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Clover Close-Up

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Fundraiser Flyer



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Welcome to almost Spring! As I begin to think about prepping for my 3rd fair, as the 4-H Educator in the county, I begin to reflect upon my time as a young 4-Her, especially in my first couple of years within the program. I can't help but think about the impact my 4-H Club and Club Leaders had on me and hope that as we invite new members into our program that they feel the same.

If you are new and not sure where to begin, reach out to us because we can connect you to a Club Leader and mentor that can help; I can assure you that you will find great Club Leaders here. Our Club Leaders are accomplished in welcoming new members, because it is the first step in the essential element of creating a sense of belonging. Our 4-H clubs provide youth the opportunity to feel physically and emotionally safe while actively participating in club events.

So, if you are feeling lost as a new member, please reach out so that we can connect you to people who are able to deliver the best experience for you and your child. My hope is that when you have "graduated" from the 4-H program and begin to look back, that you too can have those impactful memories and life skills learned from a Club Leader.

~Andrew Ferrell, 4-H Youth Development Educator~

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program

All 4-H youth enrolled in a Livestock Project (Beef, Dairy, DCFS/Dairy Beer, Goat, Poultry Rabbit, Sheep and Swine) must be certified in the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program or have a YQCA online completion certificate.

If you choose to complete the YQCA option, you will register for the online course at: <https://yqcaprogram.org>. The cost of the online YQCA course is \$12. We do have some coupon codes available to take \$3 off the cost for those that choose to go the online route. Call the Extension Office, at 574-372-2340, to get your code. After completing the course, you must email the 4-H Educator (adferrel@purdue.edu) your certificate to receive credit.

If you prefer to take the in-person, instructor-led Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program, the cost is \$3 per member (exact change, please) and will be located at the Purdue Extension Office-Kosciusko County at 202 W Main St, Warsaw, Indiana.

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program training sessions for 2023:

⇒ Wednesday, March 22 @ 6pm

⇒ Thursday, May 11 @ 6pm

⇒ Tuesday, May 30 @ 6pm

Remember, in order to exhibit your Livestock Project at the 2023 Kosciusko County 4-H Fair, you must complete the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program Workshop (or YQCA online).

If you have any questions regarding the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program, please reach out to Andrew at the Extension Office or email adferrel@purdue.edu.



2023 FAIR DATES

Kosciusko County Community Fair

July 9—15, 2023

Indiana State Fair

July 28—August 20, 2023



Livestock Project

Things for you to know:

- ⇒ Besides Ear Notching and 840-RFID tags for Swine, and 840-RFID tags and/or 5-digit county tags for Beef and Dairy Beef Cattle, DNA hair samples are required for all Swine, Beef, Dairy Cattle, Meat Goats and Dairy Beef cattle to be eligible for the Indiana State Fair. Collection envelopes are available at the Extension Office. Deadline to return DNA Envelopes is May 15th by 4:30pm, which is also the deadline to enroll your animals in 4HOnline.
- ⇒ It is required that all ID information (ear notch, RFID tag number, breed, gender, etc.) must be provided in 4HOnline and on the DNA Envelope for all animals that you want eligible for the Indiana State Fair. Any of this ID information that is missing, incomplete or incorrect will result in ineligibility to show your animal.
- ⇒ If you are enrolled in the Swine project, be sure to check the ear notches carefully! When purchasing your pig(s), make sure the ear notches match the papers you receive. Do not assume the notches match the paper! If you put the notches in yourself, be sure you put the notch in the correct location of the ear. After the May 15h Animal ID deadline, ear notches cannot be changed, corrected or substituted.
- ⇒ All Dairy Cattle are required to have an 840-RFID tag to be eligible for 4-H shows and at the Indiana State Fair. This tag will need to be entered along with other required ID in 4HOnline by May 15th. Any of these IDs that are missing, incomplete or incorrect will result in ineligibility to show your animal.
- ⇒ Poultry Animal ID Enrollment Forms are due by June 1st to the Extension Office. Forms are available at the Extension Office or on the Purdue Extension Kosciusko County website page.
- ⇒ Please be sure that you read all the general rules in the Kosciusko County 4-H Guidebook, plus all the rules that apply to the projects you are enrolled in.

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.

Reminder

Deadline for County 4-H Scholarships

- ⇒ March 15, 2023

Don't miss out on a great opportunity to help with your future college needs.

Premise ID Info

Anyone who buys, sells or exhibits livestock must have a Premise ID. A Premise ID is an identification number for the physical location in which animals are housed and is necessary to protect animal agriculture and the livestock industry. In an emergency, animal health officials will be able to rapidly communicate disease spread with producers. All 4-H members are required to know the Premise ID number for the property in which their animals are located and this number is recorded in 4HOnline when enrolling the animals to be exhibited at the 4-H fair and Indiana State Fair.

If you do not currently have a Premise ID number, you may apply for one through the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at <http://www.in.gov/boah>.

You must have a premise ID to show at the Kosciusko County 4-H Fair and the Indiana State Fair for cattle, swine, goats and sheep.

Animal Workshops vs Worksheets

Do not miss out on your opportunity to exhibit at the fair by not completing all of your workshops. Everyone MUST complete 2 workshops per Livestock Project. The Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program (or YQCA online) will count as 1 (one) workshop for 1 (one) Livestock Project.

If you are unable to complete the required number of Livestock Project Workshops, you can complete an activity worksheet from your grade/age appropriate species workbook.

Workbooks are available for purchase at the Extension Office. It is your responsibility to keep track of your workshop attendance and make plans to purchase a workbook in a timely manner. Activity worksheets are to be turned in at your Livestock Project check-in date for the Kosciusko County 4-H Fair.

WE WILL NOT BE PROVIDING OR MAKING COPIES OF WORKSHEETS OR WORKBOOKS BETWEEN THE DATES OF JULY 1-16, 2023. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

Guidebooks

You can find the 2023 Kosciusko County 4-H Guidebook on our website now!

Printed Guidebooks will be here soon. They should be in the Extension Office later this month. Be on the lookout for information on when they will be ready for pick up. These are a great tool for all of your project needs, including important event dates.

2023 Seniors

We **LOVE** our 2023 Seniors and are so excited for what the future holds for them. We also love highlighting our Seniors on social media and have plans to include them in our new 2023 4-H Schedule of Events booklet that will be available at the fair; however, we need your help. Out of the 61 Seniors, we have 53 enrolled, but only 6 Seniors have turned in their Senior Spotlight paperwork. It would be amazing if we could spotlight each and every Senior. This year could certainly be a record number of Seniors in our 4-H program. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the Senior Spotlight form, then just email it to us with 2 pictures. Easy peasy. You can find the form on our website at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/kosciusko/> or we would be happy to email you one, just ask.

As a Senior you also have the opportunity to select someone as your Most Influential 4-H Volunteer. Someone that has helped shape you into the person you are today. We will take time to recognize this person at our Annual Public Fashion Revue Night, where you will be able to thank them publicly for their help in your 4-H career and taking the time to invest in you! Don't worry, you won't have to talk, we will do the talking for you. You will just present a token of appreciation to your Most Influential Volunteer. But, we do need to know what to say and you can help with that too. Just fill out the Most Influential Volunteer Form, which can be found on our website, and return it to the Extension Office.

Something to be on the lookout for is the 4-H Royalty Contest Application which is open to 8, 9 and 10 year 4-H Members. As a member of the Royalty Court, you will be asked to attend as many 4-H Events as possible, assist in hosting Battle of the Barns, present awards and participate in a radio interview, just to name a few.

And, lastly, as a 10-year 4-H Senior Member, you will have the chance to select your 10-year member gift. Members of 4-H Council love having this opportunity to gift you a token of their appreciation for being part of our 4-H program for 10 years. Wow! That's a long time and you should be so proud of yourselves!

What a great time to be a 4-H Senior Member! Let us do our part of recognizing all of your hard work, by doing your part and filling out the appropriate forms. Go to our website or ask to have the following forms emailed to you today:

- ⇒ Senior Spotlight Form
- ⇒ Most Influential Volunteer Form
- ⇒ Royalty Contest Application (coming soon)
- ⇒ 10 Year Member Gift Selection (coming soon)

Let us know what we can do to help make your Senior year the best year yet! You got this!

Fish & Tenderloin Fry

The Annual Kosciusko County 4-H Fish & Tenderloin Fry will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at the Kosciusko County Fairgrounds from 4:00-7:00pm while supplies last. This event is sponsored by the Kosciusko County 4-H Council. There will also be a Kosciusko County 4-H Clubs Silent Auction. Come check out the items and place a bid while enjoying a meal of fish & tenderloin.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the Extension Office or from a 4-H Club Member.

Pre-sale for Adults only, children 8 and under purchased at the door.

Carry Out & Dine-In prices are as follows:

- ⇒ Age 9 and Over: \$13.00
- ⇒ Age 8 and Under: \$9.00

Thank you for your support and generosity to our Kosciusko County 4-H Program!

Club Leaders

Your Fish & Tenderloin Ticket Packets are ready for pick up and distributed to your club members. The following Clubs still need to stop and get their packets:

- ⇒ American Neverquitters
- ⇒ Claypool Classics
- ⇒ Firm Foundations
- ⇒ Horse & Pony Club
- ⇒ Lucky Lassies & Lads
- ⇒ Syracuse Community Hands
- ⇒ The Great Outdoors



Please stop by at your earliest convenience to get your packet.

All money and unsold tickets will need to be turned in at the Extension Office by 4:30pm on Friday, April 14, 2023.

Poss-ABILITIES



Poss-ABILITIES Participant and Mentor Applications are now available on our website and in the Extension Office. Applications should be filled out and turned in at the Extension Office by 4:30pm on Friday, March 24, 2023. Go to: [https://](https://extension.purdue.edu/county/kosciusko/4-h.html)

extension.purdue.edu/county/kosciusko/4-h.html and click on the 4-H Projects and Workshops link.

Indiana State Fair Workers

Youth are afforded an opportunity to work at the Indiana State Fair as an Exhibit Hall Worker. Duties include checking-in non-animal 4-H exhibits, preparing exhibits for display to the public, record keeping, interacting with fair attendees, assisting with a variety of state fair events, and releasing exhibits. Workers will develop team work, customer service, record keeping, and other work related skills through this temporary employment opportunity.

Exhibit Hall Workers must be a minimum of 14 years of age. This employment opportunity is also available to college-age young adults. Exhibit Hall Worker are expected to reside on-site in the reserved dormitory space. This is a minimum wage earning employment opportunity.

For more information or to apply, go to: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/state-fair-programs/exhibit-hall-worker.html>

- The Indiana State Fair is July 28-August 20, 2023
- Workers will be needed July 24-August 22, 2023

Have You Really Completed Your Enrollment?

Now is a good time to check your enrollment status as a:

- ⇒ Mini 4-H Member
- ⇒ Regular 4-H Member
- ⇒ Adult Volunteer

You do not want to miss out on any important workshop dates, meeting dates or animal enrollment deadlines by not being completely enrolled in 4HOnline.

Things to check :

- ⇒ Does it say "Approved" next to your name?
- ⇒ Have you paid your 4-H fees?
Not sure? Give us a call.
- ⇒ Have you completed your Adult Volunteer Training?
- ⇒ Have you turned in your Adult Volunteer Application?

All of these things will hold up your Approval process. Please reach out to our office to check on your status if you are unsure of anything.

Call 574-372-2340 or
Email Tami at graff8@purdue.edu
Email Andrew at adferrel@purdue.edu

We are happy to help!



State 4-H Trips

There are many opportunities for 4-H members to travel and meet other 4-H members from all over Indiana as well as the USA. State level 4-H programs provide the opportunity for young people to expand their horizons beyond their home community. During these programs led by 4-H volunteers and Purdue University staff and faculty, participants dive deep into various subjects, develop leadership skills, make friends from around the state, and more. To learn more about these available trips visit: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/index.html>.

- ⇒ 4-H Academy @ Purdue
Grades 9-12
June 7-9, 2023
- ⇒ Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp
Grades 3-6
June 7-9, 2023
- ⇒ State 4-H Jr Leader Conference
Grades 9-12
June 13-16, 2023
- ⇒ 4-H Band
Grades 9-12
June 24-26, 2023
- ⇒ 4-H Chorus
Grades 9-12
June 24-26, 2023
- ⇒ 4-H Round Up
Grades 7-9
June 26-28, 2023
- ⇒ Citizenship Washington Focus
Grades 9-12 (15 years old)
July 1-7, 2023
- ⇒ National 4-H Dairy Conference
Grades 10-12
October 1-5, 2023
- ⇒ National 4-H Youth Congress 2023
Grades 9-12
November 24-28, 2023
- ⇒ Indiana 4-H Leadership Summit
Grades 8-12
October 21, 2023



Websites to Bookmark

- Purdue Extension-Kosciusko County
⇒ <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/kosciusko>
- State 4-H Department
⇒ <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H>
- Indiana State Fair
⇒ <https://www.indianastatefair.com>
- National 4-H Website
⇒ <https://4-h.org/>
- Indiana 4-H Foundation
⇒ <https://in4h.org/>



March 2023

Shooting Sports BEGINNERS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WRP-Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club 2141 N 150 W, Warsaw KOSKO-2391 N Fox Farm Rd, Warsaw Jeff Hoover's House-2730 S 550 W, Warsaw			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Beginners Rifle WRP 6:30-8:30PM	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Beginners Rifle WRP 6:30-8:30PM	29	30	31	

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19	20	21 Pistol WRP 6:30-8:30PM	22	23 Shotgun KOSKO 6:30-8:30PM	24	25
26	27 Archery Jeff Hoover's 6:30-8:30PM	28 Rifle WRP 6:30-8:30PM	29	30	31	

MARCH

Calendar of Events

<p><i>Thursday</i></p> <p>02</p> <p>6:00pm 4-H Council Extension Office Auditorium</p> <p>7:00pm The Great Outdoors Club Extension Office Room D</p>	<p><i>Monday</i></p> <p>06</p> <p>6:00pm Claypool Classics Club Claypool Lions Building 201 W Calhoun St, Claypool</p> <p>7:00pm Beaver Dam Better 4-H'ers Club Beaver Dam UM Church 9798 W 1000 S, Akron</p> <p>7:00pm Mentone United Club First Baptist Church of Mentone 206 S Oak St, Mentone</p>	<p><i>Tuesday</i></p> <p>07</p> <p>6:00pm Dairy Mini 4-H Workshop Extension Office Main Hall</p> <p>6:30pm Dairy Workshop Extension Office Main Hall</p> <p>6:30pm Horse & Pony Club Home & Family Arts Building Fairgrounds 1st year members meet at 6:30pm All other members meet at 7:00pm</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i></p> <p>08</p> <p>6:00pm General Projects Committee Extension Office Main Hall</p>	<p><i>Thursday</i></p> <p>09</p> <p>3:45pm Firm Foundations Club Extension Office Main Hall</p>	<p><i>Sunday</i></p> <p>12</p> <p>2:00pm Syracuse Community Hands Wawasee HS Ag Room 1 Warrior Path, Syracuse</p>
<p><i>Monday</i></p> <p>13</p> <p>6:30pm American Neverquitters Atwood Community Building 213 E Hovey St, Warsaw</p> <p>6:30pm Poultry Committee Wire & Steam Coffee Co 2858 Frontage Rd, Warsaw</p>	<p><i>Tuesday</i></p> <p>14</p> <p>6:30pm Swine Committee Polk Equipment</p> <p>6:30pm Goat Club, Extension Office Auditorium</p> <p>7:00pm Goat Workshop Extension Office Auditorium</p> <p>6:30pm DCFS/Dairy Steer Committee Extension Office Main Hall</p> <p>7:00pm DCFS/Dairy Steer Workshop Extension Office Main Hall</p>	<p><i>Wednesday</i></p> <p>15</p> <p>4:30pm Beer Dairy Lease Application Due Date</p> <p>6:30pm Auction Workshop Extension Office Main Hall</p>

March Calendar of Events



<p>Thursday</p> <p>16</p> <p>6:30pm Mini 4-H Meeting Extension Office Auditorium & Main Hall</p> <p>7:00pm Shooting Sports Committee Extension Office Room D</p>	<p>Monday</p> <p>20</p> <p>6:00pm Llama Family Meeting Extension Office Room D</p> <p>6:30pm Jr Leader's Meeting Extension Office Main Hall</p> <p>6:30pm Dairy Committee Extension Office Auditorium</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>21</p> <p>6:00pm Swine Workshop Extension Office Auditorium</p> <p>6:30pm Sidney Triple S Club Sidney Fire Station 103 E Center St, Sidney</p> <p>7:00pm Goat Committee Extension Office Room D</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>22</p> <p>6:00pm Indiana Quality Livestock Care Workshop Extension Office Auditorium (1 of 3 Workshops offered)</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>23</p> <p>6:30pm Beef Committee Extension Office Main Hall</p>	<p>Saturday</p> <p>25</p> <p>8:00am – 10:00am – 1:00pm Blacksmith Workshop Blacksmith Shop Fairgrounds Call Jackie at 574-527-2271 to reserve your spot</p>
<p>Monday</p> <p>27</p> <p>6:30pm Milford Helping Hands Club Wawasee Community Bible Church 2035 E 1300 N, Milford</p> <p>6:30pm Silver Lake Rambling Farmers Silver Lake Lions Building 108 N Harrison St, Silver Lake</p> <p>7:00pm Pierceton Hayseeds Club Harvest Community Church 512 S Seventh St, Pierceton</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>28</p> <p>6:30pm Goat Workshop Extension Office Auditorium</p> <p>7:00pm Leesburg Mighty Farmers Leesburg UM Church 111 W Prairie St, Leesburg</p> <p>7:15pm Lucky Lassies & Lads Club Extension Office Main Hall</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>30</p> <p>5:15pm Poss-ABILITIES Committee Extension Office Auditorium</p>

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 Fresh
 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

INDIANA 4-H
**JUNIOR LEADER
 AND ADVISOR
 WEBINAR**

Save the Date!
 MONDAY
 MARCH 13TH
 AT
 7:00 P.M. EST

JOIN US:
<http://bit.ly/41gUfSu>

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:
 • STATE AND NATIONAL 4-H TRIP OPPORTUNITIES
 • PLAN FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES FOR THE JUNIOR LEADER PROGRAM

SCAN TO JOIN

All Junior Leaders and Advisors are welcome to attend



Northeast Indiana 4-H
CAMP

Save the Date!
 June 7-9, 2023
 Epworth Forest
 Open to Grades 3-6
 Registration opening soon.

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.

June 13-16, 2023
 DePauw University

LEADERSHIP
 Under CONSTRUCTION
 2023 State 4-H Junior
 Leader Conference

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Coming Soon

2023 Kosciusko County 4-H

**Mark Your
 Calendars Now!**

Fair Week Camping Spots
 Go on sale 8:00AM
 Tuesday, May 30, 2023
 More Information to Come!

Livestock Project Enrollment letters will be hitting your mailboxes in April with all the information you will need to enroll your animal in 4HOnline. If you do not receive one for each species you are showing, contact the Extension Office at 574-372-2340!

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY 4-H

**KING & QUEEN
 ROYALTY CONTEST**

Applications coming soon!
 Watch your mailbox and our website!

COMING SOON

**4-H Staff
 PHOTOGRAPHER**

Applications
 Watch our upcoming newsletter for more details.



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**DAYLIGHT
 SAVING TIME**
 There will be more light in the evening
 March 12, 2023

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