



Special points of interest:

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Changes for 2024

We'll try to share the 2024 changes frequently and in different formats. We don't love change, but sometimes change is necessary and sensible. Here are a few bigger changes for 2024:

- No veterinary services will be provided at ID days. It is extremely important that you create a Veterinary-Client-Patient Relationship with the vet of your choice for proper animal care. Don't wait to make the call to a local vet! All veterinary services must be completed by ID day!
- All small calves, now collectively called Feeder Calves (600 lbs. or less on June 21), will show the morning of Monday, June 24 (in the historical Started Calf time slot).
- Meat Goats and Pygmy Goats are going to show the evening of Monday, June 24 in tandem with the Sheep Show. We don't know if Sheep or Meat/Pygmy Goats will go first yet, but they will be on the same day with the same judge.
- Youth will only sell one animal through the 4-H Auction OR they may participate in "Back a 4-Her" which encompasses all static (non-living, non-moving projects).
- Market/Consignment trucks will likely not be available for animals. Rather, please plan to take all animals back home after the fair.

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A look ahead at important dates:

February (all month)—"We Go Together Like Peanut Butter and Jelly" Food Drive by the Steuben County 4-H Jr. Leaders

February 1—4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due

February 1—4-H Club Financial Reports Due

February 10—Beekeeping for Beginners Begins

February 12—Quality Livestock Care Certification Class, Extension Office

February 14—Canvas Painting Workshop

February 19—Extension Office Closed

February 19—Quality Livestock Care Certification Class, Angola Library + Record Sheet Replacement Workshop!

February 19—SafeSitter Course

February 21—4-H Youth Development Expansion and Review Luncheon

February 21—Young Ladies in Ag Forum

February 29—4-H Poultry Workshop

March 4—Electric STEAM Workshop

March 7—Quality Livestock Care Certification Class, Extension Office

March 9—Indiana 4-H STEM Showcase, Indiana State Museum

March 12—4-H Camp Counselor Training

March 13-17—Ignite by 4-H Summit, Washington, D.C.

March 25-29—Spring Break for MSD, Fremont, and Hamilton

March 29-April 5—Spring Break for Prairie Heights

April 1, 8, 15, 22—Chef University, 4-5:30 pm, Extension Kitchen (register through the YMCA)

April 4—Quality Livestock Care Certification Class, Extension Office

April 6—Consumer Decision Making CDE and Kitchen Skillathon, Purdue University

April 10—4-H in Alaska Presentation, Fremont Library (3:30 and 5:30 pm sessions)

April 12—4-H Camp Counselor Training

April 14—Beef and Dairy Steer ID, 1-3 pm

April 14—Horse and Pony Spring Clinic

April 15—Trip Applications Due (grades 7-12)

April 15—4-H Fundraiser Packets and Sponsorship Due

April 16—Woodworking Workshop

April 21—H&P Vaccination Clinic, 1-3 pm

April 22—Extension Board Meeting

April 24—Purdue Day of Giving

April 29—Purdue CARET Meeting

May 1—4-H Camp Registrations Due (grades 3-6)

May 4—State Drone Competition

May 5—Feeder Calf ID, 1-3 pm

May 5—Sheep/Goat ID, 2-4 pm

May 15—Animal ID Due in 4HOnline

May 31—4-H Record Sheets Due

June 4—Add/Drop Due; FairEntry Due; QLC/YQCA Due

June 5-7—4-H Camp, Epworth Forest

June 12-14—4-H Academy @ Purdue

June 21-27—2024 Steuben County 4-H Fair

June 24-26—4-H Roundup, Purdue

August 2-18—Indiana State Fair (closed Mondays)





Club, Committee, and Board Happenings

Feel free to test drive any club at any time! If your friends are part of a different club or if you are interested in testing out another one, please do! We want you to find the club that feels like a good fit for you! Each club is unique in their amount of education, service, and social events. Not sure where to start? Call Tami at the Extension Office for some guidance on what each club does and how big/small they are.

4-H Bit and Bridle—The club will meet February 5th at 7 pm in the Community Center. Subsequent meetings will be 3/4 and 4/8 with May and June workouts. Text @steubenhpc to 81010 to get Remind notifications.

4-H Explorers—The club will meet February 13th, 1:30-3 pm, in the Community Center, making Valentine's. Subsequent meetings will be 3/19, 4/9, 5/14, and 6/11.

Flint Arrows—The club will meet February 4th at 1 pm at the Salem Center Volunteer Fire Station. Subsequent meetings will be 3/3, 4/14, 5/5, and 6/9.

Fremont Ready Willing and Able—The club will meet February 25th at 4 pm at the Perry's Home (315 E. Feather Valley Rd.). We will not meet in March. Subsequent meetings will be 4/14, 5/19, and 6/2.

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 February 6th at 6:30 pm in the Community Center's Board Room in which we'll be making bird seed wreaths and learning from Purdue Extension's Reba Wicker. Subsequent meetings will be 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, and 6/4.

Orland Creative Kids—The club will meet February 4th at 4 pm at the Orland Community Center. We're using the Remind app to communicate. Please text @4689h82 to the number 81010 to begin receiving messages from us. Subsequent meetings will be 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, and 6/2.

Otsego Go-Getters—The club will meet February 11th at 4pm at Stoy Farms. Subsequent meetings will be 3/17, 4/21, 5/19, 6/16, and potluck during the fair.

The Conquerors—The club will meet February 11th at 3:30 pm at the Heifner's Home (507 Fox Lake Rd.). Subsequent meetings will be 3/10, 4/14, 5/19, and 6/9.

Tiny Clovers Mini 4-H—The club will meet February 27th at 5:30 pm in the Community Center. Come meet other Mini 4-H families! Subsequent meetings will be 3/19, 4/23, and 5/28.

Jr. Leaders—Plan to meet on Thursday, February 15th at 6:30 pm in the Extension Kitchen for a Brownie Bakeoff Challenge! Bring your t-shirt ideas! In March, we will meet on Tuesday, March 19th, 6:30-8pm for a "Get Your Happy On" activity.

4-H Fair Board—The next meeting will be February 12th at 7 pm in the Board Room.

Pork Stand Committee—Please plan to meet February 5th at 5 pm in the Kitchen.

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.





WE'RE GLAD YOU CHOSE TO JOIN!

Weather Cancellation

Historically, we have followed the schools in regards to cancellation. If one school cancelled, we cancelled. However, with schools offering e-learning days, we think they are quicker to cancel. We certainly care about your safety but want to be mindful that sometimes the fog fades and the snow is cleared by evening. We now use cautious discretion and/or consult with the Sheriff's Department regarding cancellation of Steuben County 4-H programs, activities, events, and meetings.

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid gray; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H </p> <p><i>Enrollment is always open at v2.4honline.com</i></p> </div>				1 Camp Counselor Applications Due Club Financial Reports Due	2	3
				4 Flint Arrows 1 pm, Salem Center Fire Dept Orland Creative Kids 4 pm, Orland Comm. Center	5 H&P Youth Meeting 7 pm	6 Barn Quilt Creation Workshop 5:30-7 pm, Kitchen Lucky Ducks 6:30 pm, Board Room
11 Conquerors 3:30 pm, Heifner's	12 QLC 5:30 pm, Pillar Room 4-H Fair Board 7 pm, Board Room	13 4-H Explorers 1:30 pm, Community Center Barn Quilt Creation Workshop 5:30-7 pm, Kitchen	14 Canvas Painting Workshop 6-8 pm, pre-registration required	15 Jr. Leaders 6:30-8pm, Extension Kitchen for Brownie Bakeoff	16	17 Beekeeping for Beginners 9am-Noon, Commons Hall
18 Otsego Go-Getters 4 pm, Stoy Farms	19 Extension Office Closed Safesitter Course, 9 am-3:30 pm, CMCH QLC 10 am, Angola Library All Specie Workshop 12 pm, Angola Library	20 Barn Quilt Creation Workshop 5:30-7 pm, Kitchen	21 H&P Council Meeting 6 pm Young Ladies in Ag Forum, Grand Wayne Center	22	23	24 Beekeeping for Beginners 9am-Noon, Commons Hall State Ag Equipment Diagnostic Workshop
25 Fremont RW&A 4 pm, Perry's	26	27 Tiny Clovers Mini 4-H 5:30-7 pm, Community Center	28	29 Poultry Workshop, Extension Office, 6 pm	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p>I  4-H</p> </div>	

"We go together like peanut butter and jelly."



PB & J DRIVE

Steuben County 4-H is collecting kid staples-peanut butter and jelly~to donate to the food bank, now thru February 29th. Share the love in our local community by dropping off at the Extension Office.



2024 MINI 4-H MEETINGS

SAVE THE DATES

January 23 ~ February 27 ~ March 19 ~ April 23 ~ May 28
5:30-7 PM, Steuben Community Center
317 S. Wayne St., Angola, Indiana




Annual Sponsorship Drive Happening NOW!

Each year the 4-H Fair Board seeks donors to help support the annual 4-H Fair. These donor funds help with expenses of both the large and the small items. From zip ties, trash bags, and hand soap in the restrooms to the big things like the Mid-States and IPRA Rodeo and musicians, these funds make it all happen. Sponsorship doesn't just come from businesses, we have grandparents, parents, and alum who also donate. Consider partnering with the 4-H Fair Board this year!



2024 STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H FAIR SPONSORSHIP – DUE APRIL 15

- \$1000 Sponsor of the Day _____ (preferred day, 1st and 2nd choices)
Newspaper recognition, outdoor banner space, fair schedule logo space, included in our daily newspaper ad and daily gate passes on your given sponsorship day, radio promotion, billboard logo space, booth space in our climate-controlled building
- \$500 Diamond
Newspaper recognition, outdoor banner space, fair schedule logo space
- \$250 Emerald
Newspaper recognition, outdoor banner space
- \$100 Platinum \$50 Silver
- \$75 Gold \$25 Bronze } *Newspaper recognition*



Checks should be made payable to: Steuben County 4-H Fair Board, 317 S. Wayne St., Ste. 1A, Angola, IN 46703

When you choose to sponsor, unless you tell us otherwise, we will advertise with the name and address on the mailing label we used to send this to you.

Record Sheet Replacement

Workshops

Beekeeping: One or all of the “Beekeeping for Beginners” classes, February 10, 17, and 24, Angola Parks Commons Hall, RSVP at bit.ly/BeginnerBees2024

Poultry: State 4-H Workshop, February 17, 10 am-1 pm, Bartholomew County Fairgrounds

Any Specie (choose ONE to replace): February 19, 12-1 pm, Angola Library (basement), “Market Animals and Mammary Systems,” no RSVP needed, will follow the QLC certification class. Bring a snack or lunch, if attending both.

Fine Arts: February 14, 6-7:30 pm, Extension Office, RSVP at bit.ly/canvassteam24, \$15 supply fee

Poultry: February 29, 6 pm, Extension Office

Swine: Jr. Pork Day, Saturday, March 2, Purdue Univ.

Electric: March 4, 6-8 pm, Extension Office, RSVP at bit.ly/electric24, supply fee TBD

Woodworking: April 16, 6-8 pm, Extension Office, RSVP at bit.ly/woodworkingsteam24, \$10 supply fee

Health: May 2, 6-8 pm, Extension Office, RSVP at bit.ly/firstiadsteam, \$10 supply fee

Poultry: May 4, 11 am, Fairgrounds Poultry Barn



Jr. Leaders: Grades 6-12

February 1-29 (all month!)—”We Go Together Like Peanut Butter and Jelly” Food Drive

Thursday, February 15, 6:30-8 pm, Extension Kitchen—Brownie Bakeoff Challenge

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30-8 pm, Board Room—Jr. Leader Meeting and “Get Your Happy On!” activity

Saturday, March 30, 11 am-1 pm, Commons Park (completely optional!)—Volunteer with Angola Parks and Rec Staff to host Easter Fun in the Park

Notify Tami if you want to help with Mini 4-H meetings this year. Meetings will take place 5:30-7 pm on 1/23, 2/27, 3/19, 4/23, and 5/28 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Important Dates for 2024:

April 14, 2024

Horse and Pony Spring Clinic, Location TBA
Beef and Dairy Beef ID, 1-3 pm, Beef Barn; no veterinary services provided

April 21, 2024

Horse and Pony Vaccination Clinic, 1-3 pm, H&P Barn

May 5, 2024

Feeder Calf ID, 1-3 pm, Swine/Beef Barn; no veterinary services provided

Sheep and Goat ID, 2-4 pm, Scale Shed; no veterinary services provided

May 15, 2024

Animal ID Due (v2.4honline.com)

May 31, 2024

Record Sheets Due
(drop off at the Extension Office or email)

June 4, 2024

Project Add/Drop Due (by phone or email)
Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (or online YQCA)
Certification Due

FairEntry Selections Due
(steubencountyindiana.faireentry.com)

June 21-27, 2024

Steuben County 4-H Fair

August 2-August 18, 2024

Indiana State Fair

Achievement Award Apps

Achievement Winner Applications are available in the Extension Office. Applicants must be high school sophomores, juniors, or seniors participating in the Steuben County 4-H Program. These are due to the Extension Office on or before May 31. Five total individuals will receive money for college! Start them early as recommendation letters required!



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!

Steuben Farm Bureau Scholarship

Steuben County Farm Bureau is excited to announce they are taking scholarship applications from high school seniors who are interested in agriculture and whose family is currently a Farm Bureau Member. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded, and applications are due on/before March 1. Look at both the state and District 2 options. <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/94407-Indiana-Farm-Bureau>

Club Leader Vacancies

- Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers
- Mini 4-H Assistant

Project Vacancies

- Aerospace
- Air Rifle, training held in April or September
- Cat
- Genealogy
- Sportfishing
- Vet Science
- Video Gaming and Computer Coding
- Woodworking

One Time

- Record Sheet replacement workshops related to 4-H projects

STAR Bank Scholarship

STAR Financial Bank is investing in the "future of agriculture" through five \$1,000 college scholarships. This opportunity is available to juniors, seniors, and current college students who will attend school next year. Laken Mosier and Harper Henney were recipients last year, and you could be this year! Apply on/before April 22 at <https://www.starfinancial.com/star-future-of-agriculture-scholarship> with a 250 word essay or short video.

Graduation Survey, Free 4-H Tassel

4-H grads, Indiana 4-H wants to hear about your 4-H experience! Please complete a survey using the QR code below to help Indiana 4-H capture the culmination and impact of your 4-H activities. Information from your survey will be used to feature you as a 4-H graduating member for the county via newsletters, bulletin boards, social media posts, etc. Those who complete the survey will receive a 4-H graduation tassel!



Volunteer Updates


- Consider scheduling and hosting a record sheet replacement workshop! We are happy to help you plan.
- The next installment of the Back to Basics series will be presented on February 28th, 2024 from 7:00-8:00 pm. All volunteers are welcome and encouraged to join this Zoom session (no registration required). www.zoom.com; Meeting ID: 976 4273 3520; Passcode: 330836
- 4-H Volunteer Impact Study – What you do makes a difference! We are excited to share that our state will be participating in the 4-H Volunteer Impact Study of volunteers in the North Central Region. Please respond if you are one of Indiana's 1000 randomly selected volunteers.

LET US ENTERTAIN YOUR KIDS FOR DATE NIGHT THIS VALENTINE'S DAY!...OR BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY AND PAINT TOGETHER! THIS WORKSHOP COUNTS AS RECORD SHEET REPLACEMENT FOR FINE ARTS!



Canvas Painting

Under the sea we go to paint with the elements of Art! Join us for a fun Valentine's Day night of painting, and make this undersea adventure. This is open to youth in grades 3-12, but parents are welcome to dive in and paint with their youth.



- **Location:** Steuben County Extension Office, 317 S Wayne St, Angola IN
- **Date & Time:** February 14, 2024 6-8 p.m.
- Best suited for youth in Grades 3 & up
- **Cost:** \$15
- **Registration closes:** February 7
- **Register at:** <https://bit.ly/canvassteam24>

PURDUE UNIVERSITY Extension - 4-H Youth Development

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PURDUE UNIVERSITY Extension

BEEKEEPING FOR BEGINNERS

9 AM-12 PM COST OF THE ENTIRE SERIES: \$10/ADULT; FREE TO ALL YOUTH

Experience beekeeping, and learn how to get started with this condensed 3-part series held at the Angola's Commons Hall, 501 S John St, Angola, IN 46703

Youth and Adult Registration:
Visit <https://bit.ly/BeginnerBees2024>




FEBRUARY 10
HISTORY OF BEEKEEPING
WHY KEEP BEES?
BEE VOCABULARY
BEEKEEPING EQUIPMENT
HIVE INHABITANTS
BEEKEEPING OVERVIEW

FEBRUARY 17
HIVE INSTALLATION
SPRING MANAGEMENT
HIVE CHECKS
WHAT IS NORMAL?
PESTS AND DISEASES
SUMMER MANAGEMENT
SWARMS & SUPERS

FEBRUARY 24
LATE SUMMER, FALL, AND WINTER MANAGEMENT
HONEY HARVESTING
HONEY AND BEE PRODUCTS
MARKETING
QUESTIONS AND REVIEW

Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service is an equal access/equal opportunity institution.

SAFE SITTER

FEBRUARY 19
9 AM - 3:30 PM
CAMERON MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

- ✓ Designed for kids in grades 6-8
- ✓ To be safe when home alone or watching younger siblings, or babysitting
- ✓ Instructor-led class is filled with fun games & role playing exercises
- ✓ Participants will use manikins to practice rescue skills like choking rescue & CPR

REGISTER FEE IS \$65
KIDS SHOULD BRING A SACK LUNCH

Pre-registration is required by February 15. To register, visit the YMCA or call (260) 668-3607. Register early as classes fill quickly.

CAMERON MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL **PURDUE UNIVERSITY**

Indiana 4-H STEM Showcase

On March 9, youth inventors, 4-H Robotics Competitors, and those interested in 4-H STEM can gather at the Indiana State Museum for a discounted rate of \$7. Please pre-register through the Events tab in 4HOnline. Of particular interest may be the State Museum's Towers of Tomorrow exhibit built with LEGO® Bricks.



State Drone Competition - May 4th

Are you interested in technology and learning to fly drones? There will be an Indiana 4-H drone competition on May 4th for grades 6-12, with an obstacle course, rules and regulations, and drone programming. Tami would love to take a team and has drones you can practice with!





Contests on Campus

4-H is offering two opportunities for youth interested in consumerism and the kitchen (postponed from the fall).

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 April 6th 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 or 260-668-1000 Ext. 1400. Study guides and resources are provided. Tami would love to send a carload of youth to West Lafayette!



get involved!

- Grow future leaders in the Ag Industry
- Support ag mechanics and STEM education
- Invigorate the tractor restoration community
- Competition for US High School students
 - Up to \$22,000 in prizes awarded
 - Free to enter

Premium Auction & Market Trucks

To provide a little context, we moved to a premium only auction and are forgoing market trucks based on the data and the idea that animals in the auction aren't REALLY being sold as in a normal auction (by the pound and for a realistic market price). In reality, the 4-H auction is inflated because buyers, in general, aren't interested in your animal. They're interested in supporting your future! Our auction has sort of been running as a premium auction already, other than a few sales in which the buyer wants to host a hog roast or purchase a calf for next year's Dairy Beef project. That's why we're moving to a singular animal auction as well. In 2024, the 4-H Auction Committee, the 4-H Fair Board, nor the Extension Office will be handling market/consignment checks for animals. There will be no Beef/Dairy Beef truck nor Small Calf Consignment. Stay tuned for Goats and Swine. Fewer and fewer animals are being sent on the market truck (block sale, as it is called in FairEntry), so the decision was rooted in the numbers. In a quick summary from 2023...

- 120 lots ended up as Keep by Exhibitor (going home with kids)
- United Producers (the market truck) only claimed 23 animals (1 big steer, 20 hogs, and 2 lambs)
- 33 calves went to local farmers

Indiana State Fair Livestock Schedules

The livestock schedules for the Indiana State Fair is posted! Visit <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/livestock/livestock-show-schedule> to see the days you can plan to be in Indy.



Premise ID

New to 4-H? If so, you may need a premise ID. All properties that house certain livestock species are required by state law to have a premise ID. Premise IDs are confidential and no one can look them up. They are a seven digit, alpha-numeric ID and usually begin with 00. If you have one and lost it, email animalid@boah.in.gov. Members with cattle, swine, sheep, and goats must have a premise ID. It is now strongly recommended by BOAH that those with equine and poultry also get a premise ID. Exhibitors with equine and poultry at the Indiana State Fair may be asked to present a premise ID.

- This number is assigned to a farm location almost like an address. If your farm does not have one, please call the Indiana Board of Animal Health at 317-544-2381 or visit www.in.gov/boah
- If you house your animals at another location, check with the property owner for the premise ID.
- Premise ID's are needed for cattle, swine, sheep, and goat animal identification in 4HOnline.

Indiana Dairy Goat Association Youth Rep. Competition

Public Speaking Workshop
by Casey Starnes
(Morgan county 4H public speaking superintendent)
will be given at the January IDGA meeting at Hendricks County Fairgrounds.
Workshop is free and open to all interested youth



Competition will be held at Hendricks County Fairgrounds on Sunday, April 7, 2024 @2pm

Youth Rep Presentation/ Demonstration Guidelines

15 Minute Demonstration or Presentation on Dairy Goats. Topic not provided it can be left up to the youth .

Live Animals may be used for demonstration purposes.

Youth Info and topic of presentation should be sent to warthanshane@gmail.com no later than 3/31/2024

Please Contact Shane Warthan , Casey Starnes or Debbie Haeberlin
warthanshane@gmail.com
starnes951@comcast.net
debbiehaeberlin@gmail.com

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program, Required for Many

Those exhibiting **cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine** must complete an annual animal care certification. In-person Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care sessions cost \$3 per person. Online national Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certificates (\$12) will also be accepted. Please send Tami a copy of your online certificate upon completion. Youth are welcome to attend one of the courses below OR you may complete YQCA online. Both will be honored and accepted at the Steuben County 4-H Fair as well as the Indiana State Fair. RSVP for in-person Steuben County certifications at <https://2024SteubenQLC.4honline.com>. If you are unable to take the certification course in Steuben County and do not wish to take the YQCA training online, you may attend in any county. Classes in other counties (LaGrange and DeKalb...2/10, 3/25, 4/20, 5/4) can be viewed in the Events tab in 4HOnline as they become available.

Two Birds, One Stone!

There is no school at MSD and Fremont on 2/19, so join Tami for QLC certification **PLUS** knock out one record sheet by attending an all species workshop at the Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County! Pick the ONE species of our choice. Bring a snack or pack a lunch.

Indiana 4-H Horse Career Development Events



- Horse Bowl/Hippology: Saturday, March 23
- Virtual 4-H Horse Communications Contests (Demonstration & Public Speaking): Thursday, April 11th. Youth will sign up for time slots to deliver their presentation live to judges via Zoom.
- 4-H/FFA State Horse Judging Contest: Saturday, May 4th at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds in Danville, Indiana. There are no formalized Area Contest qualifiers required to participate at the state contest for horse judging.

Horse & Pony Updates

- T-shirts are available for order until February 5th.
- 2024 Sponsorship Drive form is available
- Sign up for the Remind for reminders! Send a text to 81010 with the message @steubenhp
- The Tack Auction will be March 9 at the Steuben County Event Center with the doors opening at 3:30 pm and the auction starting at 4:30 pm. Check out the tack, live auction, silent auction, and concessions.
- **ALERT!**: Equine Herpes (type 1) has been detected in animals in western LaGrange county. The following link has a brief summary of the issue: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/downloads/animal_diseases/ehv-ehm-final-recommendations.pdf. Clinical signs may be non-specific and some horses may be non-clinical: fever, difficulty urinating, nasal discharge and cough, depression, head tilt, loss of tail tone, stumbling or weakness in the hind limbs which may progress to all limbs, and down and unable to rise. Equine herpes virus (EHV-1 and EHV-4) is spread via nose to nose contact, contaminated equipment, and respiratory secretions within stalls/stables. If you suspect an issue: 1. isolate the animals; 2. contact your veterinarian; 3. Clean and disinfect all water/feed buckets, mucking equipment, tack and any other equipment that may have come into close contact with the affected horse; 4. Adhere to a minimum 30 day quarantine/isolation period for new horses.

INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A BROADBAND INFLUENCER

What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

- 1 Checks your internet speed  port.purdue.edu/speedtest
- 2 Validates it on the FCC website  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

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.

FREE SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
10 AM - 12 PM
EASTERN TIME**

**STEBEN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
317 SOUTH WAYNE STREET #1A
ANGOLA, IN 46703**

QPR
For Suicide Prevention


**QUESTION, PERSUADE, REFER (QPR)
GATEKEEPER TRAINING**

PRESENTED BY
PURDUE UNIVERSITY
Extension
+
**PURDUE UNIVERSITY
FORT WAYNE**
Behavioral Health and Family Studies Institute

LEARN:

- ▶ Warning signs of suicide
- ▶ Common causes of suicidal behavior
- ▶ How to Question, Persuade, and Refer someone who may be suicidal
- ▶ How to get help for someone in crisis

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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.

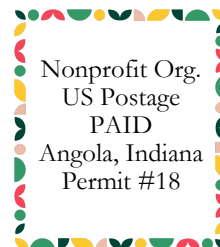
4-H is America's largest youth development organization—empowering nearly six million young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime. In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us.

- ### In Other Extension News:
- Donuts with Dana, a WITS workout for brain health; offered at the YMCA, Fremont Library, and Heritage Club, dates vary; call to learn about the next workout!
 - SIMPLE Finance Classes, last Wednesday of the month, 5-5:45 pm, Extension Office; \$3 per person
 - Be Heart Smart will take place Thursdays, 4-6 pm, February 1-22, Extension Office
 - Young Ladies in Ag Forum: February 21, Grand Wayne Convention Center
 - Ag Women Engage Conference: February 22, Grand Wayne Convention Center
 - Dining with Diabetes will take place Tuesdays, 2-4 pm, March 6-27, Extension Office
 - Emergency Preparedness for Rural Families, March 5, 7, 12, and 14, 5:30-8:30 pm, Extension Office
 - Grow and Gather: Cacti and Succulents, March 28, 3-4 pm, Extension Office; \$5 per class. RSVP by calling the Extension Office
 - Free QPR Suicide Prevention Training, April 17, 10 am-Noon, Extension Office



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Records Sheets and Add/Drop: May 31 or June 4???

Many 4-H program “due dates” used to be determined at a local level by the local 4-H Council or 4-H Fair Board. The Indiana 4-H Program is working towards a more consistent calendar, and as a result there are two dates that may not make a lot of sense on the surface, so let me explain...

- **May 31, 2024**—This is a locally set “collection” date, of sorts, in which all 4-H record sheets, ten year member bios, Achievement Winner apps, and other “paperwork” are collected at the Steuben County Extension Office. We really want everything collected no later than May 31, if at all possible, to that we can prep everything in time for the fair!
- **June 4, 2024**—Indiana 4-H says our FairEntry due date must be no less than one week and no more than three weeks before the first 4-H project check-in date. June 4 is 15 days before project check-in (June 19, 2024) and is the corresponding date we used in previous years. Indiana 4-H is also requiring this be the same date that QLC/YQCA is due AND serves as the Add/Drop date. So, Add/Drop is AFTER our Record Sheet Submission?! Yes! We know it’s weird, but we’re trying to follow the guidelines, and here’s how this will work...Please call our office to add or drop projects throughout the year, as usual. If you decide to drop a project after May 31, it’s honestly not a big deal. If you wish to add a project after May 31, we simply ask that you get the record sheet right away and complete it as soon as humanly possible. This is going to take some flexibility on everyone’s part, but we think most things will be settled up by May 31, so we’re not super concerned. Please note: You cannot add livestock projects after the May 15th Animal ID deadline (set by Indiana 4-H) because an unidentified animal is ineligible.

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