It’s starting to feel like Spring! We have a new Master Gardener Basic Training course in process which will hopefully produce some new, qualified volunteers. Our office has begun planning for our annual Junior Master Gardener programming. This year we are teaching again at North Miami in the 5th grade classes as well as in the Pipe Creek 1st grades. I love how this program is truly a multi-area program, bringing in all of our different strengths; Heather Smith and 4-H, Rachel Taylor with all of her Nutrition Education experience, our new program assistant Jamie Carter, several Master Gardeners and Mindy Duckett, our Community Wellness Coordinator. We get to connect with lots of kids through Junior Master Gardeners and impart not just gardening knowledge, but also the importance of eating vegetables and fruits. If you have a child that is completing 4th-6th grade they are eligible for our program at North Miami. 4-H News Flash...Handbooks are here and we are gearing up for my favorite time of year. The FAIR Season. Did you know that 4-H is so much more than just taking projects to the fair? Some of the other opportunities that 4-H provides are: youth programs at the local schools, workshops and family events, Career Development Events, homeschool opportunities, 4-H band/choir, camps, performing arts, Round-up, and 4-H Academy are several of the other opportunities out there for youth enrolled in 4-H. I have spent the last couple of months getting some volunteer training that I can’t wait to share with our Super Volunteers of Miami County. In the meantime make sure to pay special attention to our calendar of events, we have several very important DEADLINES this year. If you have a workshop idea or a something you would like to see added next year, please reach out. I am eager to “Make the Best Better” in Miami County and it takes us all to make the program a success! What will your part be?
4-H Youth Development

4-H Family Information and Open Enrollment Night With Hands on Workshops
April 11, 2024
6:00-8:00pm
Miami County Fairgrounds
1029W 200 N
Peru In. 46970

Get Help With
4-H Enrollment
4-H Camp Sign-up

Hands On Workshops
Learn More about Photography, Sewing, Models, Cake Decorating, and Floriculture

Not sure what you want to do in 4-H? Sample 4-H projects will be available to look at.

4-H Swine RFID Tags:
Can be picked up at the office. They will be available starting April 1st thru May 15th. If you have any questions, please reach out to the office. *Make sure when you come to the office, bring your Premise ID number with you.

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Feeder Calf, Goat and Sheep Tagging Day
May 4, 2024 3:00pm-11:00am

Pet Parade
Thursday, June 27th @ 6:30pm
*Show Arena*
- All participants must be 2nd grade and younger
- Please arrive 30 minutes prior to start time for registration
- Prizes will be awarded

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4-H Mini Day Camp
Tuesday, June 11 2024 8:30-am-12:30pm
Miami County Fairgrounds
Cost: $10 (a snack will be provided)
Register online: V24honline.com

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Miami County Master Gardener

Plant Sale!

Miami County Fairgrounds
1029 W 200 N
PERU, IN 46970

Saturday, May 11
9AM-12PM

2024 Miami County Pre-Fair
Judging Schedule

Friday, June 21, 2024
Projects Enter: 9-9:30am
Judging Begins: 9:35am

4-H Project Building:
- 4-H Project Building: Community Building: Sewing - Non Wearable
- Art & Crafts
- Child Development
- Gift Wrap
- Health
- People in My World
Projects Enter: 11:30am-12:30pm
Judging Begins: 12:45pm

4-H Project Building:
- Seasonal Decorations
- Dollar Deal Designs
- Recycled Articles
- Entomology
- Forestry
- Geology
- Shooting Sports
- Soil & Water Science
- Space/Spacings
- Weather & Climate
Projects Enter: 5pm
Judging Begins: 6:30pm

Parking Lot: Bicycle Rodeo
Community Building: Consumer Clothing Fashion Revue

Sunday, June 22 @ 9am
Fairgrounds - West End, Outside Tractor Driving Contest

Senior Recognition:
Friday, June 28, 2024
6pm
Show Arena

Join us as we celebrate our Senior 4-H Members

4-H Week Schedule
June 24-29

Monday June 24
4-H Project Building Judging
Aquatic Science, Breeding/Genetics, Forestry, Floriculture, Garden, Plant Science, Small Engine, Theriogenology and 4-H Reality Show 2:30pm

Tuesday June 25
5:00pm - 6:30pm
Sheep Show 6:30pm

Wednesday June 26
6:30pm - 7:00pm
Beef Show 9:00am

Thursday June 27
Dairy Show 9:00am
Horse & Pony Show 9:00am

Friday June 28
Horse & Pony Entry Deadline
4-H Fair Day 2 - 5:30pm - 7:00pm (by the Extension Office)
Senior Awards 6:00pm (Show Arena)

Saturday June 28
Livestock Released 6:00am-12:00pm
Livestock Auction 4:00pm

July 1, 2024 12:00-6:00pm
Please note this is Monday following the Fair.
As always if you can’t make it on July 1st arrangements can be made.