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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

# NEWSFLASH



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*Find Your Spark!*

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Brrr!!!! I hope everyone has been staying warm and healthy these past few weeks! Just think, only 7 more Saturdays till Daylight savings is here!!! More daylight and warmer weather is on it's way!!! A big thank you to all our farmers that brave these cold days to keep livestock fed and healthy, you all are A-mazing!!!

There are a few deadlines that are approaching in the next 2 weeks!

- 4-H Camp Counselor Application Deadline is TODAY, January 28th by 4p.m.
- Beef Weigh –In pre-registration is due by January 31st..
- Program Cover Contest– All entries need to be to Brenda by January 31st.
- Add/Drop Projects deadline - February 1st! This is the deadline for if you want to add any new projects to your list for the 4-H shows this summer, OR if you have some you want to drop. You make these changes in 4honline. After this date— if you need to add a project area you are not able to take top awards at the 4-H shows on that project.

Please check the Calendar of Events—I have highlighted a few new items this E-News. If you have any questions regarding your projects feel free to reach out to your leaders or myself, we will be happy to help.

Stay Warm ~

**A warm welcome to  
Colt Kempel who just  
joined the Pearl City  
Hornets 4-H Club!**

*~Brenda*



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# STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

If you need to **ADD or DROP** a 4-H project for this year— the deadline is **February 1st**. After this date if you want to ADD a project



you will not be eligible for top honors at the 4-H show.

You can add/drop projects by logging into your 4honline account and go to your projects tab.

Any questions, please call Brenda at the Extension Office, 815-235-4125.



## 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!


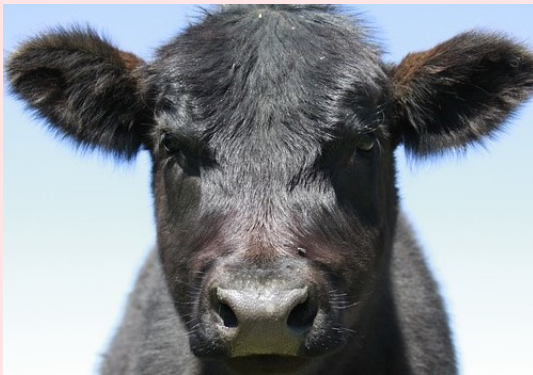
# STEPHENSON COUNTY NEWS

## BEEF WEIGH IN– FEBRUARY 5th

At the Lena Vet Clinic, Lena, IL

- **ALL STEERS** will need to be weighed at this time if you are showing them in the Rate of Gain class at the local shows & if you plan to take your steer to the State Premiere or non Premiere shows.
- **PRE-REGISTRATION** for a time slot is required by January 31st!

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



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

Ownership Date for Beef Steers is  
February 1st!

(No paperwork has to be turned in for this.)

## 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**

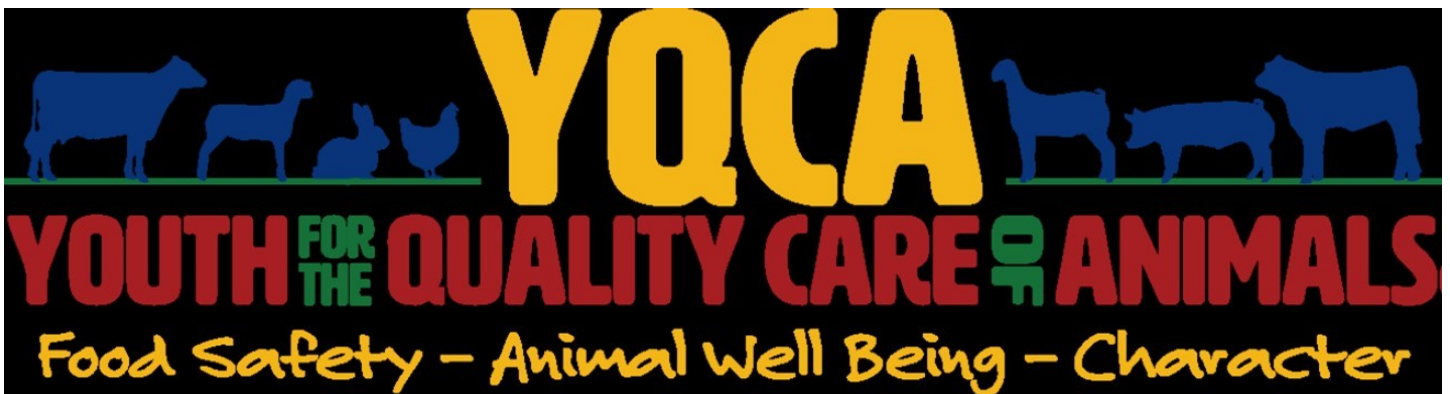


# STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## 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. There are two ways you can get the training:

- 1) **You can take the online training** ( there is a test at the end) and the cost is \$12, per student. The link to do that is : [yqca.learngrow.io](http://yqca.learngrow.io)
- 2) 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. 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.
- 3) **Instructor-led training— there will be two in-person trainings held again this year. Locations are being worked out still. The dates will be March 26th & April 9—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.**
- 4) **WATCH** for more details in the next few weeks—for the in-person trainings!







## 2021-2022 Stephenson County 4-H Calendar of Events

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

### JANUARY 2022

1	Beef Performance Cows, Dairy Cows, & Milking Dairy Goat ownership (No paperwork to Ext. Office)
5	Extension Office Back to work from the holidays
16	Ski Day, Chestnut Mountain 1pm- close, pre-registration due Jan 13 <sup>th</sup> .
17	Extension Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
22	<del>SC 4-H Ambassador Meeting, 1-2:30 p.m., HCC Building R</del>
22	Poultry Clinic at Farm Bureau, 10-11 a.m.
23	Ski Day- SEVERE Weather date
28	4-H Camp Counselor Applications due by 4p.m.
31	Program Book Artwork Contest Deadline
31	Beef Weigh in sign up deadline

### FEBRUARY 2022

1	<b>New Member Enrollment deadline</b>
1	<b>Add/Drop Project Deadline for all members</b>
1	<b>Beef Steers – Ownership (no paperwork to Ext. office)</b>
5	Beef Weigh-In, Lena Vet Clinic, 9-11am- pre-registration required
5	SC 4-H Ambassador Meeting, 1-2:30 p.m., HCC- Building R
12	Inclement weather date for Beef weigh-in, Lena Vet Clinic
19	4-H State Horse Judging Contest – at Blackhawk East, Galva, IL

### MARCH 2022

19	Ambassadors Meeting, Rm 153- 1-2 p.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, 153
31	<b>Public Speaking Contest, 6 p.m. HCC</b>

### APRIL 2022

6,13,27	<b>Dog SPIN Club at the Fairgrounds, 6pm</b>
9	<b>YQCA in-person training at Farm Bureau Building, 9:30-11 am</b>
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	<b>Dog SPIN Club at the fairgrounds, 6pm</b>
15	Ownership for Sheep Wethers and ALL Meat Goats
30	Extension Office closed for Memorial Day



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### JUNE 2022

1	<b>Deadline for YQCA &amp; QAEC Certification</b>
1	<b>Dairy Lease paperwork due to Extension office</b>
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, 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
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	<b>Stephenson County 4-H Dog Show, 9 am, Stephenson County Fairgrounds</b> <b>4-H Cat Show, 10 am, Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Foresight Commercial Building</b>
19	<b>Set-up at Fairgrounds for general Projects Day &amp; Fair week</b>
20	<b>General Projects Day, 8 AM at Fairgrounds</b>
22	<b>Clothing &amp; Textiles, Food Decorating, &amp; Flower Arranging Shows At Highland Community College, building TBD</b>
24-30	<b>State Fair Jr. Horse Show</b>
25	<b>4-H Shows: Crops, Foods, &amp; Horticulture 9 AM Stephenson County Fairgrounds- Foresight buildings</b>
25	<b>4-H Show: Cloverbuds- 1PM- Stephenson County Fairgrounds Foresight building</b>
26	<b>Stephenson County 4-H Livestock shows-Poultry, Goat, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Beef, &amp; Rabbit / Cavy Stephenson County Fairgrounds</b>
27-30	<b>Stephenson County Fair, Stephenson County Fairgrounds</b>
28	<b>Fashion Show, E &amp; R Tent, 1:30-3:30p.m.</b>
30	<b>Master Showmanship Contest – 1:30 p.m. Swine Show Ring</b>

### AUGUST 2022

11-21	<b>Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL</b>
13	<b>Stephenson County State Fair Exhibition Day</b>

# Stephenson County 4-H News

## 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](mailto: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/>





# Stephenson County News

## Program Cover Contest-

**DEADLINE: January 31st**

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.



- 1st place will receive a 4-H Baseball Cap and their Picture will go on the front of our Program Book.
- 2nd place will receive a 4-H Beanie and their picture will be on the back of our Program Book.
- The rest of the pictures will be used as needed within our program book!

**Let's make our Program Book look beautiful!**



# 4-H Forestry Club



**4-H "Forestry" Club will provide participants with unique, hands-on experiences which will spark youth's excitement about trees, nature, and environmental stewardship.**

**Who: Any youth currently in the 5th- 12th grades.**

**4-H Membership is not required.**

**When: Six times between March and August**

**Where: Meeting locations will vary**



**The Forestry club will help youth learn to identify trees & leaves, how to tell the age of a tree, & learn about the growth & measure of trees. If you enjoy being outdoors this club is for you!**

**Some of the highlights for the youth will be taking a hike, visiting a local sawmill & planting oak trees to simulate a savanna in a local forest!**

**To register for the Forestry Club- go to: [go.illinois.edu/forestryclub](http://go.illinois.edu/forestryclub) or call 815-235-4125.**

**Deadline to register is February 15.**

**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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# Stephenson County 4-H Robotics Club

Do you enjoy technology  
& building things?  
Then Robotics club may  
be a perfect fit for you!

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The 4-H Robotics Club is  
getting ready to start their  
plans for this year's:  
Spacebot Mission! The  
challenge will be held  
April 16!

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The Club will be meeting  
on specific Tuesdays &  
every Thursday from  
5:30-7:30 p.m.



You do not have to be in 4-H  
to participate.



Contact Brenda for  
more information  
815-235-4125.



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# 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.



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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## SKI FUN— January 16th



**Braylin Mangrum— Country Cuzins 4-H club-  
with parents: Julia & Brian Reifschneider**



# 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!**

**4-H Camp Counselor Applications** are being taken

NOW-January 28th at 4:00pm.

Any teens ages 15 (by June 14th, 2022) on up may apply.

Please contact Brenda at 815-235-4125 for an application ASAP!







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# *I Made That!*

## *Show Your Some Love!*

*University of Illinois Extension and 4-H have put together fun, interactive educational kits designed to inspire the inner chef and to celebrate American Heart Month this February!*

**Each kit is \$5 and includes:**

- February "I Made That!" booklet
- Fun activities to keep your heart healthy
- Heart-healthy recipes
- Select ingredients for your recipes
- Chocolate exploration and taste-test!



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

**Register for your kit at:  
[go.illinois.edu/jswIMadeThat](http://go.illinois.edu/jswIMadeThat)**

Jo Daviess County 4-H   Stephenson County 4-H   Winnebago County 4-H  
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# SCHOLARSHIPS

**IAA FOUNDATION OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT  
AGRICULTURE,  
ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU FAMILIES.**

A full listing of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines is available on the Foundation website, <https://iaafoundation.org/>

The application must be completed online by:  
February 15, 2022.



*IAA Foundation Scholarships*  
*84 Awards totaling \$164,500*  
*Apply Now!*  
*Deadline February 15*  
*iaafoundation.org*

The graphic features a white background with faint, stylized illustrations of school supplies like pencils and paper clips. In the bottom left corner, there are three circular icons: a green one with a white classical column, a blue one with a white graduation cap, and a green one with a white plant. In the bottom right corner is the official logo for The IAA Foundation, which includes the text 'THE IAA FOUNDATION' and a small square icon depicting a farm scene with a barn and trees.



# ILLINOIS STATE HORSE 4-H NEWS



*Save the Date*

**4-H State Horse Judging  
February 19th, 2022  
Blackhawk East - Galva**



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*Save the Date*

**State Horse Bowl, Hippology & Horse Speaking Contests  
April 23 & 24, 2022  
UIUC Campus**



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# ILLINOIS 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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# ILLINOIS STATE 4-H NEWS



**Applications now open!**

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/3FgUIb0>



# EXTENSION NEWS

## **Master Gardener program offers hybrid training**

The University of Illinois Extension is pleased to announce that Master Gardener Training will be held in Stephenson County starting in February. Interested people can apply now for the training. Applications can be obtained by calling the office at (815) 235-4125 or on the web at [go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://go.illinois.edu/jsw).

The training includes videos, a Master Gardener manual, reading materials, and quizzes. Participants will complete videos and reading assignments on their own and then meet in-person on Tuesday mornings at the University of Illinois Extension-Stephenson County for discussion, review, and follow-up. Training consists of 11 sessions conducted on Tuesdays, starting on February 15, and concluding April 26, from 9 a.m. to Noon

## **Time to prune the fruit trees.....**

University of Illinois Extension will be offering it's popular "Intro to Fruit Tree Pruning" class on three different dates, two of the programs will be in person and one will be offered as a Zoom webinar. The in-person programs are Tuesday, February 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Elizabeth Community Building, HWY 20 W. Elizabeth, IL, and Tuesday, February 8 from 10 a.m.to Noon at the Freeport Public Library, 100 E. Douglas Street, Freeport, IL. The Zoom webinar will be offered on Friday, February 11 from 3 to 5 p.m. Cost for the class is \$5. For more information and to register, please visit [go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://go.illinois.edu/jsw) or call 815-235-4125.

