

# March 2024 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Where did February go? We hit the ground running this year with awesome attendance at our Annual Extension Board Meeting, New to 4-H Night, and Area 1 4-H Volunteer Conference. Most 4-H Clubs are starting to meet so make sure you are enrolled and leaders are up to date on your minors training! You need to be enrolled in a club for your leader to contact you for meeting dates. For Horse and Pony and the Dog Club you need to be enrolled in the projects to appear on your leaders lists. Don't miss out on the fun stuff coming this summer, get enrolled. The office is here to help with that process.

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ANR wise our Master Gardener Basic Training is in full swing, we had a well attended PARP and Tobacco Meeting in February and Junior Master Gardeners just kicked off at Anderson Elementary.

Our office will soon be back to being fully staffed. I can't announce things just yet but candidates are in the works for both our second educator and extension assistant position. We still have to hire our summer intern and part time summer help. College students or recent graduates who enjoy working with youth and the fair should send in their resumes now. More information below.

The next 4-H Fair Board meeting will be March 7th at 7 pm and then April 4th at 7 pm in the Community Building. The next Extension Board Meeting will be March 11th at 6:00 pm.

Sincerely,

Britt Copeland, Extension Educator

## Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care



All 4-H members wishing to exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits must complete either an in person **Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care** training or an online **YQCA** training. Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care will cost \$3 and online YQCA will cost \$12. Registration is now collected on 4-H Online Events.

**1st Training and 4-H Online Animal ID Help Night- March 12 @ 6 pm in the Community Bldg.**

## We are hiring! - Summer Program Assistant

Purdue Extension - Jefferson County is hiring a Summer Program Assistant. Applications are available in the Extension Office. Email Kasie Bachman at kbachman@purdue.edu for an application.

# Agriculture & Natural Resources



## SAVE THE DATE

### 93<sup>rd</sup> IBEP Performance Tested Bull Sale

Saturday April 13, 2024 - 1 PM EST • Springville Feeder Auction

\$500 in credits on bull purchases will be raffled

### Pre-Sale Complimentary Breakfast

Saturday April 13, 2024 - 9 to 10 AM • Springville Feeder Auction

**MORE BULL FOR YOUR BUCK ...  
PERFORMANCE TESTED, RANCH READY**

## Invasive Plants

March 20, 2024

6:00-8:00PM

Ohio County Fairgrounds

Are you interested in learning about Invasive Plant Species? Maybe, you are wanting more information about Native Plants to enhance your land. If so, this is a program you dont want to miss.

RSVP: Due by March 18th to 812-438-3656

SAVE THE DATE: ID Walk May 8th 6PM  
Denver Siekman Park



## 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

Email:

kritin.miller@jeffersoncounty.in.gov

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

Orders Close March 24th  
Plant Pick Up will be May  
5th from 2-6 pm at the  
Fairgrounds



## LEARN-N-BURN GRASSLAND RX FIRE WORKSHOP

APRIL 6TH, 9 AM - 2 PM (CDT)

RENSELAER LIBRARY  
208 W SUSAN ST, RENSELAER, IN 47978

\$25

REGISTRATION  
(LUNCH PROVIDED)



## GRASSLAND PRESCRIBED FIRE

Do you have CRP fields or other native warm-season grass stands on your property? Interested in learning about prescribed fire and other grassland management tools? This workshop will cover CRP and Mid-Contract Management options, including herbicide, interseeding, and disking, as well as prescribed fire planning, safety, equipment and a demonstration burn (weather permitting).

### FIELD DAY PARTNERS



### REGISTER HERE



[learnburnapr62024.eventbrite.com](https://learnburnapr62024.eventbrite.com)

Contact Jarred Brooke with questions:  
jmbrooke@purdue.edu





# Cover Crop Field Day

APRIL 3, 2024 AT SEPAC  
9AM – 12PM



## Location Address:

SEPAC (Southeast Purdue  
Agriculture Center)  
4425 County Rd 350 N  
Butlerville, IN 47223

**Please RSVP by calling  
(812)689-6410 ext 3**

Lunch provided free of  
charge from the Ripley  
County Soil & Water  
Conservation District



## SPEAKERS/TOPICS

- ✓ Robert Zupancic, NRCS  
Grazing Specialist -  
Integrating Grazing Cover  
Crops into cropland
- ✓ Shalamar Armstrong,  
Purdue University- Update  
on Cover Crop Research
- ✓ Jill Andrews-Richards,  
Purdue Extension - Forage  
Testing on Cover Crops

USDA and its affiliates and Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access university. If you have special needs, please call us prior to the meeting at 812-689-6511 or call 888-EXT-INFO and ask for the Ripley County office or call (812)689-6410 ext 3



## Don't Forget! Livestock Tagging is right around the corner!

### **Beef Tagging—April 20, 2024, 7 -10 am on the Fairgrounds**

Save the date! Any youth planning to show a beef steer, heifer, and or dairy steer at the 4-H County Fair this summer must bring their animals to the Fairgrounds for tagging/identification. Dairy Females and previously shown and tagged females with appropriate registration/identification information do not need to come to tagging.

### **Sheep, Goat, Swine Tagging—May 11 2024, 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.

## Manuals, Project Books and Record Sheets

As we transition this year to being record sheet free (horray!) for all static projects we have had a couple questions come up, primarily about premium money, green folders and when to turn in livestock records.

**Premium money** is calculated by the highest premium ribbon as recorded in **Fair Entry** for each project. There is no need to turn in any paper work on project check in day except skill sheets, and recipe cards directly to the judge for your project.

**Livestock Record Sheets** or Livestock Record Sheet Alternatives can be turned in at the same time you pick up your premium money, Thursday of Fair. Please make sure your Fair Entry is correct to expedite this process.

The **Project Books** for poster projects are additional supplements and are not required to complete your project. All you need is in your 4-H Handbook or online at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H>

**Green Folders** have been phased out. Records of Achievement Forms are available if you wish to keep your own folder/binder.

## Graduating Seniors- Look here for Free Stuff!

### **To Receive your Senior Plaque, Gift and Spotlight at Fair**

Graduating Seniors in our program please send us the below items by May 15th. You can email [copelanb@purdue.edu](mailto:copelanb@purdue.edu) or use our drop box. Physical photos will not be accepted. You do not have to be a 10 year member to receive this recognition! 10 Year members will receive additional gifts.



- A high-quality digital photo of yourself to this drop box from your smart phone or computer: <https://bit.ly/24seniorphoto>
- A brief autobiography to the same link in a word document or through email (2 paragraphs or less) answering the following prompts:
  - Your Name, School, 4-H Club, and favorite 4-H project.
  - Your favorite 4-H accomplishment or memory. (For example: volunteering with Junior Leaders, mentoring younger club members, placing at the fair, etc.)
  - Your future plans after high school (Employment or Continuing/Higher Education plans).

You can also email your photo and bio to [copelanb@purdue.edu](mailto:copelanb@purdue.edu). For any questions please call the office, at 812-265-8919.



### **To Receive a 4-H Graduation Tassel for your Cap and Gown**

4-H grads, Indiana 4-H wants to hear about your 4-H experience! Please complete a survey to capture the culmination and impact of your 4-H activities. Information from your survey will be used to feature you as a 4-H graduating member for the county via newsletters, bulletin boards, social media posts, etc. Those who complete the survey will receive a 4-H graduation tassel.

Complete survey here: [bit.ly/IN4Hgrad](https://bit.ly/IN4Hgrad)





Jefferson County 4-H Horse and Pony Camp

## Horse and Pony Dates Announced

If you are enrolled in the 4-H Horse and Pony Project you should have received an email from the Horse Superintendent this past week. If you did not receive that communication call the office to make sure you are enrolled correctly. The info meeting to kick off the year is scheduled for **April 2nd at 6:00 pm** and will be held at the Community Building. Please **DO NOT** bring your horses as this is just an info meeting only. We will be reviewing project rules and important deadlines. If at all possible, please plan on attending so that you are familiar with the project. We also have several new members this year so this will be the first opportunity to make those connections.

**Horse and Pony Members must turn in their 2024 Horse Vaccination Form** to the superintendent at or before the first meeting with horses.



## Mini 4-H Camp June 29, 2024

Save the Date! Mini 4-H members are invited to a day of fun with educators and the Junior Leaders. Animal Project Demos, Crafts and more will add to a day of fun. Registration will be collected on 4-H online and will open very soon.

## Junior Leaders Next Meeting: INDIANA 4-H **March 21st at 6:30pm in the Extension Office**

Thanks so much to the Junior Leaders who helped us facilitate the New to 4-H Meet & Greet! Your leadership was much appreciated. If you are in grades 7-12 and are interested in learning leadership skills and helping with acts of service, attend the March Junior Leaders Meeting or contact the office at (812)265-8919.



*Join 4-H and get Money Back*

SEI REMC will reimburse 4-H enrollment fees (up to \$20) for children of our members.

**APPLY TODAY**

<https://www.seiremc.com/4h>







## PURDUE EXTENSION

# FAMACHA CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

**SMALL RUMINANT PRODUCERS & FOR 4-H MEMBERS AGE 13 AND UP  
May 15, 2024 at the Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds**

FAMACHA® is a diagnostic test to help small ruminant producers identify animals that require anthelmintic treatment and those which do not require deworming. The tool is a card that matches lower eyelid color to anemia levels, an indicator of clinical barber pole worm infection.

This training is open to 4-H members and the general public. The event will be followed by a Indiana Quality Livestock Care Training (the required training for Indiana 4-H Livestock Exhibitors) so 4-H Families can get the most out of their evening. **Participants must be 13 years of age to receive the certification.**

**Registration is required to attend and space is limited.**

**Register at  
FAMACHA.4honline.com  
before May 6, 2024**



**FAMACHA Training Cost is \$35 per participant.**



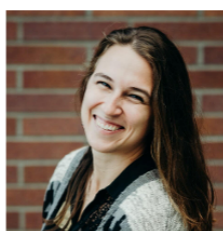
*Enrolled and Approved Jefferson County 4-H Members may participate at no cost! Email [copelanb@purdue.edu](mailto:copelanb@purdue.edu) for a coupon code before registering!*

**Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training Cost is \$3 per participant. 4-H Participants from any county 4-H program are welcome.**



### Agenda

- 5:00 pm Check In
- 5:30- 6:30 pm FAMACHA Training
- 6:30- 6:50 pm Hands On Practice
- 6:50 pm Break- General Public Released
- 7:00- 8:00 pm Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training



**FAMACHA Trainer  
Cora Reinbolt**

Ag and Natural Resources Educator  
Purdue Small Ruminant Team

Questions can be directed to the Purdue Extension Jefferson County Office. Call (812) 265-8919 or email [copelanb@purdue.edu](mailto:copelanb@purdue.edu).



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## FAMACHA Help from Jefferson County Sheep & Goat Members

It's our hope the above FAMACHA opportunity will be a beneficial educational experience this year, made better by it being free for Jefferson County 4-H Members. That being said, if you are going to take advantage of this opportunity we are looking for sheep and goats to be using in demonstrations during the program. Contact the educator if you are able to bring your animals with you to the program.



## ***SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA 4-H CAMP***

*Applications are open now for Youth in Grades 3-7*



***JUNE 4-7 AT CAMP HIGHER GROUND***

**YOUTH IN GRADES 8-12 ATTEND CAMP JUNE 3-7**

The 8 counties that make up Area 1 come together every June for the Southeastern Indiana 4-H Camp. Our Camp is unique as it is led by 4-H members in Junior Staff roles. This means members in Grades 9 and above serve as counselors, choose the activities, themes and lead the entire camp experience. Extension Educators and Junior Staff help create a clean, controlled, safe, educational, and fun camp experience for all individuals present.

Camp costs \$110 for Jefferson County 4-H members, which is half price thanks to generous giving and the Tyler Cooley Memorial Fund. Additional Scholarships are available to attend camp. Contact the extension office directly for information.

Camp is an awesome bonding experience for our Jefferson County members and a chance to make friends in surrounding counties. We hope you consider applying! Contact the office to learn more by calling (812) 265-8919 or emailing our educator at [copelanb@purdue.edu](mailto:copelanb@purdue.edu).



**REGISTER AT [2023SEI4HCAMP.4HONLINE.COM](https://2023SEI4HCAMP.4HONLINE.COM)  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 1**





## Opportunities from the State 4-H Office

4-H Round Up and 4-H Academy @ Purdue are experiences put on by Indiana 4-H. The Jefferson County 4-H Fair Board Supports these experiences with scholarships negating the cost according to available funds and the amount of members interested.

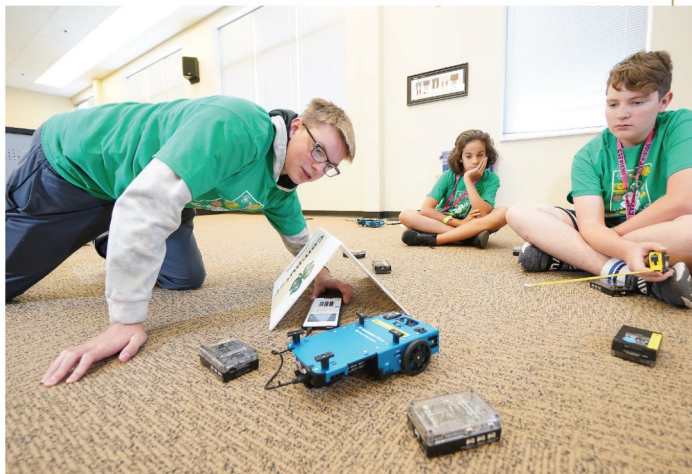
**To Learn More:** Call the office, 812-265-8919 or visit the round up website [bit.ly/in4hacademy](http://bit.ly/in4hacademy)

**To Apply for a Scholarship:** Email a brief letter to [copelanb@purdue.edu](mailto:copelanb@purdue.edu) on why you want to attend by May 15th.

# 4-H ACADEMY

## Purdue University June 12-14

4-H Academy is a program held at Purdue University which offers hands-on, exciting opportunities to dive deep into a 4-H'er's subject of choice. Participants in grades 9-12 learn from professors, graduate students and other experts in their respective fields and participate in interactive activities and experiential learning. Participants stay in a Purdue University Residence Hall for two nights while exploring the Purdue University campus and meeting 4-H members from across Indiana.



# 10+

### WORKSHOP CHOICES

4-H Academy attendees are immersed in their subject of choice during 3 days of hands-on workshops lead by university faculty. Small groups of 4-H'ers learn by doing and build skills together over the course of this experience.



**Contact your local Purdue Extension office to register: [bit.ly/contactin4h](http://bit.ly/contactin4h)**





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# 4-H ROUND-UP

**Purdue University  
June 24-26**

4-H Round-Up is an opportunity for youth who have completed grades 7, 8, and 9 to visit Purdue University's campus and explore a variety of career paths by attending hands-on classes created just for Round-Up attendees. Supported by 4-H chaperones, participants get a taste of college life by living in a Purdue Residence Hall for two nights, eating in a University dining hall, and exploring campus. Youth enjoy building friendships with 4-H'ers from across the state during recreation events planned in the evenings and blocks of free time.



# 30+

**CLASS CHOICES**

*Purdue faculty, graduate students, and 4-H staff design and host hands-on experiences for 4-H Round-Up participants. Upon registration, 4-H'ers rank their preferred classes from a list of over 30 choices.*

**Contact your local Purdue Extension office to register: [bit.ly/contactin4h](https://bit.ly/contactin4h)**





Extension - 4-H Youth Development



Present:

## AG EQUIPMENT DIANOSTIC WORKSHOP



4-H and FFA youth grades 9-12 are invited! Pre-registration is required, \$25 Registration fee to cover lunch and supplies. This is a prerequisite to the June 8th contest.

### February 24th

- Daviess Co Fairgrounds
- Clay Co Fairgrounds
- Bane-Welker Training Center - Lebanon

Register by February 16th

### March 16th

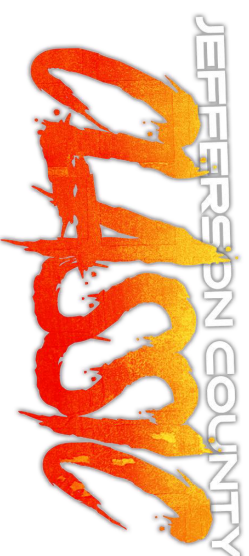
- Jasper Co Fairgrounds
- Churubusco High School
- Decatur Co Fairgrounds

Register by March 8th

### For More Information

### and to Register visit:

[purdue.aq/AgEquipmentDiagnostics](http://purdue.aq/AgEquipmentDiagnostics)



Swine Open Show

Sunday May 12, 2024

Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Madison, IN

2 Rings / 2 Shows

Check In: on the Showman app

Arrive: After tagging on May 11<sup>th</sup> or 7-9 am day of show

2 Rings / 2 Shows

\$30 per pig per show

\$10 showmanship

All exhibitors welcome (ages 3-21)

### Ring A and B Payouts:

#### Barrow:

- Grand \$500
- Reserve \$250
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall \$150
- 4<sup>th</sup> Overall \$75
- 5<sup>th</sup> Overall \$50

#### Gilt:

- Grand \$500
- Reserve \$250
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall \$150
- 4<sup>th</sup> Overall \$75
- 5<sup>th</sup> Overall \$50



# Health & Human Sciences

## Extension Homemaker Updates:



### Congratulations to Jefferson County's First Baby in 2024

Congratulations to Gina Brewer and Travis Tinsley who welcomed their son, Regin Jamison, at 3:45 a.m. on January 1, 2024. Thank you to the Jefferson County Homemakers who supplied the first baby of the year with a variety of goodies. We appreciate you supporting families here at Norton KDH!

### Meeting Dates

#### Upcoming Homemaker Council Meeting:

April 4th at 9:00am at the Extension Office

#### Upcoming Smyrna Club Meeting:

March 20th and April 17th at 12:00pm at the Wirt Baptist Church

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

### Extension Homemaker Scholarship Available

The homemakers will award a \$500 Scholarship to a student to each of the surround schools. Ask your school counselor for an application or pick one up at the extension office. The deadline to apply is April 15th.

### JEFFERSON COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS



## Quilt Show

May 17th & 18th  
10:00AM-5:00PM

### JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS COMMUNITY BUILDING

3852 W STATE RD 256, MADISON, IN. 47250

LUNCH, VENDOR CRAFTS AND MORE  
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

PROCEEDS FROM THE SHOW GO TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO ENTER QUILTS FOR THE SHOW! QUILTS ARE TO BE ENTERED ON THURSDAY, MAY 16TH FROM 3PM-6PM.

PLEASE CONTACT THE PURDUE EXTENSION JEFFERSON CO. OFFICE AT (812)265-8919 FOR MORE INFO

Admission \$5

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## Upcoming Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
March 7	Fair Board Mtg	Community Building	7:00 p.m.
March 11	Extension Board Mtg	Extension Office	6:00 p.m.
March 12	Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care	Community Building	6:00 p.m.
March 20	Invasive Plants Workshop	Ohio County	6:00-8:00 p.m.
March 21	Junior Leader Mtg.	Extension Office	6:30 p.m.
April 2	Horse & Pony Mtg	Community Building	6:00 a.m.
April 3	Cover Crop Field Day	SEPAC	9:00 a.m.
April 4	Homemaker Council Mtg.	Extension Office	9:00 a.m.
April 4	Fair Board Mtg	Community Building	7:00 p.m.
April 13	IBEP Performance Tested Bull Sale	Springerville Auction	
April 20	Beef Tagging	Fairgrounds	7:00-10:00 a.m.
May 11	Sheep, Goat & Swine Tagging	Fairgrounds	7:00-10:00 a.m.
May 12	Jefferson Co. Classic Open Swine Show	Fairgrounds	
May 15	FAMACHA Certification Program	Community Building	5:00 p.m.
May 17-18	Homemaker Quilt Show	Community Building	10:00– 5:00 p.m.
June 4-7	4-H Camp	Camp Higher Ground	
June 29	Mini 4-H Camp	Community Building	

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