

LAPORTE COUNTY

4-H Thursday Tidbit



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES



Things happening in April:

- April 1st | 4-H Camp Registration Opens
 - Any interested adults that want to chaperone must also register in 4-H Online.
- April 5th | Workshop-a-Thon
- April 8th | Rabbit Committee Meeting
- April 14th | Indiana 4-H Quality Care Program
- April 26th | Feeder Calf Tagging | 8 AM to 10 AM
- April 28th | Mini Monday - Aerospace
- April 29th | Volunteer Series - 4-H Online & Fair Entry

Save the Dates:

- May 3rd | Sheep, Swine, Goat Tagging
- May 6th | Camp Counselor Training - Pinney Purdue
- May 7th | Beef Committee Meeting
- May 15th | Livestock ID Deadline
- May 19th | Mini Monday - Animal Education
- June 10th - 12th | 4-H Camp (Counselors only on the 9th)
- June 13th | Fair Entry Deadline
- July 5th - 12th | LaPorte County Fair

Check out our calendar for all 4-H Events & Club Meetings

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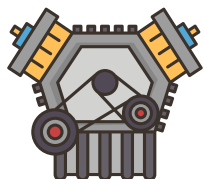
UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP-A-THON

APRIL 5TH: QLC STARTS AT 9:30 AND WORKSHOPS START AT 10:30

SMALL PROJECTS BUILDING - LAPORTE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

YOU WILL NEED TO PARK IN THE MAIN LOT!



SMALL ENGINES WORKSHOP

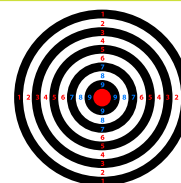
APRIL 9TH @ 6:30 PM

SEYMOUR SALES & SERVICE, 101 S. FORRESTER ROAD, LAPORTE

ARCHERY WORKSHOP

APRIL 10TH: PROJECT OPEN TO ALL GRADES @ 6:00 PM

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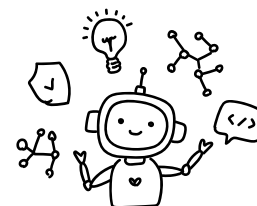


ROBOTICS

APRIL 11TH @ 5:30 PM

APRIL 28TH @ 5:30 PM

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COMMUNICATIONS & TALENT SHOW

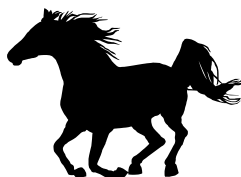
APRIL 24TH: SOUTH CENTRAL @ 6:00

THIS IS YOUR JUDGING DAY!

MINI EQUINE MEETING

APRIL 13TH, 27TH @ 5:00 PM

SMALL PROJECT BUILDING



RABBIT WORKSHOP

APRIL 15TH @ 6:30 PM SMALL PROJECT BUILDING

APRIL 22ND: BELSTRA FIELD TRIP

IMPORTANT

FAIR SCHEDULE

There have been some updates to the fair schedule including swine check in time on Sunday and Mini Pedal Pull. Make sure to check it out.

https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/_blocks/2025-full-fair-schedule-draft-2.pdf

4-H CAMP

4-H Camp registration is now open!

Please log into 4-H Online, go to the event tab and register there. We are looking for adult chaperones. You must register in 4-H Online as well. Those spots are on a first come, first serve basis.

<https://lpscampers25.4honline.com>

MINI LIVESTOCK MENTORS

We are looking for 4-H Members that are willing to mentor Mini 4-Hers for fair this year. Mini members are being asked to find animals prior to fair and some of them need some assistance! If you are willing to help please fill out the [Google Form](#).

INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE

- April 5: 9:30 AM | Workshop-a-thon
- April 5: 12:15 PM | Workshop-a-thon
- April 14: 5:30 PM | LaPorte County Extension Office
- April 14: 6:30 PM | LaPorte County Extension Office
- May 13: 6 PM | LaPorte County Extension Office
- June 2: 6 PM | Small Projects Building

You do not need to pay in advance, \$3 at the door is fine with us. Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care needs to be completed by June 13. YQCA can be completely online, we recommend it be completed by June 13.



TALENT SHOW & COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

Be sure to join us for the LaPorte County 4-H Talent Show & Communications Contest on April 24th at 6pm at South Central High School.

All youth participants must register online: <https://lpctalent25.4honline.com>



HANDBOOK UPDATES

We have made a few changes to the handbook specially sewing. Make sure you are using the correct sewing skills form. It can be found on the state website under Exhibit Guidelines.

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-sewing-and-fashion-revue.html>

LIVESTOCK GROOMING CLARIFICATION

Livestock members, parents, and volunteers, there will not be a grooming assistance program this year. This has lead to some confusion on the grooming rules for 2025. So I have broken it down for you:

Who can groom at the LaPorte Count Fair: The 4-H member may obtain clipping and grooming assistance, if needed, by family members (defined as father, mother, step-parents, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparents, legal guardian), any 4-H livestock committee members (current year approved volunteers), current LaPorte County 4-H members, any LaPorte County 4-H parent.

Those attending State Fair this is your verbiage: Exhibitors shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of their own animals entered into the Indiana State Fair. An exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the Indiana State Fair, provided that the assistance shall be limited to explanation or demonstration and that the exhibitor is involved in the preparation.

What does this mean? This means that professional fitters may explain or demonstrate during the county and state fair, but they cannot physically groom or fit the animal. This is how the rule reads below. Please note, the only thing that has changes is there there will not be a grooming assistance list this year and the added verbiage of the State Fair Grooming Policy.

MINI 4-H CORNER

MINI MONDAY - APRIL

The April 28th Mini Monday will be based on Aerospace! We will build rockets using random materials. Registration will open on March 25th so make sure to register to join in on the fun!

Registration closes April 21st so we can have a headcount. Follow the link: <https://Marchminimonday.4honline.com>



MINI PEDAL PULL

The mini pedal pull date has been updated on the fair schedule. It will take place Wednesday, July 9th around 5:00 PM (if the swine show is running long, it will be after the swine show but should take place about 5:00 PM.)

MINI LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Mini 4-H'ers must borrow an animal owned by another 4-H member (except poultry & rabbits) **AND** find an older 4-H member to work with the day of show. If you need help finding an animal to use please reach out to Kelsey (ksajdera@purdue.edu) as we do have a list of 4-Hers that are willing to help the mini 4-H members..

7TH - 11TH GRADERS, JOIN US!

4-H NEXT CHAPTER

**MONDAYS @
7:00 PM ET,
6:00 PM CT**

VIRTUAL

**MAR
24**

MY PERSONAL AND CAREER GOALS

WHO do YOU want to be in your future?

**VISION
BOARD**

DISCOVERING CAREERS FOR ME

Check out hot careers including some you have never imagined!

**GUEST
SPEAKER**

**MAR
31**

**APR
7**

NETWORKING SKILLS

Like they say, it's who you know!

**GUEST
SPEAKER**

SERVICE LEARNING

Serving others and building employability skills.

**PLAN AN IN PERSON
PROJECT**

**APR
14**



REGISTER:

<https://Chapter1.4honline.com>

4-H NEXT CHAPTER: SUMMER EXPERIENCE



**JULY
23 -24,
2025**

JOIN US FOR A UNIQUE 2-DAY EXPERIENCE!

Visit four locations via charter bus: Purdue West Lafayette, Vincennes University, VU Ag Center, and the Aviation Technology Center Indianapolis.

\$100 per youth. Contact us, jlabrell@purdue.edu, for scholarship availability. Includes meals, snacks, transportation between sites, lodging, and all activities.

- ➔ See yourself in a college atmosphere.
- ➔ Learn about admissions and program requirements.
- ➔ Sleep in a university residence hall.
- ➔ Try out college food.
- ➔ Enjoy college recreational facilities and activities. And more!



Questions:
jlabrell@purdue.edu

REGISTER NOW! <https://NCSummer.4honline.com>



Extension - 4-H Youth Development

Next Chapter

Purdue University is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access University.

If you are in need of accommodations or an interpreter in order to attend this program, please contact jlabrell@purdue.edu by July 1.



LaPorte County 4-H Presents

TALENT SHOW & COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

APRIL 24 | 06:00 PM

**@ South Central School
Please register in 4-H Online**

Purdue University prohibits discrimination against any member of the University community on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, or status as a veteran.

**If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact the Extension Office prior to the meeting at 219-324-9407 or laporteces@purdue.edu by 4/17.
If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact the Extension Office prior to the meeting at 219-324-9407 or laporteces@purdue.edu by 4/17.**

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CLASSIC



JUDGE: JEREMY JONES - ONE RING ONLY

ENTRY

**PREREGISTRATION
ENCOURAGED ON
SHOWMAN.APP
\$30 PER HEAD PER SHOW**

CHECK IN

MAY 11TH 7-9:30 AM

SHOWMANSHIP

**\$10 ENTRY
START TIME IS 11:00 AM,
BREEDS TO FOLLOW**

ADDITIONAL INFO

**BARROWS AND CROSSBRED
GILTS WILL BE SHOWN BY
DECLARED WEIGHT**

IJLA SANCTIONED SHOW

**ALL COMMITTEE DECISIONS
ARE FINAL**

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GRAND - \$500

RESERVE - \$250

3RD OVERALL - \$150

4TH OVERALL- \$75

5TH OVERALL- \$50

LOCATION

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS
3852 W SR 256 MADISON, IN
47250**

CONTACT

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RUSH COUNTY OPEN SHEEP & GOAT SHOW

JUNE 28, 2025

Rush County Fairgrounds, Rushville, Indiana
Pioneer Livestock Pavilion

Check in: 12-2 PM
Show Starts: 3 PM
Entry Fee: \$20/head
Judge: Cole Ellerbrock

Payouts and Banners for
Top 5 Market and Breeding and
Top 2 Showmanship

Show Order
Breeding Does
Market Goats
Goat Showmanship
Breeding Ewes
Market Lambs
Sheep Showmanship

Showmanship grade as of January 15, 2024.

Peewee (2nd grade and under), Junior: Grades 3-5, Intermediate: Grades 6-8, Senior: Grades 9-12.

Market goats will show by weight and may be does or wethers, slicked.

Breeding does will show by weight and may be slicked or haired.

Market lambs will show by breed and weight (3 or more to qualify as a breed otherwise AOB).

Market lambs may be ewes or wethers. Breeding ewes will show by breed and age/weight (3 or more to qualify as a breed otherwise AOB). Yearling ewe and ewe lamb breeding classes offered.

Declared weights (scales on site).

Show Contact: Trent Grey (260) 223-8899