

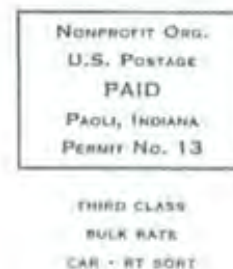
# THE ORANGE COUNTY SLICE

WHAT'S THE JUICE ON ALL THINGS 4-H

WINTER 2022-2023



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*"I pledge my **head** to clearer thinking, my **heart** to greater loyalty, my **hands** to larger service, my **health** to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world." - 4-H Pledge*

## FROM THE OFFICE

Are YOU ready for another year of 4-H fun? We are!!! 2023 is going to be a fantastic year full of exciting new programs and opportunities. We've already 'Kick-ed Off' 4-H Enrollment and had an amazing turnout! THANK YOU to all of the wonderful volunteers and 4-Hers who worked hard to make that event a success!

To continue this energy, we are planning monthly 4-H events! To find out about what event we have scheduled next, read on! Let's get ready for an awesome Program Year!

To Make The Best Better,

The Purdue Extension-Orange County Team  
Aubree, Karina and Amie

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Extension - 4-H Youth Development





# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## Payment Reminder

Regular 4-Hers (Grades 3-12) are not enrolled until their payment is received online via credit card or in the office via cash or check.

Please have your payment turned in by January 15th.

Mini 4-Hers are free, no payment is necessary

## Follow us on Social Media!

Purdue Extension orange county

Phone (812) 723-7107

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/orange/index.html>



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## TOP PRIORITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

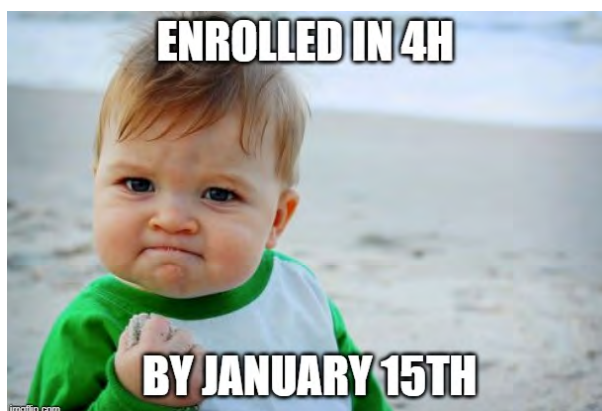
### ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

ENROLL ENROLL ENROLL! v2.4honline.com is open through January 15th!

Enrollment Scholarships are available to those who need them! Call Office for Info!

BEEF ID DAY IS SET FOR FEB. 18th, 2022

ANIMAL ID DAY IS SET FOR MAY 12th, 2022



## Winter Cancellation Policy

Just a reminder -

If ANY of the county schools cancel classes, ALL 4-H events for that evening will be cancelled also. In addition, if all county schools are in session, but any one school cancels all afterschool events due to the weather, all 4-H events will be cancelled for that evening as well. If you have any questions about this policy, or are wondering if a 4-H event will take place, please call the Extension Office at 812-723-7107.

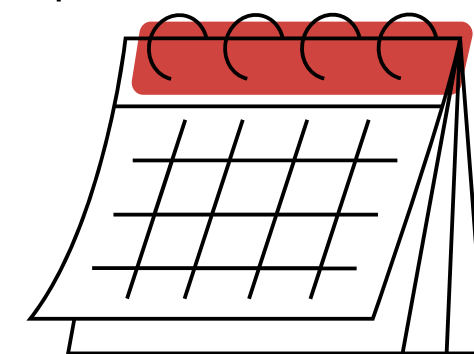


# UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES



## PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDER

- Sat, December 3—"Horseless" Horse and Pony SPARK Club 9-3
- Mon, December 5—4-H Holiday Party 6pm
- Tues, December 6—Club Leader Coffee and Conversation
- Mon, January 9—4-H Inc Meeting 7pm
- Thurs, January 12—4-H Event (Theme/Activities TBD)
- **Wed, January 15—ENROLLMENT DEADLINE**
- Mon, January 23—Jr Leader Meeting 6pm
- Wed, January 25—4-H Council Meeting 6pm
- Thurs, January 26—Club Leader Kickoff
- Wed, February 1—Camp Counselor Applications Due
- Wed, February 8—"Fall in Love: with 4-H 6pm
- Mon, February 13—4-H Inc Meeting 7pm
- Tues, February 21—YQCA 5pm
- Mon, February 27— Jr. Leader Meeting 6pm
- Sat, February 18—Beef ID Day 9am-11am
- Wed, February 22—4-H Council Meeting 6pm
- Wed, March 29th—YQCA 5pm
- Thurs, April 20th—YQCA 5pm
- Mon, May 8th—YQCA 5pm
- June 2-4 —Area 2 4-H Camp
- June 13-14 — Mini 4-H Camp
- **July 7-14—Orange County Fair**





# 2023 YQCA INFORMATION



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## **ATTENTION NEW AND RETURNING 4-H MEMBERS AND FAMILIES:**

Orange County 4-H will be hosting a "Club Kickoff" for all 4-Hers who are in the 4-H program and want more information. Feel lost? Like there's something you're supposed to be doing? Not sure what to do? Do you have a ton of questions? Would you like to meet your club leaders?

**Join us at the Orange County Community Center at 6pm on January 23rd!**

We'll have a general information meeting, a panel of 4-Hers, Club Leaders and Parents, as well as a Q & A session.

Again this year, YQCA will be required for all 4-H members exhibiting livestock at the fair (excluding horses and small animal). There are several opportunities set for Orange County, but you may attend YQCA in another county if it's easier for you.

February 21st—5pm at 4-H Block Building

March 29th—5pm at 4-H Block Building

April 20th—5pm at 4-H Block Building

May 8th—5pm at 4-H Block Building

You can register for a training online at [yqca.org](http://yqca.org) and log in with your 4-H Online information.

## **\*\*JUNIOR LEADER NEWS\*\***

Come join the Orange County 4-H Junior Leaders! All 7-12th grade 4-H members are welcome! This program focuses on the development of leadership skills, as well as service learning and fellowship. Jr. Leaders complete a variety of service activities and run a concession stand at the fair!

### **Junior Leader Upcoming Meetings:**

Held at the Block Building

-January 23rd, 6pm

-February 27th, 6pm



## **2023 4-H Member Handbook**

The 2023 4-H Member Handbook is being finalized and should be available soon! It is extremely important that you reference your handbook throughout the 4-H season, as well as in preparation for fair exhibits, as all of our county rules and project guidelines are contained there. All 4-H families will receive a copy, and it will also be available online for easy viewing.

The online version should be available on the county website (<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/orange/index.html>) by late winter, and will remain on the website all year. Stay tuned to hear when the online version is released!





# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## CAMP COUNSELORS WANTED!

Want to spend a weekend enjoying 4-H Camp and helping Campers leave with a rewarding experience? Apply today to be a 4-H Camp Counselor! To be a counselor you must be in grades 9th-12th as of January 1st.

Area 2 4-H Camp Counselor Applications are Due February 1st, 2023! Contact your Extension Office for more information!

**4-H Camp Dates: June 2nd-5th 2023**



## BEEF ID DAY: FEBRUARY 18TH 9-11AM

**ATTENTION BEEF EXHIBITORS:** Beef ID Day will be held at the fairgrounds on February 18th from 9am-11am. Market Beef animals will be weighed and tagged. Any cattle who do not attend the ID Day will not be eligible for rate of gain awards. Any steers not enrolled in 4Honline by April 1st will not be eligible to show at the county or state fair.

**Who Attends:** Steers, Dairy Beef Steers, Commercial Heifers, Crossbred Heifers

- ID Information for Steers is due in 4Honline by April 1st.
- ID Information for Commercial and Market Heifers, Registered Heifers and Dairy Cattle is due in 4Honline by May 15th.



# MISCELLANEOUS INFO



## "Horseless" Horse & Pony Bootcamp

Perfect for Beginner horsemen, those who don't have a horse or just want to learn more.

*Saturday, December 3, 2022*

*9am - 3pm*

*Orange County Fairgrounds*

*293 W Daniel Ln, Paoli, IN 47454*

RSVP to 812-723-7107 or email  
apond@purdue.edu by Nov. 30, 2022

*\$15 per person to attend*



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ORANGE COUNTY 4-H  
**HOLIDAY**  
*Party*

THROW ON YOUR COMFIEST CHRISTMAS PAJAMAS,  
BRING YOUR FAVORITE BLANKET/SLEEPING BAG,  
AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF WATCHING  
**THE POLAR EXPRESS.**  
STAY NICE AND TOASTY WITH A CUP OF HOT COCO!

**5 DEC** ALL AGES ARE WELCOME! **6-8 PM**

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER  
1075 N SANDY HOOK RD, PAOLI IN

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## MEET YOUR NEW 4-H YOUTH EDUCATOR

Hi! My name is Aubree Pond. I recently graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelors of Science in Interdisciplinary Agriculture. I am now living in Paoli, and I love the area. Everyone has been very welcoming and kind as I have gotten settled in down south. I am originally from Brownsburg, Indiana where I lived with my parents and two siblings. I also have a 2-year-old beagle puppy named Ranger, who likes to spend his free time with me outside. You can usually find us backpacking or hiking in our spare time. I have a pretty large family back in central Indiana, and I am the oldest grandchild. This has created a passion for youth development as I have seen these kids grow and flourish within a positive environment. I am looking forward to creating a program that will do the exact same for the youth of Orange County.



# 4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM



The 2022 Orange County 4-H Achievement Program was held on Sunday, November 6th. During the program many medals and trophies were given out for static project winners, as well as many other special awards for 4-H members and volunteers.

A few of the awards and recipients are as follows:

## Outstanding Jr. Leader Award

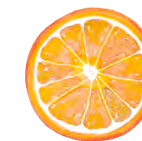
Given once in a 4-H member's career to a recipient who has the most participation in the Junior Leaders program for that year, not only for meetings and Junior Leader events, but also for any extra activities that Junior Leaders may be asked to assist with. This project requires a lot of dedication and commitment to complete. With everyone's busy schedules, it is quite a feat to donate so much of their time and talents to the Junior Leaders program. The 2022 Outstanding Junior Leader was awarded to Keeley Scott for meeting these requirements.

## Outstanding 4-H'er Award

This award is very special because it is only to be received by a 4-H member once during his/her 4-H career. The Outstanding 4-H'er must be at least 15 years of age during the calendar year. Eligible 4-H members must complete the proper application process. The 2022 Outstanding 4-H'er was Noah Johnson. Noah Johnson is a dedicated 10-year member of the 4-H program. Throughout his years in 4-H, he has shown both swine and sheep, and has always participated in making impressive, as well as purposeful, woodworking projects. Noah shines as an outstanding 4-H'er, representing the core values of 4-H: head, heart, hands, and health. Noah exemplifies clear thinking, great loyalty, service, and healthy living in his participation and actions within 4-H activities, as well as within the community. Throughout involvement with his 4-H Club, Noah is often going above and beyond for the 4-H program and can always be counted on to put in extra time and effort while always having a positive attitude. Within the community, Noah can be found contributing to local economic development through his woodworking business, offering the use of his truck and box trailer for various purposes to help make life easier for others, donating man power in order to help tasks go more quickly, as well as saving lives from time to time.



# 4-H COUNCIL & VOLUNTEER NEWS



## Club Meetings and Leaders

Are you unsure of where your 4-H club meets? Please see the chart below for details on your club leaders. Going to club meetings is a great way to stay active in the 4-H program. If you have 4-H questions, the Orange County 4-H club leaders are a great source of knowledge.

**If you are a Club Leader, and you do not see your information, that means the Office has not gotten confirmation of your contact information or your date/time of meetings. Please contact the Extension Office ASAP.**

| <u>Club</u>        | <u>Primary Leader</u> | <u>Contact Info</u>       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Cedar Valley Hicks | Tara Robbins          | trobbsins2021@gmail.com   |
| Lucky Stars        | Connie Kerby          | conniekerby1976@gmail.com |
| Smart Cookies      | Destany Pingle        | destany@pingle.org        |
| Dog Club           | Melisa Tye            | melisa_tye@hotmail.com    |
| Lucky Horseshoes   | Chloe Elliot          | wildcatsch@icloud.com     |
| Hilltoppers        | Kristen Bishop        | kbishop@orleans.k12.in.us |
| Jr. Leaders        | Aubree Pond           | apond@purdue.edu          |

## SPARK CLUB VOLUNTEERS!



Do you or someone you know have a special interest that you would like to see developed into a Spark club?

Volunteers are welcomed and encouraged to lead Spark clubs. Please contact the Purdue Extension-Orange County office at (812)723-7107 for more information on how to lead a Spark club.

## LET'S MAKE IT OUR PROGRAM!

We are asking each volunteer to go out into the community and recruit at least 1 new member to join 4-H. Your kid, your friend's kids, your neighbor, anyone grades k-12!


We want this program to be as much yours, as it is our own. So, lets work together to make an impact on the youth in our community!



# 4-H COUNCIL & VOLUNTEER NEWS



CLUB LEADERS, PLEASE JOIN ME FOR AN EVENING OF OPEN CONVERSATION ABOUT YOUR GOALS, NEEDS, IDEAS, AND CONCERNS FOR THE 2023 PROGRAM YEAR. MY GOALS FOR THIS EVENING ARE...



TO SHARE POLICY UPDATES!

TO ADDRESS ANY CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE!

GET TO KNOW YOU, AND LET YOU GET TO KNOW ME!

TO COMPILE CURRENT LEADERSHIP/CONTACT INFORMATION!

TO ESTABLISH A 2023 CALENDER! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A 4-H VOUNTEER/CLUB LEADER PLEASE CONTACT ME AT [APOND@PURDUE.EDU](mailto:APOND@PURDUE.EDU)

## Reminder for Volunteers:

Please go in 4-H Online and re-enroll yourself as a volunteer and complete the required training. Various in-person and virtual options will be offered from November-January to help you get these trainings done! To find out when we will have our next training, call our office at (812) 723-7107.

Thank you in advance for your prompt re-enrollment.



## 4-H Council

Members of the Orange County 4-H Council work hard to make decisions that are in the best interest of our 4-H members. If, at any time, you have a concern, comment, or suggestion, feel free to contact a member of the 4-H Council. 4-H Council meets on the 4th Monday of each month.

The 2022 members are:

**Destany Pingle, President**

**David Bledsoe, Vice President**

**Tara Robbins, Secretary**

**Gretta Hopper, Treasurer**

**Leslie Padgett    Kristen Bishop    Ronnie McCabe    Lindsay Robbins**

**Ashley Crane    Noah Johnson    Kathy Elliot    Braydon Hayes    Mary Cook**



## **Friend of 4-H Award**

The 4-H Council recognizes individuals in the community who are helping to benefit the 4-H program. This award honors those whose accomplishments exemplify effective community leadership, public service, service to 4-H work, and success in their chosen careers. The winner of this award exhibits the ideas of clear thinking, greater loyalty, larger service and better living, as expressed in the 4-H pledge. The recipient of this award provides youth with a living example of dependable, purposeful citizenship and encourages citizens to continue their interest in Purdue Extension- Orange County. The Friend of 4-H award is very prestigious, recipients may only receive the award once in his/her lifetime. The 4-H Council reviews nominations every year, and then votes on one deserving recipient.

This year's recipient has been a staple in our 4-H program for many years. He is always willing to lend a helping hand and share a laugh along the way. All you have to do is ask, and he is not only willing to help, but will always go above and beyond. A lot of what he does happened behind the scenes and it always makes the program or event run smoothly. That is why, when discussing the nominees for Friend of 4-H this year, it was an obvious choice to award this individual based on his service and dedication to Orange County and the youth who have grown up through the 4-H program. It was an honor to award the 2022 Friend of 4-H Award to Barry Wilson.



*Congratulations*