

# LaGrange County

# 4-H NEWS!



*Enrollment is still open!*

If you have not enrolled in 4-H yet, you can enroll now!

In this newsletter there are updated animal guidelines for the 4-H Fair. These have been approved by the livestock committee and 4-H Association. Please make sure to review the updated dates and requirements.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or comments feel free to reach out to me at 499-6334 or email at [bgilger@purdue.edu](mailto:bgilger@purdue.edu). I enjoy hearing from everyone of you!

*Brittany*

## *Upcoming Dates:*

### *February*

- 1: Camp Counselor Applications are Due to Extension Office
- 6: Springfield Sidewinders Meeting 7:00 pm - Prairie Heights High School - North Door
- 6: Stroh Spotlighters Meeting 7:00 pm- Stroh Church of Christ - Door 5
- 8: Extension Board Meeting 6:00 pm- Pine Knob Park
- 13: 4-H Day at the Statehouse \*
- 13: 4-H Association Meeting 7:00 pm - Fairgrounds
- 14: 4-H Canvas Painting \*
- 17: Community Silent Auction & Dinner 4-8pm - Community Building - Fairgrounds
- 20: Topeka Happy Workers Meeting 6:30 pm - New Life Fellowship
- 22: Stroh Straight Shooters Meeting 6:30 pm - Barb Howe's House
- 29: Junior Leaders Meeting - 6:00 p.m. County Office Building

### *March*

- 12: Springfield Sidewinders Meeting 7:00 pm - Prairie Heights High School - North Door
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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## 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:** LaGrange 4-H Fairgrounds
- **Date & Time:** February 14, 2024 6-8 p.m.
- **Best suited for youth in Grades 3 & up**
- **Cost:** \$15
- **Registration closes:** February 7
- **Register:** <https://bit.ly/canvassteam24>



Extension - 4-H Youth Development

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## LaGrange County Extension Board Youth Members!

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Members must be able to attend the majority of the Extension Board meetings/events and be able to give youth input to discussions!

If interested you can find the application here, <https://bit.ly/LaGrangeIN4H>

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## Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care



April 22  
6:30-7:30 PM

May 7  
6:30-7:30 PM

LaGrange County  
All trainings will be in the Community Building at the LaGrange 4-H Fairgrounds  
\$3 per Participant

May 23  
6:00-7:00 PM

May 14  
5:30-6:30 PM

Anyone showing a rabbit, poultry, sheep, swine, goat, or cattle must complete either QLC or YQCA training before June 24.

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Go ahead and get one of these dates saved for your Quality Livestock Training. **Those showing cattle, swine, goats, sheep, rabbits and poultry will need to have their Quality Assurance training (QLC or YQCA) done by June 24, 2024.** Please note that this date has been moved up from previous years. Registration will open January 1, 2024.



## Northeast Indiana 4-H CAMP

Save the Date!  
June 5-7, 2024  
Epworth Forest

Open to Grades 3-6

Registration opening in March!



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Make sure to SAVE THE DATE for 4-H Camp! Camp registration will open in March! We cannot wait to see all of the 3rd - 6th graders there!



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



**SAVE THE DATES!**  
**LAGRANGE COUNTY 4-H FAIR**  
**JULY 6-13, 2024!**



Join us for the Annual  
*Community Silent Auction and Dinner*  
 in support of the  
**LaGrange County 4-H Youth**  
**February 17, 2024**  
**4-8 pm**  
 Dinner starting at 5 pm  
 at the  
**LaGrange County Fairgrounds  
 Community Building**




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2024 LAGRANGE COUNTY



Mini 4-H HANDBOOK

THE 2024 4-H HANDBOOKS ARE COMPLETED AND CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE OFFICE OR ACCESSED ONLINE AT PURDUE EXTENSION LAGRANGE, UNDER 4-H.

\*THESE HANDBOOKS CONTAIN ANY RULE CHANGES TO ANIMAL OR STATIC PROJECTS FOR THE 2024 FAIR!!

It's a great night of community fellowship, a meal, And Auction to support our youth! Watch the LaGrange County 4-H Fair Facebook Page for items that are available!

LaGrange County 4-H



2024 Handbook

Purdue Extension- LaGrange  
 114 West Michigan Street  
 LaGrange, IN 46761  
 Phone: 206-499-6334



SAVE THE DATE  
 4-H Mini CAMP  
 JUNE 13, 2024

+ MORE INFORMATION TO COME

4-H Mini Camp is a Day of Fun for your Mini 4-Her!! Be watching to register, space is limited!

# 4-H Online vs. FairEntry



When do we need to use them?  
Why do we use them both?

## 4-H Online

## FairEntry

### Who?

- Parents/ Families
- ALL 4-H Members
- ALL Program Volunteers
- Specialty Groups

### Who?

- 4-H Fair Exhibitors
- Superintendents
- Fair Judges
- Check-in Volunteers
- Media Outlets for Fair Results

### What?

- Animal Identification
- Selecting project areas to explore.
- 4-H Trips and other events
- 4-H Scholarships Application
- Club rosters for 4-H Leaders

### What?

- Preparation for county fair
- County Fair Project Labels
- State Fair Qualifying Entries
- Livestock Show Bills
- Organization of Fair Results

### When?

From start to end of the program year: October through September.

### When?

Fair Season: Typically May through August

### Where?

<https://v2.4honline.com/>

### Where?

Direct link provided by county office  
or  
<https://faireentry.com/Public/FindYourFair>

### Why?

- To express interest in the 4-H Program
- Improved communication between County and State and 4-H Families

### Why?

- Prepare for county and state fair
- Get accurate numbers for project display purposes, and stall assignments



Extension - 4-H Youth Development



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**ANIMAL ID DEADLINE: MAY 15**  
**FAIRENTRY DEADLINE: JUNE 24**  
**QLC / YQCA : JUNE 24**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION: NOT COMPLETING FAIRENTRY BY JUNE 24, 2024 WILL RESULT IN NO HIGHER THAN A BLUE RIBBON FOR STATIC PROJECTS AND BEING PLACED IN AN EXHIBITION ONLY CLASS (WILL NOT RECEIVE A PLACING) WITH LIVESTOCK PROJECTS.**

# Club Meetings

## **Dog Club**

Meetings will start at the first of the year.

FB Page-LaGrange County 4-H Dog Club.

Contact Sharrita 260-336-4211 to be added to the club app and you will get club updates.

## **Junior Leaders**

Last Thursday of the Month

February 29- 6:00 p.m.

County Office Building  
Commissioners Room

## **Livestock Club**

Curtis Sherman 260-463-6702

Have you ever thought about judging livestock? This is the club for you! Contact Curtis for more information.

## **Shooting Sports**

More information about meetings to come.

## **Stroh Straight Shooters**

February 22, 2024 6:30 pm

Barb Howe's House

Barb Howe 260-499-1571

More information to come.

## **Springfield Sidewinders & Panther Pack**

Debbie Lewis 260-367-1316

February 6, 2024, 7 pm

March 12, 2024, 7pm

April 19, 2024, 7pm

May 14, 2024, 7pm

June 11, 2024 POOL PARTY!

Prairie Heights High School - North Door

## **Stroh Sunny Spotlighters**

They meet the first Tuesday of every Month

Stroh Church of Christ. Door 5

Jeff and LeAnn Anders

260- 350-1535

260-350-1740

## **Horse & Pony**

More information about meetings to come.

## **Topeka Happy Workers**

Sally Hall 260-350-0856

New Life Fellowship, SR 5 6:30 pm

1/23/24      4/16/24

2/20/24      5/21/24

3/19/24      6/18/24

## **Wolcottville Can Bees**

Currently not meeting. We will need an adult volunteer to step into a Club Leader role to continue this club. Please contact Bgilger@purdue.edu if interested.

## 2024 General Rules for Animals Housed at the LaGrange County 4-H Fair

1. All 4-H General Rules apply as well as County and State 4-H Livestock Rules.
2. **Quality Assurance Training Requirement:** To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and/or rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through a quality assurance training. Youth now have the option to take Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or YQCA. Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program is an in-person quality assurance training. YQCA is the alternative online option for quality assurance training and will not be available in-person. Youth can choose whichever option works best for them. These trainings will be required annually to show the above listed animals. In person training dates will be communicated to all 4-H members and their families through the LaGrange County Extension Office by the newsletter, email, postcards and/or Facebook post. All 4-H members exhibiting the species listed above must be certified in one of the quality assurance trainings by **June 24**. Youth who choose to take YQCA must present certificates to 4-H Educator or Livestock Superintendent by **June 24**. YQCA certificate can be emailed to [bgilger@purdue.edu](mailto:bgilger@purdue.edu), at the time of completion. Any member not able to present the required proof of YQCA certification or QLC training by June 24 will not be eligible to show at the 4-H Fair.
3. All animal projects housed at the fair must arrive at the designated time, as determined by the species project committee, pending approval by the 4-H Association by March meeting, for check in for the 4-H fair. All animal projects housed at the fair (beef, swine, etc.) have not gotten 4-H Association approval must be penned by 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. by the first Saturday of fair. With the exemption of horse and pony which can start entering Friday at 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Friday night and resume 6:00 a.m. and will need to be stalled by noon on Saturday. Failure to do so will result in your animals not being able to unload.
4. All exhibition animals must be permanently identified by an acceptable method. Official ear tags are tags approved by the USDA. Official ear tags must bear the US shield to be considered official identification. Official identification acceptable for specific species for livestock exhibited in Indiana are as follows:
  - Swine: official 840 ear tag (electronic - RFID or visual tag); NUES tag, plastic or steel; official premises ID number ("PIN") tag; ear notch, if the notch has been recorded in the book of record of a pure bred registry association; or tattoo, if the tattoos registered with a swine registry association.
  - Cattle: 840 tags (15 digits, beginning with 840) may or may not be RFID; NUES (brite) tags, steel or plastic; or official USDA program tags, such as orange calf hood vaccination tags.
  - Sheep and Goats: scrapie program flock tags; electronic implant (goats only) for breed registered animals only when noted on registration paperwork; tattoo if accompanied by registration papers with tattoo noted; tattoo of scrapie flock ID number along with an individual animal ID number; wethers younger than 18 months of age must bear a unique, permanent ID of any form (not necessarily an official/scrapie tag).

5. Any livestock shown at the 4-H fair (except rabbits and poultry) must be identified in the 4Honline Animal Identification area prior to May 15th, and must include the Premise ID# of the location of the animals. IN BOAH requires premise registration of all sites associated with the sale, purchase, and/or exhibition of cattle, swine, sheep and goats. Rabbits and poultry should be registered with their respective project committees and the Extension Office by the same May 15th deadline. **No changes to the animal identification allowed after the May 15th deadline.**

6. All animals listed in a family profile may be exhibited by any siblings on that family 4-H Online profile. Animals going to the fair need to be entered FairEntry by June 24. Animals will need to only be entered one time on FairEntry. Animals that are not entered into FairEntry by midnight on June 24 will be shown in an exhibition only class and will not have an opportunity to place in their class, but will receive feedback from the judge. Youth may still have the opportunity to compete fully in showmanship class. Animal will need to be assigned to the specific youth in their family by 3:00 p.m. on day of weigh-in.

7. The 4-H'er is responsible for proper feed, water, and care of their animal(s) on a daily basis at the 4-H fair. If the species project committee finds that neglect is taking place, the following actions may be initiated:

- Step 1: Verbal Warning
- Step 2: Removal of some/all awards received in that animal species.
- Step 3: Ineligibility to participate in current year's 4-H auction.

8. All livestock must be owned by the 4-H member and under the 4-H member's daily care by the livestock identification deadline.

9. During the 4-H fair, all livestock is to stay in provided housing except during the show, exercising, grooming, and other scheduled 4-H activities. The livestock committee will designate all exercise areas and any other needed space.

10. Any exhibitor or family member who abuses an animal will be eliminated from showing and further disciplinary/legal action may be taken.

11. Not abiding by Youth Behavioral Expectations (signed when enrolled in 4-H) will result in being excused by 4-H Educator from all 4-H fair activities for the remainder of the year.

12. Mini 4-H Showmanship: Enrolled Mini 4-H'ers (grades K, 1, and 2) may partner with a 4-H animal mentor (current 4-H animal project members). Mini 4-H'ers will be allowed to exhibit/show in the Mini 4-H Animal Exhibition Classes with their assigned mentor during the LaGrange County 4-H Fair. Mini 4-H'ers will NOT be allowed to bring their own animals to the Fair.

13. All animals must be shown by the 4-H member making the project enrollment, except when a member exhibits more than one animal in a particular class, in which case the additional animal(s) may be shown by another 4-H member (not a Mini 4-H'er) enrolled in LaGrange County. Any other exceptions to this rule will be made only by the superintendent.

14. All Exhibitors will show their own animal with no additional help showing or setting up an animal during livestock shows, unless due to extenuating circumstances or disability. Additional help will need to be a current LaGrange 4-H member and will need to be prearranged with livestock species committee before the show begins.

15. Release time: Animal exhibit release time will be 12:00 am on the final Saturday of the fair, until the end of the auction on Saturday morning/afternoon. No animal project of any species shall be released before 12:00 a.m. on the final Saturday (unless otherwise announced/notified by the Livestock Committee Superintendent), of fair unless:

- The animal is determined to be too ill to remain at the fair.
- The animal poses a health risk to other animals at the fair.

Animal health decisions must be made by the species superintendent, the president of the livestock committee, the president of the fair board, and the county 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator. No animal may be removed from the fairgrounds early without the consent of these individuals.

Exemptions have been made for:

Production cows (milking cows) who will do a show and go.

With the exemption of horse and pony and draft horses, 4-H Exhibitors that prove state fair show entry, with state fair entry receipt, to their species superintendent at weigh-in, may leave following their show. Trailers are only allowed at the barns from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. the following day. Animals may walk (or carry) to trailers near campground gate (northwest gate) at any time following their show.

16. Per state fair rules, an animal that has been designated “sold” at a county fair, will not be eligible for state fair. The animal that is designated for the auction must stay until the release time of 12:00 a.m. on Saturday (unless otherwise announced/notified by the Livestock Committee Superintendent).

17. If an exhibitor or a representative of the exhibitor removes an animal from the fairgrounds early without the consent of the above listed individuals, the following consequences will be assessed:

- The exhibitor will be removed from the current year’s 4-H auction for all species.
- The exhibitor will be prohibited from exhibiting the species in question for the next project year.



**The March Newsletter will have the Tag In Dates!  
Also watch the LaGrange 4-H Facebook Page for  
these dates,,,**