

LAKE COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTIONS

December 2024

A Note from the Extension Office

Welcome to Lake 4-H

Please welcome Kasey Wilhoit as the newest educator to our team. Here is a little bit about Kasey so you can get to know her.

Welcome

I was born and raised in Trafalgar, Indiana. Growing up, I spent much of my time playing travel sports. In high school, I was active in FFA, participating in soil judging, Parliamentary procedure, and forestry judging. After graduating high school, I attended Purdue University where I pursued my bachelor's degree in Agronomy with a concentration in crop and soil management while also playing softball for Purdue. After completing my undergraduate degree, I attended Marshall University, where I also played softball and obtained my master's degree in Leadership Studies. Throughout my college years, I was very active in volunteering in the communities I lived in. In my free time, you can find me hiking and spending time outside, reading, hanging out with my cats, and trying new things. I am looking forward to starting this new position. It is my hope that I can bring my knowledge and passion to 4-H and make a positive impact on the community.

You can personally welcome Kasey at kwilhoi@purdue.edu. Kasey, we are glad you are here!

JOIN 4-H TODAY

The Lake County 4-H Program welcomes all youth in grades K-12. Scan the QR code to sign up:



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Scan the QR code below to find and follow our Facebook profile:



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did you know that the Indiana 4-H Foundation awarded \$150,000 in **scholarships** to 4-H members last year? These awards recognize Indiana students for their achievements and life skill development resulting from their participation in 4-H.

It's never too early to start on your **Indiana 4-H scholarship** application! Applications are available now and are due January 25. Visit bit.ly/4hscholarship to learn more about these opportunities, supported by the [Indiana 4-H Foundation](#)! Submit applications through your 4-HOnline profile. See flyer attached and learn more on the [4-H Scholarships](#) website.

4-H enrollment is still open—don't wait, enroll today at <https://v2.4honline.com/> Lake County 4-Hers are also encouraged to check out the scholarship opportunities from the **Legacy Foundation**. Learn more at <https://legacyfdn.org/scholarships/apply-for-scholarships/>



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INDIANA 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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LEARN MORE AT bit.ly/4hscholarship



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Adult volunteers, Ambassadors, and Junior Leaders, watch the mail for your invitation to the **County Committee Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Banquet**, to be held January 23 at the 4-H Building, LCFG.

Club Administrative Leaders: Club annual reports due January 31

Lake County 4-H Junior Leaders - 4-H members in grades 7-12 may enroll in the Junior Leader project. This program focuses on the development of leadership skills, as well as service learning and fellowship. Members assist with local club activities, 4-H projects, and county events.

Please join us for our **HOLIDAY CALL OUT PARTY** (combining both November and December Meetings) scheduled for 6 pm Wednesday, December 11th at Stardust Bowling Alley in Merrillville on U.S. 30. Meeting at 6 pm and bowling immediately following with Pizza provided.

NEW POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

2024-25 Indiana 4-H Policies and Procedures are now available at bit.ly/3AkZ8kP



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4-H Highlights & Celebrations

We are proud to announce the members of the 2024-2025 Ambassador Board. These 18 high school students represent excellence in leadership and dedication across seven clubs in Lake County 4-H.

Congratulations to our 2025 Ambassadors!

Elaina Berrones, Prairie Pioneers
Abigail Bisig, Just Horsin' Around
Colleen Donaldson, Saddles & Spurs
Claire Donaldson, Saddles & Spurs
Avalyn Humbert, Crown Clovers
Mikayla Klopp, Prairie Pioneers
Noah Miller, Griffith Grinners
Annalise Neal, St. John Spitfires
Garret Neal, St. John Spitfires
Leah Pozen, Prairie Pioneers
Samantha Rhody, Rockin Clovers
Marisa Rund, Crown Clovers
Sebastian Rzadkosz, Griffith Grinners
Kacper Rzadkosz, Griffith Grinners
Addison Segert, Prairie Pioneers
Fawwaz Shareef, Rockin Clovers
Katelyn Smith, Saddles & Spurs
Mackenzie Smith, Saddles & Spurs

**WISHING YOU A
HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

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LAKE COUNTY OFFICE



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Congratulations to those who submitted Memory Books! Judges enjoyed reviewing them, and they are ready for pick-up at the Extension Office.

Jenna Miller, Griffith Grinners 4-H Club

Noah Miller, Griffith Grinners 4-H Club

Lilah Frisbee, The Seekers 4-H Club

Nivaeh Frisbee, The Seekers 4-H Club

Emma Frisbee, The Seekers 4-H Club

Congratulations to all who participated in the recent Area X Crops, Entomology, and Forestry Judging Contests! Lake County 4-Hers represented us with pride at the Area X contests. Special shout-out to the Entomology Senior Team, advancing to state!

Forestry Jr. Ind.: Cruz Becerra, Prairie Pioneers 4-H Club

Forestry Jr. Team:

Zahrah Shareef, Rockin' Clovers 4-H Club

Melody Downs, Rockin' Clovers 4-H Club

Brianna Becerra, Prairie Pioneers 4-H Club

Rosalie Becerra, Prairie Pioneers 4-H Club

Entomology Jr. Ind.: Logan Downs, Rockin' Clovers 4-H Club

Entomology Sr. Team:

Annalise Neal, St. John Spitfires 4-H Club

Garrett Neal, St. John Spitfires 4-H Club

Fawwaz Shareef, Rockin' Clovers 4-H Club



Projects displayed by Aaron DuBord
and David Spaniol.

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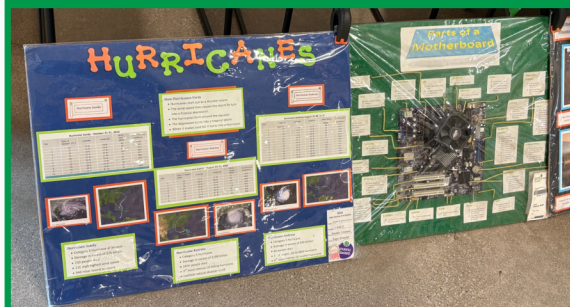
Save the Dates: 4-H Opportunities

Next Chapter Scholarship Workshop, December 12 at 5 pm, Extension Office

This workshop will be facilitated by State Specialist, Jennifer Abrell. This is intended for high school aged youth. Students will learn how and when to apply for financial aid and scholarships including the FAFSA and Indiana 4-H Scholarships. Tips will be shared on where to find scholarships, how to write the scholarship essay, requesting letters of recommendation, and more. If you are interested, please register here:

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

SAVE THE DATE: Life Lessons Virtual Series Workshop - High Schoolers adulting is hard! How do you manage your money? What do you do if your car breaks down? How do you get a stain out of your favorite pair of jeans? 4-Hers in grades 9-12 are invited to join a virtual 8-week Indiana 4-H workshop series for high school students called **Life Lessons**. Each session in the series will cover topics and skills that are essential for the journey into adulthood! Topics include banking & budgeting, auto care, etiquette & people skills, online & social media safety, and more. Join us weekly on Tuesdays from 7-8 pm ET starting January 14th until March 4th for a virtual series on all the life lessons needed to be #beyondready for adulthood. The \$25 cost includes goody box at the end and all materials for the program. Sign up now at <https://4HLifeLessons2025.4honline.com>



Muaaz Shareef and Zayn Shareef's projects displayed at our 4-H Kickoff event.



Forestry impressions displayed at our Kickoff.

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Tuesday, February 11, 2025, will be our **Indiana 4-H Day at the State House!** Youth in 7th-12th grade will learn about their state government through a day full of civic engagement and leadership. Participants will tour the state house, meet representatives, and have the opportunity to serve as student pages. Registration is currently open and will close January 13th. You can register at the [Indiana State 4-H Website!](#) Please contact the Extension Office with any questions.

It's time to start planning for **State and National 4-H Opportunities:** 4-H Round-Up, Citizenship Washington Focus, 4-H Academy @ Purdue, State 4-H Band & Chorus, 4-H Junior Leader Conference, Day at the Statehouse, and more! Check out photos of past events at bit.ly/photosin4h Dates and links to more information are on the Indiana 4-H Website.

Mini 4-H Cabin Fever Party, Saturday, Feb. 22nd, from 9-12 pm at the Extension Office. Come meet and have fun with your fellow Mini 4-Hers! Fun, snacks, and project supplies will all be provided. Cost: \$5 (Cash or Checks made payable to Purdue CES Fund). Looking for Junior Leaders and Ambassadors to help chaperone the party! More details to come.



To embrace the holiday spirit, the Paper Clover campaign will officially be launching on Black Friday! Running from November 29th to December 15th, we are thrilled that [Tractor Supply Co.](#) is hosting this event during the season of giving.

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State Jr. Leaders Conference - March 28-30 - CAMP
TECUMSEH - BROOKSTON, IN

Join us for an unforgettable weekend of leadership development, team building, and fun! Highlights include: Interactive workshops, such as inspiring keynote speakers, networking opportunities, evening games and celebrations. More details to come! Mark your calendars and be part of this amazing experience. More details to come.

Area X Officer's Training - Marshall County - Jan 18th
Calling all 4-H Officers and Advisors! This training is designed to enhance your leadership skills, strengthen your roles within your clubs, and prepare you for a successful year ahead. Stay tuned for additional details! Don't miss this opportunity to grow as a leader and connect with peers across Area X. More details to come.



Leather making station from this year's 4-H Kickoff.



An apron made by one of our volunteer Linda Dillion.

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Save the Date: 4-H Camp planning is in full swing! Lake, LaPorte, Porter, & Starke Counties are gearing up for 4-H Camp FUN! Want to be a camp counselor!? Camp counselor applications opened November 1st with a deadline of January 25th. You must be in 7th to 8th grade to apply as a Counselor in Training (CIT) or you can be in 9th to 12th grade to apply as a Counselor. You can apply through 4-H Online with the events tab!

We do have a new camping location and date this year! Camp dates are June 10-12, 2025 at Tower Hill Camp in Sawyer, MI.

Training Dates are set for:

Saturday March 8th | Porter County Fairgrounds | 9 AM to 2 PM | Lunch Provided

Tuesday May 6th | Pinney Purdue | 6PM to 7:30 PM

Monday June 9th | Tower Hill Camp | Arrive at 12:30 PM CST (1:30 PM EST)

Camp Counselors Applications Due - January 25th-
<https://2025CampCounselors.4honline.com>

4-H Camp Sign Ups Begin - March 1st -May 15th - Don't Miss Out!

Camp counselors - June 9-12th Campers - June 10-12th



*Have a wonderful
Thanksgiving!*

*from your Purdue Extension-
Lake County office*



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Save the Dates: 4-H Opportunities

4-H Dog Call Out - January 28th 2025, 6 pm at the 4-H Building LCFG.

One parent who has had two daughters in Dog for several years, said about the Dog Project **"I think it is a hidden gem no one realizes exists!"**

If you ever thought about training your dog come out to the Dog Call Out and see what it is about. There will be 4-H'ers that have been in the Dog Project for years, and they will show you what they can do with their dog, and also 4-H'ers that have only been doing dog for one year, you will see what amazing things they have learned. Obedience - Showmanship - Rally - Tricks

The trainers may even bring their dogs and show what show dogs can do. You will be able to talk to the trainers and other 4-H'ers about their experiences and any concerns you have about training your dog. Come out and see how much fun you can have with your dog. Dogs at invitation only.



Crown Clovers 4-H Club made a scarecrow for Residences at Deer Creek's 12th Annual Scarecrow Contest.



Jr. Leaders made a scarecrow for Residences at Deer Creek's 12th Annual Scarecrow Contest.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Monday, 12/1 - Horse & Pony Committee Meeting at
Extension Office, 2291 N. Main St. Crown Point, 7:00 pm

Wednesday 12/4, Monday 12/9, Monday 12/16,
Wednesday 12/18 - 4-H Meat Judging Team Practice,
18095 Clay St, Hebron, 6:00pm

Wednesday, 12/11 - Jr. Leaders Holiday Party at Stardust
Bowling Alley, Merrillville on U.S. 30, 6:00 pm

Thursday 12/12 4-H Virtual Scholarship and Financial Aid
Workshop, Crown Point, 5:00pm

Saturday, 12/14 - Entomology & Forestry Judging State
Contests, Stewart Center Bldg. W. Lafayette

JANUARY

Thursday, 1/23 - County Committee Annual Meeting &
Volunteer Recognition Banquet, 4-H Bldg. 889 S. Court St.
Crown Point, 6:00 pm

Saturday, 1/25 - Indiana 4-H Scholarship Applications
due in 4-HOnline

PLEASE NOTE!

Make sure you have the dates above on your calendar! We
wish all of our 4-H families a safe and joyous holiday
season! Please note: The Extension Office will be closed
on the following dates:

November 28-29 - Thanksgiving Holiday

December 24 - Christmas Eve

December 27 - Christmas Holiday

December 31 - New Year's Eve



Zahrah Shareef's Entomology 50 Insect
Collection State Project shown at this
year's 4-H Kickoff Event.



Jr. Leaders at Enchanted Castle with the
Jr. Leader Advisors and 4-H Educator.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

See the complete Lake County 4-H
Calendar and more at bit.ly/48sNJfj. If
you are in need of accommodations to
attend a program, please contact the
Extension Educators at least 14 days
prior to the meeting at
219-755-3240.



UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

Sunday 12/1 RPFF 4-H Club Meeting, 183 S West St, Crown Point, 5:00pm

Monday 12/2 Hobart Hurricanes 4-H Club Meeting, 301 E 10th St, 6:00pm

Tuesday 12/3 Saddle & Spurs 4-H Club Meeting, 122 N Main St, Crown Point, 6:00pm

Thursday 12/5 Brunswick Beavers 4-H Club Meeting, 14804 W. 113th Ave, Dyer, 7:00pm

Friday 12/6 The Seekers 4-H Club Meeting, 6729 W 133rd Ave, Cedar Lake, 3:30pm

Sunday 12/8 Prime Beefmakers 4-H Club Meeting, 24002 Parrish Ave, Schneider, IN 46376, 2:00pm

Sunday 12/8 Eagle Creek Up & At'em 4-H Club Meeting, 18095 Clay St, Hebron, 4:00pm

Monday 12/9 The Lone Rangers 4-H Club Meeting, 4613 E 109th Ave, Crown Point, 7:00pm

Tuesday 12/10 Tails & Trails 4-H Club Meeting, 1505 E Commercial Ave, Lowell, 6:00pm

Tuesday 12/10 Happy Wranglers 4-H Club Meeting, 304 S 725 W, Hebron, 6:00pm

Wednesday 12/11 4-H Junior Leaders Meeting, 3925 E Lincoln Hwy., Merrillville, 6:00pm

Friday 12/13 Crown Clovers 4-H Club Meeting, 250 S Indiana Ave, Crown Point, 6:00pm

Saturday 12/14 Hammond 4-H Club Meeting, 564 State St, Hammond, 1:00pm

Tuesday 12/17 Juntos 4-H Club Meeting, 3300 Indiana St, Hobart, 9:30am

Thursday 12/19 4-H County Committee Meeting, 2291 N Main St, Crown Point, 6:00 pm

Friday 12/20 Rockin' Clovers 4-H Club Meeting, 8651 W 93rd, St. John, 6:00pm

Sunday 12/22 St. John Spitfires 4-H Club Meeting, Crown Point, 6:00pm

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY:



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Next Chapter

WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

WHEN DO I APPLY FOR
FINANCIAL AID?

WHERE DO I FIND
SCHOLARSHIPS?

INDIANA 4-H
SCHOLARSHIPS

HOW DO I APPLY FOR
SCHOLARSHIPS?

WRITING YOUR
SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

AND MORE TIPS AND
TRICKS!

DECEMBER 12, 2024
6:00 PM

ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT TO REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

REGISTER FOR THIS VIRTUAL WORKSHOP HERE:
[HTTPS://4HSCHOLARSHIPHELP.4HONLINE.COM](https://4hscholarshiphelp.4honline.com)

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LIFE LESSONS



VIRTUAL SERIES WORKSHOP

Questions?
Contact local Purdue
Extension Office.

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Open to all high school students (grades 9-12).



**Jan. 14-
March 4**



**Tuesdays
7-8 PM EST /
6-7 PM CT**



\$25
Includes provided
material, content and
supplies



**Zoom and Google
Classroom**

**Digital Safety - Kitchen Skills - Auto Care - Scheduling Appointments
Social Etiquette - Laundry Care - Financial Education - Much More!**

REGISTER VIA 4HONLINE



<https://4HLifeLessons2025.4honline.com>

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2025

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

Categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

Eligibility: Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

Awards: A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Visit bit.ly/4hscholarship to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.
Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.

\$176,880 AWARDED IN 2024



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CAMP COUNSELOR TRAININGS

**COUSELOR
GRADES 9-12
IN TRAINING
GRADES 7-8**

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**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!
CAMP IS JUNE 10-12, 2025 AT
TOWER HILL CAMP IN SAWYER, MI**

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Camper applications open March 1, 2025 and close May 15, 2025.



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REMINDER

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 the 15th day of each month. See the online [Lake County 4-H Calendar](#) at for more upcoming events.

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Jr. Leaders Christmas Tree decorated at the Indiana Welcome Center.



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