

LaPorte County 4-H Thursday Ticket



Educator Notes



Our 9th to 12th graders had a great time at the Washington Park Zoo!

It's officially the middle of May which means the fair will be here before you know it! We are so excited to see and celebrate the hard work and dedication of our amazing 4-H youth and volunteers. We hope you all continue to take advantage of the amazing workshops available to help you explore new skills and prepare your final fair exhibits.

As everyone finishes up the school year and dives headfirst into finishing up their projects, please remember to reach out to the Extension Office staff or educators to answer any questions you may have about project guidelines, FairEntry, or the check-in/judging process. It's better to get your questions answered early to help make fair week as stress-free as possible. Fair Entry is now open, so make sure you are signed up for all of your projects!

As always a huge thank you to everyone for your support and engagement throughout the year, we couldn't do it without you!

"The secret of success is to do the common things uncommonly well."- John D. Rockefeller

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FAIR ENTRY 101

FAIR ENTRY IS OFFICIALLY OPEN!

What is it?

Fair entry is where you enter projects and project descriptions for fair exhibition so that we know what projects you are bringing.

Why?

Allows office to print exhibit tags, set-up the exhibit hall, and helps speed up the check-in process at fair.

Registration is open now for 4-H Exhibition at the LaPorte County Fair!

1. Go to the FairEntry website at <https://fairentery.com/Fair/SignIn/19557>
2. Sign in using your 4HOnline email and password.
3. Follow instructions on screen to register an exhibitor and then add entries for that exhibitor.
4. Please note only certain departments are open at this time. Select the department, division, and then the specific class you wish to enter.
5. Add other exhibitors (siblings) if needed. It is easiest if siblings register at the same time and your family submits one registration. Otherwise, you will need to wait until the first one is approved before you continue.
6. When all exhibitors and entries have been added, click "Continue to Payment" (payment due will be \$0.00).
7. When everything is finished, click on the green "Submit" button.
8. You will receive an email when the registration is submitted and then another email letting you know if your entry was approved or rejected. If your entry was rejected, a reason will be listed and you will be able to log in and fix the problem before submitting that entry again.
9. Please contact the Extension Office if you have any problems with this process.

4-H WEBSITE

We have update our website in the hopes of making it easier to find the information that you need to have a successful 4-H year. If you run into any issues, contact the office, and we will help you find what you are looking for. You can find our new and improved website by visiting:

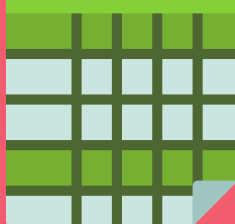
<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/4h.html>



CONSUMER CLOTHING

All members participating in consumer clothing, please note that you may use your existing manuals or the new 2024 pilot testing manuals when preparing your 2024 fair exhibit!

SCORE



JUDGING SCORE CARDS

Working on your project for the fair and want to know what the judge will be looking for? You can find all of the scorecards online. Just visit our website and navigate to the Exhibit Hall Projects page. From there you can follow the link for each project and score cards are listed under the Project Resources section.

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 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

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

Sheep members, looking for committee service opportunities? Sheep barn has a few projects that are calling your name!

Rabbit members if you are willing to help with mini 4-H rabbit show please let Matt or Kelsey know.



STOCK THE TRAILER



We are bringing back Stock the Trailer this year.

Food collected is distributed to local food pantries. Last year we were able to collect 2,600lbs of non-perishable food, and we would love to raise that number even higher this year!

Keep an eye out for information on how you can help!

JUNK BUCKET CHALLENGE

Let your creativity shine! Create a 3-D sculpture using the items in the junk bucket. Open to all 4-H Youth in grades 3rd-12th in LaPorte County

- Register for a bucket in Fair Entry and pick-up at the Extension Office. There will be a maximum of 15 entries.
- You can clean, glue, cut, fasten, bend, shape, paint, etc. items provided, but **no pieces can be added** beyond a base for the entry if needed.
- All items must be represented in the final sculpture, but you do not have to use the entire item. (For example: the bucket may have 10 pipe cleaners and you only use 2).
- Finished sculptures will be displayed at fair and the winner will be determined by a penny wars vote All proceeds will go to Junior Leaders.
- Sculptures due no later than June 25th at 5pm to the Extension Office.
- Gold Medal Winner: \$25 Gift Card

Junk bucket items: 1 large twig, 5 tiny dowel rods, 1 large block of wood, 1 cardboard box, 1 white bandana, 1 piece of felt (9x12), 1 roll of crepe streamers, 5 pipe cleaners, 4 slotted clothespins, 2 balloons, 1 piece of bailing twine, 2 small plastic cups, 2 paint samples, 5 glass mosaic gems, 2 cubes (1 inch), 1 stick of modeling clay, 1 ornament, 2 foam 4-H stickers, 1 piece of packaging foam, 1 styrofoam sphere.



NEW POSTER KITS ADDED

We have added 16 x 20 Poster Kits to our inventory as of last week! The cost is \$3.00. The kit for 22 x 28 are \$6.00. Don't need the kit, we have the foam board and sleeves for sale too. Foamboards are \$5.00 and \$2.50 while the sleeves are still a \$1.00 and 50¢.

COUNTY TRACTOR

Save the date for the county tractor contest on **June 1st starting at 9 AM**. The contest will take place at the Extension Office in the back.



Fine Arts

A HUGE thank you to our amazing friends at Lubeznik Center for the Arts in Michigan City for hosting a watercolor workshop for our youth! We had a wonderful time learning new techniques and making some amazing pieces!



“ Check out the Community Happenings page for more opportunities to learn at Lubeznik! ”



THANK YOU!

TO THIS MONTH'S SPONSORS

Visit Michigan City La Porte

Kankakee Valley RMEC

MINI 4-H CORNER



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: WEARABLE ART

Wearable art is an article of clothing or accessory, worn or carried, that has been creatively decorated. This includes, but not limited to, painting, tie dying, applique, or any other technique that decorates the finished project.

Exhibit on of the following:

- An article of clothing, accessory or tote bag decorated.

FAIR EXHIBITION FOR MINI 4-H

The office has been getting a lot of phone calls pertaining to when Mini 4-H members choose their projects and so we wanted to get you the answer.

- **ALL** 4-H members use FairEntry to let the office know what they are going to be exhibiting at the Fair. The system will open May 16th and you will enter up to 3 projects that your child has chosen to exhibit.
- This year you will also be entering the Fair activities your child will be participating in as well. There will be NO signing up the week of the Fair. When signing up for the activities there will be a Waiver of Liability in FairEntry that **MUST** be signed.
- The system will close on June 14th to give the staff time to run exhibit tags.
- Mini 4-H is a non-competitive program so they will not be judged but they will displayed for the week. For their hard work, all members will receive a ribbon.

If you haven't picked up a copy of the Mini 4-H Guide, copies are available at the Extension Office or visit: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/4h-page.html> to review projects and fair activities.

As we get closer to the June date, more information will be shared so don't panic!

MINI 4-H MONDAYS

We will meet in the Livestock Arena to start our May Mini Monday!

This session is full, please lookout for the June Workshop! We have Outdoor Pursuits in June and information about Bike Rodeo will be out soon!



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>

Teen Engineering Series

EX-Classroom, LPCPL Exchange

June 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th from 6:00-7:30pm

4-Week session of hands-on engineering activities.

Learn about topics like pulleys and levers, microcontrollers, construction, and rockets.

Summer Reading Kick-Off- Dino Day

All Branches

June 1st 10:00am-12:00pm

Celebrate the start of summer reading at Dino Day! Sign-up for the summer reading program and get your own mini dino buddy. There will also be crafts, scavenger hunts, and other dino activities.

LAPORTE COUNTY FAIR

Fair Members and Stockholders;

It has come to the attention of the Board of Directors that there have been negative social media posts regarding scheduled acts and/or events at the 2024 LaPorte County Fair. While we appreciate your support defending the acts and events, we ask that you refrain from engaging with "keyboard warriors" and direct individuals to speak with any of the 18 directors about their concerns.

At this time, all scheduled acts and events are moving forward as previously announced.

Thank you for your overwhelming support and we hope to see you at the fair!

Board of Directors, LaPorte County Agricultural Association

WASHINGTON PARK ZOO

Saturday, May 18th

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

WILD Zoo Art for Families

Meet a special animal up-close and paint a project yourself. This program is designed for families with children ages 5 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration is required. Cost: \$20 per person for either a canvas or ceramic project.

For more information contact:

jhuss@emichigancity.com

LUBEZNIK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Saturday, June 1st

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Free Family Day

Enjoy a scavenger hunt through the galleries while viewing the latest exhibit, Stitched, Woven and Hooked. Artists and poets from Chicago's ACT Collective will lead visitors in a special project. Light refreshments will be available for visitors to enjoy! For more information visit their website at lubeznikcenter.org

Teen Arts Council

Every 4th Thursday, 6-7:30 pm

Ages: 13+

Free (all materials included), but register by emailing nmarcano@LubeznikCenter.org

Teen Arts Council (TAC) connects creative teens with unique, professional art experiences. This free program helps participants deepen their understanding of contemporary art practices, the roles artists play in society and their own artwork—all while learning valuable leadership skills. Teens also participate in trips to education and arts-centered sites that are aimed toward creating a professional artistic vision and understanding.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

INDIANA 4-H
NEEDS YOU TO BE A **BROADBAND INFLUENCER**

What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

1 Checks your internet speed
pctd.purdue.edu/speedtest

2 Validates it on the FCC website
broadbandmap.fcc.gov

3 Share what they've done with others

4 Reports work in the Broadband Influencers event in 4-H Online

Once you have completed all 4, you will receive your Broadband Influencer Pin and be eligible to win an iPad!

Why should I be an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

There are a lot of different ways to connect to the internet. Some of them are very fast, and some of them are very slow. We would like everyone in the state of Indiana to be able to use the internet at fast speeds. While it might help you play games and watch videos more easily, it also can help people who are looking for jobs or trying to communicate, do business, or do schoolwork.

The FCC, or Federal Communication Commission, can't help everyone get fast internet unless they know all the places the internet is installed and how fast it is in each location.

I have more questions!

For more information contact your county extension 4-H educator OR email: state4hleader@purdue.edu



Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencers will be asked to write a short essay about their experience. The Broadband Influencer Program is a Purdue Broadband Team initiative.

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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 TO PURCHASE SESSIONS



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



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Wind-field Day & TOUCH-A-TRUCK

SATURDAY MAY 18
10 - 2PM
Randolph Park
Winfield, Indiana



KANKAKEE VALLEY REMC COME OUT AND SEE A KV REMC BUCKET TRUCK!



Vet science workshop

Tuesday, May 21, 2024
6PM - 7PM

At the LaPorte County Extension Office

Register in 4-H Online by May 20th



For questions, please contact Megan Shireman



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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

UPCOMING ROBOTICS MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Main LPCPL Meeting Room B
from 6:15PM – 7:15PM



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Electric Meeting/Workshop

May 21, 2024



LPCPL Exchange, 2nd floor
meeting room at 6:00 pm.

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**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 

Jackpot Livestock Shows

JUNE 5 - 8, 2024

Decatur Central Lions Club 4-H Fair

DECATUR CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
5251 KENTUCKY AVENUE
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46221

"BEST LITTLE 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW UNDER A TENT!"



SHOW SCHEDULE

Wednesday	7:30 p.m. Poultry, Rabbits, Goats
Thursday	7:30 p.m. Swine
Friday	7:30 p.m. Sheep
Saturday	7:30 p.m. Beef Cattle

- All shows are "Bring 'em, Brush 'em, and Show 'em" (all generators and fans stay with stock trailers)
- All entries must be on property by 6 p.m.
- Exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H and exhibiting the project they are enrolled in
- Entry fees - \$15 cattle / \$10 swine / \$5 poultry, sheep, rabbits, goats

**QUESTIONS, CONTACT 4-H LEADER
STAN BAILEY - (317) 339-9208**