

Hello 4-H Families,

If you have not yet enrolled in 4-H, this will be your last issue of the Clover Connections! Don't miss out on the Lake County 4-H news, enroll today or contact the office if you need assistance. Inactive volunteer and member accounts will be moved to the 4-HOnline archives.

Club Leaders, keep your club in active status too by turning in your annual Financial Checklist, Annual Financial Report, and Club Activity Form, available at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-volunteer/resources-and-development/club-resources.html>) by January 31. Instructions for this year's IRS filing (due May 15) will be coming soon. Thank you!

Save the Dates! Members in grades 3-6 are invited to join the **4-H Garden Club**, which will meet Saturday mornings, April 9, April 23, and May 14, at the Extension Office. Sign up information coming soon! New youth welcome.

4-H Sheep Workshop: Attention Sheep Members, there will be a workshop hosted by 4-H member Colton Neal for question and answering about the Sheep project on Sunday, January 30th at 4:00 pm via Zoom. This meeting is for members only. Please see Zoom meeting information below: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/7103312133?pwd=K0IPL1JaeFFPdUpVL0JVcHRzWEpadz09>

Horse and Pony members are invited to a free equine webinar series that will occur once a month from February through April, and feature Purdue Experts talking about timely and important topics on horse care. All sessions are at 6 pm Central/7 pm Eastern, and it is free to attend, but we are asking those interested to register at <https://tinyurl.com/3vxtxn88> See flyer attached for more details (note time difference though!).

Lake County 4-H Ambassador Board Workshop: Wednesday, February 9th at 6pm via Zoom, there will be a workshop hosted by 4-H Awards Committee members for question and answering about the Ambassador Board details on cover letters, resumes, interviews, and projects. Please see Zoom meeting information below: (<https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/6931281033>). Also, please remember your cover letters and resumes are due via email to rdcoleman@purdue.edu by Tuesday, March 15th. We are planning for in-person interviews to be held on Monday and Tuesday, April 25th & 26th. Please keep in mind that you must submit a cover letter, resume, and complete an interview in order to be recognized as a completed Ambassador.

We will return to Plum Grove Music Center in Lowell for the **2022 4-H Music Performance** on May 21, 2022. Members can exhibit in up to three categories: vocal, piano, or other instrument. Registration information coming soon.

4-H Project Update: We are excited to announce that Indiana 4-H is moving toward simpler and more consistent project rules throughout the state. You can see all of the new state project guidelines at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/> We will share the new county project guidelines soon. Members are encouraged to check their 4-HOnline profiles and make sure project choices are up to date. You'll notice some of the project names have changed since enrollment opened last fall. These are our 2022 4-H projects:

Aerospace

Arts and Crafts, General (includes Artificial Floral Design, Basic Craft Other, Ceramics, Giftwrapping, Jewelry Making, Leathercraft, Needlecraft Other, Reclaimed Treasures, Scrapbooking, Soft Dolls & Toys, Wearable Art, and Wreaths)

Beef

Cake Decorating

Child Development

Computer Science

Consumer Clothing

Construction and Architectural Replica

County Project: Cake Decorating without Tips

County Project: Collections

County Project: Consumer Meats

County Project: Container Gardening

County Project: Creative Writing

County Project: Exploring through Books & Movies

County Project: History for Fun

County Project: Juntos 4-H

County Project: Music

County Project: Sportfishing Other

County Project: Sports

County Project: Tablesetting

Dairy

Dairy Goats

Dog

Electric

Entomology

Fine Arts

Floriculture

Foods

Forestry

Garden

Genealogy

Geology

Goats

Health

Horse and Pony

Junior Leaders

Lawn and Garden Tractor Safety and Operator Skills

Meat Goats

Mini 4-H

Needle Craft

Photography

Poultry

Pygmy Goats

Rabbits

Sewing

Sheep

Small Engine

Soil and Water Science
Sportfishing
Swine
Tractor Safety and Operator Skills
Veterinary Science
Weather and Climate Science
Wildlife
Woodworking
Zero-Turn Mower Safety and Operator Skills

We are introducing a new 4-H project this year, **Construction and Architectural Replica**. Exhibits can include farm scenes, town models, building replicas, or similar items and can be constructed from building blocks (Lego), erector sets, or other materials. This project will replace our Legos and Farm Models projects, plus will include some exhibits (items made with erector sets or other construction sets) that previously would have gone into Basic Craft Other. Members may enter up to two exhibits (e.g. one Lego and one Farm Model). See complete guidelines at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-arts-and-crafts.html>

As before, members can drop/add their project choices in 4-HOnline until May 15. After May 15, call the Extension Office if changes are needed. 4-H Handbooks are expected to be printed next month. We are still finalizing some project information and scheduling dates.

CORRECTION: 4-H Auction Committee will be meeting Thursday, February 24th at 6pm at the Extension Office. Immediately following at 7pm, the 4-H County Committee will be meeting. All enrolled volunteers are welcome to come!

WARM UP FROSTY: You're still in luck!!! Please drop off your donations to the Extension Office by Monday, January 31st. Thanks to all who have donated!!!

Upcoming Events (all events subject to change):

All indoor 4-H activities must have an approved Safety Plan in place.

January 30 – 4-H Sheep Workshop, Via Zoom, 4 pm

(<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/7103312133?pwd=K0lPL1JaeEFPdUpVL0JVcHRzWEpadz09>)

January 31—4-H Club annual reports due (download at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/volunteer/resources-and-development/club-resources.html>)

February 3—Horse and Pony Committee, Extension Office, 7 pm

February 6—Leathercraft Workshop, Zion UCC, Dyer, 1 pm

February 9 – 4-H Ambassador Workshop, Via Zoom, 6 pm (<https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/6931281033>)

February 21 – Extension Office Closed -Presidents Day

February 24 – 4-H Auction Committee Meeting, Extension Office, 6 pm

February 24 – 4-H County Committee Meeting, Extension Office, 7 pm

February 25-27 – Teens as Teachers registration deadline February 11th

March 14—Color Guard Drill Team Call Out, Ingebretsen Barn, Lowell, 6:30 pm

March 19—Horse and Pony Demo, Clark Middle School, St. John, check in 8 a.m.

March 20—Leathercraft Workshop, Zion UCC, Dyer, 3 pm

March 24—NEW DATE: County Committee Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Banquet, Great Oaks, Cedar Lake

April 9—4-H Garden Club, Extension Office, 9-11 am

April 12—4-H Spice Club starts, Extension Office, 5:00-6:30 pm, registration due March 29
April 15 – Extension Office Closed – Good Friday
April 23—4-H Garden Club, Extension Office, 9-11 am
May 14—4-H Garden Club, Extension Office, 9-11 am
May 21—4-H Music Performance, Plum Grove Music Center, Lowell
May 30 – Extension Office Closed – Memorial Day

If you have any club or project information that you'd like to share in the weekly email, please let 4-H Secretary Roz Adams rdcoleman@purdue.edu know by Wednesday each week.

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