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- Quality Livestock Care Classes
- Record Sheet Replacement Workshops
- · Workshops and Activities

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Arriving a little early this mouth

The university is taking a "winter recess" again this year, so as university employees, we are, too. This newsletter is arriving a little early this month because we're going to take a pause from work, and I'm going to stay home with my kids until they go back to school in January. You can call or email, but please know we might not get back to you right away. We're going to unplug for rest and then come back in full force in January. My calendar is packed in January and February, so time away will be good. Some of this newsletter will feel like repeats because it seems like we JUST sent out the December newsletter, but as the saying goes, "time flies when you're having fun!" Despite a few repeats, you will find new information in this edition as well because all rule change decisions have been made, and ID days have been scheduled. Have a Merry Christmas, everyone!



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A look ahead at important dates:

January 1—Extension Office closed for New Year's Holiday

January 8—Quality Livestock Care Certification Class, Hamilton Town Hall (no school at Hamilton) January 9—Purdue CARET Legislative Luncheon, Indianapolis

January 15—Target date for enrollment!

January 15—Extension Office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 18—New Member Workshop

January 21—Young Ladies in Agriculture Forum, Purdue Fort Wayne

January 22—Extension Board Meeting

January 23—Barn Quilt Creation Series Begins

January 24—"Biology is a Hoot!" Workshop

January 25—Indiana 4-H Scholarships Due in 4HOnline

February (all month)—"We Go Together Like Peanut Butter and Jelly" Food Drive by the Steuben May 15—Animal ID Due in 4HOnline County 4-H Jr. Leaders

February 1—4-H Camp Counselor Applications

February 10—Beekeeping for Beginners Begins

February 13—Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse

February 14—Canvas Painting Workshop

February 12—Quality Livestock Care Certification Class, Extension Office

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

March 7—Quality Livestock Care Certification Class, Extension Office

March 13-17—Ignite by 4-H Summit

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

March 29-April 5—Spring Break for Prairie Heights

April 4—Quality Livestock Care Certification Class, Extension Office

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

April 21—Horse and Pony Vaccination Clinic, 1-3

April 24—Purdue Day of Giving

May 5—Feeder Calf ID, 1-3 pm

May 5—Sheep/Goat ID, 2-4 pm

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



<u>4-H Bit and Bridle</u>—The club will meet January 8th at 7 pm in the Community Center.

4-H Explorers—The club will meet January 9th, 1:30-3 pm, in the Community Center.

Flint Arrows—Amelia Swander is planning to lead your club! The first meeting will be January 7th at 1 pm at the Salem Center Volunteer Fire Station. Please plan to meet Amelia and welcome her are your new leader!

Fremont Ready Willing and

<u>Able</u>—The club will meet January 21st at 4 pm at the Perry's Home (315 E. Feather Valley Rd.).

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.

<u>Lucky Ducks</u>—The next club meeting will be January 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Community Center's Board Room.

Orland Creative Kids—Great news! Jennifer Holden and Kim Gardner are planning to lead your club in 2024! The club will meet January 14th at 4 pm at the Orland Community Center.

Otsego Go-Getters—The club will meet January 21st at 4pm at Stoy Farms.

<u>The Conquerors</u>—The club will meet January 14th at 3:30 pm at the Heifner's Home (507 Fox Lake Rd.).

<u>Tiny Clovers Mini 4-H</u>—The club will meet January 23rd at 5:30 pm in the Community Center. Come meet other Mini 4-H families!

Jr. Leaders—Plan to meet on Thursday, January 18th at 5:30 pm in the Board Room for a brief meeting followed by the New Member Workshop. If you did not sign up to speak about a particular workshop topic, come anyway! Bring some project examples and be prepared to help new families learn about what we do! The evening will end at 8 pm.

4-H Fair Board—The next meeting will be January 8th at 7 pm in the Board Room.

Program and Publicity

<u>Committee</u>—Please plan to meet January 8th 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.

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 Sherriff's Department regarding cancellation of Steuben County 4-H programs, activities, events, and meetings.



WE'RE SO EXCITED TO WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

JOIN US JANUARY 18TH AT 6 PM FOR OUR NEW

MEMBER WORKSHOP. NEW AND SORT-OF-NEW (2ND

AND 3RD YEAR) MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY ARE

WELCOME TO ATTEND. BRING YOUR QUESTIONS!





January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy New Year	1 Extension Office Closed Barn Quilt Regis- tration Closes	2 Lucky Ducks 6:30 pm, Board Room	3	4	5	6
7 Flint Arrows 1 pm, Salem Cen- ter Fire Dept	8 QLC 9:30 am, Hamilton Town Hall Programs Committee 6 pm, Board Room 4-H Fair Board 7 pm, Board Room	9 PCARET Legis- lative Luncheon 4-H Explorers 1:30 pm, Community Center	10	11	12	13
14 Conquerors 3:30 pm, Heifner's Orland Creative Kids 4 pm, Or- land Comm. Center	15 Extension Office Closed Target 4-H Enrollment!	16	17 Biology is a Hoot Registration Closes	18 Junior Leaders 5:30 pm, Comm. Center New Member Workshop 6 pm, Comm. Center	19	20
Young Ladies in Ag Forum, FW Fremont RW&A 4 pm, Perry's Otsego Go- Getters 4 pm, Stoy Farms	22 Extension Board Meeting	23 Barn Quilt Creation Series 5:30-7:30 pm Tiny Clovers Mini 4-H 5:30 pm, Community Center	24 Biology is a Hoot Workshop, 6 pm, pre-registration required	25 Indiana 4-H Scholarships Due	26	27
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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.

2023 4-H Fair Photos are Posted!

View the 2023 4-H Fair photos by visiting choicephotography.webmate.me/gallery. Choose 2023 Steuben County 4-H Fair.

Password: steuben4h2023

4-H Camp Counselors

It's early, but we love 4-H Camp so much that we don't want to keep you in the dark...4-H Camp Counselor applications are ready! They aren't due until February 1st, but why not show your excitement and apply early for the best week of the year! Applications can be found at: https://bit.ly/4HCampCounselorApplication



4-H Club Finances

Club Leaders, 4-H Club Financial Report forms will be mailed to the primary club leader this month. **All clubs** must complete the form with beginning and ending balances for 2023 no later than February 1st. Only one club is up for audit based on the five year schedule and/or a change in leadership, which requires additional information to be submitted: Flint Arrows. Thank you for attention to this important matter that protects you as a volunteer!



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



Indiana 4-H and Community Foundation Scholarships

Youth in grades 10-12 can apply for Indiana 4-H scholarships, due January 25th. Consider working on them now before we get too close to the holidays! See them on the next page.

The Steuben County Community Foundation houses a handful of 4-H scholarships:

- Leon Huss Memorial Scholarship
- Doris and Kermit Rensch 4-H Scholarship
- Steven "Chad" Shively Memorial Scholarship
- Greg Shively Memorial Scholarship

Visit steubenfoundation.org/scholarships to see requirements and apply.

Need help with your 4-H scholarship applications? Reach out to Tami at mosier@purdue.edu, the sooner the better!







Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

Categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

Eligibility: Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

Awards: A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.



Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.
Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.
\$166,725 AWARDED IN 2023







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
- Mini 4-H Assistant

Project Vacancies

- Aerospace
- Air Rifle, training held in April or September
- Ca
- Foods, Alternative Cooking
- Garden
- Genealogy
- · Sportfishing
- Vet Science
- Video Gaming and Computer Coding
- Woodworking

APPROVED Rule Changes at the December 4-H Fair Board Meeting

Auction

- Combine market rabbits (fryers, roasters, and stewers) into one sale category.
- Sell only one animal through the livestock auction rather than two. Move to a premium sale (no floor price) where all animals are deemed "Keep by Exhibitor" and go home with the exhibitor rather than on a market truck or with the buyer.
- Add "Back a 4-Her" work readiness program. Youth would choose only 1 support-type event...Back a 4-Her or the livestock auction, not both. Static Projects Only.

Important Dates for 2024:

April 14, 2024

Horse and Pony Spring Clinic, Location TBA Beef and Dairy Beef ID, 1-3 pm, Beef Barn

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 Sheep and Goat ID, 2-4 pm, Scale Shed

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.fairentry.com)

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

August 2-August 18, 2024 Indiana State Fair

This means no market truck - you will need to make your own arrangements to take your animals back home, set up processing (butcher) dates, or sell them to someone else who wishes to continue raising them. 4-H will not be marketing your animals for you.

Does this interest you? Join the "Back a 4-Her" committee and help plan the first year!



Feeder Calf - Beef Feeder, Dairy Feeder, and Started Calf

In November, a rule change passed combining the Beef Feeder, Dairy Feeder, and Started Calf projects into one project: Feeder Calf. When enrolling for projects in 4HOnline, you can find it under County Project: Feeder Calf.

Check your Spam!

Some people have reported 4-H Online emails going to their spam or junk mail. This is due to a branding change by 4-H Online. If this has happened to you, be sure to allow emails from "RegMax - Purdue Extension/Indiana 4-H".

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, with an obstacle course, rules and regulations, and drone programming. Tami would love to take a team and has drones you can practice with!

Record Sheet Replacement Workshops

Wildlife: January 24, 6-7:30 pm, Extension Office, "Biology is a Hoot," RSVP at bit.ly/biologysteam, \$10 supply fee

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

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

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

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) can be viewed in the Events tab in 4HOnline as they become available.



C 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.



COOKING AROUND THE WORLD

Cook your way through the world with this
4-th virtual experience! Learn about new cultures as instructors lead
participants through hands-on recipes that can be made from the
comfort of your own home.

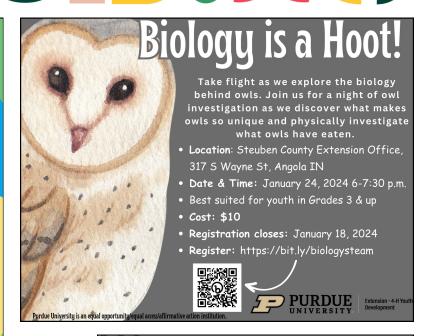
When: Each Saturday from Jan 20 - Feb 24, 2024 Time: 10-11 am CT

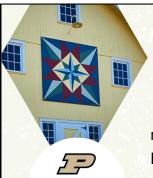
Who: Youth in grades 3-12

Where: Zoom Cost: \$30

Register in 4-H Online Events by Jan 5. Sessions will be recorded in case you miss one.

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Barn Quitt

CREATION WORKSHOP

Create your own colorful, geometric 2' x 2' masterpiece 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.

First priority goes to youth participants.

Please register on/before January 1: online at: bit.ly/BarnQuiltCreationWorkshop with \$40 and your favorite 3 paint chips

Tuesday, January 23, 5:30-7:30 pm (2 hours)
Tuesday, January 30, 5:30-7 pm (1.5 hours)
Tuesday, February 6, 5:30-7 pm (1.5 hours)
Tuesday, February 13, 5:30-7 pm (1.5 hours)

Steuben Community Center 317 S. Wayne St., Ste 1A, Angola

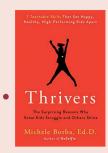
Color choices will be honored to the best of our ability, but are not guaranteed as participants will share colors to reduce the overall cost of the program. Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.











Join us for a lunch time virtual book club as we explore the book "Thrivers" by Michele Borba

Wednesdays - February 7, 14, 21, 28 11:00 am - 12:00 pm CT/ 12:00 - 1:00 pm ET Sessions will be held on Zoom

Register: https://tinyurl.com/Thrivers2024 by February 7



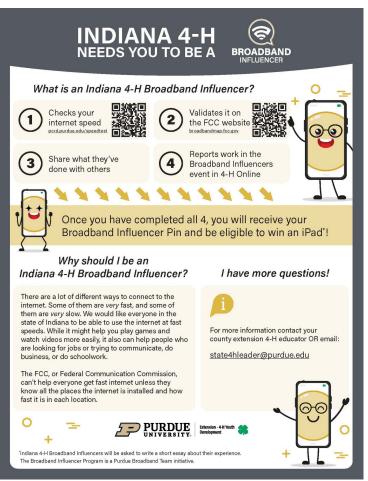
Questions?

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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: Resuming in January...the last Wednesday of the month, 5-5:45 pm, Extension Office; Budgeting tips and tricks, understanding credit scores, smart saving strategies; \$3 per person
- Grow and Gather Winter Bird Wreaths: January 25, 3-4 pm, Extension Office; \$5 per class. RSVP by calling the Extension Office
- Young Ladies in Ag Forum: February 21, Grand Wayne Convention Center
- Ag Women Engage Conference: February 22, Grand Wayne Convention Center



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WHERE TO START? CALL TAMI AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE FOR SOME GUIDANCE ON WHAT EACH CLUB DOES AND HOW BIG/SMALL THEY ARE.



State Fair Livestock Schedules are out! Find there here:

https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/statefair/competitions--contests/livestock-showschedule

