

FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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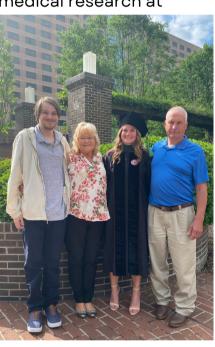
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WELCOME

We have a new face in the office to help with the ins out of all things 4-H and Extension. Please help us in welcoming our new Program Assistant, Nancy Ricke! Nancy is excited to join the Ripley County Extension Office Staff after working in medical research at

Cincinnati Children's and University of Cincinnati for 24 years. Nancy's children as wells as many nieces and nephews have participated in 4-H over the years. Nancy is excited to be working closer to home and to be involved with the Ripley County community.

Pictured L to R: Christopher (Nancy's Son), Nancy, Sarah (Nancy's Daughter), and Richard (Nancy's Husband).



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Calendar of Events



MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
-	-			- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1	2 Dog Volunteer Workshop
3 4:00 Pierceville Haypals Meeting 5:00 4-H Pioneers Meeting	4 6:45 Busy Bees Meeting 7:00 Country Kids Meeting	5 6:30 Ripley Wranglers Meeting	6	7 8:00 PARP No-Till Breakfast	8 5:00 Beef ID Day (must contact office)	9 9:00 Beef ID Day
10 2:00 Naopleon Country Club Meeting 2:00 Shooting Sports Meeting	11 7:00 Faithful Workers Meeting 7:00 Morris Shamrocks Meeting	12 6:30 Tractor Meeting	13	14	15 T-Shirt Designs Due!	16
17 1:00 Dream Seekers Meeting 1:00 Beef Workshop	18	19	20 6:00 Jr. Leader Meeting	21	22	23
24 31	25 7:30 Fair Board Meeting	26	27	28	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30

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



Club Meeting Resources:

Song: I'm Looking over a Four Leaf Clover

I'm looking over a four-leaf clover
That I overlooked before
One is for sunshine, the second is rain
Third are the roses that grow in the lane
No need explaining, the one remaining
Is somebody I adore
I'm looking over a four-leaf clover
That I overlooked before



Health & Safety Tip

<u>March is Living Well Month</u> Why?

Having a month dedicated to living well helps to encourage people to take steps toward living a healthier life style.

When?

All throughout March

During Living Well Month, what should I do?

We encourage you to take small steps to living a healthier life. Here are some small steps you can take to live well during March.

- Read at least 1 chapter of a book each week.
- Try getting some exercise each day, even a brisk walk counts!
- Make a budget for the month and stick to it.
- Try including fruits and vegetables in your diet more.
- Find opportunities to get outside and enjoy nature.

See page 17 for a calendar of things you can do each day of March to Live Well!

Food for Thought

Poem: I Wish You

I wish you a beautiful rainbow enough to make you happy I wish you lots of hope even when the days get foggy. I wish you lots of success in whatever you want to do, I wish you never have to face a day when you're blue. I wish you meet true love at least once in life, I wish that for friendship, you never have to strive. I wish so much for you, more than I can even say, I wish all the luck comes knocking on your doorway. I wish you Happy St. Patrick's Day



Summer Fun from the State 4-H Office



4-H ROUND-UP

Purdue University
June 24-26
Register by June 1

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.



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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





4-H ACADEMY

Purdue University
June 12-14, 2024
Registration Open March 15
to May 15

4-H Academy is a program held at Purdue
University which offers hands-on, exciting
opportunities to dive deep into a 4-H'ers 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.





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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





2024 T-Shirt

Every 4-H member has
the chance to design the
2024 4-H Fair shirt! The
4-Her with the winning
design will be awarded a
gift from the 4-H
Corporation Board and
will see their design on
the 2024 shirts!

Deadline



Designs must be turned into the Extension office by March 15th, 2024

Contact Info

If you have any questions, please contact the extension office.



812-689-6511

Guidelines

- Completed in black ink (regular pencil does not scan well) on white 8 ½ X 11 unlined paper
- Your original artwork! (Any potential copyright infringements cannot be considered)
- In some way state 100% completion of projects and represent Ripley County 4-H
- Must include the original copyrighted 4-H Logo
- Please put your name and shirt color choice on the back of your artwork!

Ripley County Community Foundation

Donate a gift to 4-H through the Ripley County Community Foundation. Our fund is the *Ripley County 4-H Corporation Fund #282*. Questions, about how to donate, please contact the community foundation by calling, 812-933-1098.

How to donate: **Online** at <u>rccfonline.org/donate/</u>

In-person at: 13 E George Street, Suite B
Batesville, IN 47006





Manuals, Project Books, & Record Sheets



Beginning this year, manuals, project books, and record sheets will need to be picked up from the extension office. Club leaders may compile a list of club members who need books and share this list with the office to schedule a pick up. However, the office will not be pulling books for every 4-H member because often times we must refile many books that people do not pick up. You may be thinking "I need my books!" What should you do? There are two options:

1. Come by the office between 8:00 and 4:00 on a weekday. If you're coming for books, consider letting us know a head of time and we can pull what you need before you get here. Our number is 812-689-6511.

2. Communicate with your club leader. Ask if there are other members in you club that may also need books. Club leaders can give us your names and we can compile a pick up for your club.

CPA Wanted

The Ripley County 4-H Corporation Board is in search of a CPA to conduct an audit and review of our accounts. If you or someone you know is interested in assisting with this, please contact the extension office at 812-689-6511.

Upcoming Ripley County 4-H Events

BEEF ID DAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024 9-11AM

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024 5-6PM

If you are planning on coming on Friday evening, please let the office know by calling 812-689-6511.



*Deadline to have animals enrolled on 4HOnline is May 15, 2024.



Ripley County Beef Workshops

Join us from 1:00-3:00 for a series of workshops for beef members All Sessions will be hosted at Clear Water Simmentals Sale Facility, 5512 East State Road 350 | Milan, IN 47031

Session 1 - March 17

Session 2 - April 14

Topics:

Halter Breaking

Feeding & Nutrition

Hair Care: Where to Begin

Topics:

Grooming 101: How to Prepare for a Show

Show Day Fitting

Showmanship

*Bring your animals, feed, and hay with you to practice skills and for discussion with leaders. Each 4-H member attending has the opportunity to have 1 hay sample and 1 feed sample analyzed at no cost.

Thanks to Laughery Valley Ag and Purina for providing the testing. Please direct questions to Beef Superintendent: Jeff Meinders 812-871-1313

















Extension - Indiana 4-H



INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE

To exhibit BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, POULTRY, and RABBITS, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training OR the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA).

- 1. This certification must be done an annual basis
- 2. Members must be registered **BEFORE** attending a training
- 3. Members may attend any training dates listed on this flyer **OR** a training in another county
 - OR complete the online YQCA training (Proof of YQCA completion must be submitted to the Extension Office by July 13!)

Training Dates

Training Locations

May 4, 2024 10:00am

June 22, 2024 1:00pm

July 13, 2024 10:00am

Homemakers Building at the Ripley County Fairgrounds

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please use https://v2.4honline.com.

Those planning to be certified through the YQCA program, will register at www.yqcaprogram.org and will present their completion certificate to their 4-H Educator.

If you need to request special accommodations, please contact the Extension office

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2024 Animal Dates

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Animal	ID Day	4-H Online Due	Check-In	Show	Release
Poultry	None	None	Saturday, July 20, 2024 2pm – 5pm	Sunday, July 21, 2024 3pm	Friday, July 26, 2024 8pm*
Beef Set-Up will be Friday, March 8 @ 5pm	Saturday, March 9, 2024 9am - 11am	May 15, 2024	Sunday, July 21, 2024 6am – 2pm	Wednesday, July 24, 2024 10am	Friday, July 26, 2024 8pm*
Dairy	None	May 15, 2024	Sunday, July 21, 2024 6am – 2pm	Monday, July 22, 2024 9am	Friday, July 26, 2024 8pm*
Dairy Feeder	Saturday, May 4, 2024 8am – 11am	May 15, 2024	Sunday, July 21, 2024 6am – 2pm	Monday, July 22, 2024 11am (or following Dairy)	Friday, July 26, 2024 8pm*
Goats	Saturday, May 4, 2024 8am – 11am	May 15, 2024	Sunday, July 21, 2024 6am – 2pm	Thursday, July 25, 2024 Dairy- 9am Meat- 1pm Pygmy- 5pm	Friday, July 26, 2024 8pm*
Llama & Alpaca	None	May 15, 2024	Sunday, July 21, 2024 6am – 2pm	Tuesday, July 23, 2024 9am	Friday, July 26, 2024 8pm*
Horse & Pony	None	May 15, 2024	Friday, July 19, 2024	See H&P Leaders	Friday, July 26, 2024 8pm*
Pocket Pets	None	May 15, 2024 (Form w/ Picture must be turned into Office.)	At Show	Saturday, July 13, 2024 2pm	After Show
Rabbit	All Rabbits: Saturday, May 4, 2024 8am – 11am Meat Pen Only: Friday, July 12, 2024 6:30 – 8:00 pm	May 15, 2024 (for adult rabbits)	Sunday, July 21, 2024 6am – 2pm	Wednesday, July 24, 2024 5pm	Friday, July 26, 2024 8pm*
Sheep	Saturday, May 4, 2024 8am – 11am	May 15, 2024	Sunday, July 21, 2024 6am – 2pm	Monday, July 22, 2024 6pm	Friday, July 26, 2024 8pm*
Swine	None	May 15, 2024	Sunday, July 21, 2024 6am – 2pm Barrow weigh in Tuesday, July 23, 2024 8am-10am	Tuesday, July 23, 2024 Gilt- 1pm Barrow- 5pm	Friday, July 26, 2024 8pm*
Cat	None	Bring Form to Show	At Show	Monday, July 22, 2024 3pm	After Show
Dog	None	Bring Form to Show	At Show	Saturday, June 16, 2024 2pm	After Show

Barn Set-Up will be Saturday, July 13, 2024 @ 8:00 AM

Clean Up will be Saturday, July 27, 2024 @ 8:00 AM





- RIPLEY COUNTY JUNIOR LEADERS -

Food Drive

FEBRUARY 1 to MAY 15

We will except all non perishable goods.

Drop off donations at your **4-H Club Meeting** or at the **Extension Office**.

A friendly competition between clubs:
The club with greatest weight in total donations will receive the **Golden Can Traveling Trophy** and a **pizza party**sponsored by the Junior Leaders!



PICKLES

Junior Leaders



Southeastern Indiana REMC

If you're a 4-H member and your electric provider is Southeastern Indiana REMC, be sure to visit www.seiremc.com/4h to get your 4-H enrollment fee reimbursed!



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



Handbook Updates

There have been some date changes and revisions to our 2024 Ripley County Handbook. As a reminder our handbook can be found on your Ripley County Purdue Extension website at https://extension.purdue.edu/county/ripley/4h-ripley-county.html or paper copies are available at the Extension Office,



Ripley County Purdue Extension website

- Mini 4-H Day June 22nd (previously June 15th)
- Tractor Practice June 22nd at 9AM (previously June 15th)
- Indiana Quality Livestock Care class June 22th at 1PM (previously June 15th)
- **Dog Show** June 16th at 2PM (previously June 15th)
- **Grievance policy** The Grievance Policy has been updated to reflect the Indiana State 4-H Policies and Procedures Section 4.12.



2024 TRACTOR SCHEDULE

MARCH 12, 2024 @ 6:30PM

Tanner Volz Uncle's (6694 S Co. RD 480 E, Greensburg)

APRIL 2, 2024 @ 6:30PM Location TBD

JUNE 22, 2024 @ 9:00AM

Practice - Ripley County Fairgrounds *Bring tractor book

JUNE 29, 2024, Registration @ 7:30AM County Tractor Contest - Ripley County Fairgrounds

*Turn in tractor book

JULY 27, 2024 @ 7:00AM

Area Tractor Contest - Decatur County Fairgrounds

Contact the
Extention Office
at 812-689-6511
or a Tractor
Leader with
questions.







Extension - 4-H Youth Development



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RIPLEY WRANGLERS 2024 CLUB CALENDAR

Updates will be added throughout the year to our calendar.

Watch Facebook, Remind and come to meetings to get the latest info!

<u>February 6, 2024</u> - CLUB MEETING: Extension Office Bring Banner and Barrel Idea <u>Demonstrations</u>: Shelley Hoffrogge, Tinley & Teagan Enneking, Ashtyn Peelman and Hank Dickman

March 5, 2024- CLUB MEETING: Extension Office Bring Banner and Barrel Ideas to be VOTED on! Helmet Presentation by IU Health *Demonstrations*: Rylee Mitchell, Mackenzie Sparks, Adalyn Placke, Savannah Siebert and Ava Werner

April 2, 2024- CLUB MEETING Vaccine Clinic: Dr. Kelli Cobler Fair Showbill and Show Clinic Updates Demonstrations:

May 7, 2024 - CLUB MEETING Work Detail, Stall Clean Up, 1st of 3 Safety Meetings,

Demonstrations: Hadley Carfield

May 8, 2024- 6-8 pm Open Ride/Clinic (To Be Announced)

May 11-12, 2024- Ripley Wrangler's Spring Show Clinic and Sleepover. Clinic will begin on May 11th at 10am with 4-Hers and horses ready in the arena. Please bring your lunch with you. Horses go home after Clinic is finished (around 3:30pm) Dinner in the Horse Barn will be served at 5:30pm with a Parent/Leader Meeting at 6:30pm. 4-Hers will stay at the barn during the meeting with Leaders. Sleepover begins after the Parent/Leader Meeting. Sleepover Pick up will be at 9am, Sunday May 12th.

May 19, 2024- 6-8 pm Open Ride/Clinic (To Be Announced)

<u>June 4, 2024</u> - CLUB MEETING 2nd of 3 Safety Meetings, Area 1 4-H Prep Completed Fair Showbill, Stall Reservations and Stall Fees are DUE Today! *Demonstations*:

June 6, 2024- 6-8 pm Open Ride/Clinic (To Be Announced)

June 8-9, 2024- Area-1 Horse and Pony Show @ Ripley County Fairgrounds.

Our club is NOT in charge of this Show, however we encouraged you to attend to prep for Fair! <u>June 17, 2024</u> 6-8 pm **Open Ride/Clinic** (To Be Announced)

<u>July 2, 2024</u>- CLUB MEETING Pre-Fair Meeting: ENCOURAGED to ATTEND! Stall Reservations, Stall Fees AND Completed Class Entries DUE! Last of 3 Safety Meetings, Fair Week Prep and Job Duty Sign Up. *Demonstrations*:

July 14, 2024- 6-8 pm Open Ride/Clinic (To Be Announced)

<u>July 19,2024</u>- 6-8pm Move into the Osgood Fairgrounds with your Horse/Pony. Need to bring your horse to the Booth before putting it in the assigned stall. Bring your paperwork to turn in. (Vaccine Paperwork, High Point Sheet, Trail Riding Hours Sheet, Sponsors, Class Changes and Horseless Horse Project (if applicable)

July 20, 2024- 1pm English and Trail Show

July 21, 2024- 10am Western Show

July 22, 2024- 6pm Mini 4-H, Versatility and Driving Show

July 23, 2024- 6pm Contesting

July 24, 2024 - 6pm Freestyle Show

July 25, 2024- 6pm Fun Show

<u>July 26, 2024</u> 6:30pm Family Pitch In Dinner and Awards Banquet. Horses/Ponies will be dismissed from the Fairgrounds following the Banquet

Feel free to reach out with any questions to the Club Superintendents/Leaders:

Monica Hansen (812)756.0200 and Greg Bonfer (812)621.1015.

Ripley County Shooting Sports

Gun & Archery 2023-24

Date	Location	Time	
Mar. 10, 2024	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
Apr. 14, 2024	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
May 12, 2024	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
Jun. 2, 2024	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns

Contest and Family Fun Day: July 13th, 2024 Time: Noon-4pm @ Coon Hunters Lodge

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4-H Volunteer Opportunities

Ripley County 4-H is always welcoming new volunteers! If you have any question or are interested in starting the process of becoming a new volunteer, please contact the Extension Office. The 4-H program would not be such a success without the help of all our wonderful 4-H volunteers!





INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?



Checks your internet speed



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Validates it on the FCC website





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Share what they've done with others



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











*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.

Let Purdue Extension Help You "Get Walkin'"

Winter is upon us but spring will soon be here and that means nicer weather with more time spent outdoors. Why not take this opportunity to start walking and moving more? Walking is a popular form of physical activity—and good for your health! Only half of all American adults get the recommended amount of physical activity. Lack of physical activity is directly related to the occurrence of adult obesity and being overweight. Regular physical activity can lower the risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis, depression, and falls in older adults. Walking is an excellent way for most people to increase their physical activity. It is an easy way to start and maintain a physically active lifestyle. Walking is accessible to almost anyone and doesn't require specific skills or fancy workout clothes and equipment.

Need some motivation to get started but don't have time to attend a class? Get WalkIN' is an e-mail based walking program being offered through Purdue Extension in Ripley County. Participants can sign up, walk on their own, and receive e-mailed support and information. Participants will be asked to complete two short online surveys. Any resident of the county who is aged 18 years and older may enroll. If you are interested in participating or want more information contact Baylee Dwenger (4-H & HHS Educator) by email bdwenger@purdue.edu or by phone at 812-689-6511.

DETAILS

You will receive a total of 16 emails - 2 per week for the first month and 1 per week for the next 8 weeks

To sign up: Fill out this 3 questions sign up form https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_OUPBo6vulqgebaK (

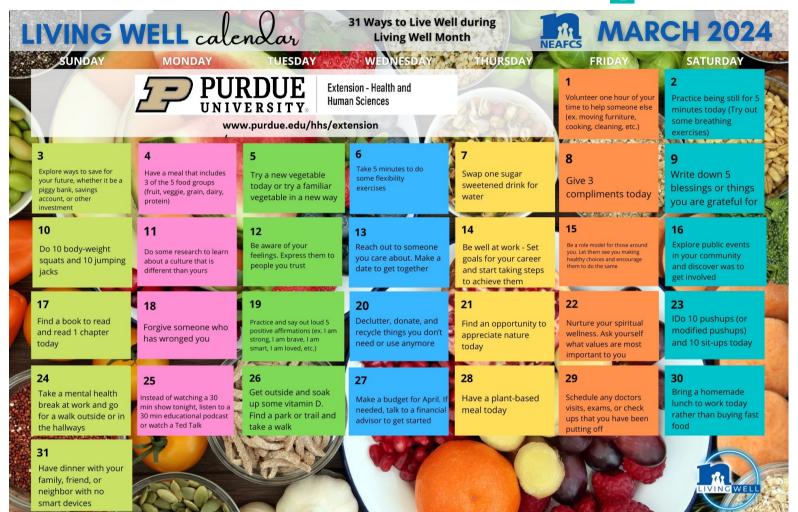
Register By: March 10, 2024

Program Start Date: March 11, 2024



Living Well Month

March is Living Well Month and Purdue Extension is encouraging people to take small steps each day to live a better life. Please see the below calendar with suggestions on things to do each day to improve your health and move towards living well.



Ripley County ANR Newsletter







Annual No-Till Breakfast Pesticide Recertification Program Hopewell Baptist Church

2319 North Co Rd 850 West Holton, IN 47023

Thursday, March 7, 2024 8-12 Noon

Topics 8:00 Breakfast

9:00 - 12:00

Agency Updates

David Fischer - Fischer Farms - Ryegrass and Silage Rotation, Direct Marketing and how to capitalize on climate/carbon markets

Dave Osborne - Purdue Extension - PARP Topic and Rule Changes for Applications

RSVP TO:

Kim Jolly - Ripley County SWCD (812) 689-6410 ext 3

Questions to: David Osborne - 812-689-6511

Private Applicators wishing to receive recertification credit must bring their PA number to the meeting. Fee is sponsored by Indiana Corn and Soybean Checkoff.







