

Hello 4-H Families,

Wishing good luck to all the 4-Hers participating in our **4-H Horse & Pony Demo** this Saturday at Clark Middle School! Check in starts 8 a.m. Don't forget the **4-H Leathercraft Workshop** and "**Sweet to Meet You**" **Mini 4-H Activity** (making maple syrup!) this weekend as well.

Keep on selling those **Lake County 4-H Geraniums!** Not only does the sale support the 4-H program, they are beautiful, high-quality plants. Sale ends March 28. Club leaders will collect their members' orders and money, and turn in the total club order/check to the office by Monday, April 4. Representatives from each club will pick up geraniums at the greenhouse on Saturday, April 30. See your club leader for instructions on getting your plants and delivering them to your buyers.

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 due April 1. To register, go to the FairEntry website at <https://lakecountyin.fairentry.com>

1. Sign in using your 4HOnline email and password.
2. Follow instructions on screen to register an exhibitor and then add entries for that exhibitor.
3. Please note only certain departments are open at this time. Select the department, division, and then the specific class you wish to enter. **For Music, first select the County Project department, then the County Projects: Music division, then select your class(es).**
4. Add other exhibitors (siblings) if needed. It is easiest if siblings register at the same time and your family submits one registration. Otherwise, you will need to wait until the first one is approved before you continue.
5. When all exhibitors and entries have been added, click "Continue to Payment" (payment due will be \$0.00).
6. When everything is finished, click on the green "Submit" button.
7. You will receive an email when the registration is submitted and then another email letting you know if your entry was approved or rejected. If your entry was rejected, a reason will be listed and you will be able to log in and fix the problem before submitting that entry again. Please contact the Extension Office if you have any problems with this process.

4-H Poultry members and families are encouraged to participate in Purdue Extension's Backyard Poultry Biosecurity Webinar, April 14, 12:00 pm Eastern. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/WIAPoultry>. With the 2022 outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in southern Indiana, it has reminded livestock producers about the importance of biosecurity. Please join Jean Doerflein Wilson, Director Animal Disease Traceability and Avian Health Specialist with the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, for this webinar on backyard poultry biosecurity. This webinar is free and a recording will be shared with registered participants. Questions? Contact smith535@purdue.edu.

Upcoming Events (all events subject to change):

See also the **Lake County 4-H Online Calendar** <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/lake/lake-county-4-h.html>.

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

March 20—Leathercraft Workshop, Zion UCC, Dyer, 1 pm or 3 pm

March 20 – 4-H Mini: Sweet to Meet You, Deep River County Park (meet at the bridge), 1:45 pm

March 22 – 4-H Junior Leader Officers meeting, Extension Office, 6:30 pm

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March 24—County Committee Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Banquet, Great Oaks, Cedar Lake, 6:00pm
March 26—Junior Pork Day at Purdue
March 28 – 4-H YQCA Instructor Led Training, Extension Office, 6 pm
March 29 – 4-H Dog Call Out Meeting, 6 pm, Zoom: <https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/6931281033>
March 31 - 4-H County Committee Meeting, Extension Office, 7 pm
April 1—4-H Music Performance registrations due in FairEntry <https://lakecountyin.fairentry.com>
April 2—4-H Garden Camp, Extension Office, 9-11 am
April 4—Club geranium orders due to Extension Office
April 7—Horse and Pony Committee meeting, Extension Office, 7 pm
April 9—4-H Garden Camp, Extension Office, 9-11 am
April 12—4-H Spice Club starts, Extension Office, 5:00-6:30 pm, registration due March 29
April 13 – 4-H YQCA Instructor Led Training, Extension Office, 6 pm - CANCELED
April 15—Extension Office Closed - Good Friday
April 15—Registration due “Make a Tote Bag” Workshop on April 24, call Linda Dillon, 219-313-5633
April 20—Share the Fun submissions due
April 24—4-H Sewing “Make a Tote Bag” Workshop, K&S Sew-n-Quilt, 410 E. Commercial Avenue, Lowell, 2-5 pm
April 30—Geranium orders picked up by clubs, Hennings Farm and Greenhouse, DeMotte
April 30 – Goat Tagging, Annex Building, LCFG, 12 -2 pm
April 30 – Sheep Tagging, Annex Building, LCFG, 9-11 am
May 5—Horse and Pony Committee meeting, Extension Office, 7 pm
May 6 – 4-H Mini: Spring Fling, Stoney Run County Park, 5:30 pm
May 7 – Swine Tagging, Shelters 2&3 Drive Thru, LCFG, 9-11 am
May 14—4-H Garden Club, Extension Office, 9-11 am
May 15—Animal Identification due in 4-HOnline
May 15—Last day to drop/add projects directly in 4-HOnline
May 15—4-H Club IRS Form 990 due (club leaders)
May 21—4-H Music Performance, Plum Grove Music Center, Lowell
May 30 - Extension Office Closed - Memorial Day
June 2—Horse and Pony Committee meeting, Extension Office, 7 pm
June 25 – July 1—Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington, DC

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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