



## Making the Best Better

Dear 4-H Families and Supporters,  
As the winter season envelops our 4-H community with a wet chill, this newsletter is filled with warmth and cheer. Despite the colder temperatures outside, our 4-H community is bustling with activities, events, and opportunities for growth and learning.

During this season, our 4-H youth embrace the season's spirit with a flurry of enthusiasm. From exploring new winter-themed projects to participating in heartwarming community service initiatives, our members continue to shine brightly, embodying the 4-H spirit of head, heart, hands, and health.

In this edition, you'll discover a wealth of engaging content:

- \* Winter Club Meetings: 4-H doesn't hibernate! Stay away from winter doldrums by hanging out with friends!
- \* Community Outreach and Kindness: Learn how our 4-H'ers have been giving back to the community. From food drives to spreading warmth and joy to those in need, our members are making a difference. Club leaders, please share your holiday blessings with us so that we can celebrate your good works.

As we embrace the magic of winter, let us remember that it's not just the season's chill that brings us closer together—it's the warmth we share in our hearts and the bonds we forge within our 4-H family.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our 4-H community. Your enthusiasm and commitment continue to be the guiding light in our journey. Wishing you all a winter filled with joy, discovery, and togetherness.

*Rebecca Wilkins*

## IN THIS ISSUE:

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### Office Closings:

- November 10th– Veterans Day
- November 23rd/24th– Thanksgiving
- December 25th/26th– Christmas
- December 29th– New Year

### Office Hours:

- 8:00am–4:30pm
- Monday–Friday



### Accommodations:

If you are in need of accommodations to attend a program, please contact Rebecca Wilkins at [wilkin33@purdue.edu](mailto:wilkin33@purdue.edu) at least 1 week prior to the event.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

## Rest of 2023 Important Dates:

### November:

- 2 - Hoosier Stockman 4-H Club Meeting
- 7 - Electric Camp  
Forestry Team Meeting
- 8 - Mini 4-H Bountiful Breakfast 1
- 9 - Forestry Team Meeting
- 15 - Mini 4-H Bountiful Breakfast 2  
Painting and Pastries: Winter Gnomes 1
- 20 - Aquatic Science Spark Club Meeting
- 27 - Aquatic Science Spark Club Meeting

### December:

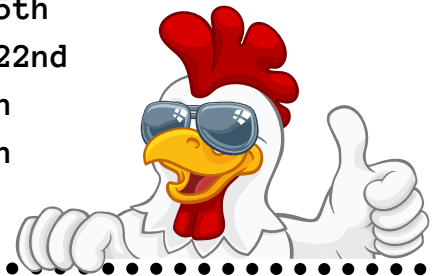
- 2 - Saturday with Santa  
Painting and Pastries: Winter Gnomes 2
- 4 - Aquatic Science Spark Club
- 7 - Hoosier Stockman 4-H Club Meeting
- 11 - Aquatic Science Spark Club Meeting
- 18 - Aquatic Science Spark Club Meeting

## 2024 Fowl Play Poultry Club Meeting Schedule

Fowl Play Poultry Club meets every 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00pm at the Extension Office. Meetings will start in January.

We encourage new members, ALL are welcome!

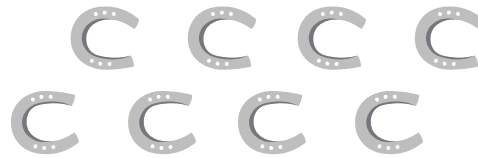
- January 25th
- February 22nd
- March 28th
- April 25th
- May 23rd



## Upcoming Hoosier Stockman 4-H Club Meetings:

Attention 4-H'ers! Hoosier Stockman 4-H Club has scheduled fun activities for the next few months! Join in on the fun on the first Thursday of each month at the Extension Office at 6:30pm. Interested in joining Hoosier Stockman 4-H Club? Reach out to club leader, Katy Casper, at 502-592-1221 with any questions!

- November 2nd: Horseshoe Decorations
- December 7th: Ornaments
- January 4th: Stall Name Tags
- February 1st: Garment Bags



## 4-H Club Leaders:

### Do you want your announcements in the newsletter?



If you want your club announcement in the next 4-H CloverPrint Newsletter, please contact Jocelyn Faith at [faith2@purdue.edu](mailto:faith2@purdue.edu) or Rebecca Wilkins at [wilkin33@purdue.edu](mailto:wilkin33@purdue.edu), or call the Extension Office at 812-738-4236.

# THIS YEAR'S ENROLLMENT



## 4 Steps of the 4-H Enrollment Process



### **1. Create 4-H Online Account**

First step is to create a profile on [www.V2.4honline.com](http://www.V2.4honline.com)

\*Returning members will log-in and use 4-H Online to enroll annually.



### **2. Start attending 4-H Meetings & Join a Club**

In 4-H Online, to enroll, you get to choose a 4-H Club. You can now start attending club meetings! You can contact any club leader to find out meeting dates, times, and locations! You can also join more than one club.



### **3. Get involved/Explore Your Project Interest Areas**

There are many ways to be involved in 4-H. From attending club meetings, going to project workshops, becoming a Junior Leader and attending Career Development Events, the possibilities are endless. This will help you determine which projects to exhibit at the 4-H Fair. Keep a look out for opportunities to get involved in 4-H!



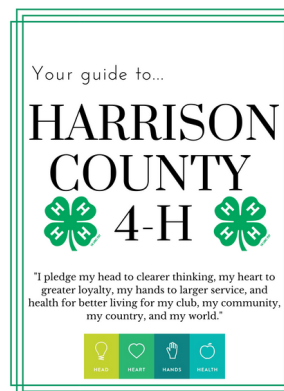
### **4. Enter your projects on FairEntry and Exhibit at 4-H Fair**

Use the knowledge and skills that you've gained in 4-H to make your culminating projects for the Harrison County 4-H Fair. Your projects will be entered into FairEntry online following guidelines in the handbook and project manuals.

### **Need Some Guidance?**

**New to 4-H or know someone who may be interested?**

**Check out our New Member Guide on our website with additional information about how to get involved in 4-H!**



# THIS YEAR'S ENROLLMENT



## 4 Steps of the 4-H Volunteer Process



### **1. Fill out an Application**

Pick up your application at the Extension Office, via email, or

[https://extension.purdue.edu/county/harrison/4-H\\_HomePage.html](https://extension.purdue.edu/county/harrison/4-H_HomePage.html).

You will submit an application and information for three references. Once paperwork is turned in, we can complete a limited background check. (Only required for the first year)



### **2. Create 4-H Online Account**

Once you have completed the application, you will create a profile on [www.V2.4honline.com](http://www.V2.4honline.com)

\*Use this to recommit as a volunteer annually.



### **3. Complete Youth Training**

Once your 4-H Online profile is created, you will then complete the 3 training videos located in the training section.

\*Must renew trainings annually.



### **4. Meet with Extension Educator**

After you have submitted your application to the Extension Office, contact Rebecca Wilkins ([wilkin33@purdue.edu](mailto:wilkin33@purdue.edu)) to schedule an interview with the 4-H educator where you will discuss Adult Behavioral Expectations of volunteers.

## **PROCESS COMPLETE!**



Congratulations! You have completed all of the required steps needed to becoming an approved 4-H Volunteer. Your dedication to become a volunteer is greatly appreciated. Your first task is to connect with a volunteer opportunity whether that be as a committee member, general volunteer, a SPARK club volunteer, or a 4-H Council Member. Your overall goal is to improve and support the lives in Harrison County youth to **"Make the Best Better"**.

# THIS YEAR'S ENROLLMENT

## What is Mini 4-H?

Mini 4-H is a noncompetitive 4-H program for youth in grades K-2. Mini 4-H is designed to introduce you and your child to the 4-H program and is an excellent way for children to learn by doing and to exhibit projects at the fair. Mini 4-H members also have the opportunity to attend club meetings, workshops, and a summer day camp just for Mini 4-H'ers.

The noncompetitive learning environment for Mini 4-H includes:

1. Planned learning activities in which children are invited to be active and explore materials and ideas without the pressure of completing a specific product or exhibit.
2. Low adult/leader to child ratio that allows time for adults/leaders to provide individual positive encouragement and assistance.
3. Simple, interesting activities that are fun.
4. Encouragement of children to participate in a group activity by sharing and or displaying their activity projects.
5. Rewards are identical ribbons of the same color for everyone.

There is no limit to the number of projects youth can sign up for, however, try not to overwhelm a child with too many projects.



**BICYCLE:** Learn bicycle safety, all about road signs and the parts of your bicycle.



**CRAFTS:** Do you like to paint, draw, play with clay and use your hands to create crafty things? This is the project for you!



**COLLECTIONS:** Learn about collecting. Tell us what you like to collect and why. Bring your collection to the Fair!



**CREATIVE WRITING:** Do you like to tell stories about your adventures? Learn how to add more excitement to your stories!



**CUPCAKE:** Make frosting and create pretty little cake creations that look good enough to eat!



**DINOSAURS:** Do you know how big a dinosaur was? How about what they ate? Learn about your favorite dinosaur by taking this project.



**ENTOMOLOGY:** Learn about ants, butterflies, bees and other creepy crawlies.



**FARM ANIMALS:** Cows, pigs, horses, chickens; all your favorite farm animals are featured in this project!



**FOODS:** Make your own trail mix, cook no-bake cookies and bake with biscuits! Learn how to make great treats your family will love.



**FORESTRY:** Learn about different trees and what makes them special.



**GARDENING:** Growing a vegetable garden does not have to be boring. You can plant hot and spicy peppers or cool cucumbers! Grow something you've never eaten before.



**GENEALOGY:** Learn about your family through old stories, pictures, and records. Become an Ancestor Detector!



**HORSE & PONY:** What kind of horse do you have? Learn about different breeds of horses, some safety rules and to care for your horse.



**HORSELESS HORSE & PONY:** For horse lovers who don't have horses. You too can learn about caring for horses, horse breeds and other fun facts.



**MODELS:** Models are small versions of the things around us. Use snap together parts, Legos, toothpicks or many other things to build miniature cars, buildings, bridges or anything you can think of.



**MY PET & ME:** Have fun with Fido, Fifi, or whatever you named your pet. Watch and learn what your pet can do.



**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Learn the Do's and Don'ts of taking pictures and how to get that perfect shot. Learn about close-ups, landscapes, portraits, and more!



**PLANTS & FLOWERS:** Learn about what plants and flowers need to grow both outside and in the house. Help make our planet pretty!



**SEWING:** Want to learn how to sew? Take the first steps with this project!



**SPACE:** Be an Astronaut in training! Learn about the Sun, Stars and Space flight.



**TREES:** Trees come in many shapes and sizes, just like people. Learn how trees grow, how old a tree is and how to tell the name of a tree just from its leaves.



**WHALES & DOLPHINS:** How do whales & dolphins breath? What is sonar? What is the biggest whale? You'll learn all this and more with this project.



**WILDLIFE:** Observe birds, chipmunks, squirrels and the other creatures that live in the woods.



**WOODCRAFT:** Have you been wanting to build with wood. Projects in this manual include popsicle stick art, building bookends and finally making a place to keep your tools.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Electric Camp

November 7th

REMINDER!

To those signed up for Electric Camp on November 7th, 2023 from 9:00am-3:00pm at the Windell Ag Building, don't forget to come learn about simple circuits, complete circuits, and more basic electric skills.

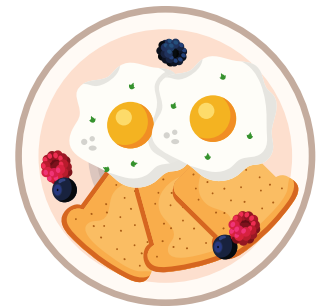


## Mini 4-H Bountiful Breakfast

November 8th and 15th

REMINDER!

To those signed up for the Bountiful Breakfast on November 8th or 15th, don't forget to come and learn about some essential cooking skills and enjoy some yummy food!



## Painting and Pastries: Winter Gnomes

November 15th and December 2nd

REMINDER!

Both of these classes are full. For those signed up, don't forget to join Jocelyn Faith at the Extension Office to learn to paint a winter gnome and enjoy some yummy pastries!



## Aquatic Science Spark Club

Starting November 20th

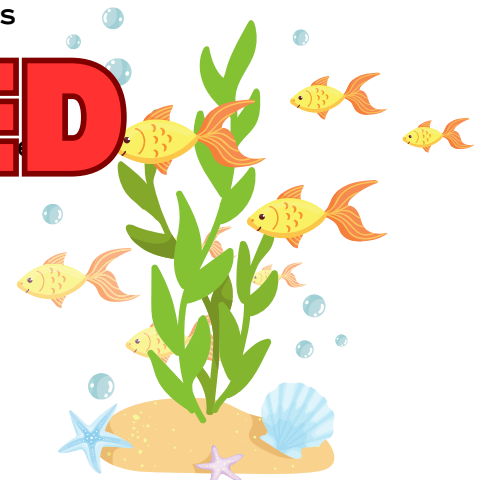
Are your kids ready for a splash-tastic adventure like no other?

Look no further, because our 4-H Friends of Fins Spark Club is

here to turn your child into a true marine explorer!

- Learn How to set up a tank
- Learn about different species of fish
- to thrive
- Learn about the water and nitrogen cycles that make keeping fish tanks possible

# CANCELED



Club Meetings (Start at 6pm):

November 20th and 27th

December 4th, 11th, and 18th

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Mini 4-H Saturday With Santa

December 2nd

REMINDER!

To those signed up for Saturday with Santa, don't forget to bring your 2+ canned goods to donate and get ready to have some holiday fun!

Saturday with Santa starts at 10:00am and lasts until Noon at the Extension Office.



## Healthcare 101

December 9th

All 3rd-8th graders are invited to Healthcare 101 on December 9th from 9am-3pm at the Extension Office. This is a great opportunity for you to learn from Ann Kaiser from Kaiser Permanente about vital signs, medications/injections, sports injuries, wound simulations, hands only CPR, making healthy choices. Registration fee is \$20. Class size is limited, so call 812-738-4236 to sign up.

**CANCELED**



## Sewing Project Class

Starting January 20th

Calling all sewing enthusiasts, novices, and those curious to craft with fabric! The Sewing Project Class is your gateway to learning the art of sewing. Get hands-on guidance, make new friends, and turn your sewing dreams into reality. Youth will use a sewing machine to learn to make seams and piece their pattern together. Be sure to bring your own pattern (clothing item or a bag), necessary amount of fabric, thread, needles, and any other items you may need to sew your item. You may bring your own sewing machine if you'd like.

Meetings will take place at the Extension Office on Saturdays (January 20th, January 27th, and February 3rd) from 9-11am at the Harrison County Extension Office-Dryden Room.

Class size is limited, so call the Extension Office at 812-738-4236 to sign up!



## Career Development Events for Beginners

February 10th

Volunteers and coaches! Would you like to learn more about upcoming CDE's? If so, this event is for you!

Save the date for February 10th starting at 9:00am at the Orange County Community Center to discuss topics such as:

- WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Education Program)
- Poultry
- Tractor
- Livestock Skill-A-Thon
- Milk Quality and Meats Judging
- Consumer Decision Making and Kitchen Skill-A-Thon Events

Sign up through 4-H Online with a registration fee of \$10, which covers the included lunch. Further details will be coming soon.



# AWARDS & RECOGNITION

## Livestock Skill-a-thon

Harrison County 4-H was represented at the Area 2 Livestock Skill-a-thon competition in Paoli on September 12th. The team of Hudson Harshey, Tucker Binkley, Easton Roller, and Raylen Nix placed 6th in the junior division. Livestock Skill-a-thon requires students to identify sheep, goat, cow, and pig breeds and their cuts of meat while determining feedstuffs and livestock equipment. Thank you to the 4-H Council as they paid for the fees for the team!



## Veterans Lap Blankets

Members of the Blue River All Stars 4-H Club show off lap blankets made jointly with the Blue River Hills Extension Homemakers for Harrison County Veterans. This project was funded through a grant from the Harrison County Community Foundation Youth Philanthropy Council. They delivered the blankets to the Veterans Office on October 16th. Thank you to everyone who took the time to make the blankets for a good cause!



## Indiana 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship

Congratulations to Harrison County 4-H member, Isabelle Abner, who earned an Indiana 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship for Civic Engagement. Thanks to CERES Solutions for sponsoring this wonderful scholarship!



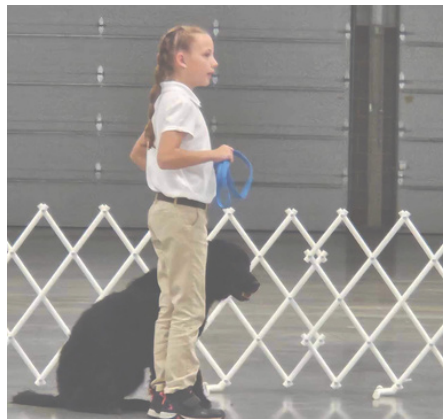
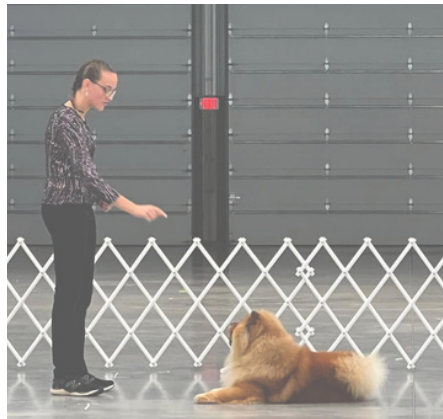


# AWARDS & RECOGNITION

## Carnival For Cancer

The 47th Annual Carnival for Cancer was held Friday, September 15th, 2023 at Fountain Church. The event, which included carnival games, a cake walk, a sweet shop, a chili supper, auctions, Corydon Dulcimer Society Performance, and other events, raised over \$11,483 for the American Cancer Society. This total will be matched by the Harrison County Community Foundation through the Betty Goldman Endowment for a total of over \$22,966. The event is jointly sponsored by the Blue River All Stars 4-H Club and the Blue River Hills Extension Homemakers who wish to thank all community members and businesses for their continuing support of the Carnival for Cancer.

Thank you to EVERYONE who participated and supported the fight against cancer!



## 2023 4-H Dog Show

Congratulations to all of the participants, human and canine, of the 2023 4-H Dog Show. The 4-H'ers exhibited their dogs in various classes including, obedience, agility, and showmanship.

Thank you to Feeders Supply for giving each member a voucher for a free dog bath at their store in preparation for their show.



# SUCCESSFUL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

## Painting and Pastries

Holy cow!

Our Extension Program Assistant, Jocelyn Faith, taught the Painting and Pastries class on September 13th. It went "amoozing" as youth learned to paint a colorful, abstract highlander cow. The best part about abstract is that no painting will look the same and that they all turned out great! While some youth had prior experience with painting and some youth were painting for the first time, everyone was able to follow along with each step of the process as we all learned a new painting skill together.

Thank you to everyone that came and had a good time painting and enjoyed their Nutella pastries. Thank you to the volunteers that helped the youth in the class as well!



## Adventures with Painting

Our Mini 4-H'ers got excited experimented with new ways to create art! We let them get as messy as they wanted while learning to use water-color pencils and making masterpieces just by blowing bubbles. The best technique was saved for last. Have you ever painted with cooked spaghetti? It's bright, it's colorful and looks like worms, but it sure is fun!



# SUCCESSFUL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

## Ag Days

On September 26th–27th, over 500 third graders from all over the county came to the Harrison County Fairgrounds to learn about agriculture. Youth explored topics related to livestock, drones, grain bin safety, dairy, embryology, soil health and the nutritional aspects of plant parts, rabbits, horses, soil and water, and tractor safety.

The students were provided lunch that consisted of an all-beef hotdog, bag of local popcorn, baby carrots, clementine, ice cream and a bottle of water. A special thank you to the organizations who sponsored and assisted with lunch. Finally, all teachers and students received a goodie bag full of fun agricultural items to explore at home and back in their classrooms.

Thank you to ALL of our sponsors, guest speakers, and partnerships for your support with our 2023 Ag Days. This event was a success thanks to your contributions.

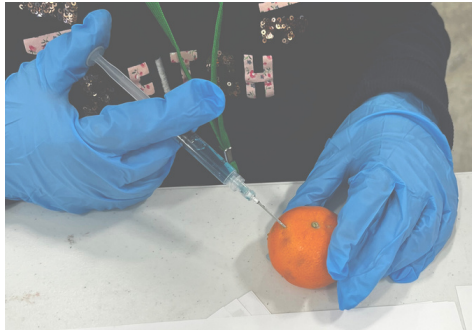
- American Dairy Alliance
- American Dairy Association Midwest
- Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company
- Corydon Central High School FFA
- Day Family Farms
- Harrison County Fairgrounds Corydon Indiana –Harrison County Agricultural Society
- Harrison County Cattlemen's Association
- Harrison County Farm Bureau
- Harrison County Master Gardeners, Inc. Harrison County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Heidi Potter, Purdue Extension – Clark County
- The Hutch 'n Bunch Rabbitry & Daylilies
- Indiana Beef Council
- Indiana Farm Bureau
- Harness Horse Youth Foundation
- Indiana Soybean Alliance
- New Middletown Volunteer Fire Department
- North Harrison FFA
- Preferred Popcorn
- Premier Companies Ag & Energy Services
- Protect The Harvest
- Shirley Jones
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency
- Wright Implement Co.



# SUCCESSFUL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

## Mini 4-H Graduation

On September 27th, many proud parents and grandparents gathered to watch several of last year's Mini 4-H 2nd graders become some of our newest traditional 4-H members. This ceremony congratulated the children in participating in our Mini 4-H program and welcomed them into the traditional 4-H program. Each child received a 4-H binder, a certificate, and their very first 4-H pin. Our speakers included Mary Eve (Miss Mary), Rebecca Wilkins, and Kathy Eschbacher Timberlake. Refreshments and pictures followed the event.



## Vet Camp

On October 12th, once again, several youth learned a variety of skills and knowledge of the life of a veterinarian. They all learned about basic first aid, parasites, biosecurity, injections, skeletal systems, animal nutrition, and eyeball anatomy dissection! A special thanks to veterinarian Dr. Sharon Christie for visiting Vet Camp again to share your experiences and knowledge with our future veterinarians!



# SUCCESSFUL EVENTS & PROGRAMS



## Lucky Horseshoes 4-H Club Annual Fall Trail Ride

On October 20th–22nd, the Lucky Horseshoes 4-H club had their annual fall trail ride. It was a great weekend with beautiful weather for 4-H'ers at O'bannon Woods State Park.

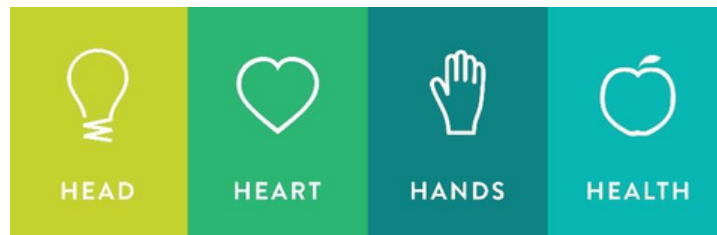


## Annual 4-H Banquet and Council Meeting

On October 24th, Harrison County 4-H members gathered in the Windell Ag Building at the fairgrounds to take part in the annual Awards Banquet. A delicious dinner was graciously catered by Schnitzelbank. Many talented 4-H'ers were recognized for their hard work and dedication to their projects and livestock. Thank you to all of those that helped get tables, chairs, and other supplies set up beforehand and put away afterwards. The 4-H council also held their election, electing in Jennifer Kintner, Ashley First, Jessica Hoehn, and Andrew Simler.

Congratulations everyone! Let's have another great 4-H year!





# CLOVERPRINT



## 4-H Youth Development Newsletter

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