

## March 2022 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying this random bout of nice weather. There is a lot going on with Jefferson County Extension. Information for State 4-H Trips is now available, we have one county level Spark Club done and two more on the way. Spring Tagging is right around the corner and fair preparations are well underway.

If you are a new 4-H member this year, we would like to say WELCOME, and for our returning members, we are so happy to have you back for another great year! There are lots of exciting things planned for 4-H in 2022, so keep up to

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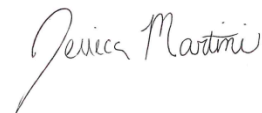
In ANR news we have a new group of Master Gardener Interns, a PARP and Tobacco Gaps Training this month and a Pond Management Workshop coming in April. If you or your neighbors have poultry please read page 2 for updates and a link to BOAH's press release on the Avian Influenza situation in Indiana. If you are interested in Pollinators I encourage you contact our Friends at the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District about their pollinator plant sale going on now.

We are looking forward to another busy summer here in Jefferson County. As always, feel free to reach out to our office with questions or information on upcoming opportunities. The next 4-H Fair board meeting will be March 3rd at 7 pm in the Community Building. The next Extension Board Meeting will be March 9th at 6:30 pm.

Sincerely,



Britt Copeland, Extension Educator



Jessica Martini, Extension Educator

## We are hiring! - Summer Program Assistant

Purdue Extension - Jefferson County is hiring a summer program assistant. Applications are available in the Extension Office. If you have any questions, call 812-265-8919.

## 4-H Volunteer Leader Training– April 20



The next 4-H Volunteer Leader training will take place on April 20th. We look forward to meeting with everyone to go over handbook updates, 4-H Online training, having fellowship and answering any questions you may have. RSVPs to the Extension Office are greatly appreciated.

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Community Building

**Meeting Information:** This meeting will be a great opportunity for leaders to learn more about how they can utilize 4-H Online for their 4-H Clubs. All leaders are encouraged to attend.

# Agriculture & Natural Resources

## Avian Influenza– What Hobby Poultry Owners Should Know

You may have heard that Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza has been detected in Dubois and Greene County, Indiana as well as a handful of other states. So far 154,000 commercial turkeys have been affected by this virus according to the Indiana Board of Animal Health.

Hobby Poultry Owners and 4-H Poultry Members should remember to practice good biosecurity practices during this time. Some of these practices include not congregating birds from different flocks, limiting visitors to your own flock, preventing contact with wild birds, disinfecting shared materials, and making sure your boots and clothing are not bringing germs home with you by wearing boot covers or reserving a designated pair of boots to tend to your flock.

To read more about good biosecurity practices explore the press release linked here: <https://www.in.gov/boah/files/BYB-Biosecurity-Advisory-2-16-22.pdf>

The CDC and the Indiana Board of Animal Health state that the risk of human transmission is low and that the current strains have no history of causing human illness. But this flu does have detrimental effects on poultry. Read more here: [https://www.in.gov/boah/species-information/avianbirds/highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza/?fbclid=IwAR1d7linbc9VR-7H7VkpVYyCUX3ex\\_UD1wRRL0rziGDpulCvaaf5CNqdBs](https://www.in.gov/boah/species-information/avianbirds/highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza/?fbclid=IwAR1d7linbc9VR-7H7VkpVYyCUX3ex_UD1wRRL0rziGDpulCvaaf5CNqdBs)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### What Hobby Poultry Owners Should Know About Preventing Avian Influenza

INDIANAPOLIS (16 February 2022)—Avian influenza can be devastating to all poultry—even small, hobby flocks. The virus can cause reduced egg production, general illness or even sudden death to chickens, turkeys and other poultry species. With cases cropping up in three states in the last week, hobby flock owners should take steps to keep their flocks safe.

Poultry owners should practice good biosecurity by blocking possible sources of the virus. This includes minimizing foot traffic from visitors into the chicken coops and pasture areas. The avian influenza (AI) virus (and other disease-causing agents) can be carried in on clothing and shoes. Avoid visiting other flocks and handling other people's birds.

Anyone entering a chicken coop or pasture area should wear boot covers or shoes dedicated to that space only. Change shoes, boots or clothing after wearing them in public.

Equipment, such as feed buckets, hoses and waterers, can be contaminated. Therefore, equipment should be cleaned and disinfected before use—especially if it has contact with birds from outside the home flock. Vehicles can transport germs on tires, too.

Prevent contact with wild birds. Migratory waterfowl (ducks, geese, etc.) are known to carry AI without becoming ill or dying. Because they shed the virus in their droppings, bodies of water and other spaces where they congregate can pose a higher risk. Keeping poultry confined to a coop or a fenced space can help to reduce possible exposure.

Watch for signs of illness in your flock. Birds affected with HPAI may show one or more of the following signs:

- Sudden death without clinical signs
- Lack of energy and appetite
- Decreased egg production
- Soft-shelled or misshapen eggs
- Swelling of the head, eyelids, comb, wattles, and hocks
- Purple discoloration of the wattles, combs, and legs
- Nasal discharge
- Coughing, sneezing
- Incoordination
- Diarrhea

At the first signs of any of these, call the **USDA Healthy Birds Hotline: 866-536-7593**. Callers will be routed to a federal or state veterinarian in Indiana for case assessment. Dead birds should be double-bagged and refrigerated for possible testing.

Essential points to note about the current ongoing avian influenza situation:

**Safeguarding Indiana's animals, food supply and citizens for more than 125 years.**

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## Jefferson County SWCD Pollinator Plant Sale

The Pollinator Action Group and the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District is once again having their annual pollinator sale. If you are interested in creating habitats for bees, birds, insects and other pollinators on your property this is an excellent opportunity to purchase plants selected for this purpose. Contact the Soil and Water Office for more information and order forms.

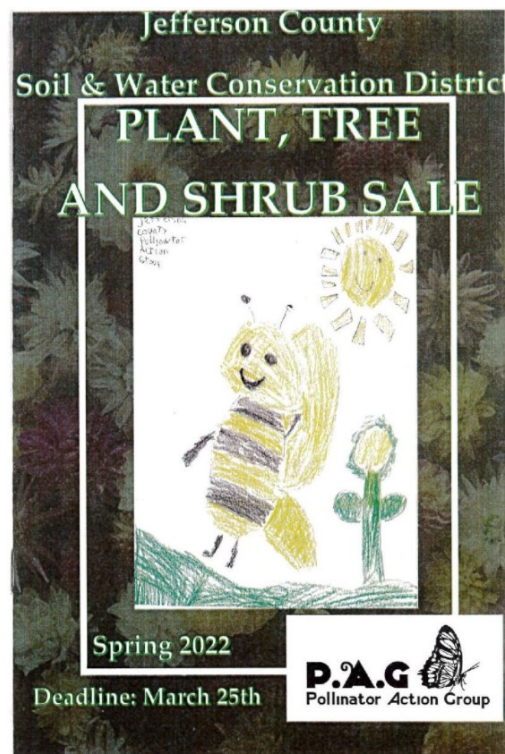
**Contact: Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District**

Call: 812-265-7609

Pick up order forms at 3767 W SR 256 Madison, IN 47250

Orders Close March 25th

Plant Pick Up will be April 28th from 1-6 pm at the Fairgrounds



# Agriculture & Natural Resources

## 89TH INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM PERFORMANCE TESTED BULL SALE

Sale Location- Springville Feeder Auction  
Saturday, April 16th, 2022  
2 pm est  
Broadcasted Live on CATTLEUSA.COM

**TB & BVD NEGATIVE  
NEGATIVE JOHNNES TEST ON DAM  
PARENT VERIFIED TO SIRE AND DAM  
EPD'S ON ALL BULLS ARE GE-EPDS  
PASSED BSE EXAM**

Sale catalogs can be requested by calling or emailing  
Nick Minton: nminton@purdue.edu 812-279-4330



<https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/ibep/Pages/default.aspx>

## Tobacco Gap Training, Annual Update and PARP Program

March 30, 2022 6 pm  
Jefferson County 4-H Community Building  
3767 West SR 256  
Madison, IN 47250

- Participants in the program will receive credit for the tobacco GAP program.
- Participants in this program will learn about upcoming issues in the tobacco industry.

### Featured Speakers:

**Dr. Robert Pearce, University of Kentucky**

**Amy Rockies, GAP Connection**

**Britt Copeland, Purdue Extension Jefferson County**

PARP Credit is available. Please bring your card and \$10 for the credit. RSVP'S Appreciated Please contact the Jefferson County Extension Office at 265-8919.



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# 4-H Youth Development




## State 4-H Trips @ Purdue– Register By May 15th

State 4-H Trips are back this year in person! If you have never attended a state 4-H Trip such as 4-H Round-Up, 4-H Academy @ Purdue University, State 4-H Junior Leaders Conference or the like this may be the year to attend! Experience living in a college dorm, exploring career fields, talking with professors and specialists, and meeting 4-H members from across the state.

**The Jefferson County 4-H Fair Board will sponsor Jefferson County 4-H Members to go on these trips.** Registration is handled at the county level to facilitate this process.

*View the dates and links to trip information websites on page 6 of this newsletter.*

Ready to register? Contact the extension office by calling (812) 265-8919, stopping by or emailing one of the 4-H Educators. Jessica Martini, [koons0@purdue.edu](mailto:koons0@purdue.edu) or Britt Copeland, [copelanb@purdue.edu](mailto:copelanb@purdue.edu)

**Junior Leaders**  **Next meeting:**  
**March 15 at 6:30pm in the Community Building**

At this meeting, we will be doing tie dye, providing scholarship writing help. **If you would like to participate in tie dye, please bring a shirt with you to tie dye.** **If you need a t-shirt to tie die, call the Extension Office ASAP,** and let us know. We can't wait to see you there! *Not a Junior Leader? If you are in grades 7-12 you could be! Come join us and find out what its about!*

## YQCA Trainings– New Changes & Next Training March 22nd

YQCA is a required training for all Indiana 4-H members who exhibit Dairy, Beef, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine. **On March 23, 2022 YQCA will switch to a new website that is not compatible with 4-H Online. That means if you took the training online this year make sure you download a copy of your YQCA certificate to your computer.** If you plan to attend the trainings in person **you no longer have to register online for now.** 4-H Members can take YQCA online for \$12 until March 22, 2022 or attend an in person training for \$3 on the following dates. More information will be shared when we have it. The training is still required for Indiana 4-H, the State Fair and many open shows.

- March 22, 2022, 6-7 pm in the Community Building
- May 16, 2022, 6-7 pm in the Community Building
- June 30, 2022, 6-7 pm in the Community Building



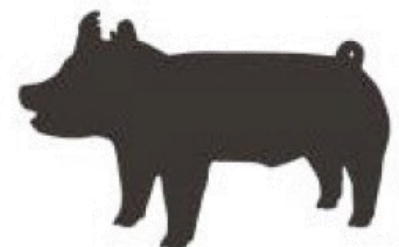
## Junior Pork Day @ Purdue– March 26th

Junior Pork Day is back in person this year! This event is open to all youth interested in Swine or a Career in Animal Sciences. The annual program is hosted by the Indiana Swine Breed Associations, Indiana Pork Producers, NSR, NJSA and Purdue University Animal Sciences Department.

Registration costs \$5 and includes a full day learning how to judge swine, evaluating Hog Carcasses, learning about the swine industry, biosecurity, swine showmanship and more.

The event takes place in the new Land O' Lakes Center (Animal Sciences Meat Lab) on Purdue's Campus, 720 Clinic Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Brian Richert – Extension Swine Specialist at 765-494-4837, [brichert@purdue.edu](mailto:brichert@purdue.edu) or Courtney Stierwalt -4-H Extension Specialist at [dickerso@purdue.edu](mailto:dickerso@purdue.edu).



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## Spring Livestock Tagging– April 30th

### Don't Forget: Sheep, Goat, Swine Tagging—April 30, 2022, 7 –10 am on the Fairgrounds

Save the date! Any youth planning to show sheep, goats, or swine at the 4-H County Fair this summer must bring their animals to the Fairgrounds for tagging/identification. Previously shown females that have the proper ID do not need to come to tagging.

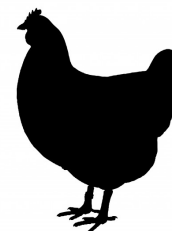
- **Animal ID Requirement—** *If you plan to or are thinking about showing at the state fair* let your livestock superintendent know at tagging in order to receive additional tags and have a DNA Hair sample collected and submitted to the Extension office **at tagging.** **Premise ID Requirement—** Premise ID's indicate where an animal originates in case a disease needs to be traced back to it's source and are required by State Law. You can look up or apply for a new Premise ID by going to <https://www.in.gov/boah/>. You only need one Premise ID for all the animals raised at the same address. Bring this number with you to tagging. Contact the office if you need help.
- **Born & Bred** — If your animal is Born and Bred, turn in the B&B form at tagging. Forms are available at the office or at tagging, see handbook for complete B&B rules.
- **Enroll your Animal on 4HOnline by May 15th** (*May 16th this year because it falls on a Sunday*). All animals except rabbits, chickens, dogs & cats must be enrolled on 4HOnline. To enroll you will need:
  - Tag Numbers or Appropriate ID– given at ID Day
  - Premise ID Number– given by BOAD
  - Weight– if taken at ID Day
  - Birthdate

## Poultry & Rabbit Project Updates– May 16th

You may have noticed there have been some changes in the handbook regarding the Poultry and Rabbit projects. Superintendents have been working towards adjusting Poultry Show classes to better match State Fair and Open Show formats for several years. This year new show classes will be introduced as a culmination of that effort. The Rabbit Project also has a smaller update regarding the classification of 4-Class and 6-Class Rabbits. To help members understand these changes and help this year's show run smoothly we will have a Poultry and Rabbit Project Member Meeting to answer questions and orient 4-H members. If you plan to show your Chicken or Rabbit please join us after the May 16th YQCA Training.



### Poultry and Rabbit Member Meeting May 16, 2022, 7-8 pm in the Community Building



## Mini 4-H Day Camp- June 25th

Mini 4-H Members and Parents Save the Date! Our Junior Leaders are working on this year's Mini 4-H Day Camp. This is an opportunity for K-2nd graders to spend a day on the fairgrounds having fun and learning what 4-H is all about. Last year we explored insects in the Year of the Cicada, this year's theme will be ***Under the Sea!*** More information soon.





# State & National 4-H Opportunities

2021-2022



National 4-H Conference - dates TBA, Washington, D.C.; grades 9-12 completed; application due December 1.  
[purdue.ag/national4hconference](http://purdue.ag/national4hconference)

Global Gateway Experience - dates TBA, Howell Nature Center in Howell, MI; Teams are formed at the county level in the fall, contact your County Extension Office early for more info. [purdue.ag/4hglobalgateway](http://purdue.ag/4hglobalgateway)

4-H Academy @ Purdue - Wed, June 8 - Fri, June 10, Purdue University, grades 9-12 completed; over 15 career exploration workshops available. Registration deadline May 15. [bit.ly/in4hacademy](http://bit.ly/in4hacademy)

State 4-H Junior Leader Conference - Tues, June 14 - Fri, June 17, DePauw University, grades 9-12 completed; registration due May 15.  
**Facebook: @4HSJLC** [purdue.ag/4hsjlc](http://purdue.ag/4hsjlc)

State 4-H Band - Sat, June 18 - Mon, June 20, Purdue University; perform Monday evening of 4-H Round-Up; grades 9-12 completed, registration deadline April 1.  
[bit.ly/inband4h](http://bit.ly/inband4h)

State 4-H Chorus - Sat, June 18 - Tues, June 21, Purdue University; perform at Tues evening session of 4-H Round-Up; grades 9-12 completed, registration deadline April 1.  
[bit.ly/in4hchorus](http://bit.ly/in4hchorus)

4-H Round-Up - Mon, June 20 - Wed, June 22, Purdue University, grades 7-9 completed, registration deadline June 1. [bit.ly/in4hroundup](http://bit.ly/in4hroundup)

Citizenship Washington Focus - Sat, June 25 - Fri, July 1, Washington, D.C.; grades 9-12 completed, registration deadline March 15. [purdue.ag/4hcwf](http://purdue.ag/4hcwf)

State Fair Exhibit Hall Workers - end of July through completion of IN State Fair; workers must be at least 14 years old at time of work, college students are welcome to apply; application due April 15. [purdue.ag/in4hehw](http://purdue.ag/in4hehw)

National 4-H Dairy Conference - Sun, October 2 - Thurs, October 6. University of Wisconsin-Madison; grades 9-12 completed. [purdue.ag/national4hdairy](http://purdue.ag/national4hdairy)

Indiana 4-H Leadership Summit 2022 - TBA; youth grades 8-12 & adult volunteers; educational breakout sessions & scholarship & volunteer award recognition. Registration deadline Oct 8. [purdue.ag/in4hsummit](http://purdue.ag/in4hsummit)

**Please contact your local Extension Office for county-specific application, selection, & registration information.**

National 4-H Youth Congress - Fri, Nov 25 - Tues, Nov 29, Atlanta, Georgia; grades 9+, application due May 1. [purdue.ag/national4hcongress](http://purdue.ag/national4hcongress)

In addition to the opportunities listed here, Indiana 4-H offers one-day programs focused on specific subject areas, additional programs related to the Indiana State Fair, opportunities for trained Teen Teachers, Career Development Events, and more throughout the year. Learn more at [bit.ly/in4hstateprograms](http://bit.ly/in4hstateprograms)

Check out photos of past events at [bit.ly/photosin4h](http://bit.ly/photosin4h)



# Area 1 Performing Arts Contest



**April 30, 2022 | 6:30pm**

**Southwestern Elementary Multi Purpose Room  
273 S Main Cross St, Hanover, IN 47243**

**Registration begins at 6:00pm**

## Who can participate?

- The contest is open to all 4-H members in Area 1 (Bartholomew, Brown, Dearborn, Decatur, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, & Switzerland Counties).

## What are the categories?

**Compete for a chance to perform  
at State Fair or 4-H Round Up**

- Curtain Acts: Musical
  - 1-4 performers, 3-5 minutes
  - Types of Acts: instrumental (piano, guitar, flute, drums, etc.), vocal, bands (rock, country, jazz)
- Curtain Acts: Non-Musical
  - 1-4 performers, 3-5 minutes
  - Skits or sketches, magic, clowning, rhythmic gymnastics, reading, 4-H cheerleading routines, choral speaking/reading, dance (ballet, tap, modern, etc.) lip sync, juggling, acrobatic feats, ballads, puppetry.
- Group Acts:
  - 5 or more performers, 5-8 minutes.
  - Skits or sketches, choral number, dance routines, lip sync, etc.

## How to register?

- Register for the event by following the link or scanning the QR code at the top of the flyer. <https://bit.ly/3rxNThO>

**Registration Deadline: April 22, 2022**

Call the Jefferson County Extension Office at (812) 265-8919  
if you have any questions

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# Experience Vet Science 4-H SPARK CLUB

## Tuesday, March 22, 2022 9-4 pm

Ever thought about a career in Veterinary Science? **Youth in Grades 6-9** are invited to join us for a day of fun as we explore this career field around Madison. **Participants do not have to be a 4-H member to participate.** Transportation to event locations and Lunch will be provided. Facemasks are recommended and local COVID guidance at the time of the event will be followed. Space is limited.



### Agenda to Include



**Behind the Scenes Tour of North Madison Veterinary Clinic**



**STEM Career Exploration at Ivy Tech Madison**



**4-H Vet Science Project Completion at the Community Building**



## Register by March 14, 2022

**Cost: \$10 for active 4-H Members, \$25 for non 4-H Members**

**Register via 4-H Online in the Events Tab at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)**

***Not a 4-H member? No problem! Contact Purdue Extension-Jefferson County at (812) 265-8919 or email [copelanb@purdue.edu](mailto:copelanb@purdue.edu) to register.***



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# Chef University 4-H SPARK Club



**Youth in grades 3-5 are invited to learn an important life skill, cooking! Join us at Ryker's Ridge Firehouse from 3:30- 5:30 pm on Wednesdays!**



**Meeting Dates: April 13, 20,27, May 4, 2022**

**Time: 3:30-5:30 pm**

**Location: 2834 N Rykers Ridge RD  
Madison, IN 47250**

### **Details**

- **\$20 Enrollment Fee**
  - \$15 to join 4-H, \$5 for supplies
- **Afterschool Snack Provided**
- **Participants will take home a healthy recipe they made themselves every meeting!**

**Face coverings are recommended.** Covid guidance subject to change. **Space is limited.** *You do not have to be a 4-H member to enroll, This program is meant for youth to experience 4-H for the first time! 4-H Enrollment is included with the cost of joining.*



**To Sign Up Contact Purdue Extension- Jefferson County  
at (812) 265-8919 or email [copelanb@purdue.edu](mailto:copelanb@purdue.edu)**



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# Health & Human Sciences

## Local HHS Opportunities!

### Educator Updates:

#### Food Budgeting and Meal Planning:

Jessica Martini will be teaching Food Budgeting and Meal Planning at La Casa Amiga on March 30th at 4:00 p.m. The program will focus on teaching participants how to get the most nutritious food for their dollar. This program is going to be offered in English and will be translated live in Spanish. If you are interested in this program, contact the Extension Office!

#### Captain Cash:

Captain Cash will set sail to Christian Academy of Madison at the end of March to teach 3rd grade students about saving, spending, borrowing, and earning money. If you would like Captain Cash to visit your 3rd grade classroom, contact Jessica Martini to schedule a program.

For more information on Health and Human Sciences programming in Jefferson County, contact Jessica Martini at (812)265-8919 or email [koons0@purdue.edu](mailto:koons0@purdue.edu).

### Extension Homemaker Updates:

#### Upcoming Homemaker Council Meeting:

April 7th at 9:00am at the Extension Office

#### Upcoming Smyrna Club Meeting:

March 16th at 12:00pm at the Resurrection Lutheran Church

Looking to become an Indiana Extension Homemaker? Contact the Jefferson County Extension Office at (812)265-8919 to learn how.



## HHS Resources from Purdue Extension:

### Substance Use Education Video Series

Are you concerned about substance use in the state of Indiana and want to learn more about how you can help?

Purdue Extension Health and Human Sciences has created introductory education about substance use for parents, workplaces, and healthcare providers to help combat misinformation and stigma regarding substance use.

Each series addresses concerns unique to specific populations and substances. Follow the link below to view these educational videos

<https://bit.ly/3IEoFEV>



### Bite By Bite: Nutrition for Life Podcast



Purdue Extension Presents  
Bite By Bite: Nutrition for Life

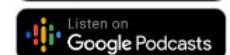
A podcast covering the latest fads in food and nutrition where we cut through the hype, explore the science behind food and nutrition, and provide practical tips for incorporating healthful strategies into everyday life.

Follow us on social media to stay connected and suggest topics for us to cover!

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Subscribe and listen for FREE!



# Health & Human Sciences

## Are You Ready to Be Heart Smart?



Grab your lunch and get ready to learn during these 1-hour virtual segments of Be Heart Smart!



## TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEART

Looking for guidance on improving your heart health? Follow Purdue Extension as we explore ways to help prevent heart disease through healthy lifestyle changes via a Zoom lunch and learn.

April 27th @ 12:00pm

**Know Your Risks**

May 4th @ 12:00pm

**Know Your Numbers**

May 11th @ 12:00pm

**Heart-Healthy Cooking**

May 18th @ 12:00pm

**Take Action**

To register for the event, call the Jefferson County Extension Office at (812)265-8919

**Deadline to Register: Wednesday, April 20th**

Your Zoom link will be emailed to you upon registration.



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## Upcoming Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
March 3	Fair Board Meeting	Community Building	7:00 p.m.
March 9	Extension Board Meeting	Community Building	6:30 p.m.
March 15	Jr. Leader Meeting	Community Building	6:30 p.m.
March 16	Homemaker Smyrna Club Meeting	Resurrection Lutheran	12:00 p.m.
March 22	Experience Vet Science Spark	Community Building	9-4 p.m.
March 22	YQCA	Community Building	6-7 p.m.
March 26	Jr. Pork Day @ Purdue	Land O' Lakes Center	
March 30	Tobacco GAPS Training	Community Building	6:00 p.m.
April 7	Homemaker Council Meeting	Extension Office	9:00 a.m.
April 13	Chef University Spark	Rykers Ridge Firehouse	3:30– 5:30 p.m.
April 16	89th Indiana Tested Bull Sale	Springerville, IN	2:00 p.m.
April 20	4-H Volunteer Training	Community Building	6:00 p.m.
April 27	Be Heart Smart	Virtual event	12:00 p.m.
April 30	Spring Tagging	Fairgrounds	7-10 a.m.
April 30	Area 1 Performing Arts	Southwestern Elem.	6:30 p.m.
May 16	Poultry & Rabbit Project Update	Community Building	7-8 p.m.
May 16	YQCA	Community Building	6-7 p.m.
June 25	Mini 4-H Day Camp	Community Building	
June 30	YQCA	Community Building	6-7 p.m.
July 8-15	2022 Jefferson County 4-H Fair		



### **Purdue Fast Start Program**

Visit <https://www.admissions.purdue.edu/purduefaststart/>

*Giving Indiana students another pathway to Purdue and offering their families the opportunity to save thousands of dollars. These are the goals of the new Fast Start program -- and the latest example of our #PersistentPursuit of affordable and accessible education.*

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