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Special points of interest:

- Cookies and Canvas
- Trip Opportunities
- 4-H Camp Counselors
- **Scholarships**

- Mini 4-H
- **YQCA**
- **Project Guideline Changes**
- Other Extension News
- New Member Workshop



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Happy 2022!

Don't forget to enroll in 4-H this week! Please invite your friends and neighbors to do the same! Although enrollment will remain open, we ask that everyone enroll in January at v2.4honline.com. Your prompt enrollment helps tremendously with communication, allows us to pay for your temporary insurance policy, and maximizes the opportunities you have to participate in the events offered at the county, area, state, and even national levels. There are some really great opportunities I invite you to consider in this edition of the newsletter. The 4-H Fair Board discussed trips this month, and you will see the registration form in the March issue. I hope you will consider attending a 4-H trip, most of which will only cost your family \$40-90! It's an increase from previous years, but it's a stellar deal! Summer trips are my absolute favorite and a wonderful memory for many past trip delegates. More to come next month...

Enrollment is open: v2.4honline.com



A look ahead at important dates:

December 23-31—Extension Office Closed for **February 11**—Teens As Teachers Registra-Christmas Holiday, University Winter Recess, and New Year's

January 10—Reba Wicker, Steuben County ANR/CD Educator, begins employment

January 10—Scholarship Office Hours

January 10—Required 4HOnline Volunteer Video Series Offered In-Person, Watch-Party-Style

January 12—PCARET Legislative Luncheon

January 15—4-H Enrollment Due

January 17—Extension Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 18—Indiana 4-H Statehouse Day Registration Due

January 18-20—Fort Wayne Farm Show

January 24—Extension Board Meeting

January 25—Indiana 4-H Scholarships Due

January 31—Community Foundation Scholarships Due

February 1—Indiana 4-H Day at the Indiana Statehouse

February 1—4-H Camp Counselor Application

February 1—4-H Club Financial Reports Due February 7—Cookies and Canvas Registration

February 8—Beekeeping for Beginners Registration Closes

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February 11—YQCA (morning), Fremont February 12—Beekeeping for Beginners

February 14—Cookies and Canvas

February 15—New Member Workshop

February 21—Extension Office Closed for President's Day

February 25-27—Teens as Teachers Conference

February 28—Mini 4-H Meetings Begin

March 3—YQCA

Starts

April 5—YQCA (morning)

April 12—YQCA

April 15—4-H Sponsorship Due

May 1—4-H Camp Registrations Due

May 1—4-H Trip Applications Due

May 1—Sheep/Goat ID Day

May 2—YQCA

May 15—4-H Project Add/Drop Due

May 15—4-H Animal ID Due in

4HOnline

June 8-10—Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp

June 8-10—4-H Academy @ Purdue

June 20-22—4-H Round-Up

July 15-21—Steuben County 4-H Fair

July 29-August 21—Indiana State Fair



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Club, Committee, and Board Happenings



Feel free to test drive any club at any time! If your friends are part of a different club or if you are interested in testing out another one, please do! We want you to find the club that feels like a good fit for you! Each club is unique in their amount of education, service, and social events. Not sure where to start? Call Tami at the Extension Office for some guidance on what each club does and how big/small they are.

4-H Bit and Bridle—The next meeting will be February 7th at 7 pm in the Community Center. Subsequent meetings will be held 3/7, 4/11, 5/2, 6/6, 7/?, 10/3, and 11/7.

4-H Explorers—The club will meet again February 8th at 1:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. We will make Valentines for Cameron Woods and create spin art with a bicycle. Subsequent meetings will be held 3/15 (date change!), 4/12, 5/10, and 6/14.

Flint Arrows—We are looking for an Assistant Club Leader. Please reach out to Alex at 316-1365 to volunteer! The club will not meet again until February 6th at 2 pm at the Salem Center Volunteer Fire House. Subsequent meetings will be held 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 6/5, 8/7.

Fremont Ready Willing and

Able—The January meeting has been cancelled due to illnesses and quarantines. The next meeting will be February 20th at 4 pm at the Perry's (315 E Feather Valley Rd). Subsequent meetings will be held

3/20, 4/?, 5/15, 6/?, 8/21, 9/18, 10/16, and 11/20.

Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers

Jenna has decided to step down as club leader. If you know an interested individual please contact

ested individual, please contact Tami! The club will not meet again until otherwise notified.

<u>Lucky Ducks</u>—The next club meeting will be February 1st at 6:30 in the Board Room where we will elect officers, plan a club activity, and organize a service project for the year.. Subsequent meetings will be held 3/1, 4/5, 5/3, 6/7, and 7/5.

Mini 4-H Tiny Clovers—We are in need of a new Club Leader! If you know an interested individual, please contact Tami! We will begin monthly meetings on February 28, 5:30-6:30 pm. Save the dates are on page 8 of this newsletter!

Orland Creative Kids—We are in need of a new Club Leader! If you know an interested individual, please contact Tami! The club does not have any meetings scheduled at this time.

Otsego Go-Getters—The next meeting will be held February 20th at 3:30 or 4 pm at Trine's Thunder Ice Arena. Look at Facebook or the Remind App for more info! Subsequent meetings will be 3/13 (due to Spring Break), 4/10 (due to ID days), 5/15 (tentative), 6/19 (tentative), and a potluck in July during the fair.

The Conquerors—The club will meet again February 13th at 3:30 pm at the Heifner's (507 W Fox Lake Rd.). Subsequent meetings will be held 3/13, 4/10, 5/15, 6/12, and 7/10.

Jr. Leaders—We will meet on January 18th, 6:30-8 pm. We will be conducting team building activities and creating "take one, give one" caramel apples. Please RSVP for this one, if possible, so that I can secure enough supplies for everyone! Officers, please arrive at 6 pm.

4-H Fair Board—Our next regular business meeting will be in the Board Room on February 21 (one week later than normal due to Valentine's Day) at 7 pm. at Angola Middle School (due to the county holiday).



This is Us

Steuben County 4-H is committed to creating a diverse, equitable, and accessible environment for all members, past, present, and future.

Special Accommodations

If you are in need of special accommodations for any and all 4-H or Purdue Extension programs and events, please call the Extension Office to give reasonable notices of the accommodations needed.

Newsletter Deadline

Please submit information you would like placed in the next newsletter by the 20th of the month.

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27 Extension Office Closed for Pur- due University Winter Recess	28 Extension Office Closed for Pur- due University Winter Recess	29 Extension Office Closed for Pur- due University Winter Recess	30 Extension Office Closed for New Year's Holiday	31 Extension Office Closed for New Year's Holiday	1
2	3 Bit and Bridle 7pm, Multi- Purpose Room	4 Lucky Ducks 6:30pm, Board Room	5	6	7	8
9 The Conquerors 3:30pm, Heifner's Home	10 Scholarship/ Resume Office Hours 4-5pm, Zoom Volunteer Training Watch Party 6pm, Board Rom 4-H Fair Board 7pm, Board Room	11 4-H Explorers 1:30pm, Multi- Purpose Room	12 PCARET Legis- lative Luncheon, Indy	13	14	15 4-H Enrollment due in 4HOnline!
16 Fremont RW&A 4pm, Perry's Home	17 Extension Office Closed for MLK, Jr. Day	IN Statehouse Registration Due Jr. Leaders 6:30- 8pm, Board Room (Officers to arrive at 6pm)	19	20	21	22
23	24 Extension Board 6:30pm, Board Room or Zoom	25 Indiana 4-H Scholarships Due	26	27	28	29
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February 2022

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30	31 Community Foundation Scholarships Due	1 Indiana 4-H Day at the State House Camp Counselor Apps Due Club Financials Due Lucky Ducks 6:30pm, Board Room	2	3	4	5
6 Flint Arrows 2pm, Salem Center Fire House	7 Cookies and Canvas Registra- tion Due Open Sewing 9am -4pm, Board Room Bit and Bridle 7pm, Board Room	8 Beekeeping for Beginners Registration Due 4-H Explorers 1:30pm, Multi-Purpose Room	9 H&P Council 6pm, Board Room	10	Teens as Teachers Registration Due YQCA 9-10:30, Fremont Public Library (pending approval!)	12 Beekeeping for Beginners 9-12, Commons Hall
13 The Conquerors 3:30pm, Heifner's Home	Cookies and Canvas 6-8pm, Board Room	Jr. Leaders 6- 8pm, Board Room New Member Workshop 6:30- 8 pm	16	17	18	19 Beekeeping for Beginners 9-12, Commons Hall DeKalb County Livestock Work- shops and YQCA 9am-1pm, DeK- alb Fairgrounds
20 Otsego Go- Getters 3:30/4pm, Trine Thunder Ice Arena Fremont RW&A 4pm, Perry's Home	21 Extension Office Closed for President's Day 4-H Programs/ Publicity 6pm, AMS Fair Board 7pm, AMS	22	23	24	25 Teens as Teachers Conference, Brookston, IN	Teens as Teachers Conference, Brookston, IN Beekeeping for Beginners 9-12, Commons Hall
27 Teens as Teachers Conference, Brookston, IN	28 Mini 4-H 5:30- 6:30pm, Multi- Purpose Room	March 1	2 H	3 YQCA 5:30- 7pm, Board Room	4	5 Possible Beef IDstay tuned for exact dates and times!



Your officer team met to create a slate of activities for the upcoming 4-H program year! All things are tentative until we hear back from the various places we plan to visit, but check it out!

January 18, 6:30-8 pm—Caramel apple night! Meet in Board Room for sweet treats and teambuilding activities. We will also make plans for the New Member Workshop which will take place in February.

February 15, 6-8 pm—The New Member Workshop begins at 6:30 pm, but we need you to arrive earlier, so please come at 6 pm. We will get all of our items ready and share our expertise with new families.

March 16 (Wed.)—Ice Skating at Trine's Thunder Arena

April 19—Meeting in Board Room with Teambuilding Activities

May 17, 5:30-8:30 pm—We will meet at the Fremont Community Church Food Bank at 5:30 pm to help with food distribution until 8 pm. We'll then carpool to The Social in Angola for ice cream and quick debrief, ending at 8:30 pm.

June 14—Mock Faceoff events, create 2022 Ridenour Acres Corn Maze, and New Member calls July—4-H Fair Help and Pop Stand

4-H Club Finances

Club Leaders, 4-H Club Financial Record forms were mailed to the primary club leader in late December. All clubs must complete the form with beginning and ending balances for 2021 no later than February 1st. Two clubs are up for audit based on the five year schedule and/or a change in leadership, which requires additional information to be submitted: **Flint Ar-**

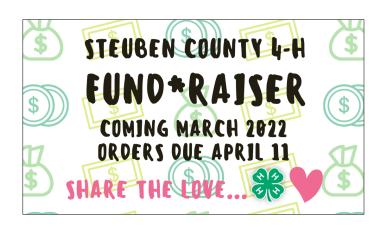
rows and Orland Creative Kids.

Thank you for attention to this important matter that protects you as a volunteer!



4-H Enrollment Is OPEN!

All 4-H members and adults volunteers must reenroll annually. You may visit <u>v2.4honline.com</u> now to re-enroll. The Extension Office staff are happy to help you with the reenrollment process!



Help Needed!

While many volunteers stay with us for years, when a volunteer signs on, they are only making a one year commitment that can be renewed or declined each year. Some volunteers don't even volunteer for a year...they volunteer in an "episodic" role where they help with a one-time project or a few weeks max. The volunteer year aligns with the youth program year, so each fall/winter, we ask volunteers to re-enroll in 4-H. If you haven't given 4-H volunteer work a try, consider these opportunities below. If after a year (or your episodic experience), you decide the role isn't for you, that's okay!

Club Leader Vacancies

- ⇒ Flint Arrows 4-H Club (Co-Leaders or Assistant)
- ⇒ Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers
- ⇒ Mini 4-H Tiny Clovers
- ⇒ Orland Creative Kids

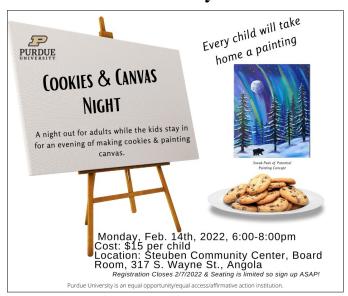
Project Vacancies

- ⇒ Air Rifle, training held in April
- ⇒ Arts and Crafts Co-Superintendent
- ⇒ Floriculture
- ⇒ Geology
- ⇒ Video Gaming and Computer Coding



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Call it Date Night! Cookies and Canvas for the Kids While You Enjoy Valentine's Day Dinner



Interested in baking cookies and painting? Join us for Cookies and Canvas on February 14th, 6-8 pm. Adults, enjoy a Valentine's Date Night and let us watch the kids! Cost is \$15, and youth will take their painting home. Sign up at https://bit.ly/cookiescanvas by February 7th.

Experience 4-H: Game Design

Groups of 3-5 young people in grades 6-12 are invited to create their own game to promote social awareness. Find a challenge in your community that your game will address. You don't have to solve all the problems, bringing awareness is just as important! Teams will work together beginning in late January through late March and submit their electronic notebooks and game samples by April 1. We will hold a statewide culminating event on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Purdue Fort Wayne, where 10 finalist teams will present their games to a panel of judges. Additionally, participants will hear from industry professionals and have the opportunity to gain career development insight from panel discussions throughout that day. Teams should contact their local 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator to register. See more info at bit.ly/4hgamedesign22.

Teens as Teachers February 25-27, 2022 Camp Tecumseh, Brookston

Do you know a teen leader who would be a great mentor to others in our community? Teens as Teachers is an opportunity for teams of 3-5 youth and one adult mentor to learn how to be teachers and subject matter experts of a topic of their choice, and are empowered to deliver programming to our community. This training is for youth in grades 8-11. In addition to studying the subject matter of their choice, youth will learn fundamentals of handson learning, ages and stages of youth development, public speaking, and lesson planning.

The program will begin with onsite check-in at 6:30 PM (ET) on Friday, February 25th and will conclude at noon on Sunday, February 27th. Teams must preregister through their county 4-H Educator. Educators will register teams through 4HOnline. The registration fee for the Teens as Teachers program is \$85 for youth; \$50 for adult mentors and can be sponsored by the Steuben County 4-H Fair Board. Registration deadline is February 11th.

To learn more about the specific workshop tracks being offered, visit: purdue.ag/teensasteachers. Please note that due to the ongoing pandemic, masks will be required while inside during Teens as Teachers.

Steuben County will have one youth on the state teaching team for the Ag Innovation session!!!

Good Job, Caleb!

It's really fun to see photos and hear about events that you attend after we share the information. Check out Caleb McMullen's successful pheasant hunt from the Northeast Indiana Pheasants Forever Youth Hunt

that we shared in November. Caleb put his 4-H Shooting Sports skills into action after learning even more knowledge about shot gunning and trap shooting from the Pheasants Forever crew that we partner with on several youth conservation efforts.





Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp

June 8-10, 2022 - Epworth Forest

Camp Counselors Needed

Applications

- Available Online
- Due on/before
 February 1 to your
 County Extension Office

This fabulous opportunity and application process is limited those in grades 9-12, but 8th graders are invited to apply. If we do not have enough high school counselors, 8th graders will be considered. Please be aware 4-H Camp directly overlaps 4-H Academy @ Purdue this year! Please consider this before applying!

Indiana 4-H Day at the Indiana State House

If you have even a tiny bit of interest in government affairs, please consider this opportunity! On Tuesday, February 1st, Indiana 4-H members will take the floor at the Indiana State House as part of Indiana 4-H Day at the State House! This opportunity will be available for youth in grades 7-12. Registration is open and will close Tuesday, January 18th. The approximate cost

per participant will be \$15, and we will work together to make transportation arrangements. Program activities will include being pages, meeting representatives, and touring the state house! Please let Tami know if you plan to attend so that she can register as a chaperone!



2021 4-H Fair Photos

All of the photos from the 2021 4-H fair are online! You can view them at:

choicephotography.webmate.me/gallery Choose 2021 Steuben County 4-H Fair. Password: steuben4h2021



Green Record Books

Green record books and graded record sheets will be returned to you upon enrollment in the 2021-2022 program year. If upperclassmen need them for scholarships, feel free to ask! Otherwise, plan on receiving all of your old materials with all of your new materials after enrollment.

Indiana 4-H Scholarships

Youth in grades 10-12 can apply for Indiana 4-H scholarships which are due January 25th. Visit bit.ly/IN4Hscholarships for the applications. In 2021, the accomplishment scholarship categories with the

least entries included: Engineering and Technological Science, Communications, and Plant and Environmental Science.



Controversial Topics 4-H Spark Club for High Schoolers

There is a lot going on in the world. With so much information available to us, sometimes it is difficult to know if what we are reading is based in fact, half-truths, propaganda, or opinion. Social media and the 24 hour news cycle also provides an opportunity for people to discuss and develop opinions on topics that haven't always been discussed so openly in the past. It can be a lot to wrap one's head around! The Controversial Topics Spark Club is an opportunity for high school students to learn about how to discern what they read from news and commentary, explore different angles of relevant topics, and discuss the topics in a respectful manner. The club will meet over Zoom on Mondays January 31-

March 7 at 7 pm EST. Please register by January 24 through your 4-H Online profile by clicking on the notice at the bottom of your member page, or look under the Events menu.



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Sewing Opportunities

Every month, a group of individuals get together at our office to sew, and all 4-H members are invited to join them and learn from them. It is a "come when you can and stay as long as you like" kind of group, and you are invited to bring your sewing machine. If you come during lunch time, please bring a snack to share. The times are likely best suited for home schooled youth, but all are welcome! Consider joining the group on the following days:

- * Monday, February 7, 9 am-4 pm
- * Wednesday, March 15, 9 am-4 pm
- * Wednesday, April 27, 9 am-4 pm
- * Monday, May 2, 9 am-4 pm

ALL Animal ID due May 15!

Although some ID days will happen as early as March, you will have until **May 15th** to ID your cattle in 4HOnline, falling in line with all other species that need identified in 4HOnline (v2.4honline.com).

Office Hours

Due to the nature of our work and current staffing limitations, there may be times when our office is closed to meet the needs of the greater community. Thank you for understanding the need to be flexible.

Required 4HOnline Volunteer Video Series

So that we can include you in the operation of our 4-H events and activities and the decisions related to the 4-H Program, we are inviting you to complete the 4-H Volunteer re-enrollment process at v2.4honline.com. After you have updated your profile, you will have the opportunity to complete three trainings. These can be completed on your laptop or similar device. The three topics are:

- Orientation to Indiana 4-H Youth Development (~11 minutes)
- Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response and Guidelines for Youth Safety and Working with Minors (~16 minutes)
- Increasing Cultural Awareness and Equity in Extension Programs (~25 minutes)

Why one hour of time? You are working with our most valued resource – our youth, and the videos will broaden your skills so that you will be better prepared to work with them. We are trusted with other people's kids, not just our own. Upon completion of all three trainings, you will be eligible to be placed in a 4-H Volunteer role.

Volunteer Growth Opportunity

Steuben County JDAI and the Indiana Youth Institute are hosting a virtual training called "Building Trauma-Responsive Communities." As a volunteer who works with youth, you will likely find this FREE training as a valuable resource. The training will take place February 3, 11:30 am-1 pm. Reach out to Tami for registration details.

Weather Cancellation

Historically, we have followed the schools in regards to cancellation. If one school cancelled, we cancelled. However, with schools offering e-learning days, we think they are quicker to cancel. We certainly care about your safety but want to be mindful that sometimes the fog fades and the snow is cleared by evening. We now use cautious discretion and/or consult with the Sherriff's Department regarding cancellation of Steuben County 4-H programs, activities, events, and meetings.

Young Ladies in Agriculture Forum

Consider joining the Young Ladies in Agriculture Forum during the Midwest Women in Agriculture Annual Conference on February 9, 2022! The conference and forum will take place at the Blue Gate Garden Inn (Shipshewana, IN). Hotel rooms are available if staying overnight. Check-in will be 3-3:30 pm, the program begins at 3:30 pm, and dinner will be served at 6 pm. This forum will allow young ladies ages 12-18 the opportunity to meet their peers, explore sessions, and listen to well-known keynote speakers in the industry! Topics include ag careers, job interview skills, and making a good first impression! Business casual attire is requested. The registration cost is \$20 per young lady. Register online no later than January 31 at: https://bit.ly/3GwHVmm

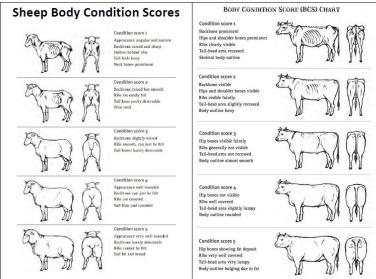


Volunteers, you are positioned to make a significant impact in the life of a young person with whom you work. We hope you will capitalize on the opportunity this year!

Enroll at v2.4honline.com

Winter Tip: Check the Body Condition Score Of Your Herd

Body condition score (BCS) is an easy-to-use tool that describes the relative fatness of a livestock animal and should be something that you check every so often, especially in the winter when the animal needs fat to stay warm. Always aim for the middle, a 3 in this case.



Indiana 4-H Horse Career Development Events at Purdue

Horse Bowl/Hippology: Saturday, April 2; Registration is due online by March 21. The cost is \$15 per participant (Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior). On-site check in will be begin at 7:30 am EST. A pizza lunch is included in the cost for youth participants.

Virtual 4-H Horse Communications Contests (Demonstration & Public Speaking): April 14th, time TBD. Youth will sign up for time slots to deliver their presentation live to judges via Zoom. This will allow judges to ask questions and provide feedback etc. Registration is due online by April 6. The cost is \$15 per participant (Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior).

4-H/FFA State Horse Judging Contest: Saturday, April 30 at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds in Danville, Indiana. There are no formalized Area Contest qualifiers required to participate at the state contest for horse judging. Registration details will be shared soon.

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YQCA Certification Required Annually for Livestock Exhibitors

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, and rabbits (so, basically everything except for horses, cats, and dogs), 4-H members must be certified through "Youth for the Quality Care of Animals." This is an <u>annual</u> certification that must be completed via online modules <u>or</u> in-person trainings. These in-person certifications are held to share the message of proper animal care prior to or around the time that some of you acquire animals. We want you to have the proper knowledge and skills as your livestock season kicks off! The YQCA trainings listed below will be offered in Steuben County. Please register in advance.

- Friday, February 11, 9-10:30 am, Fremont Public Library (currently pending library approval; during Fremont Staff Professional Development Day)
- Thursday, March 3, 5:30-7 pm, Board Room
- Tuesday, April 5, 9-10:30 am, Board Room (during Prairie Heights' Spring Break)
- Tuesday, April 12, 5:30-7 pm, Board Room
- Monday, May 2, 5:30-7 pm, Board Room

If you are unable to take the certification course in Steuben County and do not wish to take the training online, you may attend in any county. Dates for trainings outside of the county can be viewed at https://yqca.learngrow.io. You will be required to log-in at yqca.org using your 4HOnline email and password to sign-up for the workshop of your choice and pay online. In-person workshops require online registration of \$3, and online workshops require online registration of \$12. Either way, you need to go online to register and pay.

*If you are planning to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair, please print a copy of your certificate to handcarry at ISF Check-In.



Indiana State Fair Livestock Schedule Changing

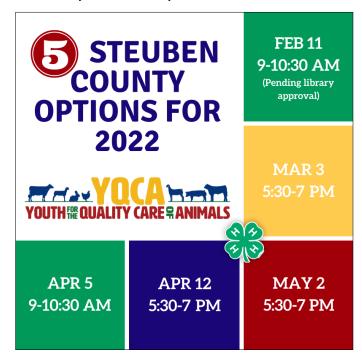
For many years, the Indiana State Fair has followed the same basic schedule. It was jostled around due to COVID, and now the new Indiana State Fair Swine Barn Project is jostling it again! Please visit https://bit.ly/22ISFLivestockSchedule for the 2022 schedule.

Quarantine For Rabbits

Re: Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHVD2 **From**: The American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA).

A recent case of RHVD2 - rabbit disease was confirmed in Louisville, KY. The ARBA has issued a 125 mile radius quarantine, which means no one in that zone will be allowed to show at any ARBA show until the quarantine is lifted which right now will be Feb 15, 2022.

At this time all 4-H County Rabbit programs should practice the quarantine protocol, regardless of the proximity to Louisville out of precaution. Until further information is available, 4-H Rabbits should not be moved from place to place for meetings, workshops, etc. Please respect this quarantine for your own county rabbits' safety and that of others.



Currently Scheduled 2022 Animal ID Days

More specific information regarding each specie will be sent at a later date.

- Beef & Dairy Steers—<u>TENATIVE</u>—Saturday
 March 5 <u>OR</u> Sunday, March 6, 1-3 pm at the
 County Park in the Beef Barn; We are checking
 with Dr. Yarde on veterinary services and will let
 you know the exact date and details as soon as
 have them confirmed!; Animal ID info is due in
 4HOnline by May 15th
- Horse & Pony Vaccination Clinic (optional) and Pony Measure—Sunday, April 24, time TBD as we are working with Dr. Luttman to see if we can pull off both H&P Vaccination AND Small Calf ID in one day. Stay tuned!; Animal ID info is due in 4HOnline by May 15th
- Small Calves (Beef Feeders/Dairy Feeders/Started Calves—TENTATIVE—Sunday, April 24, 1-3 pm for dairy breeds, 3-4 pm for beef breeds, at the County Park in the Swine Barn; We are checking with Dr. Luttman on veterinary services as she was already scheduled to do the H&P vaccination clinic that same day! Our second choice would be Sunday, May 1 in which we will also be conducting Sheep/Goat ID. Please hold both dates for right now.; Animal ID info is due in 4HOnline by May 15th
- Sheep—Sunday, May 1, 12:30-2 pm at the County Park, north side of Started Calf/Dairy Barn; no professional veterinary services will be provided; Animal ID info is due in 4HOnline by May 15th
- Goats—Sunday, May 1, 12:30-2 pm at the County Park, north side of Started Calf/Dairy Barn; no professional veterinary services will be provided; Animal ID info is due in 4HOnline by May 15th
- No ID days are scheduled for Cat, Dairy, Dog, Poultry, Rabbit, and Swine. Dairy and Swine will practice self-tagging. If rabbits need tattooed, please call Jennie Sevits to make arrangements.

Workshops as Record Sheet Replacement

At the November 4-H Fair Board meeting, we received approval to extend the "record sheet replacement" workshop options beyond the livestock projects. Now all projects are eligible for record sheet replacement as long as the workshop is approved by the Extension Office. Workshops should be at least 60-90 minutes, have a hands-on component, and cover practical educational concepts related to the project. Workshops on the schedule include:

- Cattle: Saturday, February 19, rotations every hour (8 am-1:30 pm), DeKalb County Fairgrounds
- Goats: Saturday, February 19, rotations every hour (8 am-1:30 pm), DeKalb County Fairgrounds
- **Poultry:** Saturday, February 19, rotations every hour (8 am-1:30 pm), DeKalb County Fairgrounds
- **Rabbit:** Saturday, February 19, rotations every hour (8 am-1:30 pm), DeKalb County Fairgrounds
- **Sheep:** Saturday, February 19, rotations every hour (8 am-1:30 pm), DeKalb County Fairgrounds
- **Swine:** Saturday, February 19, rotations every hour (8 am-1:30 pm), DeKalb County Fairgrounds
- **Rabbit**: Tuesday, March 8, 6-7 pm, Multi-Purpose Room
- **Poultry**: Tuesday, March 8, 7-8 pm, Multi-Purpose Room
- Poultry: Saturday, May 14, 10-11:30 am, Poultry/Rabbit Barn
- **Rabbit**: Saturday, May 14, 12-1:30 pm, Poultry/Rabbit Barn

YQCA Add-On in DeKalb

If you attend one of the February 19th workshops in DeKalb County, consider attending one of the YQCA workshops that same day to knock this requirement out early! Remember to register at yqca.learngrow.io before arriving!



The first reading of the 2021-2022 project guideline changes took place October 4th at the Steuben County 4-H Fair Board Meeting. The reading was simply held to check for clarity. Voting for approval or disapproval of the suggestions took place on Monday, November 8, 2021 as part of the regular business meeting of the 4-H Fair Board; however, the Board was not able to give adequate attention to all suggestions due to time constraints. As a result, the remaining suggestions were discussed and voted upon on Monday, December 13, 2021 at the subsequent meeting.

In addition, some guidelines may change in the 4-H Project Information and Fair Book at the request of greater entities, such as the Indiana Board of Animal Health and the Indiana 4-H Staff. Simply reviewing approved guideline changes here is not sufficient. Each 4-H member is responsible for reading the guidelines that pertain to them when the 2022 Fair Books are posted.

SO MANY State 4-H projects have changed for 2021-2022, becoming less restrictive and allowing more creative freedom for exhibitors. Please be sure to double-check each project for the new guidelines!

APPROVED 4-H Fair Book Project Guideline Improvements/Changes for Steuben County 4-H, 2021-2022

GENERAL

All youth who attend a pre-approved educational workshop prior to the last business day in June may use the workshop as a record sheet replacement for the project in which they plan to exhibit. Attendance will be taken at each workshop to verify fulfillment of the learning opportunity. If a member cannot attend a workshop for the project in which they plan to exhibit, they can complete a record sheet as in the past, due on the last business day in June. [Record sheet replacement now applies to all projects, not just animals. Watch the newsletter for workshop dates []

ANIMAL POSTER (COUNTY ONLY) and ANIMAL POSTER (STATE FAIR ELIGIBLE)

• Will transition to new Indiana 4-H "Animal Education" project.

COLLECTIONS

• Include your Collection List in your binder as well as records of your collection. If the information is not typed, the member must use legible handwriting. [Record sheet will be due June 30, as usual, but you do not need to include a second record sheet with your exhibit.]

LEGOS/CONSTRUCTION TOYS

Will transition to new Indiana 4-H project called "Construction and Architectural Replica."

BEEF

- Classes:
 - 1. Breeding Heifer Classes: Heifers will show by the registered breeds and a commercial class (non-registered and crossbred).
 - 2. Market Classes: Steers will show by breed (crossbred class also offered), and heifers will show in a market heifer class
 - 3. [County Born and Raised, as listed previously]
 - 4. [Showmanship, as listed previously]
- Awards, update the following:
 - 1 Champion ribbon (purple) and 1 Reserve Champion ribbon (pink) for EACH class of Breeding Heifers, Market Steers, and Market Heifers (if there is more than 1 weight division)
 - o 1 Grand Champion Award and 1 Reserve Grand Champion Award for Breeding Heifers
 - o 1 Grand Champion Award and 1 Reserve Grand Champion Award for Market Beef
- Deleting Project Requirement #12 which refers to re-weighs after judging. [We will no longer conduct re-weighs.]

BEEF, BEEF FEEDERS, DAIRY BEEF, AND DAIRY FEEDERS

• Deleting fan mounting requirements for air flow in the cattle barn. [This is will simply be monitored by Barn Superintendents. Please use good judgment in regards to space, electrical hazards, etc.

DAIRY BEEF: DAIRY FEEDER STEERS

Deleting Exhibit Requirement #4 which refers to seller documents. [You will no longer need to present a document from the seller.]

POULTRY

- Reorder project requirements, keeping the integrity of each.
- Add: Members must identify their poultry owned to the poultry superintendent or Extension Office by May 15. Poultry not identified will not be allowed to show.
- Update: Turkeys: Exhibit 1 turkey born between January 1 and March 30 of the current year.
- Update all Exhibition Classes, adding 1 class (Exhibition Turkey), making it 5 exhibition classes (deletions not included; simply rewritten):
 - Standard Exhibition: Exhibit up to 2 birds, a Hen and/or a Rooster, per subclass (maximum of 14 birds). Subclasses are as
 follows: American, Asiatic, Continental, English, Game, Mediterranean, and All Other. All birds must be 1 year or older.

- Exhibition Bantams: Exhibit up to 2 birds, a Hen and/or a Rooster, per subclass (maximum of 12 birds). Subclasses are as
 follows: Modern Game, Old English Game, Single Comb Clean Legged, Rose Comb Clean Legged, Other Comb Clean
 Legged, and Feather Legged. All birds must be 1 year or older.
- Exhibition Ducks Drake/Hen: Exhibit up to 2 birds, a Duck Hen and/or a Drake, per subclass (maximum of 8 birds).
 Subclasses are as follows: Heavy Weight, Medium Weight, Light Weight, and Bantam. All birds must be 1 year or older.
- Exhibition Goose: Exhibit up to 2 birds, a Goose and/or a Gander, per subclass (maximum of 6 birds). Subclasses are as
 follows: Heavy Weight, Medium Weight, Light Weight.
- O Exhibition Turkey: Exhibit up to 2 birds, a Hen and/or a Tom.
- A Supreme Grand Champion will be chosen from the Grand Champions of the following: Pullets, Laying Hens, Meat Chickens, Market Ducks, Market Goose, Turkeys, Standard Exhibition, Exhibition Bantams, Exhibition Ducks, Exhibition Goose, and Exhibition Turkey.

AS A RESULT OF STATE CHANGES...

- Graphic Design and Marketing will transition to the Indiana 4-H Communications project
- Sports and Recreation will transition to the Indiana 4-H Health project
- Sustainability will transition to the Indiana 4-H Soil and Water Science project



Dear 4-H Supporter,

We made it through two years of craziness, and we are excited about the future! Although 4-H isn't solely about the annual 4-H fair, we are proud to share that we had one of best fairs EVER in 2021! There was an overwhelming attitude of gratitude, and the general public shared in our excitement. You were a part of that, and we invite you to join us again this year!

4-H creates welcoming and inclusive environments to help youth feel like they belong and are valued. We cultivate sparks of interest through a diverse set of 4-H projects and programming efforts. We build relationships by prioritizing families and meeting their needs. Challenging growth and empowering youth are what we do best with each year of 4-H tenure.

Through the 4-H program, we are fostering a generation of skilled young people that can uphold the coined 4-H motto—"To Make the Best Better"—and serve as leaders and contributing citizens as they develop into adults and someday enter the workforce.

We believe in youth potential, do our best to nurture and build it, and make every attempt at giving youth positive direction. By supporting 4-H today, you are investing in the leaders of tomorrow who will impact our community and our world. Your generous and valued support is greatly appreciated and will not go unnoticed. Sponsorships must be received by April 15 to be included and/or advertised. If questions arise, please feel free to contact us at 668-1000 Ext. 1400.

Sincerely,

Gary Shough, President Steuben County 4-H Fair Board

we used to send this to you.

The 2022 Steuben County 4-H Fair will take place July 15-21! Don't miss the 2-day Rodeo in 2022!

Those investing in 2022 4-H Fair Sponsorship may claim one free gate pass for the 4-H Fair by visiting our office in July.

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	2022 STEUBEN COUN	NTY 4-H FAIR SPONSORSHIP – DUE APRIL 15
\$1000	Sponsor of the Day	(preferred day, 1st and 2nd choices)
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Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

Open to 10th graders: Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

Categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

Eligibility: Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

Awards: A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship, and a silver tray, will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Additional scholarships may be awarded depending on sponsorship availability. The number of scholarships awarded in each category may be adjusted to meet special criteria of a particular

Visit bit.ly/4hscholarship to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25. Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.



sponsor.

4-H Motto: To make the best better.

4-H Slogan: Learning by doing.

Indiana 4-H Mission: To provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.

Indiana 4-H Vision: Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential. 4-H is America's largest youth development organization—empowering nearly six million young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime. In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us.

Community Service Contest

Indiana AgrAbility/Breaking New Ground of Purdue University is again sponsoring The Bridging Horizons Community Service Contest, which challenges organizations to complete service projects to assist people with disabilities in their communities prior to June 1. Explain your project and submit photos. In return, winning groups can receive a cash award of \$500, \$250, or \$100. As an added incentive to participate, the first five groups to submit a completed project will receive \$100 simply for completing a qualifying project. Any 4-H club is eligible to enter the contest, as are FFA chapters, Extension Homemakers, church groups, and others. For questions, call 800-825-4264.



Renovating Again!

The County Park, where we host the annual Steuben County 4-H Fair, has undergone some changes over the last few years at the hands and expense of multiple parties, including the Steuben County Commissioners, Steuben County Council, 4-H Fair Board, 4-H Clubs, and generous 4-H supporters (individuals and local businesses, alike). It was slow to start, but our 25-year commitment has increased the momentum and motivation!

- ⇒ **2013:** Kitchen and garage added to Lions Building by Steuben County Government
- ⇒ **2016**: Event Center built by Steuben County Government
- ⇒ **2017**: Old Exhibit Hall leveled by Steuben County Government
- ⇒ 2018: New Vinyl Arena Fence installed by the 4-H Bit and Bridle Club and the Dekko Foundation; County Government paved all park drives
- ⇒ 2019: Renovated Rensch Hall and Added ADA Compliant Paths, a group effort by Steuben County Government, the 4-H Fair Board, and generous donors; brush removed from Crooked Lake shoreline
- ⇒ **2020**: 4-H Fair Board expanded the ADA Compliant Path and Steuben County Government painted several barn roofs
- ⇒ **2021**: Poured Concrete Pad for Future 4-H Fair Office North of Rensch Hall and corresponding ADA Compliant Sidewalk; New Champion Photo Backdrop installed for Livestock Exhibits
- ⇒ 2022 Goal: Construct New 4-H Fair Office North of Rensch Hall
 - ⇒ It's time to move out of the garage and into an more reasonable space that is closer to the action. The office will be a 20' x 20' stick-built building with a 4' cantilevered "porch."

To financially partner with us on this project:

- Visit the Extension Office
- ◆ Talk with a 4-H Fair Board Member
- Email mosier@purdue.edu
- Call 260-668-1000 Ext. 1400



In Other Extension News...

- We have a new Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator! Reba Wicker began employment with Purdue University in our office on January 10th, and we are so excited! Please join us in extending a warm welcome!
- Just like nearly every other business and organization, we're hiring! Those holding a Bachelor's or Master's Degree in a health-related field may be interested in applying for the Health and Human Sciences Extension Educator position. Talk to Tami or visit https://bit.ly/SteubenHHS21
- Are you a podcast junkie? Check out the Purdue Extension Farm Stress Team's podcast called Tools for Today's Farmers. https://spoti.fi/3g7lCsl
- Plat books are on order for 2022. We're taking orders now! Call the Extension Office to put your name on the list! Final proofs have been approved!
- The Fort Wayne Farm Show is scheduled for January 18-20 at the Allen County War Memorial
 Coliseum. Stop by the Purdue Extension booth to see Tami and fellow Extension Staff!
- Every Friday, catch the 2022 Forage Forum Fridays hosted by Purdue Extension Educators and Specialists. Resister at tinyurl.com/ExtFFF. The next few are:
 - 1/21: Fertilizer Issues and Rising Costs
 - 1/28: Finding Money in Grazing
 - 2/4: Toolkit Necessities and Gadgets
 - 2/11: Farming with a 4-Wheeler: Tools for Small Acres
 - 2/18: Forage Equipment Maintenance
 - 2/25: Livestock Production Labeling
- Consider joining Purdue Extension for the 5-session Strategic Marketing For Your Farm's Future virtual program. Classes begin February 3, 2022 and run each Thursday from 7:00-8:00 pm EST through March 3rd. Session Topics include: crop marketing strategies, tools available to assist with marketing, technical analysis of grain markets, diversification into niche markets, hw to communicate decisions, tools to address stress associated with marketing highs and lows. The cost is \$30. Register by February 1 at cvent.me/dK00gR
- The Midwest Women in Ag Conference will take place February 8-10, close to home! Join other ladies at the Blue Gate Garden Inn in Shipshe-

- wana. Early bird registration closes January 31.
- Noble County will be hosting Annie's Project, a 6-week course for farm women, February 3-March 10. Learn about production, financial and tax management, human resources, marketing, and the legal field. Register by Jan. 27 at bit.ly/3o9AOcM or call 260-636-2111. Cost: \$65 for all 6 sessions
- The Purdue Succession Planning Team's virtual winter workshop, "Farm and Family Business Succession Strategies to Stay on Track," will be a 3-session series hosted February 15, February 22, and March 1. The cost is \$30. Register at https://cvent.me/xwg8qr
- Interested in farming for the first time? Join the Beginning Farmer Workshop series, held virtually February 23-April 6. The cost is \$70. Register by February 18 at https://cvent.me/gm2aOw
- The Indiana Small Farm Conference will take place March 3-4 in Danville, Indiana, at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. Register at http://purdue.ag/sfc
- The Office of Community and Rural Affairs' new Indiana Connectivity Program is now open for Hoosier residents and businesses lacking internet connectivity. The program helps expand broadband service to unserved and underserved locations. To apply and submit your address for consideration, call 833-639-8522 or visit in.gov/ocra/broadband.
- ServSafe Food Protection Manager Trainings and Exams are scheduled for 2022! Visit https://www.purdue.edue/servsafe to find the dates of training events held in Allen, Noble, Hunting, Wells, and Adams Counties. None are scheduled in Steuben County at this time.

Purdue Fast Start

Many promising students will now have the opportunity to take their first steps toward a Purdue degree with the new Purdue Fast Start program. Through Purdue's partnership with ModernStates.org, a website featuring more than 30 free, high-quality courses, you can gain assured admission to Purdue by earning free college credit. This partnership will create new opportunities for Indiana students to take giant leaps in their education with a new pathway to Purdue University. purdue.university/faststart



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For all parents and 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year 4-H Members in grades 3-12

4-H is a lot of fun, but like anything, it also can be stressful if you feel lost. We want to relieve any stress you might have. We hope to make your first year of 4-H an exciting learning experience and help you successfully complete your 4-H projects. This workshop will be hosted by the 4-H Educator and 4-H Jr. Leaders who will answer any questions you may have about your projects, record sheets, the fair, or activities. It's likely others will have the same questions as you.. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you into the Steuben County 4-H Program!

Premise ID

New to 4-H? If so, you may need a premise ID. All properties that house certain livestock species are **required** by state law to have a premise ID. Premise IDs are confidential and no one can look them up. They are a seven digit, alpha-numeric ID and usually begin with 00. If you have one and lost it, email animalid@boah.in.gov. Members with cattle, swine, sheep, and goats **must** have a premise ID. It is now **strongly recommended** by BOAH that those with equine and poultry also get a premise ID. Exhibitors with equine and poultry at the Indiana State Fair may be asked to present a premise ID.

- This number is assigned to a farm location almost like an address. If your farm does not have one, please call the Indiana Board of Animal Health at 317-544-2381 or visit www.in.gov/boah
- If you house your animals at another location, check with the property owner for the premise ID.
- Premise ID's are needed for cattle, swine, sheep, and goat animal identification in 4HOnline.