

STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTION

IMPORTANT DATES

February

- 9 - Fair Board Meeting
- 14 - Workshop: Beekeeping
- 16 - QLC
- 16 - Workshop: An. Science
- 21 - Workshop: Beekeeping
- 23 - Workshop: Cat
- 28 - Workshop: Beekeeping

March

- 2 - Workshop: Poultry
- 9 - Fair Board Meeting
- 15 -ID Day: Beef
- 23 - QLC
- 30 -QLC



Kirby Douglass
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Educator

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Indiana
Senior

Isaac Sanders



Isaac Sanders took his 4-H project to the Indiana Make it with Wool contest. Now he is going to the National Make it with Wool Contest in Reno! Good luck! Steuben County 4-H is cheering you on!

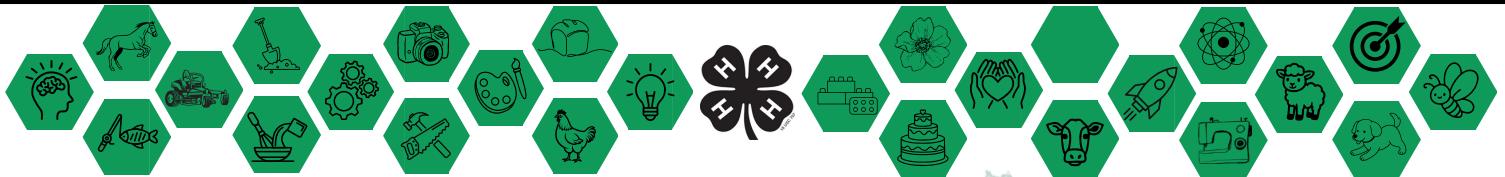
Steuben County Extension Office

317 S. Wayne St. Suite 1A

Angola, IN 46703

260 - 668- 1000 ext. 1400

Monday - Friday
8:00am - 4:30pm



CLUBS MEETINGS

4-H Bit and Bridle (Horse & Pony)

Meets at the Steuben Co. Community Center
317 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703

January-June 1st Monday, 7 pm;
2/2, 3/3 (Moved), and 4/6
[May, June, September & October will be at the
fairgrounds]
Sara Smith 260-316-6393

4-H Explorers

Meets at the Steuben Co. Community Center,
317 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703
January-June, 1st Thursday, 1:30-3 pm:
1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4
Bethany Wright 815-592-7106

Flint Arrows

Meets at the Salem Center Volunteer Fire
Station, 8404 W. 500 S., Hudson, IN 46747
January-June, 3rd Sunday, 1 pm;
1/18, 2/15, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17, 6/7
Amelia Swander 260-316-7999

Fremont Ready, Willing and Able

Meets at the Fremont Library
1004 Toledo St, Fremont, IN 46737
January-June, 1st Wednesday, 5-6:30 PM;
1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3
Lauren Bryan 734-718-9303;
Katlyn Beard 260-243-0914

Lucky Ducks

Meets at the Steuben Co. Community Center
317 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703
January-June, 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 pm;
1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12, 6/9
Amber Farnham 260-667-3586;
Jordan Eldridge 765-592-0102

Orland Creative Kids

February- June, Prairie Heights Middle School
(meet at panther square)
Last Monday of each month, 3:30- 4:30 PM;
2/23, 3/30, 4/27, 5/26, 6/29
Jennifer Holden 260-312-5662

Otsego Go-Getters

Meets at the Steuben Co. Community Center
317 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703
January-June, 1st Monday, 6-7:30 pm;
1/26, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4 and 6/1
Amanda Cline 260-316-5113

The Conquerors

Meets at the Steuben Co. Community Center
317 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703
January-June, 1st Monday, 6-7 pm;
1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2
Angela Michael 260-316-1277

Tiny Clovers, Mini 4-H (Grades K-2 only)

Meets at the Steuben Co. Community Center
317 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN 46703
January-May, 1st Monday, 5:30-7 pm;
1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1
Elizabeth Adamson 260-316-9551



Quality Livestock Care

Class Dates:

February 16, 2026
9:15 – 10:15 AM
Carnegie Library

March 23, 2026
5:30 – 6:30 PM
Community Center

March 30, 2026
5:30 – 6:30 PM
Community Center

April 11, 2026
9:30 – 10:30 AM
Carnegie Library

April 23, 2026
5:30 – 6:30 PM
Community Center



Register on v2.4honline.com
(Under Events)



Premises ID

If you are new or you moved to a new farm. Don't forget that you have to have a Premises ID to show your animals at the fair and State Fair.

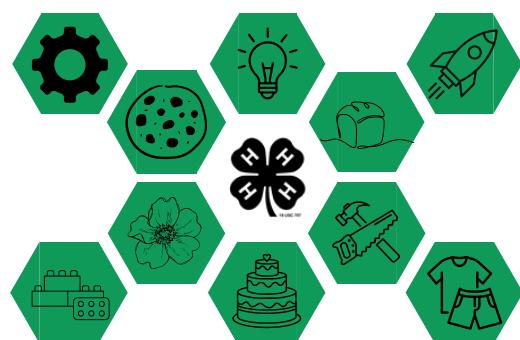
<https://www.in.gov/boah/forms/indiana-premises-identification-registration/>



Reminder

QLC is required if you plan to exhibit any of the following:

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Dairy Feeder Steer
- Dairy Steer
- Goats
- Sheep
- Swine
- Rabbit
- Poultry



4-H Fair Board Meetings

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Upcoming Dates:

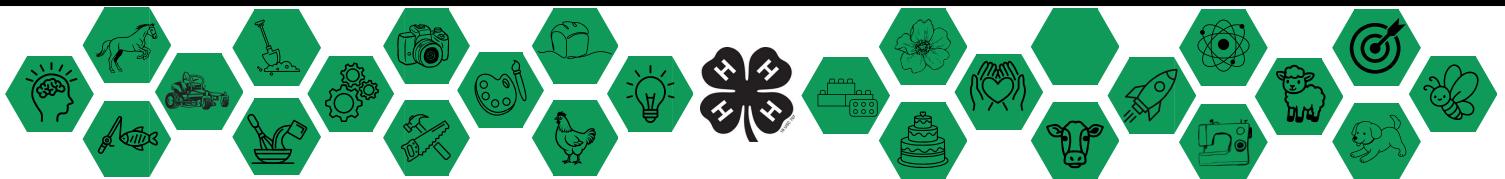
February 9, 2026

March 9, 2026

April 13, 2026

May 11, 2026

@ 7pm Community Center



Cat Workshop



February 23 - 6 pm Cat Workshop,
Community Center

Poultry Workshop

March 2 - 6 pm Poultry Workshop
then 7 pm Poultry Barn Discussion

May 16 - 10 am Poultry Workshop
at Poultry Barn.



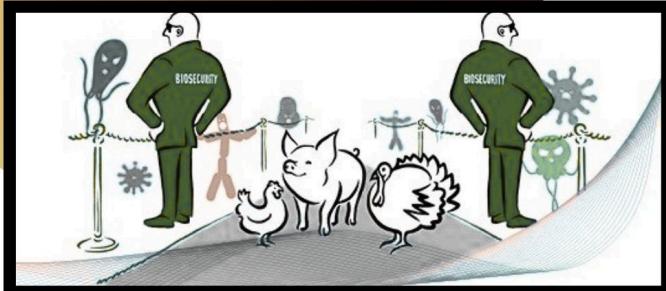
Shooting Sports Instructors

Are you knowledgeable about gun safety? Would you like to help teach the next generation to respect and safely handle firearms? Let's chat about becoming a certified volunteer!

Class Dates: April 10 - April 12

Registration Opening
February 27 - March 30

Scan QR Code



Fueling Success: Nutrition & Biosecurity in 4-H

**February 16, 2026
10:15 AM - 12:15 PM**

**Carnegie Public Library
322 S Wayne St, Angola, IN 46703**



Extension - 4-H Youth
Development



BEEKEEPING FOR BEGINNER

Experience beekeeping,
and learn how to get
started with this
condensed 3-part series
held at:

Angola's Commons Hall,
501 S John St.
Angola, IN 46703

Register at Purdue Extension office
Cost of the entire series:
\$10 Per Adult
Free to ALL Youth



Class Dates:



February 14,
HISTORY OF BEEKEEPING
WHY KEEP BEES?
BEEKEEPING EQUIPMENT
HIVE INABITANTS
BEEKEEPING OVERVIEW

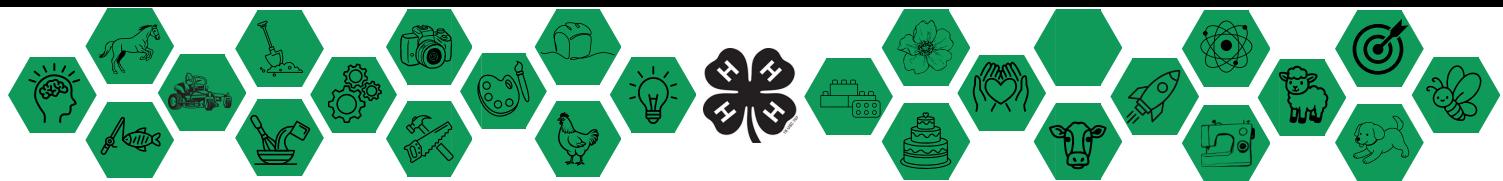


February 21,
HIVE INSTALLATION
SPRING MANAGEMENT
HIVE CHECKS
WHAT IS NORMAL?
PESTS AND DISEASES
SUMMER MANAGEMENT
SWARMS & SUPERS



February 28,
LATE SUMMER,
FALL AND WINTER
MANAGEMENT
HONEY HARVESTING
HONEY AND BEE PRODUCTS
MARKETING
QUESTIONS AND
REVIEWS

9 AM - 12 PM



Achievement Award

Achievement Winner Applications are available in the Extension Office. Applicants must be high school sophomores, juniors, or seniors participating in the Steuben County 4-H Program. These are due to the Extension Office on or before May 29, 2026. Five total individuals will receive money for college! Start them early as recommendation letters are required!



Indiana 4-H Round-up & Academy



BOTH will be held June 10-12, 2026

Be on the look out for more info!



Seniors

Another scholarship opportunity is available through Star Financial: the Future of Agriculture Scholarship, valued at \$1,000.

To be eligible, applicants must be current high school seniors or have at least one year remaining in their college or trade school program in Fall 2026. Eligible high school students must plan to enter a trade or collegiate program within two years of receiving the scholarship.

Apply at

<https://www.starfinancial.com/future-of-agriculture-scholarship>

2026 ARCHERY SCHEDULE

Members must complete project with a certified instructor!

PRACTICE

- April 20
- April 27
- May 4
- May 11
- May 18

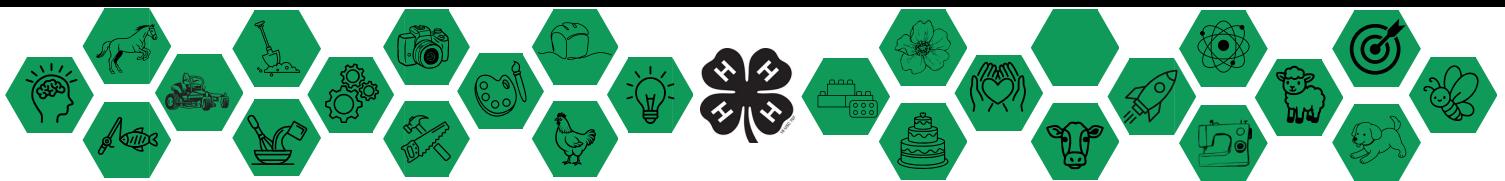
OTHER DATES

- Safety Meeting: April 13th
- 3D Tournament: May 30th

TIME

3rd - 6th grade: 5:30 - 6:30pm
7th - 12th grade 6:30 - 7:30pm





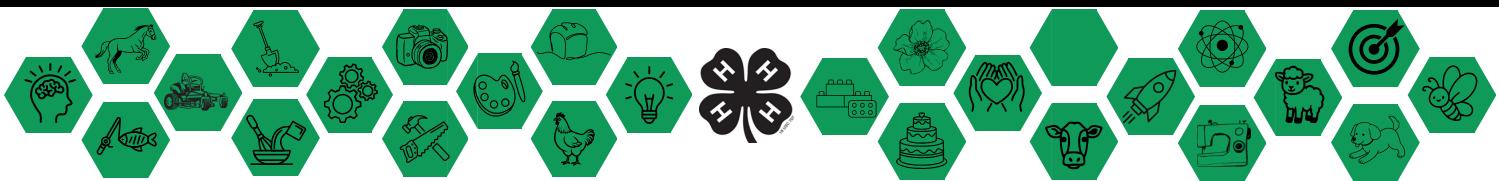
Find your place in Stueben Co. 4-H!

There's something for everyone. Every skill matters.

- ◆ **ANNOUNCERS**: Use your confident voice to announce classes at 4-H livestock shows.
- ◆ **ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**: Product selection, packets, and item drop-off/pick-up. Meets 1-2 times per year.
- AUCTION**: Help review, plan, and conduct the auction, including advertising and software support. Meets 4-5 times per year, plus fair week and post-fair wrap-up.
- AWARDS**: Choose award recipients, trip delegates, trophies, and special awards. Assist with securing sponsors if needed. Meets 2-3 times yearly; much of the work is done by email.
- CAMPING**: Organize fair week camping and help plan future utilities. Meets 1-2 times in spring/summer.
- ◆ **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**: Serve as ambassadors, connecting the organization with the community through events and activities that raise awareness and support.
- ◆ **FINANCE**: Manage fundraising, donor communications, and the 4-H Fair Board budget, including memorial fund consultations.
- GROUNDS**: Maintain the fairgrounds, assist with repairs and setup, and coordinate trash and restroom services. Minimal meetings; work done at various times.
- ◆ **PARKING & GATE**: Manage gate volunteers, help with parking, and count funds during the fair. Minimal meetings; support needed during fair week.
- ◆ **PORK STAND**: Support the pork stand fundraiser by planning, staffing, and supplying. Meets a few times off-season, plus during the fair.
- PROGRAM & PUBLICITY**: Organize fair activities and handle advertising. Assist with events during fair week. Meets 4-5 times yearly.

 = Indicates where extra hands would be most helpful

If you would like more information please call the office! 260-668-1000 ext. 1400

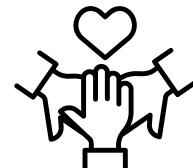


**DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR HELPING OTHERS?
WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEER SUPERINTENDENTS
AND INVITE YOU TO APPLY!
HERE ARE SOME OF OUR OPENING'S.**

Mini 4-H
4-H Resume
Communications
Consumer Clothing
Foods, Baked
Foods Alternative Cooking
Foods, Preserved
Model Craft

Needle Craft
Sewing Fashion Revue
Sewing
Shooting Sports
.22 Rifle
Air Rifle
Small Engine
Woodworking

Interested or know someone that would be a good fit, please contact
Kirby at douglakj@purdue.edu



4-H PROJECT CHANGES

To change 4-H projects after an enrollment has been submitted in 4-H Online, one must email the desired changes to 4-H staff. There will be a reply providing confirmation that the changes were made.

4-H VOLUNTEERS

Don't forget to re-enroll on 4Honline. After completing your enrollment please go to the training tab. It will show "complete" when the training(s) are done in your profile.

SAVE THE DATE

Steuben Co. 4-H Fair
June 19-25, 2026

100 Lane 101B Crooked Lake,
Angola, IN 46703



*We are so excited for you to be a part of
Steuben County 4-H! Here are some dates for
you to remember for the 2026 fair season.*

ID Days

Beef
March 15, 2026

Horse
April 26, 2026

Feeders, Sheep, & Goats
May 3, 2026

Pre-Fair

Return Worksheets
May 29, 2026

Fair Entry
June 3, 2026
@ fairentry.com

Fair

All Fair Clean Up
June 13, 2026
@ 9 AM

Post Fair Clean Up
June 27, 2026
@ 9 AM

ATTENTION FOOD TRUCK VENDORS

2026 Steuben Co. Fair

HAS FLEXIBLE
OPTIONS FOR FOOD
VENDOR TRUCKS,
INCLUDING DAILY
AND WEEKLY SPOTS.



**JUNE
19 - 25**

Please Contact Steuben Co. Purdue
Extension 4-H
at 260-668-1000 ext. 1400



Indiana 4-H 2026 Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Time
January			
1/22/2026	4-H Affiliate Summit	Jackson County	5:30 - 9:00 EST
1/24/2026	4-H Affiliate Summit	White County	9:30 - 12:00 EST
1/27/2026	4-H Affiliate Summit	Whitely County	5:30 - 9:00 EST
February			
Club Financial Review and Audit Process			
2/5/2026	4-H Affiliate Summit	Greene County	5:30 - 9:00 EST
2/9/2026	4-H Professional Development: 4-H Educators Guide to Clover Guardians	Virtual	12:30-1:30 EST
2/10/2026	Day at the Statehouse	Indiana Statehouse	8:00 - 3:00 EST
2/14/2026	CDE – Meats Judging	Purdue	7:30 - 4:00 EST
2/14/2026	CDE – Milk Quality	Purdue	7:30 - 4:00 EST
2/14/2026	Regional Robotics – South	Bartholomew Co. Fair.	9:00 - 4:00 EST
2/19/2026	4-H Affiliate Summit	Hendricks County	5:30 - 9:00 EST
2/21/2026	Regional Robotics – North	Marshall Co. Fair	9:00 - 4:00 EST
March			
3/9/2026	4-H Affiliate Summit	Blackford County	5:30 - 9:00 EST
3/14/2026	State Drone/UAV Contest	Purdue Poly, Anderson	10:00 - 3:00 EST
3/14/2026	Indiana 4-H STEM Showcase	Indiana State Museum	8:00 - 4:00 EST
3/24/2026	Volunteer Development: Clover Guardians: Confident, Prepared, Unshakeable	Virtual	6:30-7:30 EST
3/25 – 29/2026	Ignite	Washington DC	All Day
3/27-29/2026	Teen Leadership Weekend	Camp Tecumseh	All Day
April			
4/1/2026	Deadline - Graduating 4-H Member Survey		
4/6/2026	Spring Youth Staff Conference	Virtual	10:00 - 1:00 EST
4/9 – 15/2026	National 4-H Conference	Washington DC	All Day
4/11/2026	CDE – Hippology	Purdue	7:30 - 4:00 EST
4/15/2026	Deadline - Exhibit Hall Worker Application		
4/15/2026	Deadline - 4-H Ambassador Program Application		
4/17/2026	Career Exploration Day	Shedd Aquarium	All Day
4/18/2026	Discovery Challenge Contest	Purdue Poly, Anderson	10:00 - 3:00 EST
4/19-25/2026	National Volunteer Week		
May			
5/1/2026	Deadline – National 4-H Congress Registration		
5/2/2026	CDE – Livestock Judging Contest	Boone Co. Fairgrounds	7:30 - 4:00 EST
5/2/2026	CDE – Poultry Judging	Boone Co. Fairgrounds	7:30 - 4:00 EST
5/4/2026	Volunteer Development: Clover Guardians: Confident, Prepared, Unshakeable	Virtual	6:30-7:30 EST
5/8/2026	Deadline - 4-H Round-Up and Academy Registration Early-Bird Deadline		
5/9/2026	CDE – Wildlife	West Lafayette	8:30 - 3:30 EST
5/15/2026	Deadline - Livestock ID in 4-H Online		
5/15/2026	Deadline - IRS Filing Date		
5/22/2026	Deadline - 4-H Round-Up and Academy Registration Final Deadline		

Indiana 4-H 2026 Calendar

June			
6/10 – 12/2026	4-H Round Up & Academy	Purdue	All Day
6/12/2026	CDE – Dairy Judging	Elkhart County	7:30 - 6:00 EST
July			
7/31-8/24	State Fair in Exhibit Hall	State Fairgrounds	All Day
August			
8/3/2026	Project Drop Off	Indiana State Fair	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM EST
8/5-8/8/2026	Ambassador Training	State Fairgrounds	All Day
8/6/2026	CDE – Horse Judging Contest	Indiana State Fair	8:30 - 3:30 EST
8/10/2026	Foods and Garden Drop Off	Indiana State Fair	
8/10/2026	Project Judging	Indiana State Fair	
8/7-23/2026	Indiana State Fair at the Indiana State Fairgrounds		
Date TBD	Annual 4-H Program Update	Virtual	TBD
8/24/2026	State Fair Project Pick Up	Indiana State Fair	
September			
Date TBD	Fall Youth Staff Conference		
October			
10/4-10/2026	National 4-H Week		
November			
11/27 – 12/1	National 4-H Congress	Atlanta, Georgia	All Day
December			
12/1/2026	Deadline – National 4-H Conference Registration		
12/2-4/2026	Purdue Extension Professional Development Conference		



Record Sheet Information

Steuben County 4-H has project record sheets for each project to be completed by the 4-H Member and/or Mini 4-H'er. The 4-H staff have prepared the sheets in a folder for individual members to pick up at the Steuben County Extension Office.

These record sheets are due back to the office by the end of the business day on May 29, 2026.



INDIANA 4-H

TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Where: Camp Tecumseh**When:** March 27-29, 2026**Ages:** Grades 7-12**CONFERENCE INFO**

The Teen Leadership Weekend is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to build their leadership skills, connect with peers from across the state, and prepare to make a positive impact in their communities. Held annually, this conference is designed for youth in grades 7-12 who are ready to take their leadership journey to the next level. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, interactive team activities, and inspiring sessions led by experienced mentors and fellow 4-H members. With a focus on personal growth, teamwork, and service, the weekend empowers youth to step into leadership roles, develop practical skills, and create lasting memories!



CONTACT YOUR
LOCAL PURDUE
EXTENSION OFFICE
TO LEARN MORE
AND REGISTER



Purdue Extension Presents

Kitchen Showdown: Team Edition

Open to all youth in
grades 5-12

Get registered here
spaces limited:



Sign-up here!

\$25 per youth
includes 2 meals

Prizes awarded
to top teams

February 17th & 20th

5:00-7:00pm

2 Session workshops

1st session-Learn about
appliances and skills

2nd session- team cookoff

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

Check out our NEWEST hands-on youth workshop experience!!

Kitchen Showdown: Team Edition:

Step into the heat at Kitchen Showdown: Team Edition! This two-day workshop for youth in grades 5-12 kicks off with hands-on instruction where participants build essential cooking skills, learn kitchen techniques, and practice working as a team. On day two, it's game on—teams go head-to-head in a fast-paced cooking competition, putting their skills to the test for a chance to win prizes and bragging rights. Perfect for young chefs who love teamwork, creativity, and a little friendly competition in the kitchen.

When: Tuesday, February 17th and Friday, February 20th from 5:00-7:00 @ the Whitley County 4-H Center, 680 W Squawbuck Road Columbia City, In

Workshop fee: \$25 payable via cash or check (checks payable to Purdue University) at the Whitley County Extension Office located in the basement of the Government Center (220 W Van Buren St. Suite LL4, Columbia City, IN 46725) or pay by card via Venmo (see details for Venmo below)

Payment is expected immediately following registration to secure your spot at the workshop. Payment will not be accepted the day of the workshop because supplies need to be purchased in advance of the workshop. Registration closes February 12th!

*No refunds will be given after the close of registration.

We're excited to see you at this team cooking challenge workshop!! Invite a friend to join you!



Extension - 4-H Youth Development



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4-H IS BETTER WITH FRIENDS!
OPEN INSIDE FOR UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES—
AND SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH SOMEONE
WHO MIGHT ENJOY 4-H, TOO.