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Find Your Spark!

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4-H Families , Leaders, & Volunteers,

Thank you all for your support for a very successful Award & Volunteer Event last Saturday! I heard it was a tie between the chocolate and the Strawberry cake pops- they were delicious!! If you were unable to make it out, and your child was to receive an award, we have given those to your club leader to deliver at your next club meeting!

Our National 4-H Week was a great success too! I hope you had a chance to drive by the billboards and see your fellow 4-H members up on the screens! The goosechase -scavenger hunt was a blast. You guys were awesome for submitting photos and there were some really funny ones!!! We had a great streak of running in 1st place for a while, but Winnebago & Jo Daviess came from behind and beat us on the last day! We will have the winners from the goose chase coming out soon! Our themed spirit days on FIND YOUR SPARK, had a tie! So in this E-news we will announcing our 3 winners, not 2!!

Don't Forget- Enrollment is now open on 4honline! As a reminder every year you do have to re-enroll in 4-Honline. This lets us know on a county & state level that you are participating in 4-H this year, what club you are joining, & what projects you want to do. The deadline to re-enroll is **December 1, 2021**.

Til' next time,

~Brenda



Stephenson County News

Calendar of Events 2021-2022



OCTOBER 2021

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|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Illinois 4-H Jr. Leadership Conference Deadline |
| 3-9 | National 4-H Week Celebration- Find Your Spark |
| 16 | 4-H Award & Volunteer Recognition Event, Farm Bureau Building
210 W. Spring St. – Freeport, 2-4pm |
| 16-17 | Illinois 4-H, Jr Leadership Conference, Decatur, IL |
| 21 | Pumpkin Program for ages 5-12, at CHOM- Children's Hands-On
Museum
4-5 p.m. pre-register on CHOM webpage- led by Brenda |

NOVEMBER 2021

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| 18 | After School Program at CHOM, Turkeys – 4-5pm |
| 20 | SC 4-H Ambassador Meeting, 1-2 p.m/ Building R, HCC |
| 25-26 | Extension Office closed for Thanksgiving |

DECEMBER 2021

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| 1 | Re-enrollment deadline for returning 4-H members- |
| 24– Jan. 4
2021) | Office closed for holidays (Re-open Monday, January 4, |

JANUARY 2022

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| 1 | Beef Steers, Beef Perf. Cows, & Milking Dairy Goat ownership
(No paperwork to Ext. Office) |
| 16 | Ski Day, more info to come *TBA* |
| 17 | Extension Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| 22 | SC 4-H Ambassador Meeting, 1-2 p.m., HCC- Building R |
| 23 | Ski Day- SEVERE Weather date |
| 31 | Program Book Artwork Contest Deadline |

**4honline is now OPEN and ready for you to re-enroll in the
2021-2022 4-H year!**

GO here:

<https://v2.4honline.com>

***DEADLINE is December 1st,
2021**



AWARD & VOLUNTEER EVENT— 2021



Stephenson County 4-H News

Community Service Project for October—

Card Making for residents at local nursing homes! As part of our National 4-H week we are having a card making day. Please drop off or send your homemade cards to the Extension office by **October 29th!**



We will be dispersing them to several different nursing homes to help cheer up those who can't get out and enjoy this beautiful fall weather.

Some clubs have already reached out and asked to deliver their cards themselves! That's great!!! Please, if you can, get pictures of you & your club members delivering them and pass them on to me!

We have new Yard signs available in the Extension office! If you would like to display one at your house, please stop by and check

Join the Club



LEAD!
SERVE!
INSPIRE!

one out! We will be asking for them to be returned at the end of November— to be stored for winter.

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National 4-H Week– Spirit-themed day WINNERS!

1st Place– Jordan Zimmerman, Harlem Helpers

2nd Place— Taylor Geddes, Country Cuzins &
Coblie Roberts, Lena Lucky Clovers

Your prizes are headed your way girls! I will get them to your leaders, hopefully before your next club meeting!!



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

Stephenson County 4-H News



2021-2022 New 4-H

Projects:

*Cover Crops

*Quilting

⇒ For more info on Cover Crops go here: <https://covercrops.cemastprojects.org/>

⇒ For More info on Quilting: Check out: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects>

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 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!!

*** Deadline to sign up is November 1st!**

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



STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H CLUB NEWS

The Pearl Valley Rangers 4-H Club members, organizational leaders, and parents volunteered in preparing and serving the Grace Meal at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City on Sunday, October 17, 2021. This was a community service activity for the club and also a way to thank St. John's congregation for allowing the club to use the church's Fellowship Hall for the club's monthly meetings.



On October 11 the Davis Rockets 4-H club went around Davis picking up bags of donations containing non-perishable foods, paper towels, and toilet paper. All donations will be given to a Food Pantry in the local area to be given out when needed.

Davis Rockets 4H Club



PACK-A-SACK

For Faith Community Church Care Center

**Collection will be
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11**

Between 5-6 p.m.

Leave Sack on front steps

(All non-perishable items accepted)

If not picked up by 7P.M. Please Call 815-789-3197

STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

We had several 4-H'ers participate in the AGRI-NEWS photo contest: Check out this link: <https://newstrib.secondstreetapp.com/AGNYOUTH21/rounds/1/4hlivestock/>

To see their photos and essays!

Great job representing
4-H and Stephenson County!



STEPHENSON COUNTY—THINGS HAPPENING CLOSE BY

Northwest Illinois Rock Club's 2021

JEWELRY, GEM, FOSSIL AND MINERAL SHOW

NOVEMBER 13TH AND 14TH



New Location! Freeport Eagles Club
1200 W Galena Ave, Freeport, IL

Demonstrations - Dealers - Displays
Children's "Fish Pond" and Games
Holiday Shopping - More!

Saturday, November 13th - 9 AM - 5 PM

Sunday, November 14th - 10 AM - 4 PM

Free Will Donation

Find us on Facebook - Northwest IL Rock Club - for more information.
We will be following current local and state mandates regarding masks.

This is a great show to attend if you LOVE Rocks, Gems, & Minerals. Don't forget 4-H does offer a Geology project area... this kind of stuff fits right in with it!



Apples, Spice & Everything Nice

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION AND 4-H HAVE DESIGNED FALL-THEMED COOKING EDUCATION KITS TO INSPIRE THE INNER CHEF AND EMBRACE GRATITUDE THIS FALL.

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



Each kit is \$5 and includes:

- The I Made That! booklet
- Fall-themed recipes
- Pomander ball supplies
- A gratitude journal
- Select recipe ingredients



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REGISTRATION DEADLINE
OCTOBER 27, 2021

Jo Daviess County 4-H Stephenson County 4-H Winnebago County 4-H
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University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.
If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, contact our office at (815) 235-4125.

ILLINOIS STATE 4-H NEWS

Save the date!

STATE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

April 30, 2022



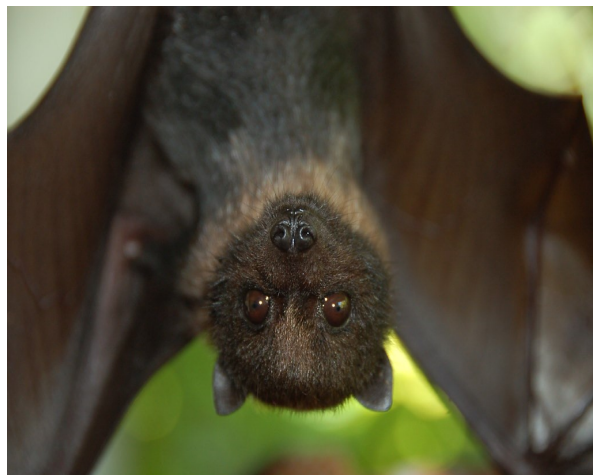
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4-H'ers across the state of Illinois can sign up to participate in Soak it up with a Scientist featuring Megan Seymour, a Wildlife Biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Seymour has experience with conservation regarding bats, water snakes, and bald eagles. She also has expertise regarding the Great Lakes, island biogeography, and wind power effects on birds and bats.

This live webinar format will allow participants to ask the scientist questions with immediate feedback. 4-H'ers are sure to learn something new regarding environmental science.

This online webinar event is free for any 4-H'er. <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-10-25-soak-it-scientist-featuring-megan-seymour>



What's Happening at the Extension



Renewable Energy Resurgence: What You Need to Know About Solar and Wind:

Renewable energy projects have been popping up across the country. Locally, new solar projects have been installed on acreages and connected to the grid. Other solar and wind developments have been proposed for the area. Solar panels can

now be seen on many homes and businesses. There are many terms flying around related to renewable energy projects. University of Illinois Extension's Environmental and Energy Stewardship Educator Stanley Solomon will discuss these questions and much more at the ***Solar and Wind Renewable Energy Workshop*** at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 29. The workshop will be held at Stephenson County Farm Bureau, 210 W. Spring Street, Freeport, IL. Register: <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-11-29-solar-and-wind-renewable-energy-workshop>

Invasive and Problematic plants in the landscape

Join University of Illinois Extension Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator Jay Solomon for *Invasive and Problematic Plants in the Landscape* at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau, 210 W. Spring Street, Freeport, IL. There is no fee to attend, but registration is requested by November 8. To register visit us online at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-11-10-invasive-and-problematic-plants-landscape>



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: <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-11-23-certified-food-protection-manager-course>



Radon, still an indoor issue:

When was the last time you tested your home for radon? What changes might have increased our exposure risks over the last few years? Join University of Illinois Extension Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator Jay Solomon to learn more about the dangers of radon in our home. The program, *Radon: Still an indoor issue*, is being held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4 at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau, 210 W. Spring Street, Freeport, IL. Register by calling the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or online at [https://extension.illinois.edu/](https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-11-12-radon-still-indoor-issue)

[events/2021-11-12-radon-still-indoor-issue](https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-11-12-radon-still-indoor-issue) Registration cost is \$10 per household. Each household will receive a free radon test kit.

