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March 2, 2022

Find Your Spark!

Hello 4-H Families, Leaders, & Volunteers,

We made it to March! You know the weather folklore for the month of March, ~ "In like a lamb, out like a lion!" This week has been absolutely beautiful for the first few days of March, we will have to see if the "out like a lion" holds true at the end of the month!

I hope each of you have started on your 4-H projects for this summer! I know it probably sounds like it's too early, but it's perfectly good timing to be started or to get started by now— March 1st! We have 4 full months to get projects worked on and finalized and then July will be here! Please don't wait to ask questions about your projects till the last minute! Both myself & your 4-H Club Leaders are more than willing to help answer questions. Now is always better than last minute!

In this E-News we have several NEW items for you to be aware of!

- ◆ 4-H Ambassadors Community Service—Tie Blankets
- ◆ SUPER SATURDAY is coming back this year!!!
- ◆ Dog Classes—Registration Link
- ◆ CHOM— Arts & Craft Hour

I pushed this E-News off till the beginning of March to help catch as much information for you & your families, before I am out of the office for a week. I will be out from March 4th- 13th. If you have any questions or concerns while I am out, please call the office and someone will help you. (815)-235-4125.

Till Next Time,


Brenda



STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H Club Meetings—Attendance Policy

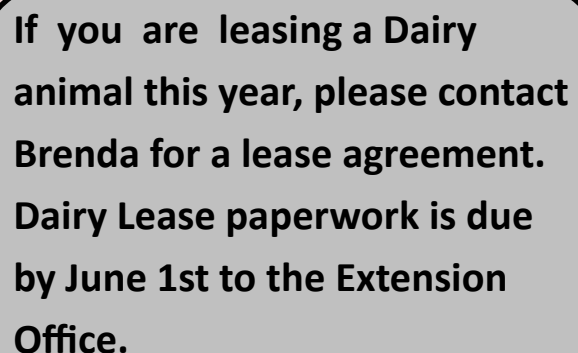
All 4-H members must attend 1/3 of their club meetings for the year, from the time of their enrollment, in order to show at the 4-H shows this summer. If you have questions on this, please reach out to your 4-H leader!



IF you are showing a Beef BUCKET CALF—
Contact Brenda for
your Project Record
Book.



Important



If you are leasing a Dairy animal this year, please contact Brenda for a lease agreement. Dairy Lease paperwork is due by June 1st to the Extension Office.

Super Saturday

Stephenson County 4-H & Youth Development



Saturday, April 2, 2022

8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Stephenson County Farm Bureau

210 W. Spring St., Freeport.

Workshop Sessions Include:

- Making T-shirt bags
- Cooking 101
- Origami Art
- Tie Blanket Making
- Calf Management/Halter Making
- Stamping with Vegetables
- Pillow Making
- Cloverbud Activities

Register today at go.illinois.edu/Super Saturday

Invite a friend and come have some fun!! Open to all youth!

We even have activities specifically for our Cloverbuds!

Super Saturday is \$3 for ages 5 -18 years of age

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4-H AMBASSADOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Tie Blankets

**The Stephenson County 4-H
Ambassadors are making tie
blankets and donating them!**

**YOU CAN HELP US BY MAKING A TIE
BLANKET WITH NEW FLEECE AND
DROPPING IT OFF AT THE EXTENSION
OFFICE. ALL TIE BLANKETS THAT
ARE DROPPED OFF WILL BE
DONATED TO THE MADONNA
RENEWAL & LOCAL NURSING
HOMES**

**The dead line for dropping off the
blankets is April 15th. If you have any
questions please contact Brenda (815-235-
4125)**

STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

QAEC TRAININGS

Quality Assurance and Ethics Training— The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in **horse, rabbit, poultry, dog, cavy (guinea pigs), and cat**. Members must take the training whether they own a live animal or not. It is advised that they complete this as soon as they are enrolled in the project area. 4-H Members only have to complete a QAEC training once in their 4-H career, when showing a live animal or doing animal science with the above breeds.

Counties will monitor completion of this. Failure to complete QAEC will result in the member's animal science project enrollment being cancelled and they will be ineligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round at: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Deadline is June 1st, 2022



STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

YQCA TRAINING

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

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

2) **Instructor-led training**– there will be two in-person trainings held again this year. The dates will be March 26th at the Winslow Community Building, Winslow, IL & April 9 at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau, in Freeport, IL in the A.M. Cost is \$3, per student and MUST be paid at the time of registration. **You only need to attend 1 of these in-person trainings.**

*You MUST use your 4-H Online information to create an account and gain access to the course. **DO NOT** use the FFA/Independent sign-in. Link is:

<https://yqca.learngrow.io/>



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!





2021-2022 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

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

MARCH 2022

4-13	Brenda will be out of the office
19	Ambassadors Meeting, Middle Lounge- 10-11:30 a.m.
26	YQCA in-person Training at Winslow Community Building, 9:30-11am
30	Dog Show Kick-Off Meeting, 6:00 pm, HCC, BLDG- R

APRIL 2022

2	SUPER SATURDAY, 8:45 a.m.- 12p.m.- Farm Bureau
6,13,27	Dog SPIN Club at the Fairgrounds, 6pm
6	Public Speaking Contest, 6 p.m. -Farm Bureau Building
9	YQCA in-person training at Farm Bureau Building, 9:30-11 am
15	Ambassadors Community Service- Tie Blankets- Deadline to donate
16	Robotics State Meet, McLean County Fairgrounds- Bloomington, IL
18-24	National Volunteer Week
23-24	4-H State Hippology, Horse Bowl & Speech at UIUC Campus
27	Leader's Meeting, HCC, Building R 6 p.m.
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
4, 11, 18, 25	Dog SPIN Club at the fairgrounds, 6pm
15	Ownership for Sheep Wethers and ALL Meat Goats
17	Livestock Superintendent Meeting, 6:30p.m. Location TBD
30	Extension Office closed for Memorial Day

JUNE 2022

1	Deadline for YQCA & QAEC Certification
1	Dairy Lease paperwork due to Extension office
	Ownership/ Lease Deadline for Dog Show- Due to Extension Office
	Swine Ear Notch form deadline- Due to Extension Office
	Ownership deadline: Beef Heifers, Beef Bucket Calves, Swine- gilts & barrows, Dairy Goat Kids, Dairy Goat Yearling (not in milk), ALL Pygmy Goats, Dairy Calves & Heifers, All Poultry, Rabbits & Cavies (No paperwork to Ext. Office)
1	Dog Show SPIN Club, 6 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds,
13-16	4-H Camp, Daycamp- Rock River Christian Camp, Polo, IL
15	Dog SPIN CLUB – Optional Class, 6pm- Stephenson County Fairgrounds
17	Extension Office Closed for Juneteeth
25	Breeding Sheep Ownership deadline



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JULY 2022

4	Extension Office Closed for Independence Day
6	Creative Writing Submissions for General Projects Day MUST be received in Ext. office no later than 4:00 p.m.
8	Dog Show SPIN Club- Final practice, 6 pm, Stephenson County Fairgrounds
9	Stephenson County 4-H Dog Show, 9 am, Stephenson County Fairgrounds 4-H Cat Show, 10 am, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Foresight Commercial Building
19	Set-up at Fairgrounds for general Projects Day & Fair week
20	General Projects Day, 8 AM at Fairgrounds
22	Clothing & Textiles, Food Decorating, & Flower Arranging Shows At Highland Community College, building TBD
24-30	State Fair Jr. Horse Show
25	4-H Shows: Crops, Foods, & Horticulture 9 AM 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
28	Fashion Show, E & R Tent, 1:30-3:30p.m.
30	Master Showmanship Contest – 1:30 p.m. Swine Show Ring

AUGUST 2022

6	Stephenson County 4-H Horse show
11-21	Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL
13	Stephenson County State Fair Exhibition Day

Stephenson County 4-H News



Manual Ordering for 2021-2022!

New this year, All manuals will be ordered by the parents! Go to our webpage:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw/4-h-stephenson-county>

Under Calendar of Events & 4-H Show book, there is a link on “How to Order Manuals.”

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

Are you looking for more ways to help your child learn & engage with 4-H?

Illinois 4-H has many resources that can help!!

Check out the 4-H Spark Sheets—

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-spark-sheets>

And 4-H At Home—

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/>



4-H Dog SPIN Club Schedule 2022

Kick Off Meeting: March 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: HCC- Building R

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.

Pre- registration is necessary for the dog classes.

Please register here:

<https://go.illinois.edu/dogclub>

April 6
April 13
April 27
May 4
May 11
May 18
May 25
June 1



OPTIONAL Class-June 15th

July 8 *Last practice session on evening before Dog Show

One absence will be allowed, ONLY.

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

**The 4-H Dog Show is Saturday, July 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
Foresight Commerical Building.**

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4-H Camp—June 14, 15, 16

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS
4-H SUMMER DAY CAMP**



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JUNE 14, 15, 16

ROCK RIVER CHRISTIAN
CAMP
POLO, IL



SAVE THE DATES

COME JOIN THE FUN IN 2022

ATTEND ONE, TWO OR THREE DAYS!

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

SCHOLARSHIPS

Adkins Energy LLC Scholarship–

This scholarship is open to anyone actively in pursuit of higher education!

Applications can be found at: <https://www.adkinsenergy.com/>

picked up from the Extension office, or sent through e-mail by contacting Brenda at 815-235-4125.

Deadline is April 1st!



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

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

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



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I MADE THAT!

Spring Into Quick Breads

Each kit is \$5 and includes:

- April "I Made That!" booklet
- Baking Guide
- Quick Bread Recipes
- Back-yard Scavenger Hunt
- Baking Powder & Poppy Seeds
- Spatula or Measuring Spoons (your choice of one)



**Kits will be available for pick-up beginning April 4 at our
Extension offices in the following counties:**

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

REGISTER YOUR YOUTH TODAY!

go.illinois.edu/jswIMadeThat

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STATE 4-H NEWS

Calling all Photographers!!!

Minnesota 4-H is once again offering an opportunity for 4-H'ers across the NC region to participate in a photography contest. This offering has been very popular and all participants receive feedback on their photo entries. Many youth use this opportunity to prepare for summer showcase events.

You can access all the information and the registration page here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m-n8cFUvWBvtvKT5WkUP0aNfB5S8OLKcip4Mes8kU-c4/edit?usp=sharing>

Submission Deadline is March 31st!



Every dollar makes a difference in helping a young person find their SPARK. February 1 – April 30, visit a local @JOANN store and you can invest in a young person by donating to @4-H.

joann.com/4-H/

#JOANNhearts4H

STATE 4-H NEWS

GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes **only** for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. [Link to tournament details published in March!](#)

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Hint: *Sign up for 4-H Sport fishing project now*, and begin preparing for crappie contest in April by going here to begin learning about crappie:

<https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>



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STATE 4-H NEWS

SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEER NEEDED: If you are 21 years of age or older & enjoy working with youth we are looking for you! We need 1 more volunteer to get trained in Archery in order to offer the SHOOTING SPORTS program again in Stephenson County! All training is paid for by Extension.

We are specifically looking for someone who enjoys archery and has a passion to share that interest with our youth today! IF THAT PERSON is YOU!! Please contact the Extension office today– 815-235-4125.

Applications are now OPEN for the **2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards!** Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:

- earn a \$5K scholarship
- serve as a national youth spokesperson...and much more!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply! <https://bit.ly/3FgUlb0>



Applications now open!



EXTENSION NEWS

Connecting Hunger and Health at Illinois Food Pantry Conference—

One in ten people in Illinois struggle with food insecurity daily, according to Feeding America. Making the healthy food choice is not always easy when money is tight.

University of Illinois Extension and SNAP-Education staff are organizing the first Hunger and Health Conference, intended to bring people together to address these issues. The conference is planned for March 9, 2022, at Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby, IL, conferences 10:00-3:30 pm. An optional pre-conference food handler's training will take place from 8:00-10:00. The cost for the event is \$10 per person which covers materials and lunch. Fee waivers are available.

To register for the 2022 Hunger and Health Illinois Conference, go to <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2022-03-09-hunger-and-health-illinois-regional-conference-north>

Certified Food Protection Manager Certificate Course-

Do you currently have a position handling food, or are you looking to find a job in the food industry? If so, consider getting your Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) certification. The Illinois Department of Public Health requires retail food establishment managers to obtain an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) certificate. This requirement helps to ensure the safety of consumers when eating away from home.

The class will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, AND from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, March 25, at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau Building, 210 W. Spring Street, Freeport, IL. Participants must be present for the full two-day training to be eligible to take the exam. Please bring a valid photo ID and arrive 15 minutes early to check in.

Pre-registration is required due to limited space. To register contact the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw.



FUN WITH 4-H

Back by
popular Demand!

19th Annual



4-H DAY WITH THE *Cardinals*

4-H members, alumni, family, and friends are invited to join University of Illinois Extension in partnership with University of Missouri Extension for a (hopeful) Cardinal win against the San Francisco Giants!



May 14

1:15PM

\$25/ticket

*All sales final

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1 @ 11:59PM

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Additional raffle tickets available for \$1.00. 1st prize is to throw out the first pitch (4-H members only). Additional prizes include tickets to a future game and autographed baseballs (no exclusions for additional prizes.)

Register here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2022>

*Please note - groups that wish to *sit together* **MUST** submit one order.

TICKETS AND T-SHIRTS WILL BE MAILED OUT THE LAST WEEK OF APRIL!

Ticket/t-shirt questions? Contact *Rhonda Shafer* at shaferr@missouri.edu

Parade/raffle questions? Contact *Dave Hileman* at hilemand@missouri.edu



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