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4-H Families , Leaders, & Volunteers,

I want to give a warm welcome to our newest 4-H members: Hannah Gitz- Florence Crickets, Clayton Oliver- Lena Lucky Clovers, & Aliyah & Jaedah Quenzer- Pearl Valley Rangers! Each one of our clubs has had at least 1 new member join already this year! I encourage you to reach out to them and introduce yourselves and get to know your new members at your next meeting!! It is very exciting to see our clubs grow this year!

As a reminder- 4-H members who are re-enrolling this year, the deadline to do so is by **December 1st**. Sometimes the system gets overloaded and will go down, so you definitely don't want to wait till the last day! Also, new members can join 4-H up thru February 1st, 2022. If you know someone who is interested in 4-H, invite them out to one of your club meetings and let them see for themselves what 4-H is all about- they still have time to join!

I have added the dates for the 2022 4-H shows to the calendar of events. Please take a look at them and make sure to add them to your calendars!

With Thanksgiving right around the corner , let's take some time to remember all that we have to be grateful for. I am grateful for all of you and for your support of Stephenson County 4-H program & for welcoming me into this new position with welcoming arms. I wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving!

~Brenda





2021-2022 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

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

NOVEMBER 2021

25-26

Extension Office closed for Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2021

1

Re-enrollment deadline for returning 4-H members-

4

SC 4-H Ambassador Meeting, 1-2:30 p.m./ Building R, HCC

16

After School Program at CHOM, 4-5 pm

24- Jan. 4

Office closed for holidays (Re-open Monday, January 4, 2021)

JANUARY 2022

1

Beef Steers, Beef Perf. Cows, & Milking Dairy Goat ownership (No paperwork to Ext. Office)

16

Ski Day, more info to come *TBA*

17

Extension Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

22

SC 4-H Ambassador Meeting 1-2:30 p.m., HCC- Building R

23

Ski Day- SEVERE Weather date

31

Program Book Artwork Contest Deadline

FEBRUARY 2022

1

New Member Enrollment deadline

1

Add/Drop Project Deadline for all members

3

Beef Weigh-In Registration Deadline

5

Beef Weigh-In, Lena Vet Clinic

12

Inclement weather date for Beef weigh-in, Lena Vet Clinic

MARCH 2022

16

Leader's Meeting, HCC, Building R 6 p.m.

19

Ambassadors Meeting, Rm 153- 1-2 p.m.

30

Dog Show Kick-Off Meeting 6:30 pm, HCC, BLDG- R, 153

31

Public Speaking Contest, 6 p.m.

APRIL 2022

6,13,27

Dog SPIN Club at the Fairgrounds, 6pm

18-24

National Volunteer Week

30

State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Parkland Community College, Champaign, IL

MAY 2022

1

Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Horse Show- Due to Ext. Office
Swine ownership deadline (No paperwork to Ext. Office)

4, 11, 18, 25

Dog SPIN Club at the fairgrounds, 6pm

15

Ownership for Sheep Wethers and ALL Meat Goats

30

Extension Office closed for Memorial Day



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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, 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,
15	Dog SPIN CLUB – Optional Class, 6pm - Stephenson County Fairgrounds
25	Breeding Sheep Ownership deadline

JULY 2022

4	Extension Office Closed for Independence Day
8	Dog Show SPIN Club- Final practice, 6 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds
9	Stephenson County 4-H Dog Show, 9 am, Stephenson County Fairgrounds
	4-H Cat Show, 10 am, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Foresight Commercial Building
19	Set-up at Fairgrounds for general Projects Day & Fair week
20	General Projects Day, 8 AM at Fairgrounds
22	Clothing & Textiles, Food Decorating, & Flower Arranging Shows At Highland Community College, building TBD
25	4-H Shows: Crops, Foods, & Horticulture 9 AM Stephenson County Fairgrounds- Foresight buildings
25	4-H Show: Cloverbuds- 1PM- Stephenson County Fairgrounds Foresight building
26	Stephenson County 4-H Livestock shows-Poultry, Goat, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Beef, & Rabbit / Cavy Stephenson County Fairgrounds
27-30	Stephenson County Fair, Stephenson County Fairgrounds
30	Master Showmanship Contest – 1:30 p.m. Swine Show Ring

AUGUST 2022

11-21	Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL
	Stephenson County State Fair Exhibition Day

Stephenson County 4-H News

Re-enroll in 4honline NOW

If you were in 4-H last year and want to continue as a member this year (2021-2022) you **MUST** re-enroll by December 1st, 2021!! Go here to register:

<https://v2.4honline.com>



We have new Yard signs available in the Extension office! If you would like to display one at your house, please stop by and check

one out! We will be asking for them to be returned at the end of November– to be stored for winter.

Join the Club



LEAD!
SERVE!
INSPIRE!

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Program Cover Contest-

Each year we have a program book that is put together for our 4-H shows that are held in the summer. The 2021-2022 theme is FIND YOUR SPARK!! Start planning now to help us create a new cover for our program book! The guidelines to follow are:

A fine point black marker or dark pencil works best for copying your picture, so please do NOT use colored pencils. The program book is printed in black and white.

- Please make sure you have the theme title AND the current year somewhere in your drawing.
- Please make sure your text is legible and spelled correctly.
- You may bring your hard copy to the Extension Office or you can scan and email it to me. Please do NOT fax or send it as a picture.
- If you are submitting a hard copy, please include name, age, and club on the back lightly in pencil. If you are emailing it to me, please include the information in the email.



Manual Ordering for 2021-2022!

New this year, All manuals will be ordered by the parents! Illinois 4-H has made a pop-up shop online and almost all manuals are able to be ordered through this shop. If you did not receive the instructions in the mail, please reach out to me!



If you have any questions regarding manuals, please call me direct at 815-235-4125 or bheimann@illinois.edu

Stephenson County 4-H News



2021-2022 New 4-H

Projects:

*Cover Crops

*Quilting

⇒ For more info on Cover Crops go here: <https://covercrops.cemastprojects.org/>

⇒ For More info on Quilting: Check out: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects>

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/>



AROUND THE WORLD IN 30 DAYS—

At home event

Did you know...

Mount Everest was formed when two tectonic plates (land masses) smashed into each other? It's true! Learn about the formation of Mount Everest and other fun facts and the culture of **TIBET** and/or **NEPAL**.

Aye-aye lemurs use their long middle finger to pull grubs out of trees? Crazy, isn't it? Find out more about lemurs and the wildlife of **MADAGASCAR**.

Yah, have yah ever had homemade **Lefse**? It's a delicious holiday side dish the Norwegians made out of common household ingredients. It's delicious - especially when you add a little bit of sugar and cinnamon. Learn about and make unique recipes from **NORWAY**.

In **JAPAN**, messages were written on what is known as Japanese hand fans. As the years passed, the fans turned into more of an art form. Want to make your own **Japanese hand fan**?



Join us as we go Around the World in 30 days! Families will be provided with a monthly calendar full of activities to do as family or an individual. Activities may include the arts, cooking, geography, games, nature & wildlife, music, and a deep dive into the country's culture. Some activities may require commonly found household supplies and others only a computer.

The calendar of activities will be sent to all registered participants.

This activity is being planned by one of Illinois 4-H Educators and is a FREE activity, Deadline to register is November 30th, go here to register:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24464&preview=yes&OfficeID=472>

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Register Today!

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Save the date!

STATE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

April 30, 2022



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4-H celebrates

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION:

Food Certified Food Protection Manager Course : This is a two-part class and is American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited course, which meets the Illinois Department of Public Health's Food Service Sanitation Code Requirements.

The class will take place locally at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau– 210 W. Spring St. Freeport, IL on Tuesday, November 30 from 9 AM –3 PM AND Friday, December 3 from 9 AM– 3 PM

Visit our website for more information on this course, or to register at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-11-23-certified-food-protection-manager-course>



Join University of Illinois Extension as they present, ***Getting the Scoop on Winter Squash!*** During this workshop, we will discuss a variety of common and not-so-common types of winter squash. As well as how to select and store winter squash, offer great ideas on how to prepare and use these culinary favorites, and best of all, you'll receive some delicious recipes.

If you'd like to learn more, please join us for this virtual workshop. ***Getting the Scoop on Winter Squash!*** will be held from 1 – 2:30 PM on Tuesday, Nov. 23. To receive your meeting link, register before Monday, Nov. 22. For more information, or if you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact U of I Extension at (815) 235-4125, or visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION



Renewable Energy Resurgence: What You Need to Know About Solar and Wind:

Renewable energy projects have been popping up across the country. Locally, new solar projects have been installed on acreages and connected to the grid. Other solar and wind developments have been proposed for the area. Solar panels can

now be seen on many homes and businesses. There are many terms flying around related to renewable energy projects. University of Illinois Extension's Environmental and Energy Stewardship Educator Stanley Solomon will discuss these questions and much more at the ***Solar and Wind Renewable Energy Workshop*** at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 29. The workshop will be held at Stephenson County Farm Bureau, 210 W. Spring Street, Freeport, IL. Register: <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-11-29-solar-and-wind-renewable-energy-workshop>

