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Good afternoon Stephenson County 4-H Families,

I hope you all fared the storms on Monday okay and didn't have too much damage or loss. My husband has been back to working from home as Rock Valley College had substantial damage to their campus. Somehow his car was fine, thank goodness!

In this Newsflash is lots of information about how to apply for state awards and new scholarships being offered. Be sure to check it out! There are also many 4-H opportunities for members to be involved in leadership at the state level! After our 2020 Virtual Shows, I think you can achieve anything you set your minds to with 4-H! Opportunity awaits!

As per the guidelines from Tony Franklin on page 2, some of our 4-H clubs may begin meeting again in small numbers with proper precautions depending on everyone's comfort level. More documentation will be coming that our leaders will need to submit for approval from our County Extension Director, Margaret Larson. You are always welcome to meet via Zoom and I am happy to help set up a meeting safely using the password protection provided to us from the University.

All our State Fair Delegates have been promoted in the Fair Entry system. They have not released an exact date we will receive results, but I am thinking mid-September.

Congratulations to everyone that participated in the virtual shows this year! That was no easy task for any of us, but I am so glad the show was able to go on for the kids in a safe way! If you chose to skip this year, that's okay, too! Everyone has to do what is best for them.

Enjoy the weekend!

~Becky Gocken



**Congratulations to
Nathan Stache of the
Davis Rockets 4-H Club for
winning our t-shirt design
contest for our 2020
virtual show exhibitors!
More info to come!**



Extension expands programming, continues virtual 4-H shows in August

July 01, 2020

URBANA, Ill. – University of Illinois Extension will allow staff and volunteers to resume limited in-person gatherings in August, consistent with the public health and safety guidelines outlined in Phase 4 of the [Restore Illinois](#) plan. While long-term solutions to managing the coronavirus are in development, [Illinois Extension](#) will continue delivering programming—both virtual and in-person—that supports families, businesses, and communities across the state.

Effective Aug. 1, in-person events for groups of up to 10 people may resume, with group limits expanding up to 25 on August 16. All program participants and staff will be required to practice social distancing measures, including wearing a face covering.

While small group activities may resume, larger Illinois Extension events will continue in a virtual format. All 4-H general project and 4-H livestock shows and exhibitions scheduled through August 31 will move online to a virtual exhibition platform called FairEntry. All overnight camps are also canceled through the end of August.

“We know that many of our 4-H members and their families have felt the loss of the in-person 4-H shows that are such an iconic part of summertime in Illinois,” says Lisa Diaz, assistant dean and director of Illinois 4-H. “But early feedback from our families who have participated in a virtual 4-H show already this summer is that it’s still a great learning opportunity that provides a showcase experience for 4-H members.”

Over the course of the fall, Illinois Extension will continue a phased return to in-person programming to ensure that proper safety protocols, space management plans, and public health requirements are fully adopted by the organization. To learn more about upcoming events and activities, visit <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/events>.

SOURCE: [Tony Franklin](#), Associate Director, Illinois Extension

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Virtual Shows Beef Results



Market Steers

Other Purebred/ Crossbred

Champion- Koby Kearns #287, Lena Lucky Clovers

Reserve Champion- Charlotte Musser #512,
Pearl City Hornets

Angus

Champion- Koby Kearns #286, Lena Lucky Clovers

Reserve Champion- Brynlee McPeck, Pearl City
Hornets

Hereford

Champion- Brogan Keltner #291, Pearl City Hornets

Reserve Champion- Faith Weber #292, Country
Cuzins

Shorthorn

Champion- Maverick Weber #457, Country Cuzins

Reserve Champion- Cole Weber #361, Country
Cuzins

Grand Champion 4-H

Steer

Champion- Koby Kearns #287, Lena Lucky Clovers

Reserve Champion- Charlotte Musser #512, Pearl
City Hornets



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Breeding Classes

Crossbred

Champion- Kingston McNett #348, Lena
Lucky Clovers

Reserve Champion- Paxton Rundert, Lena
Lucky Clovers

Hereford

Champion- Koby Kearns #288, Lena Lucky Clovers

Reserve Champion- Charlotte Musser #511,
Pearl City Hornets

Angus

Champion- Cheyenne Handsaker #354,

Pearl City Hornets

Reserve Champion- Cheyenne Handsaker

#353, Pearl City Hornets

Other Purebreds

Champion- Odin Stabenow #347, Lena Lucky
Clovers

Reserve Champion- Luke Stabenow #418,
Lena Lucky Clovers

Grand Champion Overall

Female

Champion- Koby Kearns #288, Lena Lucky Clovers

Reserve Champion- Odin Stabenow #347,
Lena Lucky Clovers

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Virtual Shows Dairy Results



Ayrshire

Grand Champion- Alaina Dinderman, Snappy
Snazzers

Brown Swiss

Jr. Breed Champion- Matthew Busker,
Country Cuzins

Jr. Breed Reserve Champion- Collin Meier,
Country Cuzins

Sr. Breed Champion- Rachel Busker, Country Cuzins

Grand Champion- Rachel Busker, Country Cuzins

Reserve Grand Champion- Collin Meier,
Country Cuzins

Grade

Grand Champion- Alaina Dinderman,
Snappy Snazzers

Purebred Guernsey

Jr. Breed Champion- Aidan Dinderman,
Snappy Snazzers

Jr. Breed Reserve Champion- Aidan Dinderman,
Snappy Snazzers

Sr. Breed Champion- Alaina Dinderman,
Snappy Snazzers

Sr. Breed Reserve Champion- Alaina Dinderman,
Snappy Snazzers

Grand Champion- Alaina Dinderman, Snappy
Snazzers

Purebred Holsteins

Jr. Breed Champion- Ben Bremmer, Pearl Valley Rangers

Jr. Breed Reserve Champion- Ben Bremmer,
Pearl Valley Rangers

Sr. Breed Champion- Magen Busker, Country Cuzins

Sr. Breed Reserve Champion- Owen Gunderson,
Florence Crickets

Grand Champion- Magen Busker, Country Cuzins

Reserve Grand Champion- Owen Gunderson, Florence Crickets

Purebred Jersey

Jr. Breed Champion- Hope Brinkmeier, Country Cuzins

Supreme Champion

Supreme Jr. Champion- Ben Bremmer, Pearl Valley Rangers

Supreme Jr. Reserve Champion- Matthew Busker,
Country Cuzins

Supreme Champion- Magen Busker, Country Cuzins

Supreme Reserve Champion- Rachel Busker, Country Cuzins

Best Uddered Cow

Champion- Magen Busker, Country Cuzins

Reserve Champion- Ella Gunderson, Florence Crickets



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2020 Stephenson County 4-H Virtual Shows Goat Results



Grand Champion Dairy Wether

Grand Champion- Destiny Haugh, Pearl Valley Rangers
Reserve Grand Champion- Kenadee Schreck, Pearl Valley Rangers

Grand Champion Meat Wether

Grand Champion- Kegan DeZell, Pearl City Hornets
Reserve Grand Champion- Conor DeZell, Pearl City Hornets

Grand Champion Meat Doe

Grand Champion- Conor DeZell, Pearl City Hornets
Reserve Grand Champion- Conor DeZell, Pearl City Hornets

Champion Nubian

Junior Champion- Kenadee Schreck, Pearl Valley Rangers

Best Junior Doe of Show

Grand Champion- Kenadee Schreck, Pearl Valley Rangers

Pet Goat Class

Grand Champion- Kenadee Schreck, Pearl Valley Rangers



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2020 Stephenson County 4-H Virtual Shows Horse Results



Open Novice Horse/Pony & Exhibitor Combo

Champion- Isabella Kostallari, Pearl Valley Rangers

Champion Pony at Halter

Champion- Madalyn Schierloh, Lena Live Wires
Reserve Champion- Helen Wenger, Country Cuzins

Champion Horse at Halter

Champion- Brea Musser, Pearl City Hornets
Reserve Champion- Madalyn Schierloh, Lena Live Wires

Grand Champion at Halter

Champion- Madalyn Schierloh, Lena Live Wires
Reserve Champion- Brea Musser, Pearl City Hornets

Senior Showmanship

1st Place- Isabella Kostallari, Pearl Valley Rangers
2nd Place- Laney Widmer, Snappy Snazzers

Junior Showmanship

1st Place- Madalyn Schierloh, Lena Live Wires
2nd Place- Tori Gallagher, Country Cuzins
3rd Place- Mia Earlywine, Country Cuzins

Showman of Showman- Madalyn Schierloh, Lena Live Wires

Walk/Trot Pleasure

Champion- Madalyn Schierloh, Lena Live Wires
Reserve Champion- Charlotte Musser, Pearl City Hornets

Walk/Trot Equitation

Champion- Madalyn Schierloh, Lena Live Wires

Champion English Performance Horse

Champion- Isabella Kostallari, Pearl Valley Rangers
Reserve Champion- Laney Widmer, Snappy Snazzers

Champion English Performance Pony

Champion- Madalyn Schierloh, Lena Live Wires
Reserve Champion- Vanessa Hartwig, Snappy Snazzers

Grand Champion English Performance

Champion- Madalyn Schierloh, Lena Live Wires
Reserve Champion- Isabella Kostallari, Pearl Valley Rangers

Champion Western Performance Pony

Champion- Madalyn Schierloh, Lena Live Wires
Reserve Champion- Laney Widmer, Snappy Snazzers

Traveling Trophy Winner

Madalyn Schierloh, Lena Live Wires

Costume Contest

Champion- Mia Earlywine, Country Cuzins
Reserve Champion- Isabella Kostallari, Pearl Valley Rangers

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2020 Stephenson County 4-H Virtual Shows Poultry Results



Market Birds

American Class Chicken

- 1st Place- Sean Binder (female), Rainbow Rangers
2nd Place- Justin Myers (male), German Valley Golden Eagles

Asiatic Class Chickens

- 1st Place- Dawson Stache (male), Davis Rockets
2nd Place- Rowan Stache (female), Davis Rockets

English Class Chickens

- 1st Place- Justin Myers (female), German Valley Golden Eagles
2nd Place- Brynn Lamm (female), Florence Crickets

Mediterranean Class Chickens

- 1st Place- Justin Myers (female), German Valley Golden Eagles
2nd Place- Dawson Stache (female), Davis Rockets

Continental Class Chickens

- 1st Place- Rowan Stache (female), Davis Rockets
2nd Place- Justin Myers (female), German Valley Golden Eagles

Other Standard Breeds Chickens

- 1st Place- Justin Myers (male), German Valley Golden Eagles
2nd Place- Justin Myers (female), German Valley Golden Eagles

Clean-Legged Bantam

- 1st Place- Brooklyn Schreck (male), Pearl Valley Rangers

Feather-Legged Bantam

- 1st Place- James Binder (female), Rainbow Rangers
2nd Place- Brooklyn Schreck (female), Pearl Valley Rangers

Overall Champion Bantam

- 1st Place- James Binder (female), Rainbow Rangers
2nd Place- Brooklyn Schreck (female), Pearl Valley Rangers

Ducks

Light Weight Duck

- 1st Place- Hunter Miller (female), German Valley Golden Eagles

Overall Champion Duck

- 1st Place- Hunter Miller (female), German Valley Golden Eagles

4-H Poultry Best of Show

- Mediterranean Female, Justin Myers, German Valley Golden Eagles



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2020 Stephenson County 4-H Virtual Shows Rabbit Results



Purebred

- Champion- Justin Meyers #245, German Valley Golden Eagles
Reserve Champion- Matthew Busker #505, Country Cuzins


Opposite Purebred

- Champion- Myla Binger #490, Country Cuzins
Reserve Champion- Synthia Binger #497, Country Cuzins




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2020 Stephenson County 4-H Virtual Shows Sheep Results

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Shropshire Ram</u></p> <p>Champion- Brynn Lamm (Fall Ram Lamb #462), Florence Crickets Reserve Champion- Kyla Lamm (Spring Ram Lamb #448), Florence Crickets</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ewe</u></p> <p>Champion- Kyla Lamm (Fall Ewe Lamb #476), Florence Crickets Reserve Champion- Brynn Lamm (Fall Ewe Lamb #473), Florence Crickets</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dorset Ram</u></p> <p>Champion- Sandra Binder (Yearling Ram #437), Rainbow Rangers Reserve Champion- Madison Binder (Fall Ram Lamb #470), Rainbow Rangers</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ewe</u></p> <p>Champion- Madison Binder (Yearling Ewe #471), Rainbow Rangers Reserve Champion- Sandra Binder (Spring Ewe Lamb #443), Rainbow Rangers</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Suffolk Ram</u></p> <p>Champion- James Binder (Spring Ram Lamb #445), Rainbow Rangers Reserve Champion- Madison Binder (Fall Ram Lamb #443), Rainbow Rangers</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ewe</u></p> <p>Champion- Sandra Binder (Fall Ewe Lamb #444), Rainbow Rangers Reserve Champion- Madison Binder (Yearling Ewe 1 yr <2 yr #463), Rainbow Rangers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Southdown Ram</u></p> <p>Champion- Grace DeVries, Spring Ram Lamb #344), Harlem Helpers</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ewe</u></p> <p>Champion- Grace DeVries (Yearling Ewe #345), Harlem Helpers Reserve Champion- Grace DeVries (Fall Ewe #346), Harlem Helpers</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Shorn Market Wether Lamb</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Hampshire</u></p> <p>Champion- Blake Kearns, Lena Lucky Clovers</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Other Purebreds</u></p> <p>Champion- Blake Kearns, Lena Lucky Clovers</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Grand Champion Yearling Ram</u></p> <p>Champion- Sandra Binder, Rainbow Rangers- Yearling Ram Dorset</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Purebred Spring/ Fall Ram Lamb</u></p> <p>Champion- Brynn Lamm, Florence Crickets, Fall Ram Lamb Shropshire</p> <p>Reserve Champion- Grace DeVries, Harlem Helpers, Spring Ram Lamb Southdown</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Aged/ Yearling Ewe</u></p> <p>Champion- Grace DeVries, Harlem Helpers, Yearling Ewe Southdown Reserve Champion- Madison Binder, Rainbow Rangers, Yearling Ewe Dorset</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Purebred Spring/ Fall Ewe Lamb</u></p> <p>Champion- Kyla Lamm, Florence Crickets, Fall Ewe Lamb Shropshire Reserve Champion- Grace DeVries, Harlem Helpers, Fall Ewe Lamb Southdown</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Shorn Market Lamb</u></p> <p>Champion- Blake Kearns, Lena Lucky Clovers, Shorn Market Lamb Hampshire</p> <p>Reserve Champion- Blake Kearns, Lena Lucky Clovers, Shorn Market Lamb Other</p>
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2020 Stephenson County 4-H Virtual Shows Swine Results



Best Overall Single Barrow

Champion- Addyson Ackerson #414, Lena Lucky Clovers
Reserve Champion- Dausyn Heslop #380, German Valley Golden Eagles

Best Overall Single Gilt

Champion- Dillyn Heslop #377, German Valley Golden Eagles
Reserve Champion- Addyson Ackerson #417, Lena Lucky Clovers

Champion Crossbred Barrow

Champion- Addyson Ackerson #414, Lena Lucky Clovers
Reserve Champion- Dausyn Heslop #380, German Valley Golden Eagles

Champion Crossbred Gilt

Champion- Addyson Ackerson #417, Lena Lucky Clovers
Reserve Champion- Dausyn Heslop #379, German Valley Golden Eagles



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STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

Name: **Kasen DeHaven**

Club: **Country Cuzins**

How long have you been in 4-H? **7 years including clover buds**

How long have you been a 4-H Ambassador? Why did you want to become a Stephenson County 4-H Ambassador?

This is my 1st year as an ambassador. I thought it would be interesting to work with other kids to promote 4-H.



How would you describe 4-H to someone that has never heard of it?

4-H is a club for kids that are at least 8 years old and they can stay in the club until they are 18 years old. You can learn about anything you want. It is fun to see what other members do for projects or what they like to learn about. We do activities in the community and projects for the fair.



What is your favorite 4-H memory/ story?

At one meeting I did a demonstration on hatching chickens and candling and at the same meeting another member, Tucker, gave a talk on how to butcher a chicken.

What is your favorite indoor/outdoor activity?

Indoor-Bey blades

Outdoor-Building and playing in my fort

Tell us something about you that might surprise us.

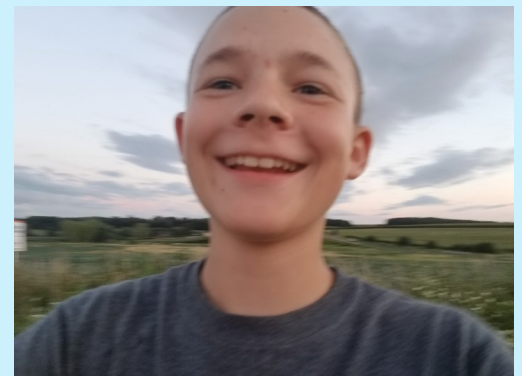
I like to play soccer.

If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

I would like to speak multiple languages.

What advice would you give to someone just starting out in 4-H?

Listen to the judges when you present, I have learned sooo much from the chicken judges. I even like listening to them about other peoples chickens.



STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H UPDATES

4-H NEW YEAR KICK OFF

Enrollment for the new 4-H year will begin September 21 tentatively. Hopefully the roll-over will be completed and the State 4-H will give us the OK to go live by then. Please look for any announcements pertaining to the New Year in upcoming weeks.



FYI– we will have an updated 4-H Online version for the 2020-2021 year. More information on that soon. We are calling this 4-H Online 2.0. Profile information for the 2019-2020 year should roll-over for all current members.

4-H VIRTUAL Shows Update

We are still deciding exactly what will happen as far as an awards program this fall, so we have not decided on how to distribute fair ribbons and other awards. Hopefully, those decisions will be made soon.

ADULT 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION TRAINING

There are no current plans to conduct an in-person 4-H Shooting Sports adult certification training in the fall of 2020 at this time. This situation is still pending and is dependent on pandemic management guidelines.

ILLINOIS 4-H STATE AWARD TRAINING WEBINAR



SEPTEMBER 2nd
7-8 pm

Register at:
go.illinois.edu/4hawards

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Katie Duitsman will be hosting a training on Illinois 4-H Awards for members. We will be discussing the various applications, best practices and hearing the “why” behind the process from some of our Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team Members who have excelled in awards. For members who register and attend this event it will count as a state level activity. This will be a teen led and focused training for members to learn more about the process and to ask questions.

Link to register: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22491>

STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H UPDATES

COUNTY/STATE AWARDS APPLICATIONS: There are changes on the way!

COUNTY: A FEW REMINDERS

1. The “Top 4-Her” Award will be given to individuals 15-18 years of age based on Leader nomination. Recipients will be recognized at the Achievement Banquet. Judging will be based on the nomination and qualifications submitted.
2. The “I Dare You” Award will now be awarded to individuals based on Leader Nomination. Leaders– get out your pens or computer and get those nominations in for the emerging leaders in your Club!

STATE: A LOT HAS CHANGED

1. State Club Awards- deadline September 11, 2020

- Clubs may apply in one or all of the three areas: ENGAGE, EXPERIENCE, EXCEL
- There is an application process for the EXCEL area (3 categories)
- In the EXPERIENCE area clubs will tell their 4-H Story Online
- View the video tutorial here: <https://youtu.be/elGd7Y759-E>

2. Illinois 4-H Sustaining the Future Award-was created to recognize 4-H members who have exemplified outstanding leadership within the agricultural industry. (Formerly known as the LCP Award)

-ELIGIBILITY: Applications must be 17-19 years (as of 09/01/20).

-APPLICATION: Electronic submissions are due November 1. The application consists of entering your involvement in various activities, three essay questions, and reference evaluations.

-Apply here: <https://www.jotform.com/build/201686303129149>

RECOGNITION

The two-tier awards program includes plaques for the top ten scoring members and invitations to the 2-day Premier 20 Youth Leadership Conference in April. Delegates for this conference are selected based on their outstanding leadership within either 4-H or the FFA Organization. Members are also honored at a state awards ceremony each spring.

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3. 4-H INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE AWARDS

- Offers recognition for members who participate in activities and events.

There are always lots of activities you can do as a 4-H member ranging from club to national events.

- Deadline September 11– County Extension Office

- Open to 4-H members of all ages.

- Application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>

- A video tutorial will be available soon

- Complete the application listing your experiences during one year in

these 4 areas:

*Participation

*Community Service

*Leadership

*Project Learning

- Bronze, Silver, and Gold will receive county recognition

- Diamond and Emerald will receive State recognition

- Your award level is determined by how many experiences you do in each area:

**Bronze Clover Award*: Complete at least 1 experience in each of the four dimensions.

**Silver Clover Award*: Complete at least 2 experiences in each of the four dimensions; at least 2 of those experiences must be at the County level or beyond.

**Gold Clover Award*: Complete 4 experiences in each of the four dimensions; at least 2 of those experiences must be BEYOND the County level.

**Diamond Clover Award*: Complete 6 or more experiences in ONE dimension; at least 4 of those experiences must be BEYOND the County level.

**Emerald Clover Award*: Complete 8 or more experiences in ONE dimension; at least 4 of those experiences must be BEYOND the County level PLUS at least 2 must be at the State or National level.

4. IL 4-H SCHOLARSHIP (NEW)

- This merit-based \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to five Illinois 4-H members in each category listed below.

*Animal Science



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***Food Systems**

***Healthy Living/Nutrition**

***Leadership**

***Natural Resources & Environmental Science**

***Personal Growth**

***STEM/Robotics**

-Scholarships are paid directly to the educational institution of the member's choice.

-Members must be 15-18 years old (as of 9/1/20) and be currently enrolled in the Illinois 4-H program, and must have been a 4-H member for a minimum of 2 years.

-4-H members can win in one area only once in a lifetime. However, that win does NOT make them ineligible in other areas.

-Online application <https://form.jotform.com/200997358403158>

-Deadline is November 1, 2020

-Find a tutorial video here: <https://youtu.be/h0NVQVZ5oBQ>

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS-This event has been cancelled. Award winners will have the option to attend in 2021 or take the \$1,000 scholarship. National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA (State 4-H Award winner 2020 option – by invitation only)

-In the future, the National 4-H Congress will have a separate application.

-IL 4-H Congress Winners will expand to approximately 20 individuals

-More information to come

Whether you are a first-year 4-H member or a longtime member, it's time to focus on pulling together information for your 4-H award applications. Even younger members can submit the 4-H Experience Application and be eligible for 4-H recognition. Older members can submit both the 4-H Experience Application and the Illinois 4-H Scholarship Application to be eligible for state recognition, scholarships, and/or trips.

STEPHENSON COUNTY IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 2020

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| 14 | Stephenson County State Fair Virtual Show Begins |
| 29 | State 4-H Dog Show– Video Submission Deadline 8/12 |

SEPTEMBER 2020

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| 1 | Happy New 4-H Year! 4-H Online is locked down for update migration to 4-H Online 2.0 |
| 11-12 | Stephenson County 4-H and Extension Foundation Cub Foods Brat Stand Fundraiser – CANCELLED |
| 11 | State Club Awards Submission Deadline; Individual Experience Submission Deadline |

OCTOBER 2020

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| 4-10 | National 4-H Week Celebration |
| 18 | *Tentative* 4-H SC Awards & Achievements Celebration |

NOVEMBER 2020

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| 1 | Illinois 4-H Scholarship Submission Deadline |
| 1 | Re-enrollment due date for returning 4-H members |

STATE 4-H INFORMATION:

JUST THE HELP YOU NEED FOR YOUR 4-H CLUB

The Illinois 4-H Website has all of the resources and forms needed to guide 4-H club officers, committees, and members as they plan for the new 4-H program year.

- Go to go.illinois.edu/IL4H
 - Click on the **Clubs** tab.
 - Scroll to Meeting Resources near the bottom of the page
- Find these helpful documents:
- **Club Meeting Agenda** – this fillable form is a useful fill-in-the-blank form your club officers can use as they plan each section of the meeting. This useful form provides them with the meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be in charge of each potential item that may be included in a meeting.
 - **Club Committee Planning Worksheet** – the Committee Planning Worksheet is an excellent tool to give to committee members as they plan club events and activities.
 - **Club Yearly Program Plan** – this helpful tool guides the club officers and club members as they identify club goals to work toward during the year and brainstorm what programs, events and/or activities to plan for the club to engage members in fun, hands-on learning experiences throughout the program year.
 - **More** – Don't forget to download your new secretary book, treasurer book, tips for good club meetings, tips for using the 4-H name, and more other important resources.



STATE 4-H INFORMATION



While much of the world has been silenced by quarantine, American agriculture farms on. This season, the crops will still get planted, the livestock will be fed, and food will continue to be grown, just like it's been for generations.

Share how you #FarmON by texting FarmON to 31313 to submit your photos or video. Be sure to include "farmON" with your images.

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Join [Farm Journal](#) for the [#FarmON](#) Benefit Concert to support the [#FOURWARD](#) Fund on August 27th at 7 p.m. CDT/8 p.m. ET featuring [Lee Brice](#), [Justin Moore](#) & [Jennifer Nettles](#). Through the FOURWARD Fund, [#4H](#) is committed to providing learning opportunities, social connection, support and [#Opportunity4All](#) kids.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/32T5iFD>

STATE 4-H INFORMATION:

END OF YEAR AWARD TIME IS APPROACHING



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The **Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application** focuses on all of those events and activities that you have experienced during the 4-H year in four areas: *Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning*. Depending upon the type and number of experiences you can report on, members can receive recognition on the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald Clover Award level. Your family calendar, 4-H notes or county summary, checkmarks, and a few written details are all that's needed for even the youngest members to submit this application. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.

The **Illinois 4-H Scholarship** is a merit-based scholarship to award outstanding work in project areas. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in each of the following categories: Animal Science, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creative Performing Arts & Communication, Food Systems, Healthy Living/ Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth and STEM/Robotics. The deadline to apply is November 1. Apply online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships.

CLUB RECOGNITION AWARD



Is your 4-H Club doing outstanding work in the areas of Community Service, Leadership or Project Mastery?. If so, you should apply for the Illinois 4-H Club Award! Clubs receiving this award will receive a \$75 cash incentive and an award certificate. This is also a great tool to set goals and plan for the upcoming 4-H year. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.

JOIN COLLEGIATE 4-H AT U OF I

A great way to meet people at U of I is by joining C4-H, the registered student organization for 4-H alums attending University of Illinois. For more information, contact Brittney Muschetto at uiuccollegiate4h@gmail.com.



COLLEGIATE 4-H

STATE 4-H INFORMATION:



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS FALL UPDATE

After a survey of shooting sports discipline instructors; key volunteers; and state shooting sports venues - the decision has been made to move all in-person state shoots to a virtual tournament format for health and safety reasons. This will allow for smaller, local competitions to be conducted and supervised by certified Level I 4-H discipline instructors who will then report the youth scores centrally through an on-line system. Only Level I certified instructors may enter scores from 4-H members.

Also, we are happy to announce that our 2020 Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports team members who were scheduled to attend the National 4-H Shoot last June (cancelled due to COVID-19) will be invited to shoot at the same national event in 2021 if they are still age eligible. Our 2020 virtual shoot results and the data from 2019 State Shoots will then be used to fill any gaps in the 2021 Illinois team.

The virtual shoot will run for the months of September – December, 2020. Registration will be free and have both a Junior (11-13 years) and Senior (14-18 years) division! Disciplines offered will be compound archery; recurve archery; shotgun (trap); and air rifle. The rules, registration link, and score submittal link are attached to this email and also posted on the Illinois 4-H website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-virtual-shoot-fall-2020>

Virtual Shoot registration opens Sept. 1st

There are no current plans to conduct an in-person 4-H Shooting Sports adult certification training in the fall of 2020 at this time. This situation is still pending and is dependent on pandemic management guidelines.

PROGRESS IN A NEW SUSTAINABLE AG PROJECT

In collaboration with the Illinois 4-H Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau, and the FarmBot company we are beginning to roll out several pilot sites for the implementation of STEM programming in Ag Education. This educational program is aimed at developing the critical thinking and STEM-related skills of Illinois youth by bringing them into contact with precision agriculture technology and promoting design-thinking approaches to agriculture's greatest challenges. See this link for a short interview with Illinois Farm Bureau to learn more about the progress we've made.

<https://vimeo.com/438292870>



STATE 4-H INFORMATION:



TRUE LEADERS IN SERVICE – SHARE YOUR STORY!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are **True Leaders in Service**, as they have worked independently to support both their personal and club goals of making a difference in their community by focusing their energies on the 4th “H” and pledge their HANDS to larger service! Illinois 4-H members and clubs have demonstrated how to **Make the Best Better**, during the COVID-19 crisis by developing plans and taking action collecting and donating food to stock shelves at local food pantries; reaching out vulnerable populations who may not have family members close to pick up needed supplies; and by making hundreds of face masks face masks to distribute to medical facilities; local businesses; and in communities.

If you did not register your plan for serve outreach, please use this link to share what your plan <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs>. Be sure to also follow-up and report what you accomplished on through your service project. The accomplishments of both individual members and clubs will be highlighted on the Illinois 4-H Website so make sure you go use the reporting link located in the middle of the page where it says, **CLICK HERE** to report your 4-H Community Service Activity to provide your club update!

STATE 4-H GENERAL PROJECT SHOW

We are excited to start the online judging of this year’s state fair delegates. Results for state judging will be sent to counties to share with families. Week 1 judging results will be sent to counties approximately Aug. 17, Week 2 results on Aug 24, and Week 3 results on Aug. 31. Unfortunately, families will not be able to view judge’s comments until all three weeks of state judging are complete.

ILLINOIS 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS



Let's
CHAT

We LOVE to TALK to our Volunteer's!

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the first **4-H Volunteer Café Conversation** on **Thursday, August 20; at 7 PM**. We are so excited to be launching 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 will address two topics during each Café Conversation so come with your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack as well! This is what we have planned for our first Illinois 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation.

Here are the Specials of the Day:

- Welcome to our Volunteer Cafe - A Few Appetizers to Get Us Started (10 minutes)
- Special of the Day #1 - Successful Member Recruitment Strategies (15 minutes)
- Special of the Day #2 - Club Programming to Energize Meetings (15 minutes)

Wrap Up - Tips & Tools for your Pantry; AND What's on the Menu for Next Time! (10-15 minutes)

Use this registration link to indicate your intent to participate in this new opportunity. Everyone who signs up will receive an email prior to the event with the Zoom Call registration link and additional instructions We look forward to chatting with you soon!

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22481>

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION:



2020 Master Gardener Training has been planned and is ready to go. Are you interested in becoming a Master Gardener? Now is your opportunity. It will be offered in a flipped classroom style training this year. More details can be found at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2020-09-03-2020-master-gardener-training>



GARDENING/LAWNCARE/
PERENNIALS/ANNUALS/TREES
& SHRUB QUESTIONS?

MASTER GARDENER HELPLINE

Our Helpline is "open for business" visit our website to submit a question or leave us a message at:

815-858-2273 - Jo Daviess
815-235-4125 - Stephenson
815-986-4357 - Winnebago

Go illinois.edu/MGHelpline

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is
Power*

[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/JSWEXTYOUTUBE](https://go.illinois.edu/jsweextyoutube)

Spiders Are Your Friends | August 19 | 3 to 4 PM CDT

Spiders are some of the most misunderstood animals out there. While a few may be harmful, the vast majority pose no threat to us and are beneficial. This presentation will dispel some of the misconceptions surrounding spiders as well as cover some commonly encountered spiders in Illinois.

Presented by Ken Johnson.



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Getting Started with Composting | August 26 | 3 to 4 PM CDT

Composting food scraps and yard waste is a positive alternative to sending the waste to the landfill or down your garbage disposal, and the results of composting provides a nutrient rich material that can be added to our gardens. Learn more about how to get started with composting by joining Local Foods and Small Farms Educator Katie Parker.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION:



Join University of Illinois Extension
Family Life Educators for the series

DISCOVER HEALTHY AGING

September 3, 10, 17 and 24

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& ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Family Life has prepared
this new series for
September.

Sign up here today.

[http://go.illinois.edu/
discoveraging](http://go.illinois.edu/discoveraging)



#DRYING

Turn fruits and
vegetables into
leather for a portable
snack on-the-go.

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Preserving Safely at Home

You've probably heard of fruit leather but have
you tried vegetable leathers? Common
vegetables used in this dehydrated snack
include pumpkin, tomato or other mixed
vegetables. Check out three recipes at

<https://bit.ly/2OHEL61>.

Foods containing high acid levels, those with a pH value
of 4.6 or greater, inhibit the growth of *C. botulinum*
spores. The higher the pH value, the less acid there is in
the food. Tomatoes have a pH value that falls close to
4.6 and therefore to safely preserve tomato-based
products additional acid must be added.

For more information visit:

[https://nchfp.uga.edu/how/can_03/
tomato_intro.html](https://nchfp.uga.edu/how/can_03/tomato_intro.html)



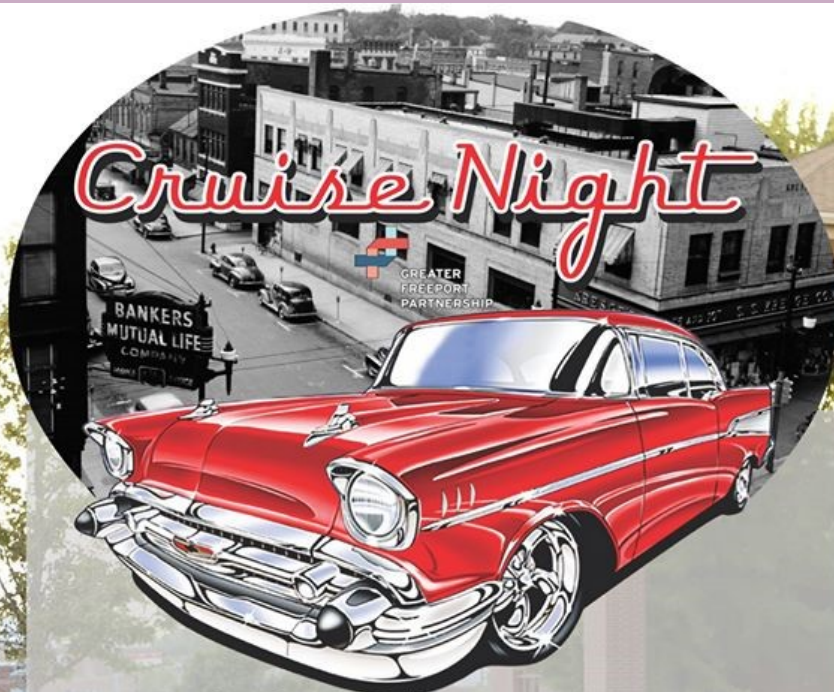
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Safely can tomato
products by adding
additional acid.

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Preserving Safely at Home

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND STEPHENSON COUNTY:



AUGUST 15, 2020

7-8:30 P.M.

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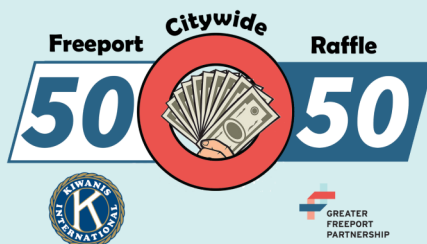
Cruise-Only Freeport 2020! While we can not have the car show this year due to social distancing guidelines, we are excited to invite cars to cruise through Freeport on August 15 from 7-8:30 pm, rain or shine. The route will not be closed specifically for this event, so please obey all traffic laws, signals and signs. Spectators and drivers may find the route on Facebook or at greaterfreeport.com/cruisenight

CHECK OUT DINNER SPECIALS FROM LOCAL RESTAURANTS BEFORE THE CRUISE BEGINS

THANK YOU SKINNER'S AUTO BODY



**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
[GREATERFREEPORT.COM/CRUISENIGHT](https://greaterfreeport.com/cruisenight)**



The Freeport Noon Kiwanis, Lincoln Douglas Kiwanis and Greater Freeport Partnership have collaborated to bring you the Freeport Citywide 50/50 Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each and are available for purchase from any Kiwanis member or at Freeport Cub Foods, Sullivan's Foods, the Beltline Cafe, Rite-Way Furniture & Appliance, the Greater Freeport Partnership, and the Stephenson County Visitor Center.

\$5,000 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE (ERA)



Assisting households impacted by COVID-19

HOW TO APPLY Applications Accepted August 10 - 21, 2020



CHECK IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE

- Visit the website era.ihda.org
- Enter your name, email, ZIP code, and household income.



SUBMIT YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION

- Enter information about your household, landlord, and rent.
- Upload a government issued photo ID.
- If your ID does not match the address on your application, you will need to upload proof of your current address.
- You must click the FINISH button to submit your application.
- If you need help applying, please visit era.ihda.org and click on Resources for a list of Community Agencies that can help.



LANDLORD COMPLETES SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Answer Application Questions
- Provide Financial Information
- Upload Documents
 - Tenant Lease
 - Tax Bill or Deed
 - Property Management Agreement (if applicable)
 - Tenant Ledger, Rent Roll, 5-day Notice, email, or other proof of rent past due



IHDA PROVIDES ASSISTANCE

- Funds are limited, so apply today.
- Only one application per household is allowed.
- An application is not a guarantee of assistance.
- Applications will be processed once the application period closes.
- If approved, rental assistance of \$5,000 will be paid directly to your landlord.
- Approved applicants may be notified as early as August 25, 2020.

era.ihda.org

(312) 883-2720 -or- (888) 252-1119