



NEWSFLASH



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4-H Families , Leaders, & Volunteers,

It's Back to school already! I hope your school year is filled with lots of learning, fun, and time with friends and family! Just as you are getting ready for a new School year, we are gearing up for our 2021-2022 4-H Year! Coming out next month, will be the opening of online enrollment for the new 4-H year, along with some new projects that are being offered!! I'm not going to break the news just yet, but rather wait till the new year officially starts.

I'm going to keep this E-news for all things that need wrapping up for 2020-2021 4-H year, along with events that are going on now!

- Secretary's & Treasurer's you need to be finalizing your books for 20-21 year and get with your 4-H Leader to get them turned in by Sept. 10th at 4p.m.
- Awards & Records for '20-'21 need to be finished and turned in Sept. 10th by 4p.m. too! If you need help, please contact your leaders or myself NOW... do not wait till the last minute!
- Mark your calendars for the 2021 Awards & Volunteer Recognition Event- October 16th at 2 pm

Have a great weekend! ~Brenda



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Stephenson County 4-H News

~August & September Dates to Remember~

August-

28– Illinois State 4-H Dog Show, Granny Rose– Dixon, IL

September-

1– Compeer 4-H Essay Due, submit to Compeer Financial directly

6– Labor Day– Extension Office Closed

10– Club Books & Award Applications Due by 4:00 p.m. at Ext. Office

14-15– All State 4-H Team Conference, in Champaign (Brenda out of Office)



Stephenson County 4-H News

~EXPERIENCE AWARDS~

4-H'ers- Now is the time to start your Experience Award Applications. This is NOT a 4-H requirement, however it does help you with : record keeping, reaching goals, and tracking your progress with your projects & personal growth! And you receive an award!

FORMS are online at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw/4-h-stephenson-county>

Scroll to Information & Events Link and select EXPERIENCE AWARDS.



AWARD APPLICATIONS are due: September 10th by 4:00 p.m. to the Extension Office!



Stephenson County 4-H News



Illinois Holstein—Friesian Association Award

This award is for ANY 4-H member who is enrolled in the dairy project area & who showed a Holstein animal at the 4-H Show.

Application Deadline: September 10th at 4pm & the Extension office.

Application can be found on our website at:

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

Under Stephenson County Information & Events tab & is enclosed with this E-news as an attachment.

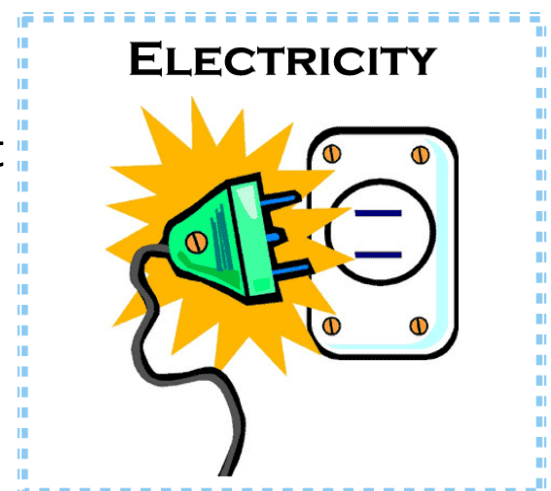
Illinois Electricity Achievement Award

This award is for any member who took an Electricity Project to General Projects day. We had several of them!! You can find the application— it is very simple at:

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

Application Deadline: September 10th at 4pm at the Extension office.

You can only win this award once in your 4-H career.



STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H Ambassadors



WHAT—is a 4-H Ambassador? A 4-H Ambassador is a youth voice in promoting the 4-H program here in Stephenson County and across our state! 4-H Ambassadors role model good leadership skills to their younger peers & help bring awareness to the community of what 4-H is all about!

WHO— who can be a 4-H Ambassador? Youth who are at least 11 years old and have been in 4-H for at least a year, and are able to meet 1 time a month as a team.

WHY— why would you want to be an ambassador? It helps you build leadership skills, prepares you for speaking in front of others, builds new friendships, provides you with positive youth development & knowledge, & gives you a voice in the 4-H program!

Now is the time to enroll, if you would like to be a 2021-2022 4-H Ambassador in

Stephenson County!

Contact Brenda or a current Ambassador, if you would like an application!!

- ◆ Team Building Activities
- ◆ Community Service Projects
- ◆ Giving Presentations
- ◆ Games & Fun
- ◆ Food
- ◆ Mentoring



Scholarship News:

RC Miller Scholarship Winners

Curt Miller, Chairperson of the Stephenson County 4-H and Extension Foundation, recently announced the winners of the R.C. Miller Scholarship for the 2021-22 year.

The R. C. Miller Scholarship was established and funded by the late R. C. Miller, a local leader in agri-business. He started the scholarship program to encourage and support Stephenson County residents pursuing degrees in agriculture with an emphasis in conservation. The Stephenson County Extension and 4-H Foundation is responsible for the scholarship administration.

This year's winners are Marianna Brenner and Isabella Kostallari, both from Pearl City, IL and they will each receive \$1,000.00 to use towards their educational expenses. Marianna will be studying Agribusiness at Iowa State University, and Isabella is studying Animal Sciences, Pre-Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University.

Marianna Brenner, Pearl City



Isabella Kostallari, Pearl City

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. Forms are at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw/4-h-stephenson-county> >Under Stephenson County 4-H Resources.





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I MADE THAT!



Whole Grains

University of Illinois Extension and 4-H have put together fun, interactive educational kits designed to inspire the inner chef to celebrate National Whole Grains Month this September!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - AUGUST 30, 2021

Each kit is \$5 and includes:

- September "I Made That!" booklet
- Wholesome whole-grain recipes
- Oats, popcorn and birdseed for your recipes
- Fun activities like the "whole grain detective" and birdseed ornaments



Kits will be available for pick-up beginning September 7 at one of our Extension offices in Elizabeth, Freeport or Rockford, IL.

Register for your kit at: go.illinois.edu/jswIMadeThat

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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: go.illinois.edu/jsw



Falling Into The Vegetable Garden

As your vegetable garden begins to wind down for the season, you might be thinking about what tasks you should or could be doing to ensure that next year is ready for growing. In this program, Grant McCarty, Local Foods and Small Farms Educator, will help you determine what tasks you should do right now, what you should do soon, and what you should do later. The tasks will include planting garlic and cover crops, overwintering perennial vegetables, getting a soil test, orchard management, and many others.

Falling into the Vegetable Garden will be held as a virtual program on Wednesday, September 22, at noon. You must pre-register by September 21 to receive the meeting link to join the program. The program is being offered free of charge but donations to help offset the cost of future Extension programming will be accepted. To register or for more information, visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw or call us at 815-235-4125

