

LAPORTE COUNTY

4-H Thursday Tidbit



EDUCATOR NOTES



WE HAD A SMALL BUT MIGHTY GROUP FOR SESSION 1 OF SPRING BREAK FRENZY! WE HAD 10 VERY EXCITED K-3RD GRADERS SHOW UP FOR THEIR SESSION AS WELL!

April has arrived, and with it comes a flurry of excitement and activity here at LaPorte County 4-H! As the world awakens to the beauty of spring, we're thrilled to invite you to join us for a month filled with adventure, learning, and unforgettable experiences. Here's a peek at what's in store for April:

4-H Zoo Days Extravaganza: Get ready to embark on a wild journey as we host 4-H Zoo Days at the Washington Park Zoo! This special event offers a unique opportunity for our 4-H members to connect with nature and learn about wildlife!

Workshop-a-thon | Calling all aspiring explorers, scientists, artists, and innovators! Our Workshop-a-thon is back! Dive into a whirlwind of hands-on workshops covering a wide range of topics with something for everyone, this event promises to ignite your curiosity and fuel your passion for learning.

Join us as we embrace the spirit of discovery, camaraderie, and endless possibilities this April. Thank you for being a valued member of our 4-H family. Together, let's make this April a month to remember!

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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!



POSTER KITS

The office now offers a poster making kit that includes the 22 x 28 foamboard & sleeve for only \$6.00. Don't need the kit, we still carry the 22 x 28 for \$1.00 and the 16 x 20 (salon print size) for .50.

4-H Summer Camp

Exciting Outdoor Activities

Hosted by Lake, LaPorte, Porter, & Starke County 4-H

June 2024
4TH-6TH
at Camp Mack
for youth in 3rd
to 6th grade

Sign ups OPEN April 1st!

4-H

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

BOAH

(INDIANA STATE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH)

Animal Identification Premises registration is required for all Indiana sites associated with cattle, swine, goats, sheep, and farmed cervids. Individual identification is required for all exhibition livestock.

- Do not remove official identification tags already on exhibition animals.
 - Keep a record of official ID for all exhibited animals.
 - Obtain a premises ID number from BOAH as early as possible. Application is available online at: <https://www.in.gov/boah/traceability-and-premise-id/indiana-premises-registration>
- For all animal updates visit their website: <https://www.in.gov/boah/>.

4-H VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCEMENTS

This month we get to celebrate YOU! Our volunteers. National Volunteer Week is April 21st - 27th.

The office would like to be included on all emails that are being sent out to club members. Just add woznia11@purdue.edu to your list please.

Area X Judges Clinic! Area X is hosting a judges and volunteer helper clinic on May 2nd at Purdue Northwest - Westville Campus from 6 PM to 8 PM. Please sign up through 4-H Online. We will have a general session on how to judge and the meaning behind feedback followed by round table discussions on different topics.

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care Dates have been set! Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care OR YQCA needs to be done by June 14th! Sign up in 4-H Online for Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care.

- April 18th: 6 PM at the LaPorte County Extension Office
- April 27th 9: 15 AM OR 1:45 PM at the Workshop-a-thon
- May 13th: 6 PM LaPorte County Extension Office

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

STATE FAIR

August 2 - 18, 2024



Indiana State Fair Entry Books are now live! For Livestock Visit:

<https://bit.ly/41andm5>

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

For General Information about State Fair [click here](#)

WORKSHOP-A-THON



April 27, 2024



9AM - 3PM



South Central High School

Aerospace & Models | Curt | Quick tips and understanding Models (cars, rockets, etc.). Touching on rules and how to instructions.

American Heritage | Danielle | Show off some of my own family heirlooms that need some attention and care, plus show a few projects I've done myself for inspiration!

Beekeeping | Judge Stalbrink Rich & Judge John Link | Introduction to Beekeeping
Bike | Al

Cake Decorating Advanced | Angela | Focus on more advanced skills like roses, sodas and cornelli lace.

Cake Decorating Beginner | Angela | Focus on bag control and basic skills like stars, writing and basic borders.

Collections | Nichole | Present ways to complete the notebook and also give ideas on ways to display the collections.

Communications & Performing Arts | Kate | 4-Hers will have to use a variety of props to come up with a demonstration on the spot and practice their speaking and performing skills to entertain the other 4-Hers.

Consumer Clothing | Ruth | Discussion of requirements with examples and a required activity demonstration.

Cookies & Candy | Donna

Holiday Dec. Beginner | Debbie | Painting spoons for Halloween theme decoration.

Holiday Dec. Intermediate | Debbie | Centerpiece tray for fall

Holiday Dec. Senior | Debbie | St. Patrick's Day themed swag for a mantel or centerpiece for table

Misc. Crafts | Amy

Needlecraft | Angela & Bonnie

Photography | Lori & Nancy

Posters | Lauren | The cafeteria will be open all day for youth to work on posters if there is a session time, in which the workshops do not interest them.

Scrapbooking | Ruth | Showing examples of techniques and making a card using some of the techniques.

Wearable Art | Rebecca & Rick | Show fabric stenciling and stamping and iron on applications tie dye.



JOIN
US

Register at [V2.4HONLINE.COM](https://v2.4honline.com)

Registration runs from March 25, 2024 to April 19, 2024

STATE TRIPS

It's not too late! Sign up today for one of the trip opportunities being offered by the state.

Trips are open to all 4-H members in grades 7th - 12th. Please apply by visiting: <https://bit.ly/3lgNmIA> or the QR Code & submit the \$50.00 registration fee* per trip by April 19th.

Once your application and fee are received, the LaPorte County 4-H Staff will initiate your registration for you in 4HOnline and send instructions on how to complete the registration for your youth member.

This [link](#) will take you to all that is available.

*LaPorte County 4-H Council, in partnership with the LaPorte County Commissioners, will be paying the balance of each trip.



4-H Academy @ Purdue University June 12-14, 2024



Animal
Science

Cyber Security

At 4-H Academy, high school students visit Purdue University to interact with faculty and industry professionals and meet new friends from across Indiana.

Personal
Finance



Plant Science:
Living
Landscapes



Digital
Agriculture

Contact your county's Purdue Extension 4-H Educator before May 15 to register.



Intro
to EMS



Food
Science

Investigating
Forensic
Science

To learn more, visit bit.ly/in4hacademy



Biological
Engineering



The
Science
of Flight



Natural
Resources

...and
more!



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MINI 4-H CORNER



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: SUN, STARS & SPACE

Learn about planets, asteroids, comets, stars, and constellations.

Exhibit one of the following:

- A solar system mobile.
- A self-made asteroid or comet.
- A constellation poster.
- A story board about what you would find or do if you were an astronaut.

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.

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!

Please remember that Mini 4-H is a non-competitive program so they will not be judged but they will be displayed for the week. For their hard work, all members will receive a ribbon.



MINI 4-H MONDAYS

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

April is full, you should have received an email from Kelsey confirming your registration. If not, that means you are not registered.

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>

Eclipse Viewing Party

Creek Ridge & Luhr County Park

Monday, April 8th 11:30 am -4:00 pm

Make an eclipse viewer, participate in a STEM eclipse project and enjoy a planet-themed StoryWalk®.

Sports Fever: Baseball

Library Branch: LPCPL Exchange

EX-Classroom: Teens

April 13th 10:00 am - 11:30 am OR 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Macrame Gnome Craft

Coolspring Branch

CS- Meeting Room: Teens

Monday, April 15, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm



LAPORTE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

Coffee & Climate

Wednesday, April 17th @ 9:00 am

Foresters, including IDNR, Purdue, Consulting, and Industry Foresters, depending on the month, will be available for conversation and questions.

Everyone is welcome - no reservations needed, just walk in sometime during that 1.5 hours and join us. No charge other than paying for whatever breakfast you order. Find more information on their [Facebook Page](#).

LAPORTE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

April 13th - Free Admission for Rolling Prairie Residents

THANK YOU!

TO THIS MONTH'S SPONSORS

Kankakee Valley RMEC

Visit Michigan City La Porte

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.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



ENTOMOLOGY/ FORESTRY WORKSHOP

HIT THE TRAILS AT BLUHM COUNTY PARK FOR A COURSE IN TREES, NATURE'S SECRETS, AND MAYBE EVEN SNAG SOME BUGGY FRIENDS ALONG THE WAY!

PACK YOUR BUG-CATCHING GEAR IF YOU FANCY, BUT HEY, NO PRESSURE!

APRIL 6, 2024
2PM - 4PM

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BICYCLE WORKSHOP

APRIL 30, 2024
COMMUNITY BUILDING
6:00PM CST

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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 TO PURCHASE SESSIONS

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

ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED



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13 APRIL, 2024

LLAMA WORKSHOP

AT THE
WASHINGTON PARK



11:30AM - 1:00PM

REGISTERED YOUTH WILL HAVE FREE ENTRY TO THE ZOO
FOR THE WORKSHOP. FAMILY STAYING PAYS ZOO FEE
NO PARKING FEE

REGISTER TODAY



REGISTRATION ENDS APRIL 10

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Northern Indiana Animal Science

Day Camp

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

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)**



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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://4HZOO DAYS24.4HONLINE.COM](https://4HZooDays24.4honline.com)

WASHINGTON PARK



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



Personal Finance Challenge



→ When, Where, Cost

- Government Center, 302 W Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46204
- April 19, 2024
- Check-in 1 hour before presentation time
- Free!
- Register at: https://bit.ly/PFC_2024

→ Details

- Teams of 3 or 4 high school age youth will be given a topic 1 week prior to the event.
- Each team will present to a panel of financial experts.
- The winning team will receive \$500/youth and all expenses paid to the National competition in Cleveland, Ohio

Contact: ICEE Admin
jwfansle@purdue.edu

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CLASSIC



TWO RINGS, DOUBLE THE POINTS

RING A JUDGE: GARRIT 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**

5.12.24

GRAND - \$500

RESERVE - \$250

3RD OVERALL - \$150

4TH OVERALL - \$75

5TH OVERALL - \$50

LOCATION

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

CONTACT

**BRICE GRAY 812.599.6182
TANNER MAHONEY 812.701.6698
BRENT GRAY 812.599.5296**



Dubois County Livestock Judging Invitational

April 27, 2024
Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds

4157 South State Road 162, Huntingburg, IN 47542
(on Highway 162 South - 6 miles south of Jasper, Indiana)

Registration: 7:30 a.m - 8:30 a.m. EST - \$25 per individual
Contest Begins: 9 a.m. EST
Lunch is included in registration cost.

Preregistration Recommended by 12:00 pm on April 25, 2024 at
<https://bit.ly/DCLivestockJudgingInv> or mail paper form to Purdue Extension-Dubois County

Contest will Consist of:

- Scantrons will be used. Bring pencils and clipboards.
- All 4-H and FFA livestock judging teams are welcome to **attend**.
- Junior and Senior level competitions in 4-H/FFA Judging Handbook 4-H **98**).
 - Juniors are 8th grade and lower. Seniors are 9th grade and **above**.
 - Grade of oldest team member will determine if a team is classified as Junior or **Senior**.
- Livestock classes are: Beef, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat with oral reasons. The Junior division has one set of reasons and one set of questions. The **Senior Division has two sets of reasons**.
- Three scores are required to comprise a team. Lowest score will be dropped with teams of **four members**.
- Individuals will be allowed to participate who are not on a **team**.
- Plaques will be given to the top five Junior and top five Senior **individuals**.
- A plaque will be given to the first place Junior and Senior **teams**.
- Awards will be given to the top five senior reasons.
- Rosette ribbons will be awarded to each member of Junior and Senior first place **teams**.
- Place ribbons will be given to second and third place teams, and all others will receive a **participation ribbon**.

For more information contact the Event Manager:

Josh Lichlyter - (812) 827-9424

Grant Weyer - (812) 661-0490

Purdue Extension-Dubois County - 505 W 5th St. Jasper, IN 47546 - Telephone: (812) 482-1782

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