



GREEN & GROWING

The latest news and updates from Jay County 4-H

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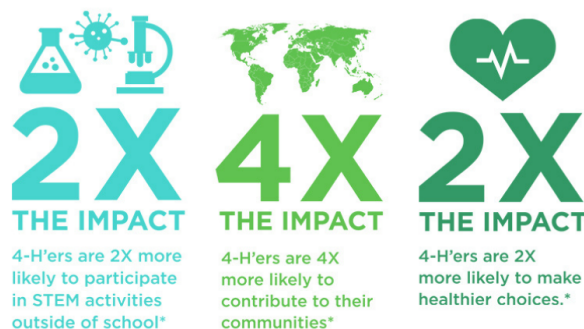
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When Someone Asks, "Why 4-H?"

By: Allison Keen, 4-H Youth Development Educator

4-H offers year round programming designed to grow leaders through hands-on learning. With **local clubs** throughout the county, kids can take part in community service projects, build friendships, and develop leadership skills close to home. A variety of **after school programs** give kids a chance to explore science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) concepts, such as 3D printing and coding, or some focus on nutrition, physical fitness, and whole person health. Be on the lookout for a program at a school near you! 4-H also offers many **camp and trips** to help kids develop an understanding of the world around them. Area camp brings together youth from East Central Indiana to build friendships and make memories that will last a lifetime. State trips such as 4-H Round-up and Academy bring kids together from across Indiana to take part in career exploration. National trips bring together kids from across the country to address the challenges facing our nation. **Career Development Events (CDEs)** help kids build skills in critical thinking, decision making, and public speaking. And of course, 4-H wouldn't be complete without the **project based learning** that allows kids to dive deep into a subject of interest to them. These are the projects you see displayed at the county fair.



Exciting Opportunities for 2022!

Next up, Wayne Blue Ribbons Leader Melanie Stockton has decided to step down. She is being succeeded by Dennis and Jean Schwieterman. A huge thank you to the duo for stepping up!


Four volunteers have stepped up to help support and expand our programming for Mini 4-H'ers. The committee is lead by Jason Westfall and includes Beth Mulikin, Amanda Evers, and Kendall Alig. Be on the lookout for new and exciting opportunities for Mini 4-H'ers this summer!

Finally, we are really excited to announce that Dane Beiswanger will be bringing back tractor driving for the 2022 season. Please contact the office if you are interested in participating!

There are plenty of new and exciting opportunities ahead for the 2022 4-H year, including a new club: Portland Clovers 4-H Club. This club will be led by Beth Mulikin. Meetings will be the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall.

If you participate in building projects, please make sure you check out the guideline book this year for updates and changes. Many of the state projects have changed to allow for more creativity and advanced skill development. I'm sure there will be lots of questions and concerns as we move forward. For detailed information regarding exhibit requirements and scoring, please check it out at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/index.html>.

Consider joining the Youth Advisory Committee! This committee is made up of youth who are excited and passionate about the 4-H program and want to help "Make the Best Better!" The committee helps identify opportunities to better meet the needs and interests of youth in the program. Contact the Purdue Extension Office to learn more!

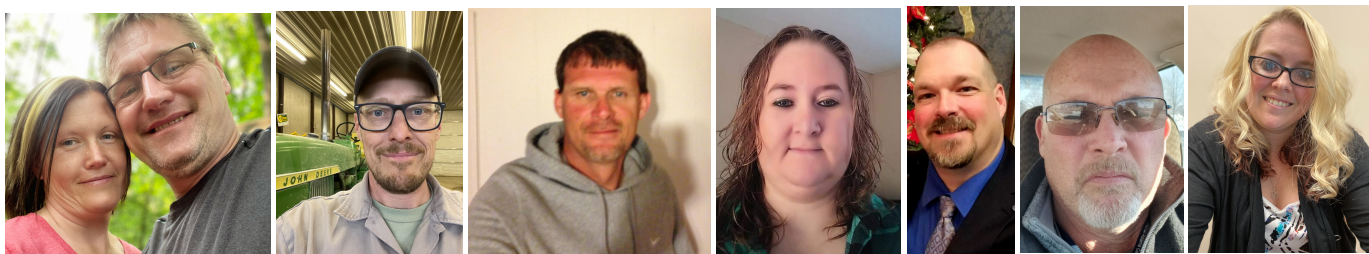


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| <p>WHO 4-H is America's largest youth development organization.</p> | <p>WHAT We empower young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime.</p> | <p>HOW Youth collaborate with caring adult mentors to lead hands-on projects in areas like science, health, agriculture and citizenship. Mentors provide a positive environment where youth learn by doing. This 4-H experience is delivered by a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation.</p> | <p>IMPACT This experience grows leaders with life skills like confidence, independence, resilience and compassion. This produces 4-H'ers who are 4X more likely to give back to their communities, 2X more likely to make healthy decisions and 2X more likely to pursue STEM opportunities.</p> |
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New Year, New Faces

2022 is off to a great start! I want to take some time to introduce some new folks. While some of these volunteers have been around the program for a while, this year they have taken on new roles. Others are just starting their 4-H volunteer journey!

First, I want to introduce our new 4-H Council Officers: *President*, Dru Mercer, *Vice President*, Nancy Kunk, *Secretary*, Melinda Byers, *Treasurer*, Tressie Monroe, and *Advisor*, Chris Price.



Help us GROW!!

We are always looking for ways to Grow the Jay County 4-H program! Please contact Allison with any opportunities, ideas, or improvements regarding programming, recruitment, projects, clubs, etc. that you would like to see.

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VOLUNTEERS are always needed. This is a big organization. It takes LOTS of hands to serve it.

Stop in and talk to us about how you can help: Purdue Extension- Jay County 126 N Meridian St Portland, IN 260-726-4707

The more hands we have, the less the load is to bear.

A Letter from the President

By: Dru Mercer, 4-H Council President

Welcome to a new year. The 2022 Jay County 4-H key word is communication.

Communication from the leaders, the members, the parents and the office.

Communication is a two-way street and includes listening as much as it does talking. I encourage everyone to communicate any and all ideas to continue to improve our 4-H program. I also encourage everyone to remember who the program serves: our youth. At times it is necessary to step out of our comfort zone and put bias aside to consider what best suits the needs of the kids and the program. As a parent myself, I remind all parents of some certain ways to help teach our children responsibility, work ethic, and leadership while elevating them to be their best.

- Know the rules -Every year a rule book is printed so everyone is aware of what is expected, to be followed by everyone equally.
- Allow children to do their projects themselves - Parents can offer advice, oversee, and share their personal wisdom, but one of the key opportunities in 4-H is learning responsibility and that starts with letting kids do their own work.
- Be supportive and involved - Allowing your child to do their own projects does not mean don't be involved. Support your child and learn with them.
- Allow your child to practice and participate - Practice at home, attend workshops, go to meetings will provide your child ways to learn and share experiences with peers.
- Have proper equipment - For first year families, ask questions if you're not sure what your child might need to be successful. It does not mean new and expensive equipment. Again, do not be afraid to ask questions and learn with your child.
- Keep your attitude in check - Your child looks to you on how to be a good winner as well as a good loser. Set the bar high and lead by a good example.
- Be a spectator - Once your child is in the ring, become a spectator and sit and watch from the stands. Do not be a sideline coach. Experience can be a tremendous teacher and motivator.
- Don't be a complainer - Not everyone will agree with a judge. Again, remember your child looks to you as how to react. Sometimes saying nothing can be the best example we give our kids.
- Please do not complain about the competition - Many of these kids are friends and classmates outside of the showring. What happens in the ring should not impact how kids feel about each other out of the ring.
- Honor your child - Negative criticism does not do anyone any good. Kids are going to make mistakes. Parents can use these as positive teaching moments to help their child learn and improve but always do it in a positive manner.

I am looking forward to a tremendous 2022. I encourage anyone that has positive ideas to reach out to the club leaders, office staff, species superintendents, and council members and communicate. My number is 574-727-9192.

A Familiar Face

You might have noticed a familiar face in a new seat in our office. We are thrilled to announce that Jessica Kerrigan is joining the Jay County Purdue Extension Team. Jessica is a graduate of Ball State University where she studied Public Relations. She was a ten year 4-H member, a 2013 Supreme Achiever in Jay County 4-H and Miss Congeniality Jay County 2017. Jessica has worked part time in our office since 2018. In her free time, you will find Jessica spending time with family and friends, her dog Nash, and cats. Jessica's hobbies include crafting, nature, plants, tennis, volleyball and gardening. She also serves as an adult leader with Jay County Middle School Campus Life and is a member of Jay County's Psi Iota Xi Sorority. She is looking forward to serving the Purdue Extension clients, so when you stop in, be sure to offer Jessica a warm welcome!



Jessica's Dog, Nash



Jessica



Deb, Allison, Della,
Jessica & Amie



Jessica's Cat, Maurice



Jessica's Cat, Gravy

It's Go Time!

Clubs are meeting! See the table below to learn more about when and where meetings are happening!

| <u>Club</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Cat Club | Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall | March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27 | 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. |
| Dairy Club | Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall | TBD | TBD |
| Dog Club | Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall | March 7 & 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27 | First year: 6-7 p.m. Showmanship: 7-7:30 p.m. 2nd+ year: 7:30-8:15 p.m. |
| Jackson Champs | Bryant Redeemer Lutheran Church | March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7 | 6:30 p.m. |
| Junior Leaders | Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall | March 10, April 14, May 10, June 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8 | 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. |
| Knox Dynamite Kids | West Jay Elementary | March 8, April 12, May 10 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Madison Go-Getters | Salamonia School House | March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, June 27 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Penn Husky Hoosier Hotshots | Pennville United Methodist Church | March 14, April 18, May 16, June 20 | 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. |
| Portland 4-H Clovers | Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall | March 17, April 21, May 26, June 16, Sept. 15 | 6:30 p.m. |
| Rabbit Club | Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall | March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14 | 6:30 p.m. |
| Redkey Better Workers | Redkey Church of the Nazarene | March 15, April 19, May 1, June 21 | 6:30 p.m. |
| Shooting Sports | Conservation Club | April 12 (Sign-Up 6-8 p.m.) April 25 & 26, May 2 & 3, May 9 & 10, May 16 & 17, May 23 & 24, June 6 & 7 | 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. |
| Swine Club | Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall | March 15, April 26, May 24, June 28 | 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. |
| Wabash Cannonballs | Trinity School Hall | March 17, April 21, May 5, June 23 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wayne Blue Ribbons | Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall | March 7, April 4, May 9, June 6, Aug. 8, Sept. 5 | 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. |

Animal ID Requirements

Included is the chart for Animal ID Requirements for the Indiana 4-H State Fair. Remember, we follow all state guidelines, except for the DNA requirement.

2022 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification



The following table lists the different animal species and the respective form of identification that is required for a 4-H member to be eligible to show in the 4-H livestock shows at the 2022 Indiana State Fair. The animal ID information must be entered in the Indiana 4-H Online enrollment system by the respective deadlines. Missing, incomplete or incorrect animal ID information could result in state fair ineligibility for that particular animal.

| | For State Fair | Max # to Enroll | Deadline |
|--|--|------------------------|----------|
| Beef and Dairy Beef Steers | 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample | 10 Total steers | May 16 |
| Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder | 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample | 10 total | May 16 |
| Beef, Registered Heifers | 840-RFID tag and Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample | 10 total heifers | May 16 |
| Dairy Cattle | 840-RFID tag and animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number) and DNA Hair Sample | 40 total | May 16 |
| Dairy Goat Females, Registered | Breed Registry Tattoo | 40 dairy goats total | May 16 |
| Wethers | 5-digit County Tag or Tattoo | | |
| Meat Goat Wethers | 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample | 40 meat goats total | May 16 |
| Boer Goat Females, Registered | Breed Registry Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample | | May 16 |
| Market Goat Does (Wether Dams) | 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample | | May 16 |
| Pygmy Goats Registered | Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers | 40 total | May 16 |
| Unregistered | Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo | | |
| Horses and Pony | Color Picture | 20 total | May 16 |
| Llama and Alpaca | Color Picture | 20 total | May 16 |
| Sheep Market Lambs | 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample | 30 sheep total | May 16 |
| Commercial Ewes | 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag/or official scrapies tag and DNA Hair Sample | | |
| Registered Ewes | 840-RFID Tag and ID that matches registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample | | |
| Swine | 840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch and DNA Hair Sample | 15 Gilts 15 Barrows | May 16 |

Important Dates to Remember

- April 5** -6:30 pm | Horse & Pony Workshop
- April 12** -6:00 pm-8:00 pm | Shooting Sports Sign-Up Meeting | Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall
- April 29** -6:00 pm-7:30 pm | Sheep Identification Day | 4-H Barns
- April 30** -8:00 am-11:00 am | Beef Feeder & Dairy Beef Feeder Identification Day | 4-H Barns
- 1:00 pm-4:00 pm | Goat Identification Day | 4-H Barns
- May 3** -6:30 pm | Horse & Pony Workshop
- May 15** -Animals entered in 4hOnline due (except for rabbit & poultry--paper form due at the Purdue Extension Office)
-Add/Drop Project Deadline
- June 7** -6:30 pm | Horse & Pony Workshop
- June 10** -Intent to sell forms for auction due
-Pen Assignment sheets due
-Horse & Pony sign-up sheets due
- July 5** -7:00 am-9:00 am; 11:30 am-1:00 pm & 3:00 pm-6:00 pm | Non-Perishable & Mini Project Check-In
- July 6** -9:00 am-11:00 am & 1:00 pm-3:00 pm | Mini & Non-Perishable Project Judging
- July 7** -7:00 am-12:00 pm | Perishable Project Check-In
-1:00 pm-3:00 pm | Perishable Project Judging
- July 8** -5:00 pm-9:00 pm | Dairy, Rabbit & Goat Check-In
- July 9** **Jay County 4-H Fair Begins**
-7:00 am-11:00 am | Livestock Affidavit & Auction Confirmation check in to receive show numbers | Gazebo
-7:00 am-11:00 am | Beef, Dairy Beef, Sheep, Swine, Poultry & Dog Check-In
-11:45 am | Opening Ceremony
-12:00 pm | Dog Show
- 2:00 pm | Rabbit Show
- Following Dog Show | 4-H Community Celebration
- July 10** -11:00 am | Beef Show
-1:30 pm | Poultry Show
-3:30 pm | Consumer Clothing Judging
-4:00 pm | Fashion Revue Judging

Important Dates to Remember (Cont.)

July 12

- 8:00 am | Dairy Goat Show
- 11:30 am | Pygmy & Meat Goat Show
- 4:00 pm | Small Animal Supreme Showmanship

July 13

- 9:00 am | Dairy Show
- 4:30 pm | Sheep Show

July 14

- 6:00 am-8:00 am | Check-In for Horse & Pony
- 9:00 am | Horse & Pony Show
- 5:00 pm | Large Animal Supreme Showmanship

July 15

- 8:00 pm-8:00 am Friday, July 15 | Release of non-auction livestock
- 10:00 am | 4-H Awards Ceremony, Livestock Auction | Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall
- Immediately following Awards Ceremony & Livestock Auction | Barn Clean-Up (ALL 4-H Livestock Members are expected to help)
- 3:30 pm | Back a 4-H'er Networking & Investment Drive | Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall

Jay County 4-H Fair Ends

July 16

- 10:00 am-2:00 pm | Project Check-Out

July 11

- 8:00 am | Swine Show
- 12:30 pm-1:30 pm | Cat Check-In
- 2:00 pm | Cat Show
- 3:00 pm | Dairy Beef & Feeder Show
- 8:00 pm-10:00 pm | Swine & Poultry Release (if Dairy Beef Show is not over at 8:00 PM, release will be after show)

Upcoming Workshops

- Horse & Pony:**
- 6:30 pm | April 5
 - 6:30 pm | May 3
 - 6:30 pm | June 7

- Poultry:**
- 5:30 pm | March 16 | Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall

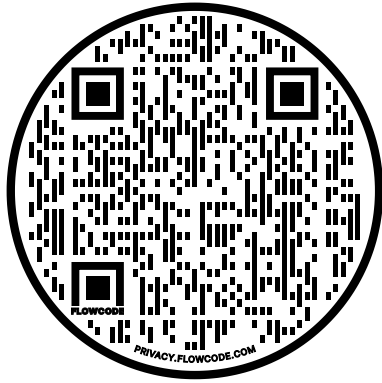
REMINDER FOR LIVESTOCK MEMBERS:

- If you attend a workshop and YQCA, you DO NOT have to fill out a Record Sheet!
- All Livestock Members are required to complete YQCA training in order to exhibit! (Dog, Cat and Horse projects do not require this)

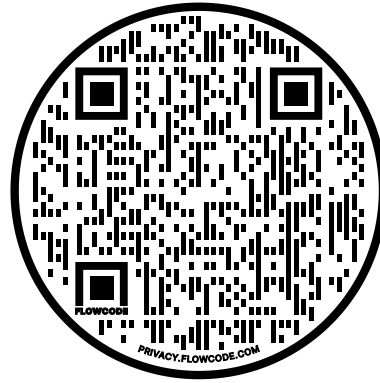
Just a Note...

On this page, you will find important tidbits, revisions and tips to use throughout the year!

Building & Animal Project Guideline Books can now be found online and in the office! Scan the QR code below to see the books online!



Animal Project
Guideline Book



Building Project
Guideline Book

Building Project Guideline Book Corrections:

- Create with a Mix is still available as a 2022 Jay County 4-H project! Check out the updated Guideline Book online or in the office for exhibit guidelines!
- Small Grains & Soybeans Project Revisions:
 - Small Grains Divisions: Beginner (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8) & Advanced (Grades 9-12)
 - Soybeans Divisions: Division I (Grades 3-4), Division II (Grades 5-6), Division III (Grades 7-8), Division IV (Grades 9-10) & Division V (Grades 11-12)

Animal Project Guideline Book Corrections:

- Auction Additions: Please add these to your consideration when choosing a livestock entry to sell at auction.
 - One Pen of 2 Roaster Chickens
 - One Meat Duck
 - One Dozen Eggs

***All online and in office Building and Animal Guideline Books will have these revisions in them, but if you received a book before March 1, 2022, please note these revisions!**

Check out the State 4-H website for more information regarding projects! This includes scorecards, manuals, exhibit cards, informative videos and more!

Scan the QR code, or visit the link below!

<https://extension.purdue.edu/u/4-H/projects/index.html>





Mini 4-7
**Super
Saturdays!**

May 7, 2022 | 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Building Project Exploration, with make-and-take activities,
snacks & fun!

June 11, 2022 | 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Animal project exploration, with hands-on animal experiences,
snacks & fun!

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