

# LAPORTE COUNTY

## 4-H Thursday Tidbit



## IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES



### Things happening in August:

- August 1<sup>st</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> | Indiana State Fair
- August 11<sup>th</sup> | Last day to pick up county projects before they are recycled

### 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. No entry = no exhibit.

Speaking of fair... 2026 fair dates are July 11<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>

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



Another fair season has come and gone, and we could not have done it without the amazing hard work of all our volunteers, community partners, and, most importantly, our 4-H youth participants! Each year, we are amazed by the talent and dedication of our 4-H members. Whether exhibiting a static project or showing animals in the barns and arenas, our 4-H members showcased their skills in memorable ways.

The mission of Indiana 4-H Youth Development is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who have a positive impact in their communities and the world. We can say without a doubt that this year's fair highlighted the impact that the 4-H program has had on the youth in LaPorte County.

Each year, we strive to make the best better through workshops, experiences, and support for our 4-H members' learning. A huge thank you goes to our club leaders, project superintendents, and other volunteer roles, big and small, who help our youth reach their full potential- answering questions, teaching new skills, and providing support all year long, not just during fair week.

We also want to extend a thank you to our 4-H families. Thank you for believing in the mission of 4-H, for supporting the work we do throughout the year, and for being there every step of the way to support the interests of our youth members. Thank you for filling the stands in support of our youth, for working as building watchers and visiting the exhibit hall, for bringing your youth to the fair each day, and for a million other things we would never have the room to list. We appreciate your support and belief in this program, and we will continue to work to make the experience worthwhile for your youth with each new programming year.

We wish all the best to our youth members who are continuing their fair season with State Fair exhibitions in the coming weeks!

## WELCOME ZOIE

You may have seen her at fair, but we would like to formally welcome Zoie Martinez to the 4-H world. She will be filling the 4-H Administrative Assistant Role. Her email is [mart2843@purdue.edu](mailto:mart2843@purdue.edu). Feel free to send her a welcome email!

## VOLUNTEER RENEWAL/SIGN UP

October is just around the corner and we have sparked creativity, built confidence, and helped grow tomorrow's leaders—and now it's time to do it all again! Re-enroll as a 4-H volunteer and continue your incredible journey of impact, learning, and connection.

### 🔥 Why Re-Enroll?

- Reignite your passion and purpose with fresh opportunities
- Reconnect with your local 4-H community and fellow changemakers
- Refresh your toolkit with new resources, training, and ideas
- Recommit to making a difference—your presence makes magic happen

✅ Re-Enrollment is Easy! Log into your 4-H Online account to update or confirm your information, complete your trainings, and submit your enrollment. Need help? Do not hesitate to reach out to the Extension Office Monday to Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.

## RULE CHANGES

Something that you did not like when you were completing projects this year? Let us know and we can share any changes with the project superintendents. Please note that we can only make changes to county projects. State Project Guidelines are determined by the State Office. Rule changes can be submitted [here](#) by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## JUNK BUCKET WINNER

Congratulations to **Olyvya Tello**!!!! She did an amazing job with her junk bucket. All the youth that completed the junk bucket had some really amazing designs. Congrats to all! (If you have not returned our buckets please do so ASAP)

# MINI 4-H CORNER

## MINI 4-HERS

As we reflect on the incredible energy and enthusiasm you brought to Mini 4-H last year, we wanted to extend a massive thank you! Your curiosity and the joy you found in learning and trying new things truly made the program shine. Whether you were meticulously crafting, exploring new skills, or simply making new friends, your participation made every moment special. We loved seeing your smiles, your proud faces at project check-in, and the excitement you shared during our activities. Your hard work and willingness to dive into every challenge are what make Mini 4-H such a vibrant and wonderful community. We are truly looking forward to seeing each and every one of you and embarking on this exciting new journey together!







# H-H JAMBOREE

2000s



**October 7, 2025**



**6:00–8:00 PM**



**Community Building**

**Free Food • Crafts & Activities**

**Family – Friendly Fun!**

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