

# Clover Close-Up



January 2024

## New 4-H County Fair Approvals

### GROOMING ASSISTANCE

After careful examination and debate, Council voted to remove the limits to who can fit and/or help get an animal ready for show. Families can decide what honest people they would like to have help from for their livestock.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** This change DOES NOT permit unethical fitting or treatment of animal exhibits; that expectation will still remain.

### MINI 4-H

Much discussion and suggestions were given about a Mini 4-H livestock showcase during the fair. Council voted to approve a Mini 4-H Livestock Showcase and Mentor program for the upcoming year. The showcase will take place on Thursday AM of the fair.

More information about this opportunity and mentor program will be coming in the new year.

### WORKSHOPS

After reviewing completion requirements from the 4-H state office, Council voted to extend the “no workbook and/or worksheets required for general projects” rule to also be allowed for livestock projects. Workshops and workbooks are not required for livestock exhibition. Workshop attendance and/or workbook activities are still **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**, but not required. The workbook can still be completed if not exhibiting an animal at the county fair for completion

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** YQCA/QLC will still remain the only workshop required for animal exhibition.

### SCHEDULE

Due to a few requests and with the addition of a Mini 4-H livestock showcase, a few fair events will be moving days and/or times. The main move is Dairy. The Dairy show will move from Thursday to the first Saturday. Along with that, there will be some animal check-in times that change.

More information about these small changes will be coming in the new year.

### FORMS

Many suggestions came in from 4-H families about the relevancy for affidavit forms and off-premise forms. After hearing those suggestions, Council voted to remove those forms as requirements for exhibition.

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### Office Hours:

- Monday - Friday
- 8:00am - 4:30pm

### Office Location:

- 202 W Main St  
Warsaw, In 46580

### Office Phone Number:

- 574-372-2340



# Inclement Weather Policy

As we settle into winter, it is important to keep in mind winter safety. Clubs are encouraged to have their own inclement weather policies that are shared with members. Our winter cancellation policy is as follows: if any public school corporation in Kosciusko County is closed for bad weather, we may postpone any in-person Extension meeting scheduled for that day or evening. Stay up-to-date on the latest weather cancellations on the 4-H Kosciusko County Facebook page.

Hello  
Winter!

# ATV Winter Fest



The ATV Club met for a Winter Fest ride with 12 quads and 57 degree temperatures. Not too much of a "Winter" Fest at all. But a blast was had by all. After the ride the club had some lunch at DQ. Meetings for the ATV Club will begin on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Ag Hall at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds. Be sure to Like and Follow their Facebook page at "Elkhart 4-H ATV Club".

# Auction Committee News Blast

Did you know the Livestock Auction Committee does its own fundraising? Each year, the committee mails over 100 personalized letters to individual and businesses that are a part of the Livestock Buyer Support Group. In 2023, over 55 4-H'ers received extra dollars in their auction checks. In addition, 650 informational auction flyers were also mailed to past and prospective buyers. This committee fundraises for each and every 4-H'er!



# Premise ID Information

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. All 4-H'ers are required to know the Premise ID number for the property where their animals are located and the Premise ID number is also entered in 4HOnline when enrolling their animals to be exhibited at the 4-H Fair and Indiana State Fair. The BOAH staff would like us to remind you to please not wait until the last minute to request a Premise ID. They do the best they can to accommodate, but the calls and emails are quite heavy and they can't guarantee they can generate a premise ID instantly. Go to <https://www.in.gov/boah/forms/indiana-premises-identification-registration/> to apply for your premise ID.

# 2024 Scholarship Information

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## *National Scholarships:*

**4-H Accomplishment Scholarships:** Available to 4-H members in grade 10-12 and the year immediately following high school graduation. Selection is based on the member's life skill development resulting from their 4-H participation. Awards range from \$1,000.00-\$2,000.00. Categories include Animal Science; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; Plant and Environmental Science; Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

**4-H Club Scholarship:** Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University, as a freshman or transfer student, majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors, listed on the application, in the College of Health and Human Sciences. Selection is based on the member's overall 4-H achievement and financial need as determined by Purdue's Division of Financial Aid.

In order to apply applications must have their FAFSA on file by March 1st. (Reminder: The scholarship is due January 25th). In order to access the Federal Student Aid website an FSA ID (username and password) will need to be created. Students and parents must make their own FSA IDs. For more information about the FSA ID, tips and resources to help with creating an FSA ID, and a link to create an FSA ID, please visit [StudentAid.gov/](https://StudentAid.gov/).

**4-H Senior Year Scholarship:** Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school. Selection is based on the member's overall 4-H achievement. Awards range from \$250.00-\$1,000.00.

**Laurenz Greene Memorial Excellence in 4-H Horticulture Scholarship:** Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture pursuing an undergraduate degree in Horticulture, Turf Management and Science, Sustainable Food and Farming Systems or Landscape Architecture. Applicants must have studied at least four years horticulture and/or plant science related subject matter/project through Indiana 4-H Youth Development. Selection is based on the member's overall 4-H achievement.

To apply: Youth may complete their application through their 4-H Online account. Instructions on how to submit your scholarship are listed below. Applications are due January 25, 2024.

## *IEHA Homemakers Scholarships:*

**IEHA (Indiana Extension Homemakers Association) Scholarship:** There are 17 scholarship opportunities available through the Kosciusko County Homemakers Association and the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association. They are as follows:

**The Kosciusko County Homemakers Association:** Two (2) \$1000 scholarships will be awarded each year to college/university students including those seeking a two year associates program. And one (1) \$1000. scholarship will be awarded each year to a Career & Technical Program earning certification/license in their chosen field. Applications are due March 15, 2024.

**Career Advancement Scholarship (IEHA)**: Eight (8) \$500 scholarships. Two (2) scholarships will be given to IEHA members, one (1) is given to pursue career in the medical field, and five (5) random scholarships. This is a financial need scholarship. Applications are due March 15, 2024.

**Steps to Success Scholarship (IEHA)**: Five (5) \$500 scholarships are awarded. Four (4) to applicants admitted to or enrolled in a state accredited college or university and one (1) to a state accredited vocational and technical program through a public school. Applications are due May 1, 2024.

**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, 2024.

Kosciusko County Homemakers Association Scholarship Applications can be obtained from the Extension Office or email [stravis@purdue.edu](mailto:stravis@purdue.edu).

### *Kosciusko County Scholarships*

2024 Kosciusko County Scholarship applications will be available February 1, 2024 in the Extension Office and will need to be submitted to the Extension Office no later than March 15, 2024.

**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.

## *Kosciusko County Scholarships. continued.*

**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.

## POSS-ABILITIES

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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 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.

Enrollment in 4-H is required along with a \$15 fee for regular 4-H and \$5 for Mini 4-H. Scholarships are available if needed. Please select "Poss-ABILITIES" as a Project when enrolling. Applications are also required and will be available at a later date.

# Help Wanted

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## **2024 Camp Counselors Needed**

Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp

- June 4-7, 2024
- Applicants must be in Grades 9 - 12 on January 1, 2024
- Applications due to the Extension Office by February 1, 2024
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4-H Camp Counselor Application:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/kosciusko/20244hstorage/2024-pdf-e-fillable-camp-counselor-application.pdf>

# Enrollment Reminders

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## **Enrollment is now open!**

To get the most out of your 4-H experience, we really encourage enrollment by January 15, 2024. Your 4-H experience is what you want to put into 4-H. Is your schedule full and you can't make it to the club meetings? No problem! Do you just enjoy the workshops? Then just do the workshops. But, please, just take the opportunity to come as you are and learn, grow, and develop skills that will last you a lifetime. Try something new, meet new people, and maybe learn something about yourself through 4-H!

- Enroll at <https://v2.4honline.com>
- Use the same login that you used last year. If you have forgotten your login or password, please contact the Extension Office at 574.372-2340. Please DO NOT create a new account.
- Enrollment is \$15 per member, with a maximum of \$45 per family. Mini 4-H is \$5 per mini member
- Update you address, phone number or emergency contact information
- Confirm the school grade and number of years in 4-H
- Some projects will only require you to select the main project category.
  - For example if you want to do the Recycling Project, in 4HOnline you would just select the Arts & Craft project
  - You will tell us more about your project when completing FairEntry later
- Project Add/Drop deadline is May 15th (see Deadlines above)
- Animal enrollment deadline is May 15th (see Deadlines above)

## **Enrollment Fees**

- 4-H Enrollment is not considered complete until all enrollment fees have been paid in full. This includes credit card payments that did not process properly the first time.
- All Member fees need to be paid by May 15th.

# January 2024 Calendar

## Monday, January 1, 2024

- County Extension Office Closed
  - Please plan accordingly

## Tuesday, January 2, 2024

- Horse & Pony Mini 4-H Club Meeting
  - 6:30pm
  - Home & Family Arts Building, Fairgrounds
- Horse & Pony 4-H Club Meeting
  - 7:00pm
  - Home & Family Arts Building, Fairgrounds

## Thursday, January 4, 2024

- 4-H Council Meeting
  - 6:00pm
  - Extension Office Auditorium

## Monday, January 8, 2024

- Dairy Committee Meeting
  - 6:30pm
  - Extension Office Main Hall
- Swine Committee Meeting
  - 6:30pm
  - Extension Office Auditorium
- Mentone United Club Meeting
  - 7:00pm
  - First Baptist Church of Mentone, 206 S Oak St, Mentone

## Tuesday, January 9, 2024

- Goat Club Meeting
  - 6:30pm
  - Extension Office Main Hall

## Thursday, January 11, 2024

- Dairy & Dairy Foods Judging Teams Callout
  - 6:00pm
  - Extension Office Main Hall
- Dairy Workshop
  - 6:30pm
  - Extension Office Main Hall

## Monday, January 15, 2024

- Jr Leaders Meeting
  - 6:00pm
  - Extension Office Main Hall
- Beaver Dam Better 4-H'ers Club Meeting
  - 7:00pm
  - Beaver Dam Community Church, 9798 W 1000 S, Akron

## Tuesday, January 16, 2024

- Beef Committee Meeting
  - 6:30pm
  - Extension Office Auditorium
- DCFS Committee Meeting
  - 6:30pm
  - Extension Office Main Hall

## Tuesday, January 16, 2024 (cont.)

- Sidney Triple S Club Meeting
  - 6:30pm
  - Sidney Fire Station, 103 E Center St, Sydney
- Goat Committee Meeting
  - 7:00pm
  - Extension Office Room D

## Wednesday, January 17, 2024

- Auction Committee Meeting
  - 6:30pm
  - Extension Office Main Hall
- General Projects Committee Meeting
  - 6:30pm
  - Extension Office Auditorium

## Thursday, January 18, 2024

- Poss-ABILITIES Committee Meeting
  - 5:30pm
  - Extension Office Auditorium
- Shooting Sports Committee Meeting
  - 7:00pm
  - Extension Office Main Hall

## Saturday, January 20, 2024

- Pierceton Hayseeds Funday
  - 2:00pm - 4:30pm
  - Eastlake Skate Center, Warsaw

## Sunday, January 21, 2024

- Syracuse Community Hands Club Meeting
  - 3:00pm
  - Wawasee HS Ag Room

## Monday, January 22, 2024

- Milford Helping Hands Club Meeting
  - 6:30pm
  - Wawasee Bible Church, 2041 E 1200 N, Milford
- Silver Lake Rambling Farmers Club Meeting
  - 6:30pm
  - Silver Lake Lions Building, 108 N Harrison St, Silver Lake

## Tuesday, January 23, 2024

- Leesburg Mighty Farmers Club Meeting
  - 7:00pm
  - Leesburg UM Church, 111 W Prairie St, Leesburg

## Wednesday, January 24, 2024

- Swine Workshop
  - 6:30pm
  - Extension Office Auditorium

## Thursday, January 25, 2024

- Beef Workshop
  - 7:00pm
  - Extension Office Main Hall

## Saturday, January 27, 2024

- Blacksmith Workshop
  - 8am, 10am or 1pm

# Upcoming Events



## CULINARY COMPANIONS

### Parent and Me Cooking Workshop

**When? Where?**  
 January 30th 2023  
 6 pm - 8 pm  
 Kosciusko County Extension Office

**What? How?**

- Learn simple recipes!
- Learn how to use an airfryer and instapot!
- Make an appetizer, main course and dessert!
- Family fun!

Each Person **\$10**  
 RSVP by Jan 23rd with QR Code above!



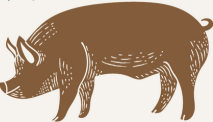


**PURDUE UNIVERSITY** Extension - Kosciusko County

## 2024 Swine Workshops

- January 24th 6:30pm  
Pig Selection & Care  
Extension Office Auditorium
- March 5th 6:30pm  
Swine Vet  
Extension Office Auditorium
- April 20th 10:00am  
Fair Entry & Check-in Paperwork  
Extension Office Auditorium
- June 20th 6:00pm  
Barn Set-Up & Showmanship  
Fairgrounds Swine Barn

For every Swine Workshop attended your name will be registered for a prize to be drawn the week of fair.


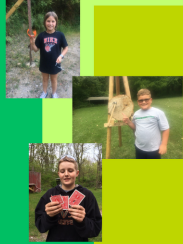


## Kosciusko County 4-H Shooting Sports

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program offers youth in grades 3 - 12 an opportunity to develop life skills through 4-H Shooting Sports in a safe and caring environment under the direction of 4-H Shooting Sports Certified Instructors.

Youth new to the 4-H Shooting Sports Program must attend all three (3) beginner mandatory safety training courses in order to participate in the program. Mark your calendar now. All classes will be held at the Extension Office from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

- Wednesday, February 14, 2024
- Wednesday, February 21, 2024
- Wednesday, February 28, 2024

**CONFIDENCE GROWS HERE.**

## Kosciusko County Blacksmith

### Meeting Dates for 2024

January 27	May 25	September 28
February 24	June 29	October 26
March 30	July No Meeting	November No Meeting
April 20	August No Meeting	December No Meeting

Meeting are held at the Blacksmith Shop at the Fairgrounds. There are 3 classes each Saturday:  
 1st Class: 8 - 10am  
 2nd Class: 10-12pm  
 3rd Class: 1-3pm

Cost is \$15 per member for material.

Contact Jackie Clase at 574.527.2271 to reserve your spot.

## Quality Livestock Care Classes

Mark your calendar now. QLC required if you plan to exhibit Swine, Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Steer, Dairy Feeder Steer, Sheep, Goats Rabbit or Poultry.

<b>Monday</b> March 11th 6:00pm Location TBD	<b>Thursday</b> April 25th 6:00pm Location TBD	<b>Thursday</b> May 9th 6:00pm Location TBD
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Reminder: If you do not attend one of these in-person QLC classes, proof of completed online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is due no later than June 15th. Any member not showing proof of completion will NOT BE ALLOWED to show at the 4-H County and/or State Fair. Please call the Extension Office at 574.372.2340 if you have any questions.


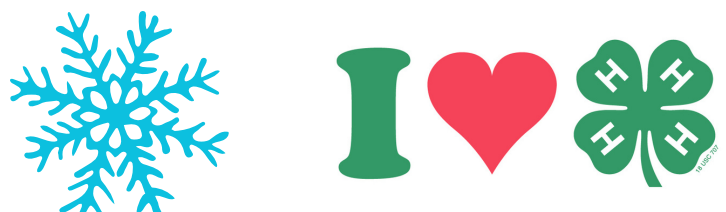


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## KOSCIUSKO COUNTY MINI 4-H

Mini 4-H is a fun way to get to know 4-H general projects and livestock projects. The goal of the Mini 4-H program 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. Youth in grades Kindergarten—2nd grade are encouraged to participate. Be sure to attend the first Mini 4-H meeting to learn more about the Mini 4-H Program. Parents are asked to attend along with their child. All meeting will be held at the Extension Office from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

- February 15, 2024
- March 14, 2024
- April 18, 2024
- May 16, 2024



# get Involved

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## Upcoming 4-H Trips

- 4-H Camp: June 5-7, 2024 at Epworth Forest
  - Open to youth in Grades 3-6
- 4-H Academy: June 12-14, 2024 at Purdue University
  - Open to youth in Grades 9-12
- 4-H Round-Up: June 24-26, 2024 at Purdue University
  - Open to youth in Grades 7-8

Contact Andrew at the Extension Office or check out our website for more details.

# Volunteer News

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## **Audit Paperwork Due NOW!**

Audit paperwork was due November 30th, if you have not turned in your Audit paperwork, please take care of that ASAP.

## **Club Paperwork**

We are still waiting for the following clubs to turn in their club leadership information along with club meeting dates and times. It is hard to promote your club when we don't have the most up-to-date information:

- American Neverquitters
- Lucky Lassies & Lads

## **Volunteers Needed**

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help continue growing our 4-H program. We rely so much on these adult volunteers, who care about the development of youth, to deliver positive experiences to our 4-H Members. If you or someone you know is interested, please give the Extension Office a call at 574.372.2340. we would love to speak to you about how you can help. We have volunteer positions to meet almost any time commitment. Some of those include, but are not limited to:

- Club Leaders
- Committee Members
- Leading a workshop
- Help with a project

# 2024 Deadline Changes

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This is a repeat from the November & December Newsletter. We want to be sure everyone is clear on the changes to come in 2024.

**May 15th** - Animal Identification is due in 4HOnline by May 15th. Any animals not entered in 4HOnline by this date are NOT ALLOWED to show at the 4-H County Fair. Our suggestion is to enter ALL of your animals, just in case.

**June 15th** - Proof of Completed Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) or Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Certificates (QLC) due. Any member not showing proof of completion by June 15 will NOT BE ALLOWED to show at the 4-H County and/or State Fair.

**June 15th** - FairEntry due for General Projects and Animal Projects. On the livestock end, failure to enter your animal(s) in FairEntry by the deadline will result in showing in an Exhibition Class. On the general projects end, failure to enter your project(s) in Fair Entry by the deadline will result in not placing higher than a Blue Ribbon which also means you cannot advance your project to the Indiana State Fair.

If you have any questions about any of these deadlines, please give the Extension Office a call at 574.372.2340. Do not let your lack of understanding the consequences of these deadlines hinder your ability to show your animal or present your project at the 4-H Fair.

# General Projects Changes

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## *County Only Projects Update:*

Some of our County Only Projects have been moved to a State Eligible Project. Please select the appropriate State Project when enrolling for the following County Only Projects:

- Arts & Crafts (State Project)
  - Gift Wrapping
  - Recycling
  - Wearable Art
- Communication (State Project)
  - Creative Writing
- Construction & Architectural Replica (State Project)
  - Farm Toy Scene
  - Lego-Construction
  - Lego-Creative Scene
- Foods (State Project)
  - Create-With-A-Mix
  - Dairy Foods

# Committee Superintendents Contact Information

- **Alpaca Committee**
  - Still working out the details
- **Auction Committee**
  - Devin Hay
    - 574.268.8533
    - dehay1216@gmail.com
- **Beef Committee**
  - Brian Zehring
    - 574-453.6457
    - brian@zehringfarms.com
- **Blacksmith Committee**
  - Jerry Clase
    - 574.265.3105
    - bossmare@frontier.com
  - Jackie Clase
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    - jclase@warsawschools.org
- **Dairy Committee**
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  - Abbi Curtis
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- **DCFS/Dairy Steer Committee**
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- **Goat Committee**
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- **Horse & Pony Committee**
  - Travis McCoy
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- **Llama Committee**
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- **Mini 4-H Committee**
  - Janelle Deatsman
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- **Poultry Committee**
  - Still working out the details
- **Poss-ABILITIES Committee**
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- **Rabbit Committee**
  - Rickell Kline
    - 574.371.5132
    - klinesmontadales@yahoo.com
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  - Jeff Brubaker
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- **Shooting Sports Committee**
  - Cody Demske
    - 574.328.2022
    - emily.ann5610@gmail.com
- **Swine Committee**
  - Curtis Hatfield
    - 574.527.5689
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# 2023-24 4-H Club Leader Contact Information

- **American Neverquitters**
  - Unconfirmed Club Leadership
- **Beaver Dam Better 4-H'ers**
  - Jason Rich 574.265.4837  
heatmisers@yahoo.com
  - Anna Rich 574.265.4838  
annarichrn@yahoo.com
- **Claypool Classics**
  - Kayla Leininger 574.253.1302  
kaylaleiningerg@gmail.com
- **Firm Foundations**
  - **Club Leader Needed**
- **Goat Club**
  - Christina Nieto 574.377.1497  
christinanieto006@gmail.com
- **Horse & Pony**
  - Unconfirmed Club Leadership
- **Leesburg Mighty Farmers**
  - Sonja Hesser 574.551.4451  
hesserfam96@gmail.com
- **Lucky Lassies & Lads**
  - Unconfirmed Club Leadership
- **Mentone United**
  - Kylene Crabb 931.639.7567  
kylenecrabb@gmail.com
- **Milford Helping Hands**
  - Karena Wilkinson 574.529.1022  
karenawilkinson40@gmail.com
- **Pierceton Hayseeds**
  - Casey Pequignot 574.551.3404  
casey.pequignot@medtronic.com
- **Sidney Triple S**
  - Unconfirmed Club Leadership
- **Silver Lake Rambling Farmers**
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tamboggs100@gmail.com
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mroberts@wawasee.k12.in.us
- **The Great Outdoors**
  - **Club Leader Needed**

We really hate to see clubs disbanded due to lack of leadership. As noted above, we are in need of new Club Leaders for the Firm Foundations Club, which is typically our home-schooled members and for The Great Outdoors Club. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Club Leader, please reach out to Andrew at adferrel@purdue.edu as soon as possible.

We have some unconfirmed Club Leadership, please contact the office if you have any questions on the status of these clubs.

# Meet the County Extension Staff



**Andrew Ferrell**

4-H Youth Development  
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## What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

1

Checks your internet speed

[pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest](http://pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest)



2

Validates it on the FCC website

[broadbandmap.fcc.gov](http://broadbandmap.fcc.gov)

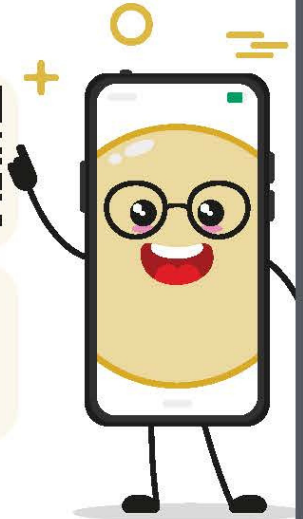


3

Share what they've done with others

4

Reports work in the Broadband Influencers event in 4-H Online



Once you have completed all 4, you will receive your Broadband Influencer Pin and be eligible to win an iPad\*!

## Why should I be an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

There are a lot of different ways to connect to the internet. Some of them are *very* fast, and some of them are *very* slow. We would like everyone in the state of Indiana to be able to use the internet at fast speeds. While it might help you play games and watch videos more easily, it also can help people who are looking for jobs or trying to communicate, do business, or do schoolwork.

The FCC, or Federal Communication Commission, can't help everyone get fast internet unless they know all the places the internet is installed and how fast it is in each location.

## I have more questions!



For more information contact your county extension 4-H educator OR email:

[state4hleader@purdue.edu](mailto:state4hleader@purdue.edu)



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\*Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencers will be asked to write a short essay about their experience. The Broadband Influencer Program is a Purdue Broadband Team initiative.



## WORKSHOP TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CHICKENS AND RABBITS

Thursday, January 18, 2024  
6:00 - 7:00  
at  
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