

# December 2023 Newsletter

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## Need A Gift Idea?

The Jennings County 4-H Livestock Committee has 4-H tumblers for \$25.

The Jennings County 4-H Council has 4-H baseball hats for \$20.

Purdue Extension Jennings has the So Easy To Preserve recipe publication for \$25.

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!!!!

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## Holiday Schedule

December 22

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December 25

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December 29

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January 1

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# December 4-H Newsletter

# Jennings County 4-H

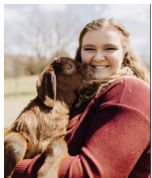
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## Dear 4-H Families & Volunteers,

**We are nearly halfway through the 4-H enrollment period but only have about 25% of our members re-enrolled for the 2024 year!** It is very important that 4-H'ers and volunteers are re-enrolled by January 15th! You must be enrolled for 2024 to sign up for camps, submit scholarships, enroll animals, and much more. If you have questions or need any help with enrollment, please contact the office by calling 812-352-3033.

Merry Christmas,  
Rebekah Cartwright  
4-H Youth Development Educator



## 2024 Indiana 4-H Dog Volunteer Workshop

The 2024 Indiana 4-H Dog Volunteers Workshop will be Saturday, March 2, 2024 at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex. We have a great group of knowledgeable volunteers lined up to facilitate some new and returning topics this year. Indiana State Fair Staff will also give updates during lunch. This is a great opportunity for dog leaders to get their questions answered in person and network with other leaders around the state. A \$15 registration fee can be paid at the event with cash or check and includes lunch and a take home resource folder.

Register using this link: [24DogVolWS.4honline.com](https://24DogVolWS.4honline.com) or by logging into your 4-H Online account and clicking the events tab.



A flyer is attached with more details. Questions about the event can be directed to Purdue Extension Jefferson County office at (812) 265-8919 or [copelanb@purdue.edu](mailto:copelanb@purdue.edu).

## Southeastern Indiana 4-H Camp Updates

Camp Dates:

- Junior Directors, Group Leaders, and Counselors will report to camp from June 3 - 7.
- Counselors In Training and Campers will report to camp from June 4-7

Camp Fee: Unfortunately, the overall cost of camp has gone up. However, the Jennings County 4-H Endowment covers 75% of the camp fee, leaving each Jennings County Camper responsible for the balance of \$56.25.

The time for the closing program on the final day of camp will be the same as last year meaning that we will not be serving dinner on Friday.

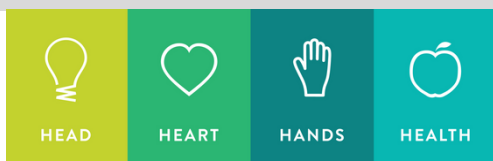


## Important Dates

### December

- 2 Christmas Parade - Junior Leaders
- 4 Barefoot Bandits Meeting 6 pm
- 4 Muscatatuck Mudpuppies Pitch-in Dinner 6pm
- 8 Zenas Livewires and Plowboys Salvation Army Bell Ringing 3-5 pm
- 9 Dog Club Pictures with Santa 12-3 pm
- 11 4-H Council By-Laws Committee Meeting 5 pm
- 11 Adult Volunteer Training 6 pm
- 16 Junior Leader Food Box Delivery at Senior Housing 11 am
- 20 Junior Leaders Christmas Party 6 pm
- 21 Zenas Livewires and Plowboys Salvation Army Bell Ringing 3-5 pm
- 22 OFFICE CLOSED - Christmas Eve
- 25 OFFICE CLOSED - Christmas Day
- 28 JC Riders Christmas Party
- 29 OFFICE CLOSED - New Year's Eve

Can you find the four H's hidden in the 4-H newsletter?




## Club Meetings & Events

- **Junior Leaders**
  - Christmas Parade - December 2, 1:00pm at FPBH
  - Food Box Delivery at Senior Housing - December 16, 11:00 am
  - Christmas Party - December 20, 6:00 pm at the Library
- **Barefoot Bandits 4-H Club Meeting**
  - December 4, 6:00pm at the Library
- **Muscatatuck Mudpuppies Pitch-In**
  - December 4, 6:00pm at 6170 N CR 500 E North Vernon, IN 47265
- **Zenas Livewires and Plowboys Salvation Army Bell Ringing**
  - December 8, 3:00-5:00 pm at North Vernon Walmart
  - December 21, 3:00-5:00 pm at North Vernon Walmart
- **Dog Club - Pictures with Santa**
  - December 9, 12:00-3:00 pm at Waggin' Wonders Grooming & Boarding
- **4-H Council By-Laws Committee**
  - December 11, 5:00pm at the Library
- **JC Riders - Christmas Party**
  - December 28, Time TBD

FOLLOW OUR  
FACEBOOK PAGE FOR  
MORE UPCOMING  
IMPORTANT DATES!

## Adult Volunteer Training



Any adult volunteer who has enrolled, but has not completed the online training videos, may attend an in person volunteer training at 6:00pm on December 11th, at the Jennings Co. Public Library. **You must have submitted your 4-H online enrollment before attending!** 

The online training videos or the in person training are **mandatory** to be approved as a 4-H volunteer.

Please contact Rebekah if you are interested in attending this in-person training.

## 2024 4-H Scholaships - Reminder



In partnership with the Indiana 4-H Foundation, the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program annually awards more than \$150,000.00 in scholarships to 4-H members to pursue post-secondary education. Scholarships are awarded to recognize youth participating in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program on their achievements and life skill development resulting from their participation in a variety of 4-H experiences.

on the next page, the different scholarships are listed with brief descriptions. To access the application, visit 4-H Online through the events tab!

**Scholarship Help Session** - Wed. Dec. 21, 2023 from Noon-2pm. Pop in Conference Room 3 of the JC Public library for as long as you need to get help on your scholarship application. Whether you need help submitting or don't know where to begin, we're ready to help. Bring your green 4-H record folder, any scholarship information you have, 4-H Online login info, & your own laptop or call the Ext. Office to reserve one.

## 2024 Livestock and Important Dates Schedule

Please see page 3 of the newsletter to find the 2024 Livestock Schedule. Please keep this on hand so you have dates for animal ID, fair check-in, and shows for the species you plan to exhibit at the fair!



# 2024 Jennings County 4-H Livestock Schedule

Species	Animal Identification (ID) Date	Animal ID entered into 4Honline & Pen Request Deadline	Check-in at Fair	Show Date	Mandatory Auction Picture Session
Beef & Dairy	Friday, February 23 5 - 7 pm Fairgrounds	May 15	Sunday, June 9 10am-Noon	<b>Wednesday, June 12</b> 2 pm Dairy: Heifers, Feeder Calves, Market Steers & Showmanship 5 pm Beef: Heifers 7 pm Beef: Market Show & Showmanship	Wed., June 12 3-4 pm 6-7 pm
Dairy & Meat Goats	Sat., April 27, 9-11 am AND Thurs., May 2, 5-7 pm Sand Creek Elementary School Parking Lot OR Fairgrounds	May 15	Sunday, June 9 Noon-3pm	<b>Monday, June 10</b> 2 pm Dairy Goat Showmanship, Dairy Goat Show 5 pm Meat Goat Showmanship, Pygmy Goat Show 7 pm Meat Goat Show	Mon., June 10 3-4 pm 6:30-8 pm
Horse & Pony	Tuesday, May 7, 6:00pm until finished riding @ Goins Family Farms	May 15	Sunday, June 9 10am-Noon	<b>Tuesday, June 11</b> 8 am Halter, Showmanship, and Western <b>Thursday, June 13</b> 8 am English, Driving, Mini Show, Contesting	Optional pictures TBD
Lama & Alpaca	No official Animal ID Day. Call Ext Office for assistance with photos	May 15	Saturday, June 8 5-7 pm	<b>Thursday, June 13 at 9 am</b> Showmanship, Llama Halter, Alpaca Halter & Group Classes. ***Fleece class - see handbook	Mon., June 10 3-4 pm
Poultry & Turkey	Thursday, May 9 6-8 pm Sand Creek Elementary School Parking Lot OR Fairgrounds	May 15 (Paper enrollment form and poultry pen request due at animal ID Day)	Sunday, June 9 2-4 pm	<b>Tuesday, June 11 at 9 am</b> Showmanship, Production, Meat Classes and Other Fowl	Tues., June 11 9-10 am
Rabbits	Thursday, May 9 6-8 pm Sand Creek Elementary School Parking Lot OR Fairgrounds	May 15 (Paper enrollment form and rabbit pen request due at Animal ID Day)	Sunday, June 9 Noon - 3 pm	<b>Monday, June 10 at 8 am</b> Showmanship, Breed classes and Meat Classes	Mon., June 10 9-10 am
Sheep	Sat., Apr 27, 9-11 am Sand Creek Elementary School Parking Lot OR Fairgrounds	May 15	Sunday, June 9 12-3 pm	<b>Wednesday, June 12 at 9 am</b> Breeding (Ewes), Market lambs & Showmanship	Wed., June 12 10 am to 11 am
Swine	Thursday, May 2, 5-7 pm Sand Creek Elementary School Parking Lot OR Fairgrounds	May 15	Saturday, June 8 7-8:30 pm	<b>Tuesday, June 11</b> 3:30 pm Gilts 6 pm Barrow Show followed by Showmanship	Mon., June 10 6:30-8 pm (Swine Barn Side)

☘ **Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training (IQLC):** All members showing **beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine** must attend one of the 3 offered classes to complete their IQLC training and to show their animal at the fair. (YQCA certifications will still be accepted as some regional and national shows require YQCA. You will have to complete the YQCA training on your own and present proof of completion to the Extension Office by **May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**) IQLC will be offered in Jennings County on...

**Wednesday, March 13 6pm @ TBD**

**Saturday, April 13 10am @ TBD**

**Monday, April 15 6pm @ TBD**

☘ **Pre-Fair Clean-Up:** Saturday, May 18, 9:00am to when everything is cleaned and ready for the fair. Cleaning will include livestock areas, display units stored in outer buildings and the Junior Leaders' Food Stand.

☘ **Livestock Check-in:** Dates/times are listed above. If you must make more than one trip to the fair with animals, exceptions to check-in times must be pre-approved by the species superintendents and 4-H Educator.

☘ **Community Building Set-up:** Thursday, June 6, 4:00pm. \*\*\*\*Volunteers Needed! \*\*\*\*

☘ **BBQ Contest:** Friday, June 7 at 3:00pm members can set up at the Pavilion for the contest. Judging will take place at 5:00pm

☘ **Cat Show:** Will take place on Friday, June 7 in the Show Arena. Registration will begin at 6pm and the show will begin at 6:30pm.

☘ **Static Project Check-in:** Check-in and judging will take place at Fairgrounds. Early check-in is Friday, June 7, 5:00-7:00pm. Junior Leader project judging Saturday, June 8, 9:30-10:00am. Open project judging June 8, 10:00am-12:00(noon).

☘ **Mini 4-H Members:** Static Project Judging, Friday, June 7 **5:00-7:00pm**, at Fairgrounds.

The showmanship order for most species is: Junior, Senior, Expert, Novice, Mini 4-H and Open Show. See schedule on back for dates and times. Horse and Pony Mini 4-H showmanship is before the Contesting Show.

☘ **Indiana State Fair 4-H Livestock Shows:** Information on show entries, schedules and more can be found by visiting the following website: <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/4-h-competitions-entry-information>

☘ **Grooming Demonstration:** Thursday, June 13. 5:00 pm

☘ **Goat Milk Production Contest:** Thursday, June 13, Milk Out 7:00am, Contest 6:00pm

☘ **Supreme Showman Contest:** Thursday, June 13, 6:30 pm in the show arena

☘ **Auction:** Friday, June 14: Registration 4:30pm; Buyer Dinner 5:00pm; Awards 5:30pm; Auction Starts at 6:00 pm  
Auction order for 2024 is: poultry, beef & dairy, horse & pony, llama, dairy goat, meat goat, rabbit, swine, sheep

☘ **Livestock Check-Out and Barn Clean-Up:** Saturday June 15, 9 am- noon (unless other arrangements made with your species superintendent)

☘ **Community Building Awards/Project Check-Out:** Monday, June 17 at 6:00 PM. Projects released after awards ceremony. Clean-up and removal of display units will follow. \*\*\*\*Volunteers Needed! \*\*\*\*

☘ **Dog Show:** Saturday, June 22, 9:30am, Livestock Show Arena

☘ **Tractor Contest:** Friday, July 5, 6:00pm, Dave and Jenny Vogel's Home

**\*Note\***

The highlighting indicates that the location is tentative pending the Military's usage of the fairgrounds





## Speaking at Aspire To Greatness at JCHS

ANR educator, Emily Peterson, and 4-H educator, Rebekah Cartwright, spoke at Aspire To Greatness at Jennings County High School. We were able to speak to students about the future after high school with a focus on careers in Agriculture. We discussed college and trade options for all types of careers and enjoyed getting to know the students and hearing about their bright futures.



### Important Dates:

#### December:

- Lunch and Learn Overwintering Pollinators in your garden December 6 @noon
- 2023-2024 Indiana Beef Cattle Association (IBCA) and Purdue Area 1 Beef Meeting on December 7th at 6 PM at the Southeast Purdue Ag Center (SEPAC) call 812-352-3033 to RSVP
- Decatur County PARP December 7th from 7:45 am-12:30 pm
- Orange County PARP December 19th from 10 AM- 12 PM
- Jennings County PARP December 20th from 1 PM -3 PM
- Dearborn County PARP December 20th from 5:30 PM-7:30 PM

#### January:

- Lunch and Learn Enhancing your Landscape January 10 @noon
- Lunch and Learn Pond Management January 17th @noon

## Jennings ANR Services

### Soil Sample and Testing:

The Jennings County Extension Office offers soil sample bags and test forms for sample submission. We have a soil probe available to borrow. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm.

### Plant and Bug Identification:

If you need a plant, weed, or bug identified, bring it to our office and Emily Peterson, our ANR Educator, will assist you. Please call ahead at 812-352-3033 to make sure Emily is in the office and available. You may also email photos of the specimen to Emily at [epeterson@purdue.edu](mailto:epeterson@purdue.edu) for ID.



Jennings County Extension now offers

## FECAL EGG COUNTS



### WHAT IS A FECAL EGG COUNT?

- A quantitative assessment and identification of the number of parasite eggs an animal is shedding at the time of sample collection

### WHY SHOULD I GET A FECAL EGG COUNT ON MY LIVESTOCK?

- Fecal Egg Counts assess your livestock's parasite burden and target the parasite your livestock might be suffering from at the time of collection.

### SAMPLE COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

- Use gloves to collect a fresh sample of feces from your livestock. The sample should still be both moist and soft. It should be collected and turned into the office no more than 6 hours from the time of defecation
- Collect at least 1/2 cup or 4oz. of feces and place in a clean ziplock bag.
- Label the bag with the species of livestock that the sample came from and the animal's identification.

Cost: \$10

**LET'S REDUCE ANTIPARASITIC RESISTANCE!**

# Ag & Natural Resources

December  
2023

## Upcoming PARPs



DEC  
7  
Thursday

### Decatur County PARP - Southeast District

Extension | 7:45 AM - 12:30 PM

DEC  
19  
Tuesday

### Orange County PARP - Southeast District

Extension | 10 AM - 12 PM

DEC  
20  
Wednesday

### Jennings County PARP - Southeast District

Extension | 1 PM - 3 PM

DEC  
20  
Wednesday

### Dearborn County PARP - Southeast District

Extension | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

### Ag Survey

Please click on the link and fill out the survey!  
This could also be found pinned at the top of our  
Facebook page.

[https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9LZwKo6MH8cdW9E](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9LZwKo6MH8cdW9E)



# Health & Human Sciences

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2023

## ServSafe Food Manager

**\*Upcoming Training\***  
**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**  
**Purdue Extension Office**  
**Registration 8:15 AM**  
**Training begins at 8:30 AM**  
**Exam immediately following**



**Register online by  
January 12th.**

### 2024 Training & Exam Dates

Tuesday, January 23  
Tuesday, March 26  
Tuesday, May 7  
Tuesday, July 16  
Tuesday, September 10  
Tuesday, November 19

**Registration link: <https://cvent.me/XRoGy9>**

## Reading Made Fun- Volunteers Needed for 2023-2024!!!

If you would like to participate as a reader in Kindergarten classes for our Reading Made Fun program, please contact the office.

Reading dates/times for 2024 will be:

Thursdays Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 7,

April 4, May 9

Hayden 9:00AM

Scipio 10:10 AM

Sand Creek 12:10 PM

Brush Creek 1:20PM

Fridays Jan. 12. Feb. 9, March 8,

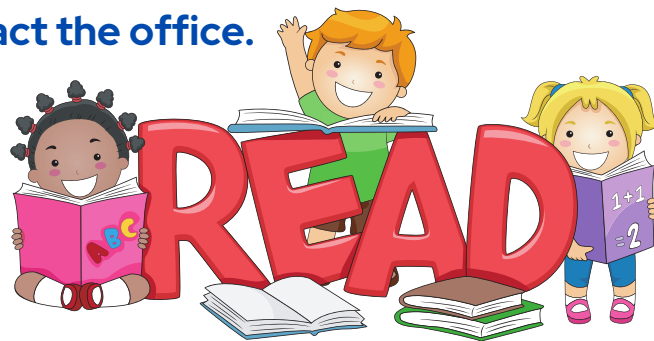
April 5, May 10

Graham Creek 9:00 AM

St. Mary's 10:20 AM

CC-NV 11:45 AM

NVE 12:20 PM



**JCSC VOLUNTEER  
PAPERWORK MUST  
BE COMPLETED!**

## Healthy Holidays!

### Quick Tips to Beat **HOLIDAY STRESS**

Southeastern Indiana Purdue Extension Educators present a short series of educational videos to help you beat holiday stress. Join the Facebook Group where videos will be posted weekly beginning November 22. Join the group by scanning the QR Code or following this link: [www.facebook.com/groups/3210414579252234/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/3210414579252234/)



November 22 <b>FOOD SAFETY IN THE KITCHEN</b>	November 29 <b>INFLATION &amp; SAVING MONEY</b>	December 6 <b>FITTING IN EXERCISE DURING THE HUSTLE &amp; BUSTLE</b>	December 13 <b>LOW FAT DELICIOUS DESSERTS</b>	December 20 <b>MENTAL HEALTH: BEATING THE HOLIDAY BLUES</b>	December 27 <b>QUICK WAYS TO SAVE 100 CALORIES</b>
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## Chocolate Mousse Pie

### Ingredients:

- 1-9 inch pre-packaged pie crust
- 1 sugar-free, fat-free chocolate pudding mix (1.4 oz)
- 1 2/3 cups fat free milk
- 8 ounce fat-free whipped topping, divided
- 2 Tbsp mini semi-sweet chocolate chips

### Directions:

Pre-heat oven to 400° F. Bake pie crust according to package directions. Remove from oven & cool thoroughly. In a medium bowl, whisk pudding mix & milk. Fold half of whipped topping into pudding mixture, folding until fully blended. Spread pudding mixture into cooled pie crust and top with the remaining whipped topping. Sprinkle top with chocolate chips. Chill until ready to serve.

for more holiday tips and  
healthy recipes. scan here

