissions for General Projects Day MUST be received in Ext. office no later than 4:00 p.m.
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
18	Horse Superintendent Meeting, Ridott Corners, 6pm
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



2021-2022 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

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25	Stephenson County Fairgrounds- Foresight buildings 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
31	Project pick up at fairgrounds from 1-3p.m./ Help tear down the fair building and put things away

AUGUST 2022

6	Stephenson County 4-H Horse show, at Winnebago County Fairgrounds- 8:00 a.m. registration
11-21	Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL
13	Stephenson County State Fair Exhibition Day



The Extension office will be closed May, 30 in
Observance of Memorial 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/>



4-H Camp—June 14, 15, 16

Registration for 4-H Camp 2022 is OPEN!!!

4-H Camp is open to **ALL** boys and girls, ages 8-14 by June 14, 2022. **4-H membership is not required**; however, all participants will be expected to comply with the same high behavior standards expected of 4-Hers. Youth need to be interested and excited to have a day of outdoor fun, away from television and technology.

Cost each day is \$70. **All camp fees must be paid in full by May 22, 2022.** Download a camper application online or register online at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/northern-illinois-4-h-camp>. If you have any questions, please reach out to Brenda at 815-235-4125.

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!

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4-H Babysitting Clinic

01

AGES & STAGES OF CHILD
DEVELOPMENT

02

CREATING HEALTHY
SNACKS AND ACTIVITIES

03

CHOKING PREVENTION AND
FIRST AID

04

BUILDING YOUR BUSINESS



*Lunch
Provided*

Cost \$5

STEPHENSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU

210 W. SPRING ST. FREEPORT

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022

9 AM - 2:30 PM

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH 11+ YEARS OLD * MUST HAVE COMPLETED 5TH GRADE.

To register call 815-235-4125 or register online at:
go.illinois.edu/BabysittingClinic

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the Extension Office at 815-858-2273.
Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

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Wizarding World of 4-H

JUNE 28, 2022

Highland Community College -Building H-
2998 W. Pearl City Rd- Freeport, IL

JOIN UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION FOR A NEW YEAR OF
MAGICAL FUN! THIS WILL BE A HANDS-ON LEARNING EVENT AND
FUN FOR ALL AGES. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND IS OPEN TO
ALL YOUTH THAT HAVE COMPLETED 1ST -12TH GRADE.
4-H MEMBERSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED.

DRIVE THROUGH CHECK-IN: 9:00-9:15 AM

BROOM MAKING AND CAPE CREATION: 9:15 AM

ROTATIONS: 9:45 AM

WIZARD TOURNAMENT, CARE OF MAGICAL
CREATURES, & CANDLE MAKING CLASS

DRIVE THROUGH CHECK-OUT: 12:00 PM



REGISTER AT [GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/JSW](https://go.illinois.edu/jsw)
OR CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT 815-235-4125

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JUNE 23

WIZARD TOURNAMENT:

YOU CREATED YOUR BROOM- NOW WHAT? EACH WITCH OR WIZARD WILL USE THEIR BROOM TO FLY THROUGH THE OBSTACLE COURSE DURING THE WIZARD TOURNAMENT.



CANDLE MAKING CLASS

CANDLE MAKING IS AN ESSENTIAL SKILL THAT EVERY WITCH OR WIZARD NEEDS. DURING THIS CLASS, PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THE ART OF CANDLE MAKING.



CARE OF MAGICAL CREATURES CLASS:

CREATE YOUR OWN GOOD LUCK MANDRAKE TO TAKE HOME BY NEEDLE FELTING WITH WOOL.



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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OPPORTUNITIES IN PROGRAMS AND EMPLOYMENT.**



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4-H FLOAT DAY

June 25 at 10:30 AM
Location: Colored Sands Forrest
Preserve
10602 Haas Rd. Rockton, IL



**Pre-purchase of tickets and waiver forms are done directly
thru this website:**

**<https://sugarriveradventures.com/weekend-river-tubing>
Use Code: 4H2022 for your 20% discount!!**

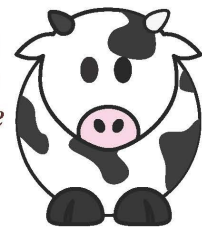
**Questions can be directed to Brenda at 815-235-4125 or check
out the FAQ on Forrest Perserve's page.**

I MADE THAT!

DIY FREEZER JAM

& ICE CREAM

The June cooking kits are designed to inspire the inner chef and get youth moo-ving in the kitchen for National Dairy Month. This month, learn how to make ice cream in a bag, and freezer jam with fresh summer fruit. Make the most of summer with these tantalizing recipes plus summer safety tips for bug bites, sun exposure, fireworks, and more!



Register for your kit at:
go.illinois.edu/jswIMadeThat

EACH KIT IS \$5 AND INCLUDES:

- June "I Made That!" booklet
- Freezer jam recipes
- Ice cream in a bag recipe
- Select ingredients for your recipes
- Activities and sensory evaluation

Kits will be available for pick-up beginning
June 6 at one of our Extension offices in
Elizabeth, Freeport or Rockford, IL.



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FLORENCE CRICKETS 4-H CLUB– TRIP TO THE FIRE STATION

The Florence Crickets 4-H club held their May meeting out at the Freeport Rural Fire Station and learned about fire fighting! The kids had a lot of fun learning about the tools and equipment that fire fighters have to use to fight fires. The water fights were a hit!



SCHOLARSHIPS

STEPHENSON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP -

The Stephenson Soil & Water Conservation District established this scholarship to help outstanding students of soil, water, and related natural resources conservation to complete their education at any accredited college or university. You must be a Stephenson County resident, attending an accredited college or university, majoring in soil &/or water conservation or a related natural resource field, and a full-time student in order to apply. DEADLINE is June 30. Please reach out to Brenda for an application!

Stephenson County Association for Home & Community Education -

The SCAHCE scholarship is awarded to 1 recipient in the amount of \$300.00. The applicants must be an immediate member of a county HCE/HEA member for a minimum of 3 years & live in Illinois.

Deadline is July 15, 2022. Contact the Extension office for an application— 815-235-4125.

R.C. Miller Scholarship— The scholarship was established by R. C. Miller, a lifetime Stephenson County resident and ardent supporter of agriculture, natural resources and conservation. Miller, who died in 2007, left a legacy in the community for his support of a variety of programs and efforts, especially youth and conservation causes.

To be eligible to apply, individuals must be residents of Stephenson County and enrolled in an agriculture, natural resources or related degree program. Applicants must be accepted at their chosen college or university and be a full-time student carrying a minimum of 12 hours per semester.

To receive an application, please call the University of Illinois Extension Stephenson County Office at 815-235-4125. Completed applications are due by **June 1, 2022** to the U of I Extension, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd, Freeport. Chosen recipients will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Minneapolis Moline Collectors INC is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for a student attending a trade or technical school. This scholarship, as established by Dale Laedtke's parents in his memory. Information about Dale Laedtke is located at <https://minneapolismolinecollectors.org/projects-contests/mmci-scholarship/dale-laedtke-memorial-scholarship>.

Deadline is May 31. There are more scholarships available through this company by going to: <https://minneapolismolinecollectors.org> and looking under the PROJECT TAB.

EXTENSION NEWS

Helpline answers Home Gardening Questions

Have a gardening question? The Master Gardener Helpline at the University of Illinois Extension is open for the season. Designed to help the home gardener with their questions, the helpline is staffed with Master Gardener volunteers that will provide you with a research-based answer to your home gardening question. Call the University of Illinois Extension-Stephenson County at (815) 235-4125 to reach the Master Gardener Helpline or fill out a form on-line at go.illinois.edu/mghelpline .



Brush up on your canning skills this spring!

If you are interested in learning what it takes to preserve food safely, or perhaps you simply need a refresher, this class is for you. ***Yes! You Can: Preserve It Safely – Water Bath and Pressure Canning Basics*** will be held both in-person and virtually. Pick the time and date that works best for you.

- Thursday, June 9, from 5:30-8:30 PM at University of Illinois Extension-Winnebago County, 1040 North Second Street, Rockford.
- Tuesday, June 14, from 5:30-8:30 PM, at University of Illinois Extension-Stephenson County, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport.

Tuesday, June 7, from 5:30 to 8:30 PM, virtually via Zoom.

Participants will learn the basics of home food preservation, food safety guidelines, and the most recent methods used to preserve food safely. Additionally, participants can have the dial gauge on their pressure canners tested; just bring your lid with the gauge attached.

Register for this popular program by calling the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw. There is a \$5.00 fee, which will cover the educational session and a pressure canner gauge testing. Space is limited so register today!