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Hello 4-H Families & Volunteers,

I have a lot of NEW information included in this E-news. Please take some time to read through the pages and make sure you are not missing any deadlines for important dates that involve your child's project areas.

1) FAIR ENTRY is opening tomorrow, May 14th. I have attached instructions to this e-mail to help you do this correctly. REMINDER- you MUST register your child in fair entry in order to bring projects and animals to the 4-H show.

2) YQCA & QAEC Training, Pig Ear Notch forms, & Dog ownership papers are all due by June 1st.

3) If you have a SENIOR in your family this year, please check your e-mail from last week- a Senior specific e-mail was sent to those families.

4) There are several essay opportunities added to this E-news. These are easy opportunities for your child to earn back some money to help with their project expenses. I highly encourage you to work with your child & get them involved with writing about their projects. This encourages positive reinforcement and will help them be more prepared for when they talk to the judges at the 4-H shows!

5) NOTE: the Dog training classes start next week! We have changed the building we are meeting at on the Fairgrounds to the Under the Grandstand building.

6) We have moved the Babysitting Clinic to June 23rd. Our original date was in conflict with some schools not being out for the summer yet. See the flyer in the E-news!

I know this is a lot of information, but again, I encourage you to take some time and read through this newsletter so that you and your family don't miss out on any opportunities! Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns!

Have a great week!

~Brenda



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Stephenson County 4-H News

Fair Entry Opens– May 14th!!

Fair Entry will open on May 14th and will close June 15th. Attached to this newsletter is the instructions on how to log in and select the projects that your children plan to show at the 4-H show this summer. Go to:

<https://stephenson4-hfair.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/15241>

- Fair Project Registration must be done using the online FAIR ENTRY System by MIDNIGHT June 15.
- To register, please log into the 4-H Fair Entry program using your 4-H Online ID and password.
- PLEASE COMPLETE **ALL FAMILY MEMBERS FAIR ENTRIES BEFORE** SUBMITTING.
- YOU WILL **NOT** BE ABLE TO EDIT OR ADD PROJECTS ONCE YOU “SUBMIT” **UNTIL** THE ENTRY HAS BEEN **APPROVED**.
- **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY!** STAFF CAN ONLY ANSWER QUESTIONS DURING OFFICE HOURS.
- See attached instructions to help guide you through the registration process.
- **Animal Science Projects** –Animal Science (Beef, Cat, Dog,...) Displays will need to be entered under “General Projects” then “Animal Science”. There, you will find each Animal species.
- Pay close attention to the level project area you are exhibiting in for fair.
 - **Example:** if you enrolled in Cooking 101, be careful to sign up in Cooking 101 for your FAIR project. All levels of Cooking will be available for your selection, but BE SURE you select the correct level. Your Fair enrollment will be Rejected if it is not correct.
 - If you are not sure what level you originally enrolled in, please check your 4-HOnline account under participation/projects.

INCOMPLETE – when you see an “Incomplete” next to an Exhibitors entry, this will require you to click the “Review” button at the top of the page. Once you read the message and “Continue”, the Incomplete message will disappear.

For BEST Results - use **Google CHROME** when registering.

If you find any problems or errors along the way, please be sure to contact the Extension Office!

FAST APPROACHING DEADLINES...

June 1st—

- ◇ **Dog Ownership/Lease Paperwork**
- ◇ **Pig Ear Notch Forms**
- ◇ **YQCA training & certificates to Office**
- ◇ **QAEC training**

**** 4-H EVENTS, SHOWS, and CLUB MEETINGS****

We're looking forward to the 2021 season! As Illinois 4-H staff plan for the 2021 show and event season, our top priority will continue to be the safety of all involved, combined with a commitment to creating positive youth development experiences for our 4-H members. In order to move forward with in-person 4-H events the following Covid-19 guidelines have been put in place by the University of Illinois, and we will be following these guidelines at all of our 4-H shows & events:

- 1. Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff when within the defined 4-H event space (inside or outside)**
- 2. Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.**
- 3. Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.**
- 4. Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.**

If any of these guidelines presents a challenge for you, please contact us directly at (815-235-4125). We are happy to discuss what accommodations are possible.

Class of 2021

Congratulations to:

Mari Brenner– Pearl City Hornets

Sage Huneke– Pearl City Hornets

Marissa Katzenberger-Pearl Valley Rangers

Rachel Perrin– Whiz Kids

Sarah Priewe– Harlem Helpers

Hayden Roth– Snappy Snazzers

Montana Sargent– Pearl City Hornets

Jase Sheffey—Pearl Valley Rangers

Caleb Visel– Lena Lucky Clovers

Kiera Watson– Harlem Helpers

Faith Weber– Country Cuzins



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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 one time as soon as they are enrolled in the project area.

Counties will monitor completion of this. Failure to complete QA&E 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 @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>.

The deadline to complete this training is June 1, 2021.



Don't Forget! YQCA training must be completed and certificates to me BY JUNE 1st.

If you attended a YQCA training on April 10th or April 24th, Please print your certificate and send a copy to me. Email is fine too— bheimann@illinois.edu

SUMMER SHOWS: 4-H staff across Illinois are excited about the possibility of stepping back into face-to-face judging this summer. Stephenson County 4-H is planning for in-person Summer Shows. Although I do not have all the answers at this time, I can say with certainty that things will look different. The decisions that will be made in the upcoming months will be based on local conditions and will reflect the requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines. These mitigation protocols may also be modified to reflect any requirements of the local public health department (based on local conditions at the time of the event).

This is an evolving situation. Please keep in mind that Illinois 4-H reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID conditions or known instances of non-compliance with safety guidelines. I will be sending more information in the upcoming months. You will be responsible for reading, understanding, and complying with all guidelines. Here are some dates for you to begin thinking about (keep in mind these may change).

TENTATIVE:

**4-H Clothing & Textiles, Candy Making,
Cake Decorating & Flower Arranging— Friday, June 25th**

General Projects Day - Wednesday, July 7th

Dog Show, Cat Show, Rabbits & Cavies Show—Saturday, July 10

Crops, Foods, Horticulture & Cloverbud Shows—Monday, July 19

4-H Livestock Shows: Poultry, Dairy, Goat, Swine, Sheep & Beef—Monday, July 26

4-H Horse & Pony Show— August 1

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Babysitting Clinic



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02 CHOKING PREVENTION AND FIRST AID

03 BUILDING YOUR BUSINESS

COST \$5

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH 11+ YEARS OLD * MUST HAVE COMPLETED 5TH GRADE
TO REGISTER CALL 815.235.4125 OR REGISTER ONLINE @ go.illinois.edu/jsw

PEARL CITY PARK DISTRICT BUILDING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021
9 AM-NOON

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JUNE 17



A MASK MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES
PARTICIPANTS WILL BE SOCIALLY DISTANCED
HAND SANITIZING STATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE

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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Kitchen Scrap Gardening Kits

Kitchen Scrap Gardening is a great way to get youth of all ages interested in gardening while also teaching them about reusing and recycling. This project can even be used to teach about plant parts!



**Registration
Deadline is
June 9!**

University of Illinois Extension has a great opportunity for you to learn about kitchen scrap gardening through these kits that we are offering!

Kits will be \$5 a piece and will include an information packet on kitchen scrap gardening, romaine lettuce, a plastic cup, a small pot, and soil.



Register for your kits at go.illinois.edu/jsw
or by calling the U of I Extension
Stephenson County at 815-235-4125



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Animal Ownership Deadlines— All 4-Hers who intend to exhibit at the 2021 Stephenson County 4-H Show must abide by the following ownership deadlines.

January 1

Performance Cows (Beef)

Dairy Cows

Milking Does (Goat)

February 1

Steers

May 15

Market Wethers (sheep)

Jr. & Open Premiere Sheep

All Meat Goats (wethers and all breeding animals)

Beef Bucket Calves

June 1

Gilts (Swine)

Dairy Calves & Heifers

Barrows (Swine)

All Rabbits

All Poultry

Beef Heifers

Horse/Pony

Dogs

Dairy Goat -Kids/Yearlings (not in milk)

All Pygmy Goats

June 25

Breeding Ewes & Rams



4-H Dog SPIN Club Schedule 2021

**Kick Off Meeting: March 24, 2021 at 6:30
p.m. HCC, Bldg R- Room 153**

Traditional obedience class (Beginning Novice, Preferred Novice and Novice) will begin at 6 p.m. Showmanship will begin at 6:45 p.m. Rally will begin at 7:00 p.m. These classes will meet on Wednesdays.



May 19
May 26
June 2
June 9
June 16
June 23
June 30
July 7



July 9 *Last practice session on evening before Dog Show

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

**The 4-H Dog Show is Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
Building Under the Grandstand.**

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**4-H CAMP IS OUT OF THIS WORLD
2021**

Life at 4-H Camp

We are very thrilled to announce that we will be hosting 4-H Camp - day camps this year! While we are unable to host an overnight due to COVID policies, we are excited to host three days of 4-H Day camp. These three days will give campers a similar experience to past 4-H camp without the overnight. We will again be attending Rock River Christian Camp, in Polo, Illinois. 4-H Day Camp will offer a variety of safely-led activities such as: archery, crate stacking, arts and crafts, hiking, zip-line, team building and large group games, as well as end each day with a camp evening program.

4-H Camp is open to a total of 75 youth each day that are between the ages 8-14 by June 15, 2021. Campers do not have to be a 4-H member to attend 4-H Camp. Youth may choose to attend, one, two or all three days for 4-H day camp. Camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with check-in and check-out procedures.

Camp Location

4-H Camp is at Rock River Christian Camp in Polo, IL. Rock River Christian Camp has 94 acres that have been transformed over the years into a beautiful facility for youth and adults.

Staff at RRCC are certified in First Aid, CPR and AED. There is a qualified first aid person at camp at all times. Campers select their own activities, and are supervised at all times. 4-H Youth Development staff extensively train all camp counselors. We strive to maintain an environment that both encourages personal growth and creates an unforgettable summer experience.



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If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend contact the registration office at 815-732-2191

Northern Illinois 4-H Summer Camp

(4-H Camp without the overnight)

**Rock River Christian Camp | Polo
June 15-16-17 | 9AM-8PM**



Cost: \$60 per day

Options to choose 1, 2 or all 3 days
Includes boxed lunch, dinner and snack
Must pay in full by credit card



Registration Information:

Register by May 3, 2021
Limited space so sign up today!

go.illinois.edu/4Hsummercamp



Contact Information:

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Youth Development Educator
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Johnna Jennings, (Boone, DeKalb, Ogle)
Youth Development Educator
(815) 758-8194, jbjennin@illinois.edu

Angela Miller, (Jo Daviess, Winnebago, Stephenson)
4-H Program Coordinator
(815) 858-2273, amillr11@illinois.edu

Covid restrictions and safety guidelines will be followed to ensure a safe camp experience. Campers will need to be dropped off/picked up each day. Adults/guardians will NOT be allowed to stay.



2020-2021 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

Some dates/times subject to change

MAY 2021

1	Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Horse Show- Due to Ext. Office Swine ownership deadline (No paperwork to Ext. Office)
1	Camp Counselor Training, Ogle County Office, 9-3pm
3	4-H Summer Camp Registration Deadline
3	I Made That, May Deadline -registration online
12	Leader's Meeting, 6:30pm
15	Ownership for Sheep Wethers and ALL Meat Goats
19, 26	Dog Show SPIN Club, 6 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Under the grandstand
24	Countywide 4-H ZOOM mtg 6:30 pm
31	Extension Office closed for Memorial Day

JUNE 2021

1	Deadline for YQCA & QAEC Certification
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)
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Dog Show SPIN Club, 6 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Under the grandstand
5	Illinois State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Richland Community College, Decatur
15-17 9am-8pm	4-H Day Camp- <u>no overnight</u> , Rock River Christian Camp, Polo
23	Babysitting Clinic, Pearl City Park District- 9-Noon
25	Breeding Sheep Ownership deadline
25	4-H SHOW Clothing & Textiles, Candy Making, Cake Decorating & Flower Arranging- HCC TBD 9 AM
30	Wizarding World of 4-H Day Camp * <i>Tentative</i> *, Location TBD

JULY 2021

5	Extension Office Closed for Independence Day
7	General Projects Day, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, 9 AM
7, 9	Dog Show SPIN Club, 6 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Under the Grandstand Building
10	Stephenson County 4-H Dog Show, 9 am, Stephenson County Fairground, Under the Grandstand Building
10	Stephenson County Cat Show, 1 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Under the Grandstand Building
10	Stephenson County 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show, 9 am, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Rabbit building
19	4-H Shows: Crops, Foods, & Horticulture 9 AM
19	Stephenson County Fairgrounds- Foresight & Liberty buildings
19	4-H Show: Cloverbuds- 1PM- Stephenson County Fairgrounds Foresight building

2020-2021 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

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26	Stephenson County 4-H Livestock shows-Poultry, Goat, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, & Beef, Stephenson County Fairgrounds
27-31	Stephenson County Fair, Stephenson County Fairgrounds
AUGUST 2021	
12-22	Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL
13	Stephenson County State Fair Exhibition Day
28	Illinois State 4-H Dog Show, Granny Rose, Dixon



SOCCER & 4-H @ HOME

This self-paced 10-session program will have weekly activities that can be done inside and outside through mid-(insert month). Youth from across the U.S. are welcome to participate!

Topics: Fundamentals and Skills, Learn and Earn Home Challenges, Do and Serve Others, Eat Well



LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP BY 5/17/21 AT

4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/home-activities/soccer-4-h-home



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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

R. C. Miller Agriculture Scholarship— Must be a Stephenson County resident, studying agriculture with an emphasis in conservation. Winners will receive a \$1000 scholarship. Contact Julie Miller, Office Support Assistant at 815-235-4125 for an application. **Deadline is: June 1, 2021**

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 15th.

Contact the Extension office for an application— 815-235-4125.





Now accepting submissions!

BLUE RIBBON PROJECT CONTEST

Compeer Financial knows how much you love your fair. We appreciate the determination and dedication you put into your projects every year.

That is why we are proud to continue our Blue Ribbon Project contest. We want to recognize 4-H and FFA members who have been working hard all year on their projects.

Submit a picture of your project — from aerospace to woodworking and everything in between — and a brief description of how your project champions rural America.

Monetary prizes will be awarded in various categories based on age and location. Plus, the first 1,000 entries receive a free t-shirt.

Visit compeer.com/BlueRibbon to learn more, including submission details, rules and prizes.

Deadline for submissions:
JUNE 1, 2021

Submit essays and see full contest details at:
compeer.com/BlueRibbon



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Essay Contest

Compeer Financial has been a longtime supporter of 4-H youth through donations and actively attending the county 4-H Livestock Auction in the past. We would like to continue to support our local youth's 4-H experience by broadening our approach and providing all 4-H members in our area a donation.

In order to qualify, 4-H members must submit an essay describing their 2021 project, what they learned completing their project and knowledge gained. We ask that the essay be at least 150 words and picture of the member with their project when possible. The 4-H member's name and address must be included with the essay. Essay form is attached and needs to be submitted to Compeer Financial by September 1st, 2021. The amount of each award will be determined by the final number of applicants and will be delivered by mail.

See the attachment to this newsletter for more details and form.



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**READY, SET,
REGISTER!**

**2021
STATE
4-H
LIVESTOCK
JUDGING
CONTEST
JUNE 21**



Registrations are NOW OPEN for the 2021 State 4-H LIVE-STOCK JUDGING CONTEST!!

The contest is being held June 21st at the Peoria County Fairgrounds. This event is open to 4-H members ages 8-19. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., contest starts at 10 a.m. All participants must be there and checked in by 9:15 a.m. For more info contact the Extension Office at 815-235-4125!



What do you think would happen if the toy company Schleich got together with 4-H to create the most fantastic animal tale of all time? Find out with the “Create Your Story” contest, launching NOW! Join in the fun by creating a story only YOU can imagine. The top 10 stories will go to a vote and the top two will be part of an interactive “create your own adventure” video premiering this fall!

Schleich Toys now carries 4-H bundles, along with a story starter contest where kids get to use their imaginations to come up with the next chapter in a creative tale. All the info about the contest and the partnership can be found on their website https://www.schleich-s.com/en/US/4h?&promo_name=branding&promo_id=us_4h_story&promo_position=slider_3 The story contest will have several iterations (it’s like a choose your own adventure book) and will run all summer into early fall.

If creative writing is your thing, or maybe you have a really good imagination...Check out this national opportunity!



ILLINOIS 4-H VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

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

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

TOPICS will include:

One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go! Summer Fun!

Link to register for the **May 20, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

Thank you 4-H Volunteers! We
appreciate all you do for our
Youth!

We  Volunteers

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION:

Illinois Extension to Offer Get Growing Webinar Series

Join Grant McCarty, Illinois Extension Local Foods and Small Farms Educator, for the Get Growing Webinar Series. The series will be held on Thursday evenings beginning April 22 and going through May 13. The presentations will be from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. each evening and will be held via the Zoom platform. You must pre-register to receive the Zoom link to join the presentation. The series is being held free of charge, but donations are being accepted to help offset the cost of Extension programming. To register or for more information visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw or call us at 815-235-4125.

April 22: Growing Perennial Vegetables (Rhubarb, Asparagus, Horseradish)

April 29: Raspberry and Blackberry Production for the Backyard

May 6: Raised Bed and Container Vegetable Gardening

May 13: Weed Management in the Vegetable Garden



What's Happening at the Extension:

Arthritis is a condition in which one or more of your joints become inflamed, often leading to stiffness, soreness, and in some cases, swelling. This disease affects the lives of more than 54 million adults in the US, with more than 21 million having osteoarthritis. However, certain lifestyle behaviors could help improve your joint health and help prevent, relieve, and manage its symptoms.

University of Illinois Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educator Diane Reinhold will be offering an educational workshop, “*Living with Arthritis.*” During this workshop, we will provide insights into the most common forms of arthritis. You will also learn how diet, physical activity, and maintaining a healthy body weight can help manage symptoms.

This workshop will be held Tuesday, May 25, 2021, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. This virtual event is free but preregistration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. The registration deadline is May 23, 2021. For more information on this program or if you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact our office at (815) 235-4125 or visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw.



What's Happening at the Extension:

EAT FRESH, EAT LOCAL

Wednesdays just got better with this healthy eating series from University of Illinois Extension. Join us at noon for a 30-minute discussion on eating fresh while supporting local community growers. Come with questions for our panel of nutrition experts.

MAY 19— Noon— Sample the Season

Learn how to prepare the fruits and vegetables found at the farmers market.

June 16— Noon— What to expect at the Farmers Market

Get to know the farmer who grows the food. Learn the ins and outs of shopping at the market: when to go, what to buy, what to bring

July 21— Noon— Preserve Like a Pro

This session will cover the pros and cons of canning, freezing, drying and fermenting your favorite foods.

August 18— Noon— Storing Your Bountiful Harvest

Learn how to cure squash, and the best conditions for storing your root vegetables, winter squash, and apples.

REGISTER at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw>



What's happening at the Extension: 2021 Four-State Dairy Nutrition & Management Conference— June 9 & 10

- June 9th—Dr. Bill Weiss, Ohio State University, will be discussing updated energy systems for dairy cows. Dr. Jim Drakley, University of Illinois, will be explaining a new system for determining the nutrient requirements of young dairy calves.
- June 10th—Dr. Jesse Goff, Iowa State University; & Dr. Laura Hernandez, University of Wisconsin will be discussing hypocalcemia treatment & prevention.

Check out the whole conference at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw>

