

January 2024 Newsletter

Happy New Year! Make your resolution to enroll in 4-H before our target date of January 15th! The 2024 handbook is now available online and will be available in print the next time you come into the office. The fair schedule, project deadlines, club directories, website links and much more are included in the handbook. Several changes have been made! We are excited about the dismissal of per project fees and the introduction of meat goats into our livestock auction. Sign up early and make this your best 4-H year yet!

A new Master Gardener Basic Training will start on February 1st. If you have been thinking about taking this class in the past, now is your chance! More programs are in the works for our agricultural community.

We are still hiring for our Health and Human Sciences/4-H Educator, please send any applicants to the Purdue Careers Website.

Please note the next fair board meeting will be January 11th at 7 pm in the community building which is a deviation from the normal schedule due to member availability. The next extension board meeting will be the Annual Meeting on January 31st at 6 pm in the Community Building.

Sincerely,

Britt Copeland, Extension Educator

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You're Invited



Annual Extension Board Meeting & 4-H Leader Recognition Dinner

You are invited to join us for a celebration of our 4-H Volunteers and Extension programming in Jefferson County. The night will include an Extension Impact Celebration, 4-H Leader Tenure Awards presentation, and a keynote speaker.

This year's keynote speaker will be Tom Turpin, retired Purdue Entomology Professor. Turpin is known for being Purdue's "Bug Man" and creating the Bug Bowl at Purdue, now Spring Fest.

RSVPs are strongly encouraged to the Extension Office by January 26th. There will be a \$5 fee at the door to cover the cost of dinner.



To RSVP, please call (812) 265-8919, email kbachman@purdue.edu. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Britt Copeland, Kasie Bachmann, & Bess Adams- Purdue Extension Jefferson County Extension Board

January 31, 2024
6- 8 pm

Jefferson County 4-H Community Building
3852 W SR 256 Madison, IN 47250

MASTER GARDENER BASIC TRAINING

**THURSDAYS FEBRUARY 1- MAY 9, 2024
PURDUE EXTENSION JEFFERSON COUNTY OFFICE**



GAIN GARDENING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Join Purdue Extension Educators, Local Experts and Industry Professionals for a 15-week course covering topics from soil science to vegetable gardening and invasive species to wild animal management. The course includes a text book and access to various continuing education opportunities. An application is required to join the course cohort. After course completion, graduates are invited to join our volunteer association to give back to our community.

READY TO APPLY?

To receive the application please contact the Purdue Extension Jefferson County Office.

Phone: 812-265-8919

Address: 3767 W SR 265 Madison, IN 7250

Jefferson County Extension Educator

Britt Copeland, copelanb@purdue.edu

Switzerland County Extension Educator

Kyle Weaver, keweaver@purdue.edu

Applications accepted until January 26th



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PURDUE EXTENSION
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

PURDUE
**BEEF
BASICS**
IN THE EASTERN CORNBELT

SAVE THE DATE

From Purdue University Extension, Agricultural and Natural Resources, comes a virtual, multi-session program this February and March for the **beef cattle industry!**

PROGRAM BEGINS FEBRUARY 6



Extension educators, specialists and industry experts will facilitate and lead program sessions. Among the topics to be covered are an **overview of beef cattle, behavior and facilities, health, genetic selection, forages, nutrition and reproduction.**

PROGRAM DATES & TIMES

February 6 until March 26, 2024 on:

- Tuesdays from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. EST
- Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. EST

Producers with less than five years of experience and those interested in exploring the industry are encouraged to attend. The cost to participate is \$50 and the **deadline to register is January 24, 2024.**



Facebook/Twitter/LinkedIn: @PurdueExtension | www.extension.purdue.edu

REGISTER TODAY

<https://cvent.me/EBNPNV>



QUESTIONS

and other inquiries, email:
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Agriculture & Natural Resources

New Hay Probe Available for Check Out in the Office!

I have replaced my crusty, rusty hay probe with a brand new model. Livestock and forage producers are welcome to check out this tool to collect hay samples for forage testing and analysis. We have forms and test bags at the office for no charge as well. So if your herd was chunky going into winter and looks like they are taking ozempic in the spring, this might be of use to you. The office can also help with soil sampling, plant & bug identification and troubleshooting and other general inquiries. We also have a great video on how to manage winter forages and Body Condition Score your livestock on our YouTube Channel, check it out: [Purdue Extension Jefferson County YouTube Channel](#).



Southeastern Indiana Agriculture & Natural Resources

Lunch & Learns



Make the most of your lunch break and join extension educators live to discuss topics relevant to you and your operation. **All sessions are hosted at 12 pm noon on zoom.** Call (812) 265-8919 or email copelanb@purdue.edu with any questions.

Register for one or all here: <http://bit.ly/LunchnLearnSEIANR>

January 10th
Enhancing your
Landscape



January 17th
Pond Management



January 24th
Gardening



January 31st
Preparing for
Livestock
Emergencies



Agriculture & Natural Resources



2024 IN ANNUAL TOBACCO GAP TRAINING & Private Applicator (PARP) Program



DR. BOB PEARCE
GUEST SPEAKER
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY



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Tobacco Farmers and Private Applicators are invited to the Jefferson County 4-H Community Building on February 22nd at 6 pm for our Tobacco GAPS and PARP program. The agenda will include an update on the Tobacco Industry as well as regulatory topics needed for pesticide application and Tobacco production. Light refreshments will be included.

- Tobacco Growers seeking Annual GAP Training accreditation should register for event at gapconnections.com.
- Private Applicators seeking PARP credits can call ahead, no additional registration necessary.
 - PARP credits are \$10 cash or check to Purdue University accepted.
 - Please bring your applicator card or alternate form of ID.

For questions or to call ahead please use the contacts below.

Purdue Extension Jefferson County
(812) 265-8919 or email: copelanb@purdue.edu

Purdue Extension Switzerland County
(812) 427-3152 or email: keweaver@purdue.edu

FEBRUARY 22, 2024 • 6 PM

**JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY BUILDING
3767 W SR 256 MADISON, IN 47250**

Toxic Plants

A live-plant exhibit at the Southern Indiana Agriculture Center (SIPAC) and online learning resource

Toxic plants can be a potential threat to livestock well-being. A Purdue University multi-disciplinary team developed an outside live-plant exhibit next to the Heeke Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory located at the Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center (SIPAC), Dubois, IN.

In the fall of 2022, twenty-one different plants, each potentially toxic when consumed by livestock, were selected and individually seeded or transplanted into the exhibit. A placard is located at each plant with its name and a QR code that links to the pages with more information, which are found on this website.



ALSIKE CLOVER



BLACK CHERRY



BUTTERCUP



PERILLA MINT



4-H Youth Development



4-H Enrollment Target Date is January 15th!



ENROLL IN 4-H TODAY!



All returning and new 4-H Members and 4-H Volunteers are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible!

Don't know what projects you want to take yet? No problem! Once approved you can add and drop all the way to May 15th!

Please note that the system will ask you to select your clubs and projects again, the system will recognize previous projects that you have completed and will assign the proper number of years completed to each project selected.

Click here v2.4honline.com/

If you are a returning member, use your same email address and password. New members should click "Don't have an account?" if you have never enrolled in 4-H.

Forgot your password, no worries! Just use the "reset password" option below the login portal or call the Extension Office at (812) 265-8919.

[HTTPS://V2.4HONLINE.COM](https://v2.4honline.com/)

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Southeastern Indiana REMC 4-H Enrollment Reimbursement

If your electric is through SEI REMC your 4-H Enrollment may be free! SEI REMC will reimburse eligible members \$20 of their enrollment fees. You will pay at the extension office or on 4HOnline as normal then visit: <https://www.seiremc.com/4h> and fill out a request form to receive payment. Check out their website for more information.

Junior Leaders Meeting—January 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Our next Junior Leaders meeting will be January 16th at 6:30 pm in the Extension Office. We will be learning the games we will be facilitating at the New to 4-H Night on February 20th. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

If you are in grades 7-12 you are eligible to join the Junior Leaders! Sign up for the project on 4-H online or contact the 4-H Educator, Britt Copeland at 8-12 265-8919 or copelanb@purdue.edu

Livestock Tagging Date Reminder

Beef Tagging—April 20, 2024, 7 –10 am on the Fairgrounds

Save the date! Any youth planning to show a beef steer, heifer, and or dairy steer at the 4-H County Fair this summer must bring their animals to the Fairgrounds for tagging/identification. Dairy Females and previously shown and tagged females with appropriate registration/identification information do not need to come to tagging.

Sheep, Goat, Swine Tagging—May 11, 2024, 7 –10 am on the Fairgrounds

Save the date! Any youth planning to show sheep, goats, or swine at the 4-H County Fair this summer must bring their animals to the Fairgrounds for tagging/identification. Previously shown females that have the proper ID do not need to come to tagging.

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2023 4-H Handbook is Now Available!

The 4-H Handbook for 2024 is ready to go! You can pick up your copy at the office or view it online at our website: extension.purdue.edu/county/jefferson/. Updates to project guidelines are in Red on the electronic version. Print versions are black and white only. Please refer to the handbook for more in depth explanations of policies.

4-H Program Changes

- Fee Structure– Per project fees have been eliminated. Enrollment in Jefferson County 4-H is \$5 plus the \$15 state fee with no limit on the amount of projects a 4-H member can take.
- Record Sheets– Record sheets are no longer required for all Exhibit Hall projects. Only recipe cards, skill cards and items specifically mentioned in project guidelines that are needed for judging are required. Livestock record sheets are required to receive premium money but, members may also complete the livestock record alternative.

Livestock Changes

- 5 Awards will be given in the Grand Drive of market livestock shows. Grand, Reserve, 3rd, 4th and 5th Overall will be selected from Champion and Reserve Champions of their respective breed divisions.
- Goat Project Changes
 - Meat Goat Wethers will be permitted to sell in the 2024 livestock auction. All auction rules apply, please review the Goat Project Guidelines and the Livestock Auction section of the handbook.
 - Both Meat Goats and Dairy Goats will be represented in Round Robin.
- Dairy Project- Minor adjustments to class listing to mirror Indiana State Fair show classes.
- Horse Project- Updates to barn procedures and safety rules.
- Poultry Project- Addition of reference table of breeds and varieties to assist families in the selection of show classes.

2024 Jefferson County 4-H Handbook



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2024 Jefferson County 4-H Scholarships Seniors with 4 years of 4-H Tenure, Due February 9th

Graduating Seniors in our 4-H program should be reminded to apply for the Jefferson County 4-H Scholarship. This scholarship is part of the Community Foundation of Jefferson County's application and can be accessed at www.cfmjc.org/scholarships

- ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must: 1) be a recent graduate of an area high school; 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; and 3) have completed four years of regular 4-H (with the last year completed in Jefferson County, IN).
- CRITERIA EVALUATED: 4-H participation, academic achievement, community activities, and financial need.
- DUE: February 9, 2024

INDIANA 4-H 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

DUE JAN 25

LEARN MORE AT bit.ly/4hscholarship



2024 Indiana 4-H Scholarships 10-12th Graders Eligible, Due January 25th

In partnership with the Indiana 4-H Foundation, the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program annually awards more than \$125,000.00 in scholarships to 4-H members to pursue post-secondary education. Scholarships are awarded to recognize youth participating in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program on their achievements and life skill development resulting from their participation in a variety of 4-H experiences. Take a look at the Indiana 4-H Foundation 2024 Scholarship Opportunities to see if you are eligible! More information regarding these opportunities can be found at: bit.ly/4hscholarship



NEW TO 4-H NIGHT

February 20th at 6 pm
4-H Community Building

MEET YOUR LEADERS- PLAY GAMES

LEARN HOW TO 4-H LIKE A PRO!

EAT COOKIES- JOIN A CLUB

GREAT FOR 1ST TIME FAMILIES!

4-H Leader Meeting at 5:00 pm

Club leaders are encouraged to set up a booth with their club's information and display project examples from older members.

Junior Leaders will be leading games. 4-H Educator will lead the 4-H Orientation



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Let us know you are coming!!
Register on 4-H Online, call the
office or show up!

Newto4HNight.4honline.com

CALL 812-265 8919

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Area 1- Southeastern Indiana

4-H Volunteer Conference



February 24, 2024 Hopewell Baptist Church 2319 N County Rd 850 W, Holton, IN

Area 1 4-H Extension Educators aim to enhance the 4-H experience by bringing together volunteers from multiple counties to share best practices and learn from each other. This event is of no charge to 4-H volunteers and includes lunch, door prizes and 4-H curriculum resources. Registration is collected on 4-H Online.

Schedule of Events

10 am Thrive Session	12 noon Catered Lunch
11 am First Session Choose a topic relevant to your role.	1 pm Second Session Choose a topic relevant to your role.



Registration Required on 4-H Online Events by February 19th v2.4honline.com

First Session Options

4-H Camps & Trips

Explore the opportunities in our area and at Purdue for youth to learn on a higher level. Discuss cost offsetting & recruitment.

Back to Basics: Club Recreation

Play games you can bring back to your club meetings.

4-H Electric Project

Specialists discuss how to judge and have a strong project based learning experience.

Second Session Options

Back to Basics: Club Structure

Discuss program planning for club leaders, using social media, resources given by extension and more.

Livestock Leader Panel

Discuss hosting Animal Science Workshops members want to attend, planning shows and best practices from fellow volunteers.

4-H Tractor Project

Explore the new tractor project curriculum, discuss the area contest and meet with area tractor project leaders.

This event is free to all 4-H Volunteers Call (812) 265-8919 or email copelanb@purdue.edu with questions

INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



**BROADBAND
INFLUENCER**

What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

1

Checks your internet speed

pcr.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



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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.

Upcoming Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Jan 11	Fair Board Mtg.	Community Building	7:00 p.m.
Jan 15	Target Enrollment Date for 4-H!!!!		
Jan 16	Junior Leader Mtg.	Extension Office	6:30 p.m.
Jan 31	Annual Meeting	Community Building	6:00 p.m.
Feb 1– May 9	Master Gardener Basic Training	Community Building	
Feb 9	4-H Scholarship deadline!		
Feb 20	4-H Leader Mtg.	Community Building	5:00 p.m.
Feb 20	New to 4-H Night	Community Building	6:00 p.m.
Feb 22	Tobacco GAP Training	Community Building	6:00 p.m.
Feb 24	4-H Volunteer Conference	Holton, IN	10:00 a.m.