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## A Time of Rest is Coming!



The changing of the seasons is always a welcome thing for me. Although moving from fall to winter is my LEAST favorite, each season brings something new and fresh. While my family is in full harvest mode on our farm a few counties away, for many of us, fall brings a sense of rest as we gather for Friday night football games, the last of the evening bonfires, hayrides, and corn mazes. I just love how the crispy air of fall begins to put things to bed for the year like gardens, flower beds, and even swing sets and trampolines. A cozy season of rest is coming, and I hope you can enjoy it to its fullest. Enjoy all the sentiments of fall as you reminisce about the amazing summer you had and say farewell to the warm season.

This year, as you head into cozy time at home, I encourage you to begin thinking about how your 4-H year will look as we transition the fair to June....1st--make sure you re-enroll in 4-H at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com), and 2nd--begin considering when it makes sense for you and your family to begin working on projects and securing animals. With everything moving by one month, a few things will be due just as school is ending in May. Will your fall break, Christmas break, or Spring break look a little different this year? Just start thinking about it so that you aren't caught off guard later!



Tami 

## A look ahead at important dates:

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| <b>October 1</b> —4-H Enrollment Opens   | <b>November 27</b> —Get Your Happy On! Series Begins                       |
| <b>October 1</b> —4-H Rule Change Suggestions Due                                  | <b>December 20</b> —Sweet Treats Holiday Candy Workshop                    |
| <b>October 4</b> —State & Area PCARET Meeting                                      | <b>December 25-26</b> —Extension Office closed for Christmas Holiday       |
| <b>October 4-15</b> —Fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign; donate \$1+ at the register   | <b>January 1</b> —Extension Office closed for New Year's Holiday           |
| <b>October 9</b> —Extension Office closed for Columbus Day                         | <b>January 9</b> —Purdue CARET Legislative Luncheon, Indianapolis          |
| <b>October 16</b> —First Reading of Suggested Rule Changes                         | <b>January 15</b> —Extension Office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| <b>October 21</b> —Indiana 4-H Leadership Summit                                   | <b>January 22</b> —Extension Board Meeting                                 |
| <b>October 23</b> —Extension Board Annual Meeting, Extension Kitchen               | <b>January 23</b> —Barn Quilt Creation Series Begins                       |
| <b>October 28</b> —Indiana 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest, Purdue University | <b>January 24</b> —"Biology is a Hoot!" Workshop                           |
| <b>October 28</b> —Indiana 4-H Kitchen Skill-a-thon Contest, Purdue University     | <b>February 1</b> —4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due                     |
| <b>November 9</b> —State Purdue CARET Conference, West Lafayette                   | <b>February 14</b> —Canvas Painting Workshop                               |
| <b>November 13</b> —Second Reading and Vote on Suggested Rule Changes              | <b>February 21</b> —4-H Youth Development Expansion and Review Luncheon    |
| <b>November 23-24</b> —Extension Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday            | <b>June 21-27, 2024</b> —2024 Steuben County 4-H Fair                      |
| <b>November 24-28</b> —National 4-H Congress                                       |  |



## Club, Committee, and Board Happenings



**4-H Bit and Bridle**—The next meeting will be on November 6 at 7 pm in the Community Center.

**4-H Explorers**—The club will not meet again until January.

**Flint Arrows**—Good news! We have a potential new leader for you! We're working through the screening process and will let you know when they are an approved volunteer!

**Fremont Ready Willing and Able**—The club will not meet again until January.

**Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers**—If you know an individual who would make a great 4-H club leader, please contact Tami! The club will not meet again until a leader is secured.

**Lucky Ducks**—The next club meeting will be November 7 at 6:30 pm in the Community Center's Board Room.

**Orland Creative Kids**—Great news! Jennifer Holden is planning to lead your club in 2024! We have another volunteer application in process, and as soon as we wrap that up, we'll share more about your other leader.

**Otsego Go-Getters**—The club will meet again in January.

**The Conquerors**—The club will meet again in January.

**Tiny Clovers Mini 4-H**—The club will not meet again until next year, likely in January.

**Jr. Leaders**—Thanks for all of your help at the fair! We made \$1480 by working shifts in the Pork Stand which will be a huge help this winter when we go Christmas shopping! Ava and Tami are meeting in early October to set the 2023-2024 schedule. Stay tuned for info that will come via email!

**4-H Fair Board**—The next meeting will be October 16th at 7 pm in the Board Room. This will include the first reading of rule changes.

**Programs and Publicity Committee**—We will meet on October 16th at 6 pm in the Board Room. Please join us if you would like to help plan the 2024 4-H Fair!

**Awards Committee**—Please plan to meet November 13th at 6 pm in the Board Room.

### Newsletter Deadline

Please submit information you would like placed in the next newsletter by the 20th of the month.

### This is Us

Steuben County 4-H is committed to creating a diverse, equitable, and accessible environment for all members, past, present, and future.

### Special Accommodations

If you are in need of special accommodations for any and all 4-H or Purdue Extension programs and events, please call the Extension Office to give reasonable notices of the accommodations needed.



**HAPPY FALL,  
Y'ALL!**

	<b>DECEMBER 20</b> SWEET TREATS: HOLIDAY CANDY MAKING WORKSHOP Cost: \$5.00-\$10.00 payable via cash, check, or Venmo   Register: <a href="https://bit.ly/sweettreats23">https://bit.ly/sweettreats23</a>
	<b>JANUARY 24</b> BIOLOGY IS A HOOT: OWL PELLET DISSECTION AND NATURE SCIENCE Cost: TBD   Register: <a href="https://bit.ly/biologysteam">https://bit.ly/biologysteam</a>
	<b>FEBRUARY 14</b>  CANVAS PAINTING WORKSHOP A great date night for parents/guardians! Cost: TBD   Register: <a href="https://bit.ly/canvassteam24">https://bit.ly/canvassteam24</a>
	<b>MARCH 4</b> CIRCUITRY: LEARNING ABOUT ELECTRICITY AND WIRING Cost: TBD   Register: <a href="https://bit.ly/electric24">https://bit.ly/electric24</a>
	<b>APRIL 16</b> WOODWORKING WORKSHOP Cost: likely \$10   Register: <a href="https://bit.ly/woodworkingsteam24">https://bit.ly/woodworkingsteam24</a>
	<b>MAY ?</b> FIRST AID 101: LEARNING FROM MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS Cost: TBD   Register: <a href="https://bit.ly/firstaidsteam">https://bit.ly/firstaidsteam</a>

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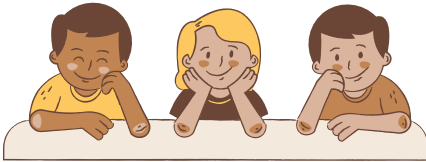
# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2023-2024 4-H Enrollment Opens!	2	3	4 6:30pm Purdue CARET, Whitley County Fairgrounds	5	6	7
8	9 Extension Office Closed for Columbus Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Programs/ Publicity, 6 pm, Board Room 4-H Fair Board, 7 pm Board Room	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 4:30-6pm Extension Board Annual Meeting, Extension Kitchen	24	25	26	27	28 Consumer Decision Making CDE, Kitchen Skillathon CDE, Purdue University
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## Before You Meet with Youth...

or make decisions on behalf of 4-H, you really need to be an approved 4-H volunteer! Although you may have been an approved volunteer in 2022-2023, with the opening of 2023-2024 enrollment, we need all volunteers to re-enroll ASAP. This is both for your protection and the protection of the young people in which you work. This re-enrollment, which includes watching the training videos, also enacts your insurance coverage which will be helpful if you get hurt or injured in your volunteer role.



## Green Record Books

Green record books and graded record sheets will be returned to you upon enrollment for the 2023-2024 program year. If upperclassmen need them for scholarships, feel free to ask! Otherwise, plan on receiving all of your old materials after enrollment. Enrollment is open at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com).

## 2023 4-H Fair Photos

Although the photos are not up yet, once they are you can view the 2023 4-H Fair photos by visiting [choicephotography.webmate.me/gallery](http://choicephotography.webmate.me/gallery). Choose 2023 Steuben County 4-H Fair. Password: [steuben4h2023](http://steuben4h2023)

## Cash those checks!

Please be sure to make your way to the bank soon so that we can wrap up all-things-auction soon. And...don't forget to send those thank you notes! Even you feel like it's late to send them, send them anyway!

## Indiana 4-H Scholarships

Youth in grades 10-12 can apply for Indiana 4-H scholarships which are due January 25th. Consider working on them now before we get too close to the holidays! <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/getinvolved/scholarships.html>

## Contests on Campus

4-H is offering two new opportunities for youth interested in consumerism and the kitchen.

**Grades 9-12:** During the Consumer Decision Making Contest, youth will judge four classes of products (backpacks, fast food, sunglasses, and online subscriptions) and rank the items in the class 1-4. They will then give reasons on two of those classes to articulate why they chose one backpack over another, for example. This contest not only exposes youth to smart shopping, but it also works to improve their communication skills as they embrace the courage to share their thoughts.

**Grades 6-8:** In it's initial pilot phase, Indiana 4-H is also hosting a Kitchen Skill-a-thon contest for youth in grades 6-8. The contest will consist of four identification stations including small appliances, kitchen equipment/tools, herbs/spices, and kitchen hazards/safety; a written test and a skills demonstration. For the Skills Demonstration, participants can practice, and receive feedback from a judge, on an assigned kitchen/cooking type skill (measuring dry/wet ingredients, knife selection, table setting, etc.). All materials will be provided.

Both contests will take place on October 28th at Purdue University. If you know an interested young person, or if you want to help "coach" a team through some smart shopping, please reach out to Tami at [mosier@purdue.edu](mailto:mosier@purdue.edu) or 260-668-1000 Ext. 1400. Study guides and resources are provided. Tami would love to take a whole load of youth to West Lafayette!

**JUNE**

*Save the Dates*

**21-27**

**2024 STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H FAIR**

## 2023 Friend of 4-H

We are so excited to share that Rodney Snyder was named the 2023 Friend of 4-H! We are ever grateful for his many years of volunteer service, medical assistance, and chipper demeanor!

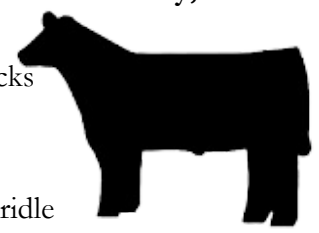


## Showmanship Advancements

Congratulations to our members who advanced out the species Senior/Champion of Champions Showmanship Contest to participate in the Supreme Showmanship Contest at the county fair:

### Large Animals

- Finished Calves: Lexi Schworm, Otsego Go-Getters
- Feeder Calves: Olivia Boots, Flint Arrows
- Dairy: Cade Bachelor, Orland Creative Kids
- Dairy Goats: Tysen Wieble, Lucky Ducks
- Meat Goats: Harlee Wise, Fremont RW&A
- Horse and Pony: Piper Hasselman, Bit and Bridle
- Sheep: Jacob Crites, Orland Creative Kids
- Started Calf and 2023 Winner!: Harlee Henney, Otsego Go-Getters**
- Swine: Jalynn Quaderer, Lucky Ducks



### Small Animals

- Cat: Karson Shrewsburg, Bit and Bridle
- Dog: Zoey Barnes, Bit and Bridle
- Poultry—Chicken/Turkey and 2023 Winner!: Ava Budak, Otsego Go-Getters**
- Poultry—Waterfowl: Elizabeth Curey, Fremont RW&A
- Rabbit: Jessica Thrush, Otsego Go-Getters



Harlee Henney, the Large Animal Supreme Showmanship Winner, was invited to attend a nine-county Premier Showmanship Contest at the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair, and Harlee won the Beef division!

## 2023 4-H Achievement Winner

Congratulations to Isabella Budak for earning the title of Steuben County 4-H Achievement Winner! Isabella was a 10-year member who was most involved in the Otsego-Go-Getters 4-H Club, served as a club officer and Jr. Leader, and has mentored many younger 4-H members. Congratulations, Isabella, and best wishes at Purdue University!



## No Changes to Animal ID

Indiana 4-H announced in mid-September that there would be no changes to animal ID in 2024. So, plan on the same tags, tattoos, registrations papers, etc, in the coming year. As ID days become available, we will share those dates, but as a rule of thumb, plan on the following:

- Fat Cattle in March
- Small Calves in April
- Sheep & Goats in early May
- Self-tagging for Swine
- Supers/Volunteers to help tattoo Rabbits, as needed



## Help Needed!

While many volunteers stay with us for years, when a volunteer signs on, they are only making a one year commitment that can be renewed or declined each year. Some volunteers don't even volunteer for a year...they volunteer in an "episodic" role where they help with a one-time project or a few weeks max. The volunteer year aligns with the youth program year, so each fall/winter, we ask volunteers to re-enroll in 4-H. If you haven't given 4-H volunteerism a try, consider these opportunities below. If after a year (or your episodic experience), you decide the role isn't for you, that's okay!

### Club Leader Vacancies

- Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers

### Project Vacancies

- Air Rifle, training held in April or September
- Arts and Crafts Co-Superintendent
- Crops
- Genealogy
- Geology
- Vet Science
- Video Gaming and Computer Coding
- Woodworking



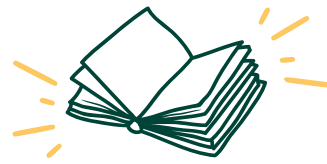
## National 4-H Conference Applications Due 12/1

Youth in grades 10, 11 or 12 can apply to be part of the Indiana delegation for National 4-H Conference hosted in Washington, D.C., April 19-24, 2024. National 4-H Conference is the annual premier national civic engagement opportunity for 4-H members across the country. Delegates will not only learn while at the conference, but will have the opportunity to practice and apply in a real world setting their newly developed and refined skills. Delegates choose an important societal topic and in round table groups prepare a briefing. During the conference, groups present their briefing to federal officials. Applications are due December 1 and must be uploaded through 4HOnline. Members must be in active status to submit their application. Visit: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/national-programs/national-4-h-conference.html> for more info. 2024 applications aren't there yet, but you can still learn about the trip!

## 2023-2024 Rule Changes

Suggested rule changes will be published in the November newsletter. The first reading will take place at the October 16th Fair Board meeting to check for clarity. Voting for approval or disapproval of the suggestions will take place on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7 pm as a part of the regular business meeting of the 4-H Fair Board. All those who submitted a rule change, or a like minded representative, must be present for the rule change to be considered.

4-H Fair Board meetings are open to the public, and we encourage you to attend if you have thoughts or opinions on the rule changes.



## 2023-2024 4-H FAIR BOOK UPDATES

### 4-H Fair Board Members

The local 4-H program is governed by a local board, and the members below serve as the directors and officers who provide the order and structure of our program. In Steuben County, we have a 22 member board—5 representatives, Past President (currently vacant), the 4-H Educator, and 15 elected members. We invite you to reach out to them as needs arise! Each member is listed below with the year in which their term ends. Interested in filling an empty seat? Contact Tami.

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| • Rick Shipe, County Council Rep.                   | • Tyson Knox, 2024                  |
| • Ken Shelton, County Commissioner Rep.             | • Brian Werner, 2024                |
| • Melissa Budak, 4-H Club Leader/Project Super Rep. | • Vacant Seat, 2024                 |
| • Anna Creager, 4-H Club Leader/Project Super Rep.  | • Stacy Bachelor, 2025              |
| • Scott Swartz, County Park Super                   | • Joanna Claudy, Treasurer, 2025    |
| • Tami Mosier, 4-H Educator                         | • Gary Shough, President, 2025      |
| • Vacant Seat, Past President                       | • Sara Smith, Secretary, 2025       |
| • Amanda Cline, 2024                                | • John Wagner, Vice President, 2025 |
| • Melissa Henney, 2024                              | • Mike Beard, 2026                  |
|   | • Lindsay Clark, 2026               |
|   | • Kyle Stockwell, 2026              |
|   | • Jena Stuckey, 2026                |
|   | • Melissa Springar, 2026            |

**4-H Motto:** To make the best better.

**4-H Slogan:** Learning by doing.


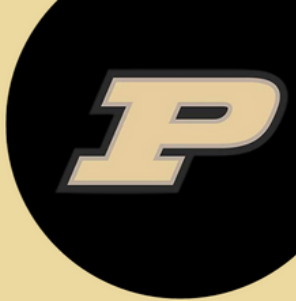
**Indiana 4-H Mission:** To provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.

**Indiana 4-H Vision:** Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.

4-H is America's largest youth development organization—empowering nearly six million young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime. In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us.

## Things to Sign Up For:

- **Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer** - anytime in October or November! See page 8 for more details.
- **Indiana 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest (grades 9-12) or the Indiana 4-H Kitchen Skill-a-thon Contest (grades 6-8)** - October 28th at Purdue University . Check out the details on page 4!
- **Get Your Happy On! series** to be hosted November 27, December 4, 11, and 18, 4-5:30 pm at the YMCA. Tami will be hosting this 4-session series to promote Happy Thoughts, Happy Bodies, Happy Art, and Actions for Kindness. The supply cost is \$10 per person (only \$5 for Y Members). Registration link coming soon! Sign up by November 17th.
- **Sweet Treats: Holiday Candy Making Workshop** - hosted December 20th in the Extension Kitchen, join others in whipping up sugary treats for the holidays! Registration is open at <https://bit.ly/sweettreats23> and will close no later than December 13th. The cost will be \$5.00-\$10.00 payable via cash, check, or Venmo as soon as the facilitator returns from maternity leave. :)
- **Barn Quilt Creation Workshop series** - Youth will get to claim the first seats, but adults are invited, too! Create your own colorful, geometric 2' x 2' piece to hang on a barn, a home, or a business. Boards, primer, tape, brushes, and up to 4 paint colors will be available for participants. Register on/before January 1. Price to come soon! Classes will be held January 23 and 30, and February 6 and 13, beginning at 5:30 pm.

You're Invited!

Monday, October 23, 2023

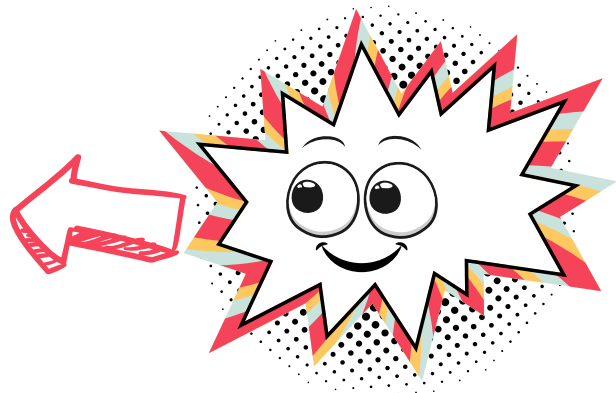
🕒 4:30-6 PM

📍 Extension Kitchen, 317 S. Wayne St, Angola

📖 Discover what your Extension Educators do!

👉 Make a charcuterie board, a blender bike smoothie, and a bird seed wreath with us!

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## INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A BROADBAND INFLUENCER

**What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?**

- Checks your internet speed  
[pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest](http://pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest)
- Validates it on the FCC website  
[broadbandmap.fcc.gov](http://broadbandmap.fcc.gov)
- 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.

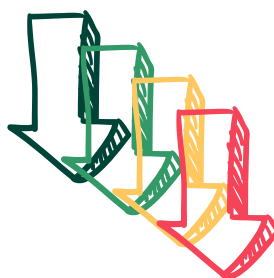
**I have more questions!**

For more information contact your county extension 4-H educator OR email: [state4hleader@purdue.edu](mailto:state4hleader@purdue.edu)

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY** Extension - 4-H Youth Development

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.

## 2023-2024 INDIANA 4-H ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!



SCAN THIS!



## TOP 10

Steuben County 4-H Projects, by enrollment, 2022-2023

