

LAPORTE COUNTY

4-H Thursday Tidbit



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES



Things happening in September:

- PLEASE Pick up your Projects

Important Announcements:

All animals must be entered in 4-H Online by May 15th 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 11th to the 18th

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

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 1st.

4-H COUNCIL & LIVESTOCK SUPERS

Congratulations to our new 4-H

Council Members:

Krissy Surma
Jake Salisbury
Stephanie Jones
Brenda Tuholski
Tracey Stalbrink
Rebecca Tomich

2025 Livestock Superintendents:

Beef - Jason DeMeyer
Dairy - Don Livinghouse
Goat - Mike Somers
Poultry - Chris Kulusa
Rabbit - Kim Saylor
Sheep - Jake Salisbury
Swine - Jen Neulieb



MINI 4-H CORNER

MINI MONDAYS

We are ready for another year of mini fun! Please save the dates for our Mini Monday events. We are still trying to figure out the best situation for our Mini Monday Program so we are trying a little different layout again this year.

We will start with 1 session at 6 PM in the Small Projects Building. This session will allot 40 mini 4-H members! You will sign up through 4-H Online like you have been for the last few years on a first come first serve basis. We will have 4 tables with 10 kids each, 2 tables of the craft and 2 tables of activity (same craft and activity at each table).

We will then follow up with a snack for everyone. This will allow time for Q&A for parents/guardians. This will help everyone hear the same thing. So come with questions!

Save the dates:

- January 26 - Recycling
- February 23 - Wearable Art
- 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 2nd graders. You will need to register in Fair Entry for ALL fair activities.



Please note that dates and times can change but we will be sure that you are aware of any changes!



H-H JAMBOREE

2000s



October 7, 2025



6:00–8:00 PM



Small Projects Building

Free Food • Crafts & Activities

Family – Friendly Fun!

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.

Specialty Pottery

WITH LOCAL ARTIST ALAYNA ERNE

Children's **Wheel & Hand Sculpting** *ages 7-12*

August 20-September 10
Project pick up September 17
4:30-6 p.m.

Cost: \$75
4 pounds of clay

Classes held at
the Civic Auditorium

CERAMICS ROOM
1001 RIDGE STREET
ENTER THROUGH RAMP ON PLAIN STREET
ADULTS PRE-REGISTER AT THE PARK OFFICE
219-326-9600, 250 PINE LAKE AVENUE
OR ONLINE AT WWW.LAPORTEPARKANDREC.COM



*construct fun
characters
and trinkets.*



NEW!

Register for class online.
Scan the QR code above.

250 Pine Lake Ave.
La Porte, IN 46350
219.326.9600



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Sewing

CLASSES



Adult & Youth Learn-2-Sew Classes



Youth Class
Tuesday, October 14
4:15-7:30 p.m.

Cost:
\$25
Project:

Halloween themed
tote/trick-or-treat bag

Adult Class
Wednesday, October 8
Noon-3 p.m.

Cost:
\$25
Project:
casserole mat



Pre-registration is required at the Park Office.
Call 219-326-9600 or visit 250 Pine Lake Avenue.

Class size is limited. Must be 10 years or older.
All supplies including machine and instruction will be furnished.
If you prefer, you may bring your own machine.

Class to be held at 1640 First Street, La Porte
Steady Stitchers contact: Janet 219-363-8122

250 Pine Lake Ave.
La Porte, IN 46350
219.326.9600



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JAKES Day at the Range

Sunday September 7th

8 am until 11 am for

Public Invited

Registration Required

This event is geared for youth 17 and under.

Sponsored by: Galena River Chapter NWTF
And DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife
Kingsbury F&WA

REGISTRATION: YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER

Email: Name and Date of Birth of participant to:
rickglassmaned@gmail.com

QUESTIONS: Call Rick Glassman at (219) 575-0754

Schedule:

Registration: 8 a.m. Safety Instruction: 8:15 a.m.

Shooting: 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. CST

Participants will have the chance to shoot .22 rifles, BB guns, .410, 20 and 12 gauge shotguns.

Archery instruction by the LaPorte County 4H Archery Club

All Equipment Provided

You are welcome/encouraged to bring your own equipment.

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SAVE THE HUNT

