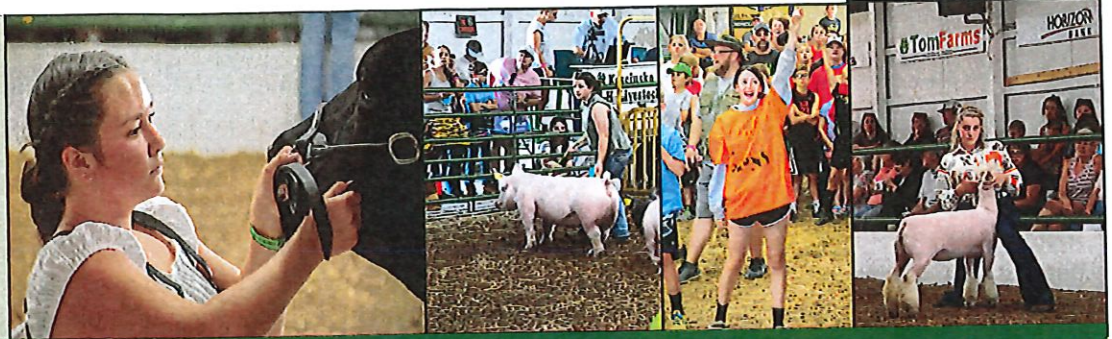




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## Clover Close-Up

February 2023

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## Mini 4-H

Mini 4-H will be kicking off their program year on Thursday, February 16, 2023 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Main Hall at the Extension Office. Our Mini 4-H program is for children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. This program gives these children the opportunity to learn the basics of 4-H in a non-competitive environment by participating in club meetings, activities and exhibits designed especially for them.

At club meetings, Mini 4-H'ers work on fun, hands-on activities related to a particular project, play games, do crafts and learn about selected topics.

Mini 4-H members participating in the animal projects may attend regular 4-H club meetings and workshops related to their particular species, but it is not required.

We encourage parents and guardians to be involved also. By attending meetings, you will learn about how the 4-H Program works and see how you can get involved.

Our goal is to help young children build self-confidence, develop an inquiring mind, set goals & make decisions, relate to other people and develop a concern for the community.

We offer 12 animal projects and 9 general projects that the Mini 4-H'ers can participate in. Each project may be exhibited at the Kosciusko County Fair and the member will receive a Mini 4-H ribbon.

To enroll go to: [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)

There is a \$5 enrollment fee per Mini 4-H Member. Once you have completed your enrollment process, you will be added to the mailing list to receive information from our office and/or the Mini 4-H Committee

## Enrollment Reminders

It is not too late to enroll in 4-H. There is still time to enroll as a Mini 4-H, Regular 4-H or as a Volunteer in Kosciusko County 4-H. To enroll go to: <https://v2.4honline.com>.

Some things for you to know:

- Use the same login that you used last year. If you have forgotten your email or password, please contact the Extension Office
- Enrollment fee is \$15 per member, with a maximum of \$45 per family. Mini 4-H is \$5 per mini member
- Be sure all of your information is correct, including name, grade, address, email, phone number and years in 4-H
- Project Add/Drop deadline is May 15, 2023. Members must be enrolled with enrollment fees paid by this date to exhibit at the 2023 Fair
- Animal enrollment for all animal projects is May 15, 2023 to meet state deadlines and county requirements. **THIS IS HARD DEADLINE. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**

Please do not hesitate to call or email with any questions or concerns.

## Kosciusko County Scholarship Information

Kosciusko County Scholarship applications for 2023 will be available February 3, 2023 in the Extension Office and on our website: <https://www.extension.purdue.edu/kosciusko/> They will need to be submitted to the Extension Office no later than **March 1, 2023**.

**ANGLIN-BISHOP AWARD**: This award was created in memory of two Jr. Leaders, Mike Bishop and Jeremiah Anglin, who passed away during their 4-H careers. It is meant to recognize a Jr. Leader who exemplifies what it means to be a Jr. Leader, 4-H member and for outstanding achievement, service, leadership, and citizenship in our Jr. Leader program.

**BOB STIFFLER 4-H BEEF SCHOLARSHIP**: The Bob Stiffler 4-H Beef Scholarship was established by the Kosciusko County Cattlemen's Association in honor of Bob's outstanding contribution to the beef industry in the county. The goal of the scholarship is to reward an active Kosciusko County 4-H member in the Beef project for outstanding achievement, service, leadership, and citizenship in our 4-H Beef and Dairy Steer projects by awarding a scholarship for further agricultural study at an accredited college, university, or trade/technical school.

**TOM SMITH AND RUDY ROSS**: Tom Smith was a Kosciusko County farmer and two of his greatest loves were the County Fair and showing sheep. Rudy Ross was a man who was devoted to the sheep industry. Before his death in 1987, he was the oldest Dorset Breeder in the United States.

**GENE MILNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**: Gene Milner was the first pistol instructor in the Kosciusko County 4-H Shooting Sports Program. The Kosciusko County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee created the scholarship after Gene passed away very unexpectedly. The goal is to reward an active Kosciusko County 4-H member in the Shooting Sports project for outstanding achievement, service, leadership, and citizenship in our 4-H shooting sports project by awarding a scholarship for further agricultural study at an accredited college, university, or trade/technical school.

**JAY HAAB MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**: The Jay Haab Memorial Scholarship is to reward an active Kosciusko County 4-H member in the Swine project for outstanding achievement, service, leadership, and citizenship in our 4-H Swine project by awarding a scholarship for further agricultural study at an accredited college, university, or trade/technical school.

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP**: The Kosciusko County 4-H Scholarship program is to reward active 4-H members for outstanding achievement, service, leadership, and citizenship in the 4-H by awarding scholarship to them for a further study at an accredited college, university, trade or technical school.

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY 4-H POULTRY COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP**: This scholarship was established to recognize those students who have contributed to the success of the Poultry project at the Kosciusko County 4-H fair.

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY 4-H RABBIT COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP**: This scholarship was established to recognize those students who have contributed to the success of the Rabbit project at the Kosciusko County 4-H fair.

## IEHA (Indiana Extension Homemakers Association) Scholarship Information

There are 16 scholarship opportunities available through the Kosciusko County Homemakers Association and the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association.

**The Kosciusko County Homemakers Association**: 2 (two) \$400 scholarships to residents of Kosciusko County. **Applications are due March 15, 2023**

**Career Advancement Scholarship (IEHA)**: 8 (eight) \$500 scholarships. One scholarship is given to an IEHA member, one is given to pursue career in the medical field, and six random scholarships. This is a financial need scholarship. **Applications are due March 15, 2023.**

**Steps to Success Scholarship (IEHA)**: 5 (five) \$500 scholarships are awarded. Four to applicants admitted to a state accredited college or university and one scholarship to applicants of state accredited vocational and technical program. **Applications are due May 1, 2023.**

**Ruth B Sayre Scholarship** is from the Country Women's Council and is offering a \$500 scholarship to foster the educational development of women. Applications must be an Indiana Resident. **Applications are due March 1, 2023.**

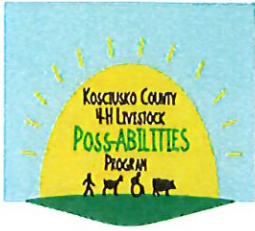
IEHA Scholarship Applications can be obtained from the Extension Office or email [graff8@purdue.edu](mailto:graff8@purdue.edu).

## Shooting Sports

Mandatory Beginner Classes for all NEW 4-H Shooting Sports Members will begin in February. You must attend all 3 beginner classes in order to participate in the Shooting Sports Project. All classes will be held at the Extension Office from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

- February 8, 2023
- February 15, 2023
- February 22, 2023

## Poss-ABILITIES



Any child of 4-H eligibility age of K—12th grade (Mini 4-H is K-2nd grade and Regular 4-H is 3-12th grade ) with different abilities may participate in our Poss-ABILITIES program.

Our purpose is to pair a child with different abilities with a 4-H mentor/family to learn about livestock. Animals to choose from are Beef, Swine, Dairy Heifers, Dairy Calf Feeder Steer, Sheep, Goats, Llama/ Alpaca, Rabbit and Poultry.

As part of the Poss-ABILITIES program, members are required to meet with their mentor/family a minimum of 3 times, preferably more, if schedules allow.

In those meetings the member will learn how to feed/ water, groom, and walk/show the animal. The more you meet with the mentor/family and animal, the more the member will learn and feel comfortable with the animal.

Poss-ABILITIES members are responsible to set the meeting times and dates with the mentor/family.

Applications to be in the Poss-ABILITIES program are available at the Extension Office. Enrollment in 4-H is also required along with a \$15 fee for regular 4-H and \$5 for Mini 4-H. Scholarships are available if needed.

## Taggers

Tagging season is upon us, if you have borrowed one of our taggers, please drop it off to the Extension Office as soon as possible. We are going to be needing them really soon!

## Enrollment by the Numbers

Enrollment Approved:	Volunteers	60
	Club Members	416
	Mini 4-H	83
Enrollments Incomplete:	Volunteers	7
	Club Members	23
	Mini 4-H	8
Volunteers Needing to Complete Online Training In order to be approved:		152

## Beef & Dairy Steer Tag-In

Saturday, February 4, 2021  
8:00am to 11:00am  
Milford Large Animal Clinic  
913 N Higbee St, Milford

- Park your truck & trailer in the Brock parking lot
- \$5 per head fee for tag and supply costs (Exact cash or check payable to Kosciusko County 4-H Council Beef Committee).
- ONLY Dairy Beef steers that do NOT already have the Kosciusko County 50digit tag and the 840 RFID tag need to come.
- Questions? Contact Bran Zehring, Beef Superintendent at 574-453-1058 or Dan Knepper DCFA/Dairy Steer Superintendent at 574-529-5470

## Kosciusko REMC 4-H Scholarship

Do you want to be involved in 4-H this year? KREMC wants to lend a helping hand. They are giving away 10, \$350 scholarships to help kids who want to participate in any 4-H project. Applications are available at [kreml.com/youth-program](http://kreml.com/youth-program) and are due to KREMC no later than May 1, 2022. To be eligible you must be a member of KREMC.

## Summer Staff Applications

We are now accepting applications for the position of 4-H Summer Staff for Kosciusko County. 4-H experience is not necessary, but is helpful. Applicants should be available to work a full-time week consisting of 37.5 hours, mid-May through the end of July. Some responsibilities and/or qualifications include, but are not limited to, promoting favorable public relations and image for the 4-H program, work directly under the supervision of the Purdue Extension Educators, the 4-H Administrative Assistant and 4-H Program Assistant. Assist with clerical, organizational, and educational responsibilities. A sincere interest in sharing knowledge and skills related to 4-H and youth development with youth and adults in an educational setting and the ability to work and communicate effectively in both verbal and written forms. Applications are available at the Extension Office. Don't miss out on an opportunity to make a good summer even better by joining us at the fair, where we work hard, have lots of fun and eat ice cream for breakfast.



## DNA Sample Envelopes

DNA Sample Envelopes are ready and available at the Extension Office. Stop by to get yours soon. DNA is required for State Bound Swine, Beef or Dairy Beef Cattle, Sheep, Meat Goats & Dairy Cattle. Deadline to turn in DNA Envelopes is May 15, 2023.

## YQCA Update

Some of you may remember last year, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) broke away from their partnership with 4-H Online and became their own website entity. Over the course of the fair season, many obstacles and hiccups occurred which led our state 4-H program to uphold increased leniency on your completion of YQCA. After much deliberation, our state 4-H office decided to venture down a new avenue with an animal husbandry program, giving us a YQCA alternative. That program is being called Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care.

Many of you have already reached out about times and dates of YQCA trainings for our county. Information about this new alternative program, Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care, will hopefully be shared during the first few weeks of February. 4-H Educators across the state will have a training on this new alternative program. As we get questions answered ourselves, complete the trainings, and become certified, then we will share that information with you.

All of this being said to really ask you to be patient as we transition into this new YQCA alternative program. We will not be able to answer many questions about this transition until after the statewide training. So please, sit tight and when we can, we will share information about when we will be hosting member trainings and more.

For the time being, if you all could help us spread the word to livestock project members and club members that training dates and additional information about this new program will be coming, that would be appreciated. Also, this only affects those members who are or may complete a livestock project.

Thanks for your patience.



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## Upcoming Events

*Let's Meat*  
**Kosciusko County Extension**  
Annual 'Meating'

Monday, March 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

*Maple Leaf Farms*  
101 E West Church St Leesburg, In 46535  
Food \* Fellowship \* Extension News \* Extension All Stars  
Meal Cost: \$10 per person, payable at the door

Speaker  
*Deb Trush*  
of Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry  
"Meating' the need, one pound at a time"

Learn how Hoosier's bring protein to Indiana tables and how  
Kosciusko County 4-H'ers contribute.

RSVP by calling 574-372-2340 or scan the QR code

Ag Day - April 11 & 12, 2023 - A day for  
Kosciusko County 4th graders to learn  
about life on the farm.

Taste of Ag is **BACK!** Join us at the  
Kosciusko County Fairgrounds, April 11,  
2023 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm.

DCFS Tag-In/Weigh-In



Saturday  
April 15, 2023  
9am - 11am  
Beef Barn Scales  
Fairgrounds

Any animal going to the Kosciusko  
County Fair in July, must be enrolled in  
4HOnline by May 15th, 2023, no  
exceptions.

**2023 FAIR DATES**  
Kosciusko County Community Fair  
July 9—15, 2023  
Indiana State Fair  
July 28—August 20, 2023

Kosciusko County 4-H Council's Annual  
**Fish & Tenderloin Fry**  
Saturday, April 29, 2023



More information to come!

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