

# LAPORTE COUNTY

## 4-H Thursday Tidbit



## EDUCATOR NOTES



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE  
THAT ATTENDED THE  
WORKSHOP-A-THON! WE  
HAD A GREAT TIME.

May is here and we are in full swing! There are deadlines that are coming up quickly! PLEASE pay attention to those. Make sure to read communications from the office carefully so that you do not miss any deadlines or important information. Have a question or feel like you missed something? Please reach out to the office- we are here to help!

Livestock ID Deadline is MAY 15th! Please make sure you get your animals in 4-H Online. Some species you simply have to reactivate (dairy, pygmy goat & horse & pony). Make sure to reactivate them, they will show up in your 4-H Online profile but are not technically entered until you submit them. We will have a 4-H Online help night, May 9th at the Extension Office from 4-6:30 PM if you need help entering animals or solidifying project choices.

We are also working on making some major updates to our website to make it a little bit easier to find more information for projects. If an error pops up, it may be because the link is no longer active. Contact us so we can get you to the right spot or get you the right information.

*Kelsey Guadarrama*

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## SENIOR BIOS

Attention all Seniors! Information has been sent out requesting your Bios for the Showcase of 10 year members and Seniors in the Small Projects Building at Fair. Make sure to fill out the google form: <https://bit.ly/10yrform>

We are showcasing you on Facebook and Saturdays and Sundays so look for your spotlight!



## 4-H CAMP CHAPERONES

We are in need of some volunteers to attend camp with us! Specifically male chaperones. We are in need of 7 to 8 adults, especially males! Contact Kelsey (ksajdera@purdue.edu) if you are interested! We could also use someone that is a nurse.

lets get  
**CAMPING!**

**JUNE 4 - 6, 2024**

**AT CAMP MACK**

**REGISTER IN 4-H ONLINE BY MAY 15TH**



Please make  
camp checks out  
to "LaPorte  
County 4-H  
Council"

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## STOCK THE TRAILER

We are bringing back the trailer. Let's raise more than we did last year! This year, we think we will add a twist but more information will be coming. Keep an eye out to sign up for working shifts!

## LIVESTOCK UPDATES

All Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care sessions are full! If you are still needing a Quality Assurance program, your option is YQCA and it needs to be done by June 14th! You can visit [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org) to complete. If completing YQCA, please note that it is your responsibility to get your completion certificate to the office. Email a copy to [woznia11@purdue.edu](mailto:woznia11@purdue.edu)

Remember ALL animals (except poultry) need to be entered into 4-H Online by **May 15th! Do not miss this date or wait until last minute. You can start entering your animals now. The office will be open late May 9th (4-6:30 PM) to help anyone that needs it.**

**Vaccination forms** are required for Horse & Pony (including Mini Equine & Draft Horse), Cat, and Dogs

**Lease agreements** are available at the office and need to be signed by both lessor and lessee

Horse & Pony: Your manuals are due in June. Stall Reservations are due May 15th this year because of the changing of barns.

## UPCOMING ANIMAL ID DAYS

May 3rd - Sheep

May 4th - Goat, Sheep and Swine

For more information, please refer to your animal letter you received earlier this year. If you signed up later for a livestock project and did not get a letter, that is okay we can email you one. Just reach out!

**JUST A  
REMINDER...**

The Extension  
Office will be  
closed on May 7th

## 4-H WEBSITE

We overhauled our website! We are hoping that you will be able to find information more readily.  
<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/4h.html>



## PROGRAM UPDATES

Our 4-Her's have been up to some awesome things. They have all shared pictures with us! Do not miss out on the great trip opportunities!

### WORKSHOP-A-THON

We had a fun filled day learning and making new things! Thank you to everyone that came out to support our youth and to our youth for actively participating.



### CAMP COUNSELOR RETREAT

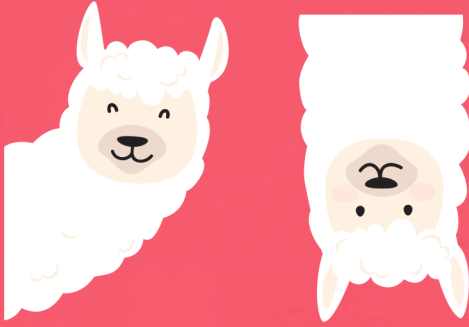
We had 32 camp counselors attend the retreat. They were tasked with team building activities and planning all the camp opportunities!





## LLAMA WORKSHOP

We had 5 kids come to the llama workshop at the zoo! They were able to get insider information on llamas and alpacas.



## NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

Paige had the opportunity to attend the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. She has reported that she learned a lot and had a great time!

## ZOO DAYS

We have had 2 of our 4 zoo days! The kids have really enjoyed these interactive workshops with the Washington Park Zoo staff.





# MINI 4-H CORNER



## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: TREES

What about trees? Have you ever wondered how trees get food & water? Do you know how to tell how old a tree is? Did you know there are trees native to Indiana?

Exhibit one of the following:

- A drawing of the ways your favorite tree looks in each of the four seasons.
- A booklet of leaf rubbings. Try to identify the leaves.
- A poster about one native tree from Indiana.
- Plant a small tree and make a scrapbook of the steps you took.

## MINI 4-H GRADUATION

Attention to those Mini 4-Hers that are in 2nd grade! We will be recognizing you at the fair this year. You will need to sign up by June 14th in Fair Entry as we are getting you a small graduation gift. Because we are getting you a small token for moving into the 4-H program, we cannot accept any late registrations. Fair Entry will not open until after May 15th so do not panic. We just wanted to make sure that you were aware that we will be doing this at the fair this year.

Mini graduation will take place in the Livestock Arena with the Walk of Champions from 5:30 PM to 7 PM. Mini 4-Hers will be first at 5:30.



## MINI 4-H MONDAYS

**LOCATION CHANGE!** We will meet in the Livestock Arena to start our May Mini Monday so dress accordingly!

We are full, please lookout for the June workshop! We have Outdoor Pursuits in June. Also look for info on the bike rodeo!



# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

## LAPORTE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY & THE EXCHANGE

The LPCPL Exchange is full of opportunities that can help 4-H youth develop skills they can use on their fair projects this year. The library branches also have some great programming fun that you might be interested in. Check out upcoming events at their website:

<https://laporte.librarycalendar.com/events/upcoming>

### **Puzzle Day**

Main Branch

Multipurpose Room: Family

Saturday, May 4th 9:00am-11:00am

### **Meet the Embroidery Machine-Drop in Event**

Library Exchange

Makerspace: Teen and Adult

Saturday, May 11th, 10:00am-Noon & 2:00-4:00pm

### **Design a Decorative Birdhouse**

Coolspring Branch

Meeting Room: Family

Saturday, May 18th, 9:00am-4:00pm



## LAPORTE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

Looking to help our pollinators? We have a solution! Our Pollinator Power Garden Kit is now available for purchase on our website here:

<https://www.laporteswcd.org/product/pollinator-power-garden/>



## LAPORTE COUNTY FAIR

**Fair Dates: July 6th - 13th**

This year's theme is "The Olympics". Make sure to decorate your barns! We will have a spirit stick to pass out for the most spirited barn! **Try to incorporate 4-H into the decorations.**

If you know of anyone that wants to volunteer to be a shuttle driver (6-person golf cart) at the fair: Requirement – must have a valid driver's license and cannot be currently enrolled in 4-H.

Here is the link for Shuttle Driver Sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945ABAC2BA7F4C52-49300231-2024>



# INDIANA STATE FAIR



**IND  
STATE  
FAIR  
2024**

**The Art & Nature of Fun**  
PRESENTED BY NEWFIELDS

**FAIR DATES**  
August 2 - 18, 2024

## 2024 LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

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Schedule is subject to change.



**INDIANA  
STATE FAIR**

#### **Beef Cattle / Dairy Beef**

**FRI. AUGUST 2**  
4-H Beef / Dairy Beef Cattle Showmanship - Indiana Farmers Coliseum  
**SAT. AUGUST 3**  
4-H Heifers & 4-H Dairy Beef Show - Indiana Farmers Coliseum  
**SUN. AUGUST 4**  
4-H Steers / Market Heifers & Heifer Show - Indiana Farmers Coliseum  
**WED. AUGUST 7**  
Open Cattle Show - Indiana Farmers Coliseum

#### **Cats**

**FRI. AUGUST 2**  
4-H Cat Show - Purdue Extension Building

#### **Dairy Cattle**

**SUN. AUGUST 11**  
4-H Dairy Show - Indiana Farmers Coliseum  
**TUES. AUGUST 13**  
Open Dairy Show - Indiana Farmers Coliseum

#### **Dairy Goats**

**FRI. AUGUST 16**  
4-H Dairy Goat Showmanship - Blue Ribbon Pavilion  
4-H Dairy Goat Wether Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion  
**SAT. AUGUST 17**  
4-H & Open Jr. Dairy Goat Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion  
**SUN. AUGUST 18**  
4-H & Open Sr. Dairy Goat Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### **Dogs**

**SAT. AUGUST 17 & SUN. AUGUST 18**  
4-H Dog Show - West Pavilion

#### **Draft Horses**

**THURS. AUGUST 8 - SUN. AUGUST 11**  
Percheron & Clydesdale Horse Show - Indiana Farmers Coliseum  
& Pop Weaver Youth Pavilion

**THURS. AUGUST 15 - SUN. AUGUST 18**  
Belgian & Hackney Horse Show - Indiana Farmers Coliseum  
& Pop Weaver Youth Pavilion

#### **Grand & Supreme Drives**

**SUN. AUGUST 4**  
4-H Grand Drive - Indiana Farmers Coliseum  
**SUN. AUGUST 11**  
4-H Supreme Drive - Indiana Farmers Coliseum

#### **Horse & Pony**

**WED. JULY 31 - WED. AUGUST 7**  
Various Shows - Indiana Farmers Coliseum & Pop Weaver Youth Pavilion

#### **Llamas & Alpaca**

**FRI. AUGUST 2**  
4-H Llama & Alpaca Show - Expo Hall  
**SAT. AUGUST 3 & SUN. AUGUST 4**  
Open Llama Show - Expo Hall

#### **Meat Goats**

**SAT. AUGUST 3**  
Meat Goat Showmanship - Ball State University Champions Pavilion  
**SUN. AUGUST 4**  
Meat Goat Wether & Meat Goat Wether Dam Show -  
Ball State University Champions Pavilion

#### **Meat Goats (cont.)**

**SUN. AUGUST 11**  
4-H Breeding Doe Show & Showmanship - Blue Ribbon Pavilion  
Open Boer Goat Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### **Poultry**

**FRI. AUGUST 16 - SUN. AUGUST 18**  
4-H & Open Poultry Show - Expo Hall

#### **Pygmy Goats**

**SUN. AUGUST 4**  
4-H & Open Pygmy Goat Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### **Myotonic Goats**

**SUN. AUGUST 11**  
Open Myotonic Goat Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### **Rabbits**

**FRI. AUGUST 9 & SAT. AUGUST 10**  
4-H & Open Rabbit Judging - Expo Hall  
**SUN. AUGUST 11**  
4-H Rabbit Ambassador Program - Expo Hall

#### **Sheep**

**FRI. AUGUST 2**  
4-H Market Lamb Showmanship - Blue Ribbon Pavilion  
Open Class Wool Judging - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### **SAT. AUGUST 3**

4-H Market Lamb Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### **THURS. AUGUST 8**

4-H Breeding Ewe Showmanship - Blue Ribbon Pavilion  
4-H Fitting Contest - Blue Ribbon Pavilion  
Open Youth Halter / Lead Line - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### **FRI. AUGUST 9**

4-H Breeding Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### **SAT. AUGUST 10**

4-H Breeding Show - Commercial Ewes - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### **TUES. AUGUST 13 - THURS. AUGUST 15**

Open Sheep Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### **Swine**

#### **FRI. AUGUST 2**

4-H Barrow Showmanship - Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion

#### **SAT. AUGUST 3 & SUN. AUGUST 4**

4-H Barrow Show - Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion

#### **FRI. AUGUST 9**

4-H Gilt Showmanship - Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion

#### **SAT. AUGUST 10 & SUN. AUGUST 11**

4-H Gilt Show - Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion

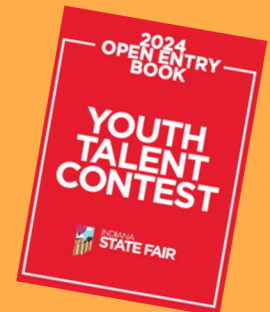
#### **FRI. AUGUST 16**

Open Show (all breeds) - Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion

#### **SAT. AUGUST 17**

Open Sale (all breeds) - Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion

## YOUTH TALENT CONTEST



The Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Contest is open for all 4-H youth in two divisions:  
Jr. Division: 12 years or less of age  
Sr. Division: 13-21 years of age  
This year, the Talent Contest will be held in the Purdue Extension Building Banquet Hall.  
If you are interested in competing please email:  
[YouthTalent@indianastatefair.com](mailto:YouthTalent@indianastatefair.com)

For General Information about State Fair [click here](#). You do not have to qualify your animals for State Fair, your animals simply need to be in 4-H Online.

Indiana State Fair Entry Books are now live!

For Livestock Visit: <https://bit.ly/41andm5>

For Exhibit Hall Visit: <https://bit.ly/4HISFEH>





# UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

BEALE POTTERY  
HAVE DEDICATED  
THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS  
OF EACH MONTH  
TO 4-H CERAMICS!  
OPEN FROM 4-7PM

PRICES AND SESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE UP UNTIL 2024 FAIR  
VISIT [BEALEPOTTERY.COM](http://BEALEPOTTERY.COM) TO PURCHASE SESSIONS

 \*PRICES START AT \$25 - VARIES PER  
GRADE, SESSION AND PROJECT  
ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED 

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FINE ARTS  
WORKSHOP

LaPorte County Extension Office

 Wednesday, May 8th   
5:30-7:00pm

Learn watercolor techniques with  
the Lubeznik Center for the Arts!

Sign up in 4-H Online

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MAY 9~ POULTRY WORKSHOP @ 6:00 PM COMMUNITY BUILDING

MAY 11 ~ GOAT WORKSHOP @ 10:00 AM SHOW ARENA

MAY 15 ~ RABBIT AMBASSADOR @ 5:30 PM RABBIT  
WORKSHOP @ 6:30 PM SMALL PROJECT BUILDING

MAY 18 ~ GOAT WORKSHOP @ 8:00 AM SHOW ARENA



MAY 28 ~ BICYCLE WORKSHOP & RIDE @  
6:00 PM COMMUNITY BUILDING

JUNE 1 ~ SEWING WORKSHOP @ 10:00 AM  
LPCPL EXCHANGE



Don't forget about these upcoming

## LAPORTE COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **Richard "Dick" Reel Memorial Scholarship**

Available to any graduating senior or 1st year student in an accredited post high school education program who has been a member of LaPorte County 4-H for at least 5 years. Award is \$1000.00 and deadline to apply is June 15th.

### **Beef Scholarship**

Available to high school seniors, annually, to encourage beef project members to merge what they have learned while in the cattle projects into their prospective careers. Awarded is one \$500.00 scholarship. Deadline to apply is June 15th.

### **Weinkauff Memorial Grant**

This \$500.00 grant is available to any 4-H Swine member exhibiting at least one county-bred at the LaPorte County Fair. The use of the grant may be of any nature to benefit the future of the member. The deadline to apply is June 30th.

### **Rabbit Scholarship**

Available to any 4-H member who has had at least 4 years involvement in the LaPorte County 4-H Rabbit project. This scholarship can be used at a technical or trade school, college or university. Deadline to apply is July 7th.

**For more information on the above scholarships visit:**

**<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/4h-page.html>**



219-324-9407



2857 W. State Road 2,  
LaPorte, IN 46350





**Workshops  
are 8:30 AM to  
3:30 PM  
Local times**

# Northern Indiana Animal Science

*Day Camp*

Hands-on learning about...

- Human and Animal Health
- Animal Digestion
- Animal Senses
- Meat Science
- Animal Handling
- And Much More!

**4/4/24- St. Joe County  
6/18/24-Elkhart County  
6/20/24-Wells County  
7/2/24- South Central H.S.**

Any youth in grades 3-8  
\$25 Registration  
Lunch included!

**Registration is due one week  
before the workshops**  
**[https://AnimalScienceDayCamp.  
4honline.com](https://AnimalScienceDayCamp.4honline.com)**



Extension - 4-H Youth  
Development 

BOONE COUNTY 4-H DOG PROJECT

# fun match

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

Boone County Fairgrounds  
Building TBD  
1300 E 100 S Lebanon, IN 46052  
Registration 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM  
Show begins 9:00 AM

## Obedience

\$5 pre-register/\$10 day of  
State 4-H rules and clothing guidelines followed  
1A/B, 2A/B, 3A/B, 4A/B, 5A/B, 6A/6B, Veterans, Service Dog

## Showmanship

\$5 pre-register/\$10 day of  
State 4-H rules and clothing guidelines followed  
Junior, Intermediate, Senior

## Rent the Ring

Individual practice time with agility or rally equipment  
\$2 for 3-min session or \$10 for 6 3-min sessions

## Additional Information

Awards at end of show. Snacks and drinks for purchase.  
Contact 4hboonedawgs@gmail.com with questions.



Scan QR code or go  
to [bit.ly/4hfunmatch](https://bit.ly/4hfunmatch)  
to pre-register  
before May 1





# 4-H ZOO DAYS

APRIL 13TH 3RD TO 5TH GRADE - FOCUS ON WILDLIFE  
APRIL 20TH 6TH TO 8TH GRADE - FOCUS ON WILDLIFE  
MAY 11TH 9TH TO 12TH GRADE - FOCUS ON VET SCIENCE

ALL DAYS ARE FROM 1 TO 3 PM AT THE WASHINGTON  
PARK ZOO

PARENTS PAY IF THEY ARE STAYING  
PARKING IS FREE!  
SPACE IS LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE PER SESSION

ALL GRADES INVITED TO SCIENCE FAIR JUNE 15TH FROM  
11 AM - 2 PM AT THE WASHINGTON PARK ZOO FOOD  
PROVIDED

SIGN UP HERE: [HTTPS://4HZooDays24.4honline.com](https://4HZooDays24.4honline.com)



# SUPPORT 4-H

Support 4-H'ers with a donation in stores or online at [JOANN](#) now through May 4th!

Current & Alumni members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases everyday with 4-H rewards!

Click [HERE](#) to donate and enroll online!



JOANN





**JEFFERSON COUNTY**

# **CLASSIC**

**TWO RINGS, DOUBLE THE POINTS**

**RING A JUDGE: GARBIT SPROULL**

**RING B JUDGE: GARRETT LOWES**

## **ENTRY**

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

## **CHECK IN**

**MAY 12TH 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 (15 LB.  
WEIGHBACK)**

**IJLA SANCTIONED SHOW**

**ALL COMMITTEE DECISIONS  
ARE FINAL**

**24  
12  
5**

**GRAND - \$500**

**RESERVE - \$250**

**3RD OVERALL - \$150**

**4TH OVERALL- \$75**

**5TH OVERALL- \$50**

## **LOCATION**

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

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