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4-H IN STEPHENSON COUNTY

The 4-H program is the Youth Development Program sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension. The four "H's" provide the focus for the 4-H program, developing a young person's head, heart, hands, and health.

4-H provides a "learning by doing" philosophy to help young people develop their whole being. 4-H members are found in all urban and rural areas within Illinois and Stephenson County. Members must be at least 8 years old and can remain in 4-H until they are 19. The 4-H Cloverbud program is offered to all youth ages 5, 6, and 7 years of age and is a non-competition based pre-4-H program.

The Illinois 4-H program is open to all youth regardless of race, religion, gender, racial origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability.

4-H members usually join a community or neighborhood club. In Stephenson County there are 14 community clubs located in all communities within the county including five clubs in the Freeport area. 4-H membership is \$20 per year.

This year, 348 young people are enrolled in Stephenson County 4-H community-based clubs. They are led by over 250 volunteer adult and junior (teenage 4-H members) leaders. In addition, over 100 adult and youth volunteers assist with SPIN (SPecial INterest) clubs, clinics, contests, communities, and other activities. As a 4-H member, one can expect to learn life skills such as leadership, commitment & follow-through, listening skills, communication skills, teamwork skills, and self-confidence.

General Projects Day, Clothing Revue, Dog Show, Cake Decorating Contest, Flower Arranging Contest, and the 4-H Fair provide opportunities for 4-H'ers to exhibit their individual 4-H projects. The projects are judged by local resource people who talk with the 4-H member and help

them evaluate the work they have done to complete the project exhibit. Projects are judged based on the work and final product of the individual and awarded a blue, red, or white ribbon. All 4-H members receive recognition for their accomplishments.

The Public Speaking and Demonstration Contest will be held on Tuesday, June 21 at 6:00 p.m. 4-H'ers will demonstrate their public speaking skills in front of a judge. The Flower Arranging Contest, being held on June 23, provides 4-H'ers with an opportunity to prepare two fresh or dried flower arrangements before a judge within a 1-hour time limit. The Cake, Cupcake &

Cookie Decorating & Candy Making Shows will be held Friday, June 24th. 4-H'ers decorate their cake in front of a judge within a 2-hour limit. Top winners from many of these shows compete at the Illinois State Fair in August. The 4-H Dog Show will be held Tuesday, June 28 and include the following classes: Dog Obedience, Showmanship, and Grooming and Maintenance. General Project's Day will be held July 6th. Over 150 project areas are exhibited on this day. 4-H'ers exhibit projects like: computers, visual arts, photography, mechanical sciences, woodworking, natural resources, and more. During the Dress Revue, held July 13th, cloth-

ing projects made by the 4-H'er will be exhibited. In addition to having their garments judged on construction techniques, the 4-H'ers model their garments for fit and appearance on the individual.

The Stephenson County Fair provides an opportunity for 4-H members to be judged on their work and to exhibit their projects for the community to see. All 4-H projects (with the exception of livestock and small animals) will be exhibited in the 4-H Exhibit Building under the Grandstand, although the actual judging of these projects has already been completed. Below are the scheduled events happening during the Fair:

Monday, July 11

- 9:00 a.m. - Food & Horticulture Shows, 4-H Exhibit Bldg
- 9:30 a.m. - 4-H Horse & Pony Show, Horse Show Ring
- 1:00 p.m. - Cloverbud Judging, 4-H Exhibit Bldg
- 1:30 p.m. - Garbology Judging, 4-H Exhibit Bldg

Tuesday, July 12

- 8:00 a.m. - Goat Shows, Goat Show Ring
- 8:30 a.m. - Rabbit, Cavies, Beef & Sheep Shows, Animal Barns
- 8:45 a.m. - Poultry Shows, Poultry Barn
- 9:00 a.m. - Swine Shows in animal Barns
- 10:00 a.m. - Dairy Show, Dairy Show Ring

Wednesday, July 13

- 8:30 a.m. - Cat Show, Rest & Entertainment Tent
- 1:00 p.m. - Dress Revue, Rest & Entertainment Tent
- 4:30 p.m. - "4-H'ers In Action", Rest & Entertainment Tent

Thursday, July 14

- 6:00 p.m. - Parade of Excellence, Rest & Entertainment Tent (awarding Non-Livestock trophies only at this time)

In Stephenson County, the 4-H program is administered by University of Illinois Extension, Stephenson County, which is located in Bldg. R, on the Highland Community College campus in Freeport.

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Midwest Summer Nationals Tractor and Truck Pull

by Kimberly Meier

The Midwest Summer Nationals will bring two days of heart pounding pulling excitement to the Stephenson County Fair. It will feature competitors from the Lucas Oil Pro Pulling League, Badger State and Tri-County Mini-Rod Pullers. There will be multi engine tractors, diesel tractors, alcohol burning tractor as well as diesel trucks and modified garden tractors with V-8 engines and large tires.

Tractor pulling goes back to 1929 in the United States. The concept of pulling is based upon who can pull the sled the farthest on a dirt track. The dirt track is 300 feet long with 2 white lines on each side for boundaries. If a competitor touches the line, they will be disqualified. In the class, competitors draw numbers in the order they will hook to the sled. The competitor has one attempt to make a pull. Once the competitor makes his or her pull, the distance is measured. These distances are recorded and the results

are based upon those distances. If more than one competitor travels beyond 300 feet, a "Pull Off" will occur. Based on the sled operator's judgment, another weight will be added or a faster gear will be selected on the sled to stop the pulling vehicle before 300 feet.

The weight transfer, otherwise known as the "Sled", is hooked to the pulling vehicle by a chain. As the competitor takes off down the track, the load will progressively get harder to pull. The two major components of the sled are the box and pan. The pan is sliding on the ground without much resistance at the start of the pull. The pan will increase friction with the track as the box (which is chain driven with the wheels) comes toward the front of the sled. Inside the box are multiple lead blocks weighing a ton. As the box moves forward, applying more weight to the pan, eventually the pulling vehicle will stop.

Fan favorites from near and far will be trying their luck against the

Stephenson County Clay, a favorite track of national competitors. Some local favorites to watch for are: Pro-Stock- Blaine Stamm: Stammpepe, Brinkmeier Farms: Fuelish Pleasure, Troy Bader: Forever Green Edition, Randy Bader: No Fear Deere, and Dustin Hook: T-Bone. Super Farm- Frank Molitor: Red Cattlac, Jerry & Mike Gerlach: G-Force and Mark Colberg: ProPain. Light Limited Super Stock- Kevin Engelking: Sweet 16, Rod Wichman & Gene Weerda: Cauzin Conflict, David Runkle: Earl's Dream and Ed Kasper: Addicted to Chaos. Pro Farm- Brian Colberg, Jerry Sacia: Industrial Strength and Scott Burkhart & Nick Cunningham: Git R Done. Hot Farm- Bill Gempeler: Top Secret & Barely Legal and Meier's- 466 XXpress. Mini-Rods- Tad Stubbe, Stacy Butson, Jay Butson and Perry Butson.

The Midwest Summer Nationals also prides itself on its support of youth in Stephenson County. We

hold a 50/50 raffle during pulling sessions with the proceeds benefiting FFA, 4-H and other area youth organizations. Approximately \$2000 was raised for these organizations at the 2010 Midwest Summer Nationals. Take a chance and purchase raffle tickets as the kids pass through the stands. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Winners will be drawn when the last class starts in the session.

The Midwest Summer Nationals will be held July 14 and 15. Sessions are at Noon and 6:00PM each day. Grandstand admission for the Noon sessions is just \$5 and the 6:00PM session is a mere \$10, a bargain for top notch, pulse racing pulling excitement. For more information please visit <http://www.stephensoncofair.com>. We can also be found on Facebook and Twitter for the latest information as well as track condition updates and session results during the fair. See you in the stands!



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IT WOULDN'T BE A FAIR WITHOUT THE ANIMALS!

The Stephenson County Fair is quickly approaching. Be sure to **SAVE THE DATES!** Monday, July 11 FFA will present their projects. 4-Hers show on Tuesday, July 12. Wednesday, July 13 is junior open day. Thursday, July 14 and Friday, July 15 are open days. Horses show on Saturday and Sunday.

The fair has so much to offer in free entertainment, including animals...so don't forget to hit the barns! The youth will be awaiting your arrival, ready and willing to answer your questions. Bring your camera and get a photo with the animals. The exhibitors are always excited to share their much loved projects with you.

The pig barn will be full of a variety of different pigs. If you open the gate, be sure to close it behind you...that's to keep the pigs from escaping! They are "walked" the show ring, the wash pen, and their home for the week using a pig stick and boards. The gates are kept closed - not to keep you out - but to keep the pigs IN! The show ring is a great place to visit as you can watch the excitement of the exhibitors as they parade their prized pigs in front of the judge.

Got milk? Come see where milk actually comes from...hint: it is not the store! The dairy barns are such fun barns to walk through. The dairy people spend the night in the barns with their animals. They have a full week of not only milking the herd at home, but taking care of the show animals at the fair. You will find weary bodies resting on hay bales, a full kitchen in many stalls, beautiful exhibits, as well as the many different breeds of dairy cattle. It is a must see at the fair!

The sheep barns are full of many breeds of sheep. You will find the breeds that are used for their wool to make clothing and warm socks. The market lambs are used for their meat products. The lamb exhibitors will be found washing and walking their projects. A lamb on the loose always happens and adds to the excitement

in the show ring. Maybe it jumped out of its pen...or maybe someone forgot to lock the gate! Of course, everyone jumps up to catch the poor sheep that just wanted to explore the fair!

The beef barn is a busy place. The beef exhibitors are up early to get their cattle from the tie outs. At night, it is usually cooler outside, and they have more space. So at the crack of dawn, the cattle are taken from tie outs to wash racks to be cleaned. Then the beautifying process begins. It is like a salon for cattle. Blow driers, coloring, combing, brushing all go on to prepare the animal for show. They must always put their best foot forward! Of course, when the show is over, they must be rewashed to remove the "make-up" before bed.

The rabbit and poultry barn is also full. You will find many kinds of rabbits and chickens that you have never seen before! Turkeys, ducks, and even peacocks have been spotted. Lots of wonderful sounds come out of this barn. The sound of the rooster crowing in the morning...and all day long...is a great sensory wake up!

Don't forget to check out the grains tent to see the tallest stalk of corn and the beautiful crops that our local farmers raise. The home economics building contains the vegetables both fresh and canned that are grown in our local area. You will also find beautiful flowers, photographs, sewing items, antiques, and don't forget the baked goods. Every evening you can participate in the "cake walk" and win cookies, pies, cakes, and more. It is something different every night, so be sure to stop back each night for the cake walk. Get your number and take home a prize winning dessert!

The Stephenson County Fair has always been a place of happiness. Young and old, make sure to attend this year so that you can capture some of that happiness. The excitement of the exhibitors is contagious!

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2011 Stephenson County Fair Opens with Queen and Little Miss Pageant



The 2011 Stephenson County Fair will be kicking off on Tuesday, July 12. The first night of the fair is Youth Night and will begin with the Miss Stephenson County Fair Queen and Little Miss Pageant at 4 p.m. A change in venue for the Queen Pageant will have the contestants compete for the Queen and Little Miss titles on the stage in the Rest and Entertainment Tent, while all other Youth Night activities will be take place in front of the Grandstand. Pageant and Fair officials chose to move the pageant to the Rest and Entertainment Tent to allow the contestants a more up close and personal experience with the pageant audience and allow the pageant to proceed should there be in climate weather.

Young ladies competing for the Queen title will appear on stage in casual wear, one piece swimsuit, and evening gown. Prior to the stage portion of the competition each contestant will have had a four minute interview with the panel of judges. Little Miss Contestants will appear on

stage in a formal/party dress, and will have had an interview with the panel of judges prior to appearing on stage. The young lady selected as Queen will be the official hostess of the 2011 Stephenson County Fair and will spend the week of the fair on the fairgrounds carrying out various duties and will be assisted in her duties by the Little Miss winner. The Queen will have the opportunity to represent Stephenson County at the 2012 Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant in Springfield, Illinois in January 2012.

2010 Miss Stephenson County Fair Queen Mollie Miller, 19, of Pearl City is looking forward to this year's pageant and crowning the 2011 Fair Queen. When asked how she feels about her reign coming to an end, she says, "I am excited that another young lady will be able to experience what has been a once in lifetime experience for me! Yet, I remember what they told us at the state pageant, once a Queen always a Queen!" Mollie will be assisted with the job of crowning the 2011 Queen and Little Miss by 2010 Little Miss Lila Sloan, 7, of Davis.

Plan on attending opening day of the 2011 Stephenson County Fair on Tuesday, July 12 and showing your support of the young ladies of Stephenson County that will be vying for the title 2011 Miss Stephenson County Fair Queen and 2011 Stephenson County Fair Little Miss.

"Farm Fun Zone" is back for 2011!

The Farm Fun Zone returns for another dose of fun, fellowship and education at the 2011 Stephenson County Fair. Sponsored by the Stephenson County Farm Bureau and the Conservation & Agricultural Partners (CAP) Foundation, the brightly-colored tent just across the road from the Chicken Shack will again be packed with a wide variety of things to see and do for all ages.

The FFZ will be open Tuesday July 12 through Saturday July 16 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and again this year we will feature themed days (Tuesday – Pork, Wednesday – Beef, Thursday – Corn, Friday – Soy, and Saturday – Dairy). Each day will have unique activities, promotions and door prizes, so be sure to visit the tent frequently. On Soy Day we'll be hosting a Soy Foods Recipe Contest with four categories – desserts, breads, snacks, and soy beverages. Cash prizes of \$25 for first place and \$15 for second place will be given in each class, and the "Best of Show" winner will receive \$50.

A highlight every year, we'll again have an assortment of animals on display including a calf, sheep, goats, rabbits, pigs, and the tremendously popular baby chicks hatching during the fair. There will be a number of kids' games and activities (including the popular corn trough) as well as some new features.

Stephenson County Farm Bureau staff, board members and volunteers will be present throughout the fair to greet visitors, share information, and provide a welcoming environment.

We'll hold public voting to determine the twelve winners in our "Stephenson Scenes" photo contest, and COUNTRY Financial representatives will be on hand as well. There will be benches in the shade and other places to relax, so stop by and see what's happening.

Outside the FFZ, two other activities will take place during the fair. Our first Youth Ag Olympics will take place on Tuesday July 12 at 7:45 p.m. in front of the grandstand during Youth & Family Night activities. Up to eight teams of local youth – each paired with a local celebrity – will compete head-to-head in six events for cash prizes. Registration information is available at www.stephensoncfb.org or at the Farm Bureau office.

On Saturday afternoon the annual Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull will take place in the Swine Show Ring, with registration beginning at 2 p.m. and the pull at 2:30. There will be competition in three weight classes – 30-45#, 46-60#, and 61-80# - and the top three in each class will receive a trophy, with all pullers receiving a ribbon and gift certificates from area businesses. In addition, the top three in each class will qualify for the Illinois State Pedal Pull Championship on Tuesday August 16 at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield. This year there is no entry fee – just show up at the Swine Show Ring and weigh in prior to the pull.

The Stephenson County Farm Bureau and the CAP Foundation invite you to visit us at the Farm Fun Zone at the 2011 Stephenson County Fair!

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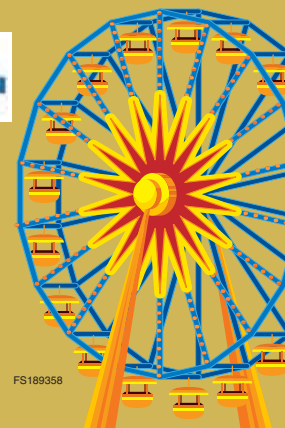
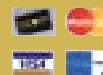
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Sunday – July 10th

1:00 – 3:00 pm Junior Open & Open
Home Ec/Ag Products
(exhibit check-in)

Monday – July 11th

7:00 – 9:00 am Junior Open & Open
Home Ec/Ag Products
(exhibit check-in)



9:00 am 4-H Food &
Horticulture Shows
- 4-H Exhibit Building

9:30 am 4-H Horse & Pony Show
- Horse Show Ring

9:30 am Section 1 FFA Judging

10:00 am Home-Ec Judging

1:00 pm Cloverbud Judging
- 4-H Exhibit Building

1:30 pm Garbology Judging
- 4-H Exhibit Building

Tuesday – July 12th

8:00 am 4-H Goat Show
- Goat Show Ring

8:30 am 4-H Rabbit, Cavies,
Beef & Sheep Shows –
Animal Barns

8:45 am 4-H Poultry Shows –
Poultry Barns

9:00 am 4-H Swine Shows -
Animal Barns

10:00 am Home Ec Building Opens
& Baked Goods Judging

10:00 am 4-H Dairy Show
– Dairy Show Ring

10:30 am Commercial Buildings
Open

3:00 pm Jr Open Cake Walk

4:00 pm - Outside Home Ec
Building
Queen & Little Miss
Pageant - Entertainment
& Rest Tent

5:00 pm - close MIDWAY - \$20 Pay One
Price Wristband

6:00 pm YOUTH NIGHT
- Grandstand (Free!)

6:00 pm Chicken Scratch
- Grandstand

7:00 pm Men in Accord
-Entertainment &
Rest Tent

6:30 pm Pig Scramble
- Grandstand

7:00 pm Introduction of Queen &
Little Miss - Grandstand

7:30 pm Tug-of-War - Grandstand

7:30 pm Ag Olympics
- Grandstand

8:30 pm Cake Walk
- Outside Home Ec Bldg.
Home Ec Building Closes

Wednesday – July 13th

8:00 am Junior Open
Sheep Judging

8:30 am Junior Open Beef Judging

8:30 am 4-H Cat Show
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

9:00 am Junior Open Swine,
Poultry, & Sanct.
Goat Judging

9:00 am Open Rabbit Judging

9:30 am Junior Open/
Open Dairy Judging

10:00 am Home Ec Building Opens
& Baked Goods Judging

10:30 am Commercial Buildings
Open

1:00 pm 4-H Dress Revue
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

2:00 - 6:00 pm MIDWAY - \$20 Pay One
Price Wristband

4:00 pm “4-H’ers In Action”
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

5:30 pm Magic Mike
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

6:00 pm Jr Wether Lamb Show

6:00 pm - close MIDWAY - \$20 Pay One
Price Wristband

7:00 pm Mississippi Man
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

7:30 pm TONNY PETERSEN’S
HELL DRIVERS
- Grandstand

8:30 pm Cake Walk
- Outside Home Ec Bldg.
Home Ec Building Closes

Thursday – July 14th

8:00 am Open Sheep Judging

8:30 am Open Beef

9:00 am Open Swine, Poultry, &
Sanctioned Goat Judging

9:30 am Jr Open/Open Dairy
Judging

10:00 am Home Ec Building Opens
& Baked Goods Judging
Commercial Buildings
Open

10:30 am Magic by Cy Crothers
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

12:00 pm Stephenson County 911
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

12:00 pm TRACTOR PULL
- Lucas Oil Midwest
Summer Nationals
-Grandstand

1:00 pm Jim Martin
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

2:00 - 6:00 pm MIDWAY - \$20 Pay One
Price Wristband

3:30 pm The Era of the Hoop
by the Shores
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

6:00 pm 4-H Parade of Excellence
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

2011 Schedule of Events

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6:00 pm - close MIDWAY - \$20 Pay One
Price Wristband

6:00 pm TRACTOR PULL
- Lucas Oil Midwest
Summer Nationals
-Grandstand

7:00 pm BackRoads Trio
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

8:30 pm Cake Walk
- Outside Home Ec Bldg.

10:00 pm Home Ec Building Closes

Friday – July 15th

8:00 am Open Sheep Judging

9:30 am Junior Open/Open Dairy
Judging

10:00 am Home Ec Building Opens
& Baked Goods Judging

10:30 am Commercial Buildings
Open

12:00 pm TRACTOR PULL
- Lucas Oil Midwest
Summer Nationals
-Grandstand

12:00 pm The Barn Quilts of Green
County - Entertainment &
Rest Tent

4:00 pm The Blind Bogey Band,
Brush Creek Golf Course
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

5:00 pm Magic Mike
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

6:00 pm - close MIDWAY - \$20 Pay One
Price Wristband

6:00 pm TRACTOR PULL
- Lucas Oil Midwest
Summer Nationals
-Grandstand

6:00 pm CrossCut
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

8:00 pm Rock Steady
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

8:30 pm Cake Walk
- Outside Home Ec Bldg

10:00 pm Home Ec Building Closes

Saturday – July 16th

8:30 am Open Horse Show

9:00 am Junior Livestock Auction
- Swine Building

9:30 am Draft Horse Pull

10:00 am Home Ec Building Opens

10:30 am Commercial Buildings
Open

12:00 pm Tricia Vandenburg &
Family - Entertainment &
Rest Tent

1:30 pm Ladies Lead/Costume
Class - Sheep Barn

2:00 - 6:00 pm MIDWAY - \$20 Pay One
Price Wristband

2:00 pm Mannerchor New Glarus
Men's Choir
-Entertainment &
Rest Tent

2:00 pm Kiddie Tractor Pull
Registration
- Swine Show Ring

2:30 pm Kiddie Tractor Pull
- Swine Show Ring

3:00 pm Styles Junction Bluegrass
Band - Entertainment &
Rest Tent



4:00 pm Stephenson County Beef
Association Show

5:00 pm Magic Mike
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

6:00 pm The Legends
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

6:00 pm - close MIDWAY - \$20 Pay One
Price Wristband

7:00 pm SHA NA NA
W/ THE MADDMEN
- Grandstand

8:30 pm Southern Charm
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

10:00 pm Home Ec Building Closes

Sunday – July 17th

8:00 am – Noon Commercial Exhibits
Released

9:00 am Draft Horse Judging

9:00 am Open Arabian/Half
Arabian Horse Show

12:00 pm Home Ec Exhibits
Released

1:00 pm - close MIDWAY - \$22 Pay One
Price Wristband

2:00 pm DEMOLITION DERBY
- Grandstand

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1:00 pm Magic Mike
- Entertainment &
Rest Tent

2:00 pm The Has Beens
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Rest Tent is the Best Kept Secret

It has been said that the Entertainment and Rest Tent is the best kept secret at the Stephenson County Fair.

Located south of the main east-west drive between the Beef Coral and the Farm Bureau Tent, the Entertainment and Rest Tent isn't really for resting. Equipped with a 32 x 16 stage, 250 chairs and a generous number of tables, the tent is host to a multitude of free activities each day beginning at 12:00 noon and continuing until approximately 10:00 pm. All of this is brought to you by twenty-three generous local sponsors.

The annual fair queen pageant will find a new home here in 2011. Beginning at 4:00 pm Tuesday, queen contestants and "little miss" hopefuls will compete for the enviable titles.

Stephenson County 4-H'ers also call the Entertainment Tent home on Wednesday at 8:30 am with the fair cat show followed by the judging of 4-H clothing projects. Thursday brings the 4-H Parade of Excellence at 6:00 pm.

Matt Rose, Stephenson County 911 coordinator will be in the tent on Thursday to talk about "911 and You" at noon preceded by Cy Crothers' magic show at 11:00. In conjunction with Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday, Mike and Mary Shore will speak of the "Era of the Hoop", reminding us of what it was like to dress in clothing of the 1860's. Their presentation is Thursday at 3:30 pm.

Another new event this year is Lynn Lokken's presentation "The Barn Quilts of Green County". If you have ever wondered about the wonderful examples of country quilts displayed on barns in our neighboring county to the north, stop on by at 12:00 noon on Friday and find out how it's done.

Saturday is an exciting day of music with Tricia Vandenburg and her family bringing their memorable Christian music show to the fair at noon followed by the Mannerchor New Glarus Swiss men's choir at 2:00 and the Styles Junction Bluegrass band from 3:00 until 4:30.

Each evening the best bands in the area will be performing everyone's favorite music including country, oldies, rock and roll, barbershop, folk, bluegrass and Southern rock. Bands include the Has Beens, CrossCut, Rock Steady, The BackRoads Trio, The Legends and Southern Charm. Everyone's favorite, Men in Accord will open the musical entertainment on Tuesday evening; and Mississippi Man is back on Wednesday evening with your favorite covers and some original music.

Be sure to stop in and enjoy the music and demonstrations, bring a cold beverage and your favorite "fair food". Rest awhile in the shade, and remember, it's all free! Check the daily schedule for specific times and updates.

YOUTH NIGHT IS TUESDAY, JULY 12th – FREE GRANDSTAND TO ALL!

The fair is for kids of all ages, and this year Tuesday, July 12th is all about the kids! It begins in the Rest and Entertainment Tent at 4pm with the Queen and Little Miss Pageants. Come help cheer on all the contestants and share in the excitement and crowning of this year's Stephenson County Fair Queen and Little Miss!

At 6:00, the excitement moves to the FREE Grandstand events. The ever-popular Chicken Scratch will kick off the evening's festivities as 5, 6 and 7 year old girls and boys try their skill, or luck, at catching a chicken. No pre-registration is necessary.

The entertaining and fun 4-H Pig Scramble gets underway at 6:30. This scramble is open to any Stephenson County 4-H member, ages 8 – 12. Pre-registration is required; contact the Stephenson County Extension Office at 815-235-4125 by June 27.

At 7:00 meet the newly crowned 2011 Stephenson County Fair Queen and Little Miss followed by the Youth Tug of War Contest where kids ages 8 – 14 team up to display their brute strength and vie for a \$100 cash prize, not to mention championship bragging rights! For registration and more information, contact the Stephenson County Fair Office by June 27 at 815-235-2918.

New this year is the Ag Olympics at 7:45 pm sponsored by the Stephenson County Farm Bureau. This is sure to be a crowd pleaser with surprises and lots of fun. There may even be a celebrity sighting, so don't miss it!

There's prizes and fun at this year's Youth Night – for kids of ALL ages.... see you there, Tuesday, July 12th at the Stephenson County Fair!



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Tonny Petersen's and his team of Hell Drivers – Wednesday night, July 13 at 7:30 pm at the Stephenson County Fair!

FREE ON-GROUNDS ENTERTAINMENT

Upon arrival at the fairgrounds, there are many free events and activities to entertain both the young and old alike.

Spend some time in the Rest and Entertainment Tent. There's plenty of chairs, some tables if you'd like to eat your lunch there, and a great variety of entertainment. Check the back page of this publication for the complete line-up.

Whether you're from the country or the city, or somewhere in between, don't miss the livestock and animal barns. Perhaps check out the judging of the animals, see the variety of breeds, or visit with the 4-Hers and others displaying their animals.

And visit the 4-H and Home Economics Buildings while at the fair!

Out of My Tree Chainsaw Artist will be on hand all week with daily demonstrations of carving techniques. Plus at the end of the fair, all the unique, one-of-a-kind carvings will be up for auction....you could make one yours!

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Magic "Mike" will present numerous daily shows all week at this year's Stephenson County Fair!

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Put the Home Ec Building at the Stephenson County Fair on your must-see list this year! Many area residents compete in a variety of Open Class categories from Horticulture to Clothing, Quilts to Crafts, Painting to Photography, and Antiques to Baked Goods, to name just a few! You're likely to find friends and neighbors all vying for the coveted blue ribbons!

The Home Ec Building has been a long-standing staple of the Stephenson County Fair. Located at the West End of the Commercial Buildings, don't miss the nightly cake-walk at 8:30pm Tuesday through Friday!

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SHA NA NA to Headline at the Stephenson County Fair!

The grandstand will be rockin' and rollin' on Saturday night, July 16 as SHA NA NA takes the stage at the Stephenson County Fair!

SHA NA NA has celebrated the music and memories for the past four decades in concert, in the movies, on TV, and on record. From the original Woodstock, to the movie "Grease" to hosting the SHA NA NA television series, the group still plays more than 50 concerts annually and this year at the Stephenson County Fair you can be part of the history of Rock and Roll!

In 1969, Woodstock became a defining moment in the history of SHA NA NA. The group's appearance – only the seventh in their career – cemented their reputation and style. "We went on second to last, at sunrise on the final day, but, importantly, just before Jimi Hendrix," recalls co-founder, drummer Jocko Marcellino. "We did 40 minutes and were paid \$350....and the check bounced!" SHA NA NA was the only group at Woodstock without a record deal. Immediately afterward, they had one and today the group has released eighteen



albums in total, with worldwide sales of more than 20 million!

TV was another important step for the group. SHA NA NA taped 97 episodes of the SHA NA NA music variety shows from 1977 to 1981 that were seen – and still can be – in worldwide syndication. The shows, which featured SHA NA NA's music, plus the group in comedy skits with special guests, further established the group's credentials as a part of the landscape of rock 'n' roll

America.

"Grease: The Movie" became another significant building block in the SHA NA NA story. The group appeared in the 1979 musical as Johnny Casino and the Gamblers, and contributed to the original music score with six SHA NA NA versions of rock classics and one original song, "Sandy", co-written by Screamin' Scott Simon (keyboards, guitar and bass for the group) for John Travolta to sing. Between takes, Travolta also

sang a little doo-wop with the group!

SHA NA NA has also rocked with symphony orchestras with stints with Marvin Hamlisch and the Seattle Symphony, the symphony orchestras of Columbus OH, Louisville KY, Phoenix AZ, Roanoke VA, Peter Nero and the Philly Pops and the National Symphony and Choir at the Capital Fourth Celebration in Washington, D.C.

Working the past three decades throughout the world – from Carnegie Hall to the Grand Ole Opry, in Asia and in Africa, Paris to London to Tokyo – SHA NA NA has had some interesting unknown performers opening for their show, such as Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, Billy Crystal, Steve Martin and Jay Leno!

Live performances remain at the heart of SHA NA NA. So get your tickets early, open your collars and roll up your sleeves.....get greased and ready to Rock 'n' Roll! Whether it's the hand-jive, the twist, or the hokey pokey, one thing's for sure.....ROCK AND ROLL IS HERE TO STAY!



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Advance tickets for this year's Stephenson County Fair are now on sale at the fair office.

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Season Tickets - \$15
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Grandstand Packages - \$35
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Grandstand General Seating for Sha Na Na \$7
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This year's Stephenson County Fair is **July 12 – July 17** in Freeport. The featured entertainment is:

Tuesday, July 12 – Youth and Family Night with **FREE** Grandstand, and \$2 gate admission! The Queen and Little Miss Pageants will begin at 4pm in the Rest and Entertainment Tent, followed by grandstand events at 6pm including the Chicken Scratch, Pig Scramble, Tug-of-War, and Ag Olympics.

Wednesday, July 13 – Tonny Petersen's Hell Drivers bring an exciting thrill show to the Grandstand at 7:30pm.

Thursday and Friday, July 14 and 15 it's Tractor and Truck Pulls at noon and 6pm both days.

Saturday, July 16, the Grandstand will be Rockin' and



Rollin' with SHA NA NA and the MADDmen beginning at 7pm.

The ever-popular Demolition Derby wraps up the Grandstand events on **Sunday, July 17 at 2pm.**

You will also find lots of free on-grounds entertainment daily with Wambold's Amazing

Animal Shows, Magic Mike, and Out of My Tree Chainsaw Art.

Don't miss this year's Stephenson County Fair! For more information, visit www.stephensoncofair.com or call the Fair Office at 815-235-2918.

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Entertainment & Rest Tent

TUESDAY, JULY 12

- 4:00 pm - Queen & Little Miss Pageant
- 7:00 pm - Men in Accord

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

- 8:30 am - 4-H Cat Show
- 1:00 pm - 4-H Dress Review
- 4:00 pm - 4-H'ers in Action
- 5:30 pm - Magic Mike
- 7:00 pm - Mississippi Man

THURSDAY, JULY 14

- 11:00 am - Magic by Cy Crothers
- 12:00 pm - Stephenson County 911
- 1:00 pm - Jim Martin
- 3:30 pm - The Era of the Hoop by Mike and Mary Shore
- 6:00 pm - 4-H Parade of Excellence
- 7:00 pm - Back Roads Trio

FRIDAY, JULY 15

- 12:00 pm - The Barn Quilts of Green County
- 1:00 pm - Magic Mike
- 2:00 pm - The Has Beens
- 4:00 pm - Blind Bogey Band
Sponsored by Brush Creek Golf Course
- 5:00 pm - Magic Mike
- 6:00 pm - CrossCut
- 8:00 pm - Rock Steady

SATURDAY, JULY 16

- 12:00 pm - Tricia Vandenburg & Family
- 2:00 pm - Mannerchor New Glarus Men's Choir
- 3:00 pm - Styles Junction Bluegrass Band
- 5:00 pm - Magic Mike
- 6:00 pm - The Legends
- 8:30 pm - Southern Charm

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