



# NEWSFLASH



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Hello 4-H Families,

I hope you all are doing well and staying safe and warm during this winter storm. We are running out of places to put the snow!

We can officially welcome Brenda Heimann as my replacement in Stephenson County! Brenda has numerous years of 4-H experience as a leader and 4-H parent, but the behind the scenes office work is new to her. We are helping guide and train her. She is completing her second week at Extension. This will provide me more time to able to focus on Winnebago County 4-H and positive youth development! I'm excited at all the doors of opportunity that my home county offers to youth and the partnerships we will create to benefit you!

I am currently looking to start a 4-H Festival of Lights Committee! We have been given a green light from Margaret to build a 4-H custom display to have at the 2021 Festival of Lights at Sinnissippi Park in Rockford. Starting in 2022, no more wood-based or paneled displays will be allowed, as all displays in the park need to be Motif/Silhouette style frames. If this interests you, please send me an email. I will definitely need adult volunteers to help guide the members in building/ creating the lighted masterpiece and a place to build. If we start planning now, we could have it built before the cold winter weather hits again, so all we would have to do is install it. Please let me know by February 19, 2021 if you are willing to help make this dream come to life!

We will have a leader's meeting on February 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Leaders, please check your emails for a separate email as I sent you some important 4-H meeting information guidelines today. I will send out the link for the meeting as it gets closer.



Last night's sunset taken from our back porch.

YLT members, please send me an email with your interest in continuing YLT for 2021 and we will get a meeting on the calendar! I'm excited to work with you! If you are interested in joining YLT, I will send that information next week!

Have a wonderful weekend! I'm off tomorrow for beef weigh in on Saturday.

Thank you! Becky Gocken

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:



### Winnebago County 4-H Beef Weigh-In

**Saturday, February 6, 2021**

**8:30am - 11:00am**

**Peterson-Daly Farms**

**6234 N. Winnebago Rd.**

**Pecatonica, IL 61063**

Weigh in time slots will be every 15 minutes.

Please register by FAMILY and be sure to list your CELL phone number in the Daytime Phone slot

We are hoping to eliminate as much contact as we can and be as safe as possible, so the following safety measures will be in place for beef weigh-in.

-No extra people will be allowed. Only the exhibitor of the animal that is currently being processed OR one parent/guardian will be allowed out of their vehicles at a time. NOT BOTH.

-Only the exhibitor OR one parent/guardian will be allowed in the "processing" area at a time.

-Everyone must wear a mask.

If you have any questions, or need further clarification, feel free to call the Extension Office at 815-986-4357.

\* If you are planning on exhibiting your steer at the 2021 Illinois State Fair, those steers must be electronically tagged along with the usual tattoo procedure. There is no charge for the electronic tag and you will receive it on weigh-in day.



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## STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:



### YOUR THOUGHTS MATTER 4-H SPIN CLUB

Navigating Mental Health for Teens

### A 6-PART ONLINE SERIES FOR AGES 13 AND OLDER

Open to youth in Jo Daviesss,  
Stephenson and Winnebago Counties.  
You do not need to be in 4-H to join.

LEARN IN A LIVE, ONLINE  
NON-JUDGEMENTAL ENVIRONMENT  
WITH TEENS YOUR AGE

**Learn to define mental health, how to talk about it with family and friends, and how to help yourself and others.**

FEBRUARY 16, 23,  
MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23  
5:30-6:30 pm

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS FREE SERIES  
Deadline is **February 8.**  
<https://go.illinois.edu/YourThoughtsMatterjsw>

For more information or if you need a reasonable accommodation to participate contact organizers Angela Miller at [amillr11@illinois.edu](mailto:amillr11@illinois.edu) or Becky Gocken at [rgocken@illinois.edu](mailto:rgocken@illinois.edu).  
Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

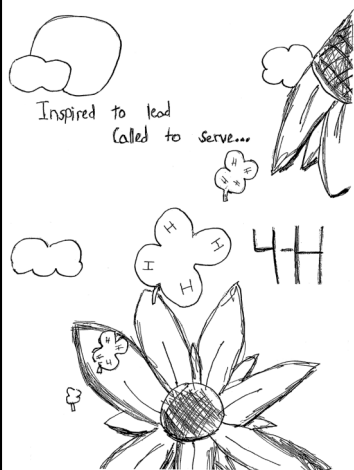


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## WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION:

**CLUB ATTENDANCE POLICY-** Please remember that all 4-H members must attend at least 1/3 of the club meetings/activities in order to participate in the 4-H Fair. At the end of June, 4-H Club Organizational Leaders will be given a “Non-Eligible for Show” Form to complete and turn in to the Extension Office. Please do your best to attend!



**PROGRAM BOOK COVER CONTEST-** With the new 4-H year underway, it is once again time to think about the 2021 4-H Fair Program Book Cover Contest.

All 4-H members are invited to submit a drawing. If chosen, this drawing will be the cover for the 4-H Fair Program Book. The deadline to submit your drawing will be February 28, 2021.

The theme for this year is: “4-H: OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL”

- 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.

**4-H UNIVERSITY APP-** The State 4-H Office has launched a free app for iPhones called “4-H University.” Currently, this app will feature “Cooking 101” material, project manual for the “Technology: Drone” project and material for the new “Maker” project. You may find this app on the Apple Store.



# WINNEBAGO COUNTY IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

## FEBRUARY 2021

- 6 Beef Weigh-In, Peterson-Daly Farms
- 8 Your Thoughts Matter Virtual Series Registration Deadline
- 13 Beef Weigh-In **\*SNOW DATE**
- 17 **Organizational Leaders Meeting, 6:30 pm, Zoom**
- 16, 23 **Your Thoughts Matter Virtual SPIN Club, 5:30-6:30 pm**
- 22 Camp Counselor Training, Zoom, 6-8 pm
- 28 4-H Manuals 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Order Deadline



## MARCH 2021

- 2, 9, 16, 23 **Your Thoughts Matter Virtual SPIN Club, 5:30-6:30 pm**
- 15 Fair Entry opens for Public Presentations



## APRIL 2021

- 1 **Final day to add/change projects in 4-H Online**
- 1 **Enrollment due date to enroll in 4-H Online for ALL new members**
- 10 Camp Counselor Training, Zoom, 9-12pm
- 21 Winnebago County Public Presentations Contest, Toni's of Winnebago Event Center, 6:30pm
- 18-24 National Volunteer Week

## 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
- 15 Ownership for Sheep Wethers and ALL Meat Goats
- 31 Extension Office closed for Memorial Day

## JUNE 2021

- 1 **Deadline for YQCA & QAEC Certification– In person training will be offered in April or May**
- 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)
- 4 Babysitting Clinic **\*Tentative\***, Location TBD
- 5 Illinois State 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Richland Community College, Decatur
- 13 Northern Illinois 4-H Horse Show- Stephenson County Fairgrounds

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:



### IAA Foundation Scholarship Program Announcement

The 2021 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The lineup includes 78 scholarships totaling \$124,000 in tuition support. Several of their scholarships require participation in either 4-H or FFA, this is a great opportunity for our youth.

### Apply Online

Application link and all supporting materials including eligibility can be found at [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions.

### Watch the Deadline

Students can apply between now and February 15, 2021. All required information must be submitted by that date, no exceptions.

### Supporting the Future of Agriculture

As the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, our Mission is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture. We proudly offer scholarship opportunities for students pursuing degrees related to agriculture, and those with family farming backgrounds.

## ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:



### Tell Your 4-H Story –

#### Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, March 6.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

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Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>.

### ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES

If you are curious as to what college or career is right for you, plan now to join us and discover new possibilities at the Illini Summer Academies (ISA)! At ISA you can expect a fun and exploratory experience featuring a virtual academy session and a variety of new workshops and fun virtual activities. For questions, contact us at [illini-4h@illinois.edu](mailto:illini-4h@illinois.edu).



#### Career Sparks Series (Not a Summer Program)

Career Sparks is a unique opportunity for teens to **explore career paths** by connecting with highly successful young professionals in diverse industries.

We are looking for (3) youth who are highly energetic and interested in being in front of a camera to interview a young professional. Please contact Cindy Ogwal at [cowusu@illinois.edu](mailto:cowusu@illinois.edu) for additional information.

#### Discovering STEM in ACES

The pre-college summer programs have officially launched and wish to invite you to share with students grades 9-11 in your units. Many of you have known of the Research Apprentice Program (RAP) is held in person in campus. Due to Covid-19 pandemic we have decided to move forward this summer virtually. We have renamed the program to **Discovering STEM in ACES**. You can access more information at <https://aces.illinois.edu/academics/diversity/discovering-stem>.

Discovering STEM in ACES is a two-week virtual experience, July 11- 23, 2021, via Zoom from the University of Illinois. It is designed to help the students explore STEM programs dealing with food, environment, and human sciences. Students are selected based on grades, stated interest in STEM areas, letter of recommendation, and a final zoom interview. The application deadline is Friday-March 19,2021.

For students interested in exploring opportunities associated with becoming a veterinarian and working with wildlife, there is a program offered through the USDA called Ag Discovery Program. This program is also virtual via Zoom, July 11-30, 2021. The deadline to apply is Thursday- March 25, 2021. See the link to access the application: <https://academics.aces.illinois.edu/diversity/ag-discovery>

## ILLINOIS 4-H INFORMATION:

### 2021 National 4-H Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit

Registration is now open for the 2021 Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit. This is a great opportunity for high school students to develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

Register here: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#agriscience>

Registration closes on **Friday, February 19th.**

Contact Mark Becker with any questions at [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu)



#### INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR 4-H STORY?

Interested in sharing your 4-H story for a 4-H Alumni profile? We are seeking 4-H alumni to share their 4-H story to be highlighted on our social media accounts for a "Member Monday" 4-H profile!

Click here "[share your 4-H Story](https://go.illinois.edu/4halumnistory)" today!



#### 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

9am – 7pm; Saturday, June 5, 2021

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Registration Details Coming Soon.





ILLINOIS 4-H VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT



### 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

During this period when 4-H members find themselves experiencing restrictions associated with gathering with friends and club members face-to-face, having the opportunity to be part of an engaging and fun, yes we said FUN virtual meeting might be the highlight of their week! Register now for this upcoming **Volunteer Training – Leading in a Virtual World!**

If you question whether you have the skills or tools you need to put together a virtual club experience, this webinar will help you become comfortable interacting in a virtual meeting format; and more importantly support you as you include every part of the club meeting virtually. You can conduct club business; engage members in group decision-making; create positive learning experiences; and give members an opportunity to laugh and have fun together! Be sure to encourage your 4-H members in leadership roles to participate as well.

Link to register for the **February 25, 2021** volunteer training opportunity

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23034>

Don't forget - all 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug! We have had great participation so far and if you have already attended at least one session, you are on your way to receiving you Café Conversations mug!

### 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, February 18, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

**It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs Still Hot? Let's Play!**

Link to register for the **February 18, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728>

#### 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>

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If you do gardening with kids or have them do service projects such as bring food to food pantries, you might see something on our NDSU Extension webinar list you want to attend.

<https://ndsus.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=b303ec77430a20180bc6a4b92&id=502444b486>

Sign up below to register for the Field to Fork Weekly Webinars from NDSU. Depending on your state, you might see some familiar names!

The free webinars will be held each **Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. Central time February 10 through April 21**. They will be archived for later viewing; however, participating in the “live” webinar allows you to interact with the presenter.

When you sign up, you'll receive two reminder emails, a link to an evaluation survey, and a message about how to access the recording for each of the 11 webinars below:

- Feb. 10: Shopping in a Garden Center: Tips for Customers and Managers - Don Kinzler, NDSU Extension agent - horticulture, Cass County
- Feb. 17: Growing Safe Produce for Distribution to Food Pantries - Barbara Ingham, professor and Extension food science specialist, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Feb. 24: Hot Topics in Food Preservation - Karen Blakeslee, Extension associate, Kansas State University
- March 3: High Tunnel Cut Flower Production - Esther McGinnis, associate professor and Extension horticulturist, NDSU
- March 10: The Best Vegetable Varieties for 2021 - Tom Kalb, Extension horticulturist, NDSU
- March 17: Weed Control in the Home Garden - Randy Nelson, Extension home horticulture and agriculture production systems educator, University of Minnesota
- March 24: The “Good” Creepy Crawlers in Your Garden - Janet Knodel, professor and Extension entomologist, NDSU
- March 31: Maple Syrup Production - Joe Zeleznik, Extension forester, NDSU
- April 7: Hot Topics in Nutrition: Why Eat Fruits and Vegetables, Anyway? - Julie Garden-Robinson, professor and food and nutrition specialist, NDSU
- April 14: Tips for Selling Food Safely at Farmers Markets - Londa Nwadike, food safety specialist, Kansas State University and the University of Missouri
- April 21: How to Start a New Food Business - Amy Illg, program administrator, North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Food and Lodging

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## June

### Horse Show Events at the Illinois State Fair Grounds

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Region XI Arabian Show Non Fair Show	<b>3</b> Region XI Arabian Show Non Fair Show	<b>4</b> Region XI Arabian Show Non Fair Show	<b>5</b> Region XI Arabian Show Non Fair Show
<b>6</b> Region XI Arabian Show Non Fair Show	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Set up for Midwest Charity Non Fair Show	<b>15</b> Set up for Midwest Charity Non Fair Show	<b>16</b> Set up for Midwest Charity Non Fair Show	<b>17</b> Midwest Charity show starts Non Fair Show	<b>18</b> Midwest Charity Show Non Fair Show	<b>19</b> Midwest Charity Show Non Fair Show
<b>20</b> Take down Midwest Charity Décor Non Fair Show	<b>21</b> Western Show Appaloosa & POA Show Move in <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>22</b> Western Show Appaloosa & ? POA Show <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>23</b> Western Show Appaloosa & ? POA Show <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>24</b> Non Fair Show	<b>25</b> Non Fair Show	<b>26</b> Centerline Dressage Show Non Fair Show
<b>27</b> Centerline Dressage Show Non Fair Show	<b>28</b> Non Fair Show	<b>29</b> Western Paint Show Move in <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>30</b> Western Paint Show <b>State Fair Show</b>			

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## July

### Horse Show Events at the Illinois Fair Grounds

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				<b>1</b> Western Paint Show AQHA move in <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>2</b> Western AQHA Show <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>3</b> Western AQHA Show Barrel Racing in MPA <b>State Fair Show</b>
<b>4</b> Barrel Racing in MPA <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>5</b> Palomino World Show Move in Non Fair Show	<b>6</b> Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	<b>7</b> Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	<b>8</b> Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	<b>9</b> Palomino World Show Non Fair Show	<b>10</b> Palomino World Show Non Fair Show
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<b>18</b> Clean Stalls	<b>19</b> Western Reining Show move in <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>20</b> Western Reining Show <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>21</b> Western Reining Show <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>22</b> Western Reining Show <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>23</b> Western Reining Show <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>24</b> Western Reining Show <b>State Fair Show</b>
<b>25</b> Jr Horse Show Schooling over jumps. In the After noon 4:00 to 8:00	<b>26</b> Jr Horse Show English Dressage, Jumping Hunt Seat Saddle Seat	<b>27</b> Jr Horse Show English Showmanship Conformation Equitation	<b>28</b> Jr Horse Show Tail Class, Traditional & Stock Patten Costume Class Scholarship Class	<b>29</b> Jr Horse Show Western Ranch Riding & Pleasure & Horsemanship	<b>30</b> Jr Horse Show Western Horsemanship Gymkhana in the MPA in the afternoon	<b>31</b> Jr Horse Show Western Conformation Showmanship, Egg & spoon Versatility

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**August**

## Horse Show Events at the Illinois State Fair Grounds

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> Jr Horse Show Western Pleasure Reining <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Society Horses move in	
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Session Society Horse Show	<b>10</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Session Society Horse Show	<b>11</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Session Society Horse Show	<b>12</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Session Society Horse Show  State Fair Starts	<b>13</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Session Society Horse Show  Draft Horse move in	<b>14</b> Draft Horses move in  Livestock show of champion
<b>15</b> Draft Horse Show	<b>16</b> Draft Horse Show	<b>17</b> Draft Horse Show  Livestock Sale	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session Society Horse Show	<b>20</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session Society Horse Show	<b>21</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session Society Horse Show
<b>22</b> Draft Horse Pull in the afternoon	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Western Mounted Shooting  <b>State Fair Show</b>
<b>29</b> Western Mounted Shooting  <b>State Fair Show</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION:



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# Fruits on Friday

January 15: Apple and Pear

January 22: Stone Fruits

January 29: Grapes

February 5: Strawberry

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REINVIGORATING PASTURES AND EXPANDING GRAZING

MARCH 3, 10, 17, AND 24, 2021

6:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

## 2021 Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXTENSION:



25th Annual  
**Stateline  
Fruit & Vegetable  
Growers Conference**

### Virtual events held in February 2021

#### Thursday Tracks

February 18 | 1:00-3:30PM - Fruit Diseases & Insects

February 25 | 1:00-3:30PM - Vegetable Diseases & Insects

#### Friday Events

February 12 | Noon-1:00PM - Hard Cider Production

February 19 | Noon-1:00PM - Pumpkin Varieties

February 26 | Noon-1:00PM - High Tunnel Production

Visit for more information & registration:

[go.illinois.edu/stateline2021](http://go.illinois.edu/stateline2021)

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**Rural Pond  
Management Webinar**  
March 30, 7-8:30 pm

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