

# LAPORTE COUNTY

## 4-H Thursday Ticket

**LaPorte County 4-H**  
Quick links to helpful resources:

<a href="#">LaPorte County 4-H Homepage</a>	<a href="#">2025-2026 Project Handbook</a>	<a href="#">LaPorte County 4-H Facebook</a>
	<a href="#">Camp Registration opens April 1st</a>	

**Fair Theme:**  
 Dream Big  
 Work Hard  
 Show Proud  
**2026 Fair Schedule**

## IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES



### Things happening in March:

- March 7<sup>th</sup> - Camp Counselor & Chaperone Training
- March 10<sup>th</sup> - Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care
- March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> - Ag Days
- March 12<sup>th</sup> - 4-H Council Meeting
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Mini Monday

**Picture:** Ned E. Kalb Winner - Kirt Lawson, award accepted by his wife and 4-H Volunteer Terri Lawson

### Important Announcements:

All animals must be **entered in 4-H Online by May 15<sup>th</sup>** and project options should be chosen by then.

All animals and exhibits must be entered in Fair Entry to be shown or exhibited in the 2026 year. We know this is early but it is hard to add exhibitors at check in, it really makes it more difficult on staff and volunteers. **Fair Entry deadline will be June 12<sup>th</sup>.**

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## LAPORTE COUNTY JUNIOR LEADERS

Junior Leaders is open to 4-H youth in grades 7-12 and provides opportunities for service learning and leadership development. Junior Leaders will meet monthly at 5:30 ahead of our Mini-Monday activities. Junior Leaders will meet to discuss projects and ideas for the year and then stay to help with Mini-Monday station activities. To stay up to date on information regarding Junior Leaders, join our remind group:

<https://www.remind.com/join/d6bc2b>

Upcoming meeting dates @ 5:30 in the Small Projects Building: March 23, April 27, May 18. \*\*Additional dates may be added based on projects chosen by Junior Leaders.

## MINI MONDAYS

We are ready for another year of mini fun! Please save the dates for our Mini Monday events. We will start at 6 PM in the Small Projects Building. There are 40 spots on a first come, first serve basis. Registration for the March 23 workshop is open in 4-H Online.

Save the dates:

- March 23 - My Pet & Me: Cat
- April 27 - Garden
- May 18 - Bike Rodeo
- June 29 - Project Judging & Pet Parade
- July 11 to 17 - Fair Week, we will do Mini Graduation again this year for all 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. You will need to register in Fair Entry for ALL fair activities.

## 4-H FAIR SCHEDULE & HANDBOOKS

The [2026 4-H Fair Schedule](https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/4-h/4h-docs/tidbits-and-archives/2026-fair-schedule.pdf) is on the website! Please keep an eye out for any changes. Changes after this point will be marked in **red**.

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/4-h/4h-docs/tidbits-and-archives/2026-fair-schedule.pdf>

We also have PRINTED handbooks at the office for pickup. Please remember this is one handbook per family.

## CERAMICS

Thinking about taking part in the ceramics project this year? Hometown Ceramics in LaPorte is offering a 10% discount to any 4-H youth making a project for fair exhibition this year.

Youth can come in, pick out their mold, pour their mold, clean the greenware, fire their piece, and glaze or paint their items.



You can contact the shop at 219-325-1500 or visit them at 2358 N Highway 35 La Porte, IN 46350 to learn more.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Show off your speaking skills at the 4-H Communications Contest on March 25, 2026, from 6–8 PM at the LaPorte County Main Library – Meeting Room B. Youth can participate by giving a speech or presentation and building confidence in public speaking.

If you plan to participate, please email Lauren Allison at [lnalliso@purdue.edu](mailto:lnalliso@purdue.edu) with your speech type and any equipment needed by March 20 at 4 PM.

## GOOGLE CALENDAR

Unfortunately we can no longer embed the Google Calendar on the webpage. In order to access the Google Calendar and add it to your calendar follow these steps.

1. Open the 4-H Calendar link: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r>
2. Sign in to your Google account if you are not already logged in.
3. On the left side of the screen, find "Other calendars."
4. Click the "+" (plus sign) next to Other calendars.
5. Select "Subscribe to calendar."
6. Paste or enter the 4-H calendar link (or the calendar email if provided).
7. Click "Add calendar."
8. The calendar will now appear in your list of calendars and events will automatically show up in your personal Google Calendar.

 Tip: You can turn the calendar on or off anytime by checking or unchecking it in the left sidebar.

**[Check out our calendar for all 4-H Events & Club Meetings](#)**

# GOOGLE CALENDAR: MARCH

SUN Mar 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:15pm Day 16 - Order Business Drivers</li> <li>2pm Scrapbooking Workshop</li> <li>5pm Hoodier Rabbits Club Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm H &amp; P Drill Team Practice</li> <li>4pm Mini Monday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5pm New Durham 95er's Club Meets</li> <li>5pm Swine &amp; Vet Science Clinic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2pm Turkey Pick Up Day</li> <li>5:30pm Robotics</li> <li>4pm H &amp; P Drill Team Practice</li> <li>6:30pm Small Engines Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm Dog Clinic</li> <li>4pm Horse Judging Practice</li> <li>4pm Tractor Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30pm Robotics Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am 4-H Clover Crop</li> <li>5pm Cancelled - Sheep Workshop</li> </ul>
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**FULL  
SIGN UP FOR WAITLIST**

# MAKE A SPLASH

## Shedd Aquarium Career Exploration Trip

JOIN US FOR A UNIQUE VISIT TO  
THE SHEDD AQUARIUM!

Visit the Shedd Aquarium, get a  
behind-the-scenes tour to explore  
the aquarium and career options,  
enjoy the aquarium animals and  
exhibits.

Registration will be open from  
February 15 to March 23, 2026.

Don't miss out on the **FUN!**



Friday, April 17th

2 drop off locations available

9:00 a.m. ET - 7:00 p.m. ET

8:00 a.m. CT - 6:00 p.m. CT

\$50 per youth. Contact [jabrell@purdue.edu](mailto:jabrell@purdue.edu) for  
scholarship availability. Includes lunch, snacks,  
transportation, admission to the aquarium.

### Trip Details



**REGISTER TODAY**  
at <https://sheddcareers.4honline.com>



**Next Chapter**

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# March 2026 Tractor Meetings

March 5 @ 6 PM  
Tuholski Farms  
5702 E 100 S  
Milcreek, IN 46365



March 12 @ 6 PM  
Seymour Sales  
101 S Forrester Rd.  
LaPorte, IN 46350

March 19 @ 6 PM  
Baltes Farms  
2501 N 450 E  
Rolling Prairie, IN 46371

March 26 @ 6 PM  
Pointon Family Farms  
1252 US - 20  
LaPorte, IN 46350

**SAVE THE DATE**  
June 13 @ 8 AM  
Area X Tractor Contest  
LaPorte County Fairgrounds

For special accommodations, or interpreter/translator services, please contact the Extension Office at 219-324-9407 or [laporteces@purdue.edu](mailto:laporteces@purdue.edu) at least one week prior to the event.

For questions, contact Mike Jr at 219-363-4646 or [ekocrete@hotmail.com](mailto:ekocrete@hotmail.com)



LaPorte Co. EMS  
Supports 4-H!

## T-Shirt Design Contest

Send your designs to [Alexis.Savage00@yahoo.com](mailto:Alexis.Savage00@yahoo.com) by March 31! A portion of t-shirt sales will directly benefit LaPorte County 4-H. Show your creativity by designing a shirt that highlights LPCEMS and their support for LaPorte County 4-H!





# ARTS & CRAFTS KITS

*Creativity Starts Here!*

*Be among the first to explore two brand-new project areas:*

**Arts & Crafts: Kits** - Hands-on. Start-to-finish. Create something amazing while learning new skills along the way!

**Exploring Thru Books** - Read. Discover. Create. Turn great stories into exciting activities and projects!

# EXPLORING THRU BOOKS

**MARCH 19 @ 6 PM**  
**Biggby Coffee - Westville**  
1 PARKMAN DRIVE, WESTVILLE IN

REGISTER IN 4HONLINE BY  
MARCH 12

- DIAMOND ART BOOKMARKS
- SMALL HOT CHOCOLATE/BEVERAGE
- SNACKS
- INFO ON THESE TWO **NEW** PROJECTS

Come see what these exciting new opportunities are all about! Get inspired. Get creative. Get involved in 4-H! For special dietary needs, accommodations, or interpreter/translator services, please contact the Extension Office at 219-324-9407 or [laporteces@purdue.edu](mailto:laporteces@purdue.edu) at least one week prior to the event.

# 2026 LaPorte County 4-H SMALL ENGINES

Wednesdays 6:30–8:00 PM

Seymour Sales & Service

101 Forrester Rd., LaPorte, IN 46350

**March – 4, 11, 18 & 25**

**April – 1 & 8**



Contact Wayne Seymour with questions at 219-363-6578

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# JR. PORK DAY

03.07.2026

It is a fun day for the 4-Hers and their parents or leaders in the swine project to come to campus get a chance to see some live pigs, go into the meats lab to judge some pork products, and have some hands-on swine focused activities.

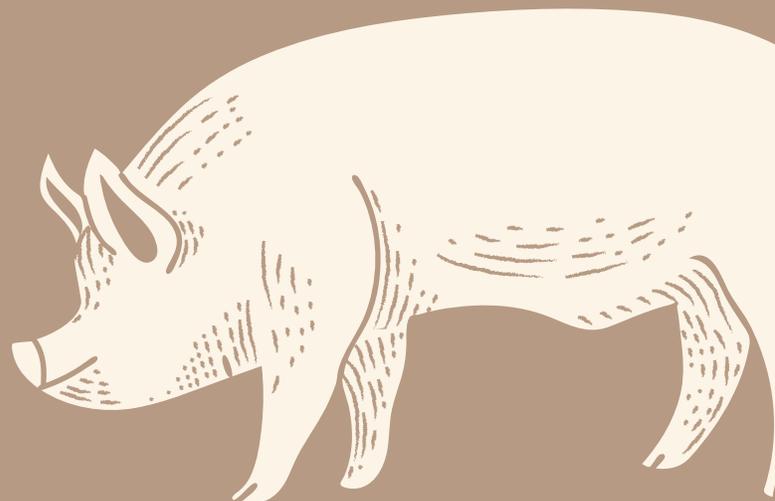
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Sign in begins at 8:30 AM**

**Purina Pavilion attached to the Creighton Hall of Animal Science  
Purdue University**



Extension - 4-H Youth  
Development



# CLARK COUNTY 4-H YOUTH RABBIT FUN SHOW



ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE CLARK COUNTY 4-H RABBIT PROGRAM

SHOWMANSHIP CLASS  
\$5 TO ENTER

SILENT AUCTION

FOOD AVAILABLE  
\$4 PER RABBIT TO ENTER

JUDGE: CALEB THOMAS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH**

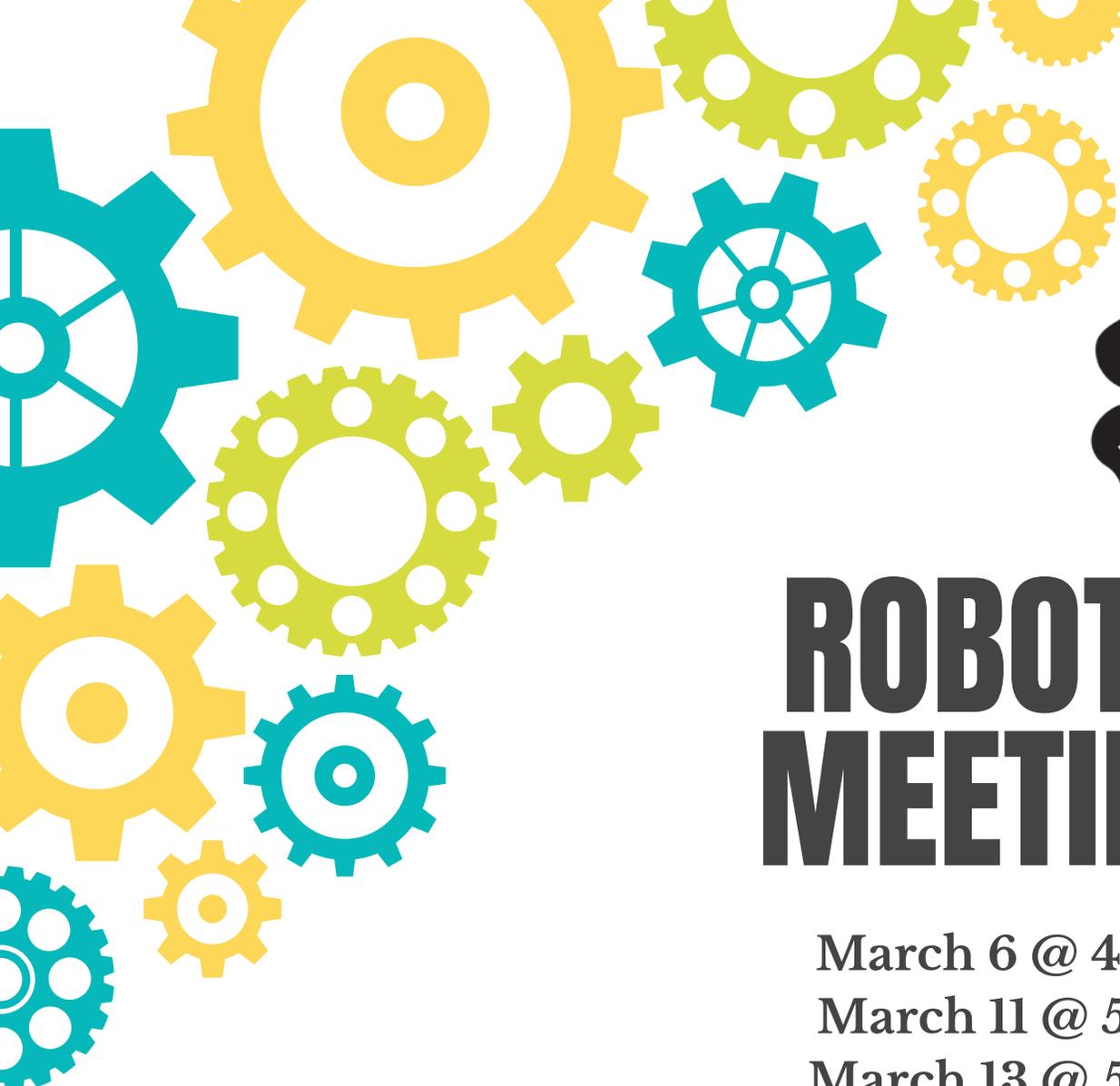
**CLARK COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS  
9608 HIGHWAY 62 CHARLESTOWN IN 47111**

REGISTRATION LINK: [HTTPS://FORM.JOTFORM.COM/260134095658056](https://form.jotform.com/260134095658056)

**DOORS OPEN AT 8:30AM - REGISTRATION CLOSSES AT 9:30AM  
SHOW STARTS AT 10:00AM**



Questions? [kcarunch@purdue.edu](mailto:kcarunch@purdue.edu); 812-256-4591



# ROBOTICS MEETINGS

March 6 @ 4:30-6:30

March 11 @ 5:30-7:30

March 13 @ 5:30-7:30

All meetings are held at the Purdue Extension Office

