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Fundraisers Move Us Forward

Extension - 4-H Youth Development

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This edition of the Clover Connection contains a fundraising packet. It is our hope that you will help us sell products to support the high costs of hosting the 4-H fair, sponsoring scholarships, and sending youth on 4-H trips. **All orders are due April 11th.** I'm not a huge fan of fundraisers, but I will say, I love this one! The flowers are amazing; the tomatoes are so hearty; and we go through LOTS of laundry soap at our house! If you need a replacement order form or additional sheets, stop by, email, or call us!



A look ahead at important dates:

Now Thru-April 30—JOANN Paper Clover Campaign, donate \$1+ at the register March 3—YQCA March 10—Watercolor Cookies Workshop March 12—Bit and Bridle Tack Auction April 1-Make-and-Take Woodworking Workshop Registration Due April 5—YQCA (morning) April 11-4-H Fundraiser Orders Due April 12-4-H Expansion and Review April 12—YQCA April 12—4-H Shotgun and Muzzleloader Begin April 13—Area XI PCARET Meeting April 15-4-H Sponsorship Due April 15—County Offices Close at Noon for Good Friday April 18—Make-and-Take Woodworking Workshop April 18—4-H Dog Workshops Begin April 24-4-H Horse and Pony Measure and Vaccination Clinic, 11 am-1 pm April 24—Small Calf ID Day; dairy breeds 1-3 pm; beef breeds, 3-4 pm April 25—Extension Board Meeting May 1—4-H Camp Registrations Due May 1—4-H Trip Applications Due

- May 1—Sheep/Goat ID Day
- May 2—YQCA

May 2-4-H Horse and Pony Outdoor Workouts Begin May 15—4-H Project Add/Drop Due May 15-4-H Animal ID Due in 4HOnline (v2.4honline.com); ISF **DNA Hairs Due** May 16—Tractor Driving Practices Begin June 8-10—Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp June 8-10—4-H Academy @ Purdue June 14-17—State 4-H Jr. Leader Conference June 18-20— State 4-H Band Trip June 18-21—State 4-H Chorus Trip **June 20-22**—4-H Round-Up June 25-July 1-Citizenship Washington Focus Trip June 30—4-H Record Sheets due for ALL projects July 4—FairEntry Due July 9—Pre-Fair Clean-up July 15-21—Steuben County 4-H Fair July 22—Post-fair Clean-up July 27—Indiana State Fair Exhibits Due at the Extension Office (except Foods) July 29-August 21-Indiana State Fair August 3—Indiana State Fair Foods Exhibits Due at the Extension Office (early AM) October 2-6—National Dairy Conference

November 25-29—National 4-H Congress

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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 dub 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.

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

<u>4-H Explorers</u>—The club will meet again March 15th (date change!) at 1:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Subsequent meetings will be held 4/12, 5/10, and 6/14.

<u>Flint Arrows</u>—We are looking for an Assistant Club Leader. Please reach out to Alex at 316-1365 to volunteer! The club will meet again March 6th at 2 pm at the Salem Center Volunteer Fire House. Subsequent meetings will be held 4/3, 5/1, 6/5, 8/7.

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<u>Able</u>—The next meeting will be March 27th (tentatively!) at 4 pm at the Perry's (315 E Feather Valley Rd). Subsequent meetings will be held 4/?, 5/15, 6/?, 8/21, 9/18, 10/16, and 11/20.

Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers

The club is looking for a new leader. If you know an interested individual, please contact Tami! The club will not meet again until otherwise notified.

Lucky Ducks—The next club meeting will be March 1st at 6:30 in the Board Room. Thanks so much for volunteering to help with Mini 4-H meetings! Subsequent meetings will be held 4/5, 5/3, 6/7, and 7/5.



<u>Mini 4-H Tiny Clovers</u>—The next meeting will be March 28, 5:30-6:30 pm in the Steuben Community Center. Subsequent meetings will be held 4/25, 5/23, and 6/27.

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 April 3rd at 4pm at Stoy Farms. Pizza and water will be provided. Look at Facebook or the Remind App for more info! Subsequent meetings will be, 5/15 (tentative), 6/19 (tentative), and a potluck in July during the fair.

<u>*The Conquerors*</u>—The club will meet again March 13th at 3:30 pm at the Heifner's (507 W Fox Lake Rd.). Subsequent meetings will be held 4/10, 5/15, 6/12, and 7/10. **Jr. Leaders**—We will meet on WEDNESDAY, March 16th, 6:15-7:45 pm at Trine's Thunder Ice Arena. Open Skate begins at 5:45, so you are welcome to arrive early, but we will not officially start until 6:15. Ice time costs \$8 per person, and skate rental is \$2. Please bring \$10, but do not let the money stop you from coming! **4-H Fair Board**—Our next regular business meeting will be in the Board Room on March 14th (at 7 pm.

<u>4-H Camping Committee</u>—We will meet on Monday, March 7th at 6 pm in the Pillar Room to begin plans for camping at the 4-H fair this summer.

<u>4-H Programs/Publicity Com-</u> <u>mittee</u>—We will meet at 6 pm on March 14th in the Board Room to report back on entertainment and work on more scheduling details.

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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	1 Lucky Ducks 6:30pm, Board Room	2	3 YQCA 5:30- 7pm, Board Room	4	5
6 Flint Arrows 2pm, Salem Cen- ter Fire House	7 4-H Camping Committee 6pm, Pillar Room H&P 1st year Members 6:30pm, Board Room Bit and Bridle 7pm, Multi-Purpose Rm	8 Rabbit Work- shop 6pm, Multi- Purpose Room Poultry Work- shop 7pm, Multi- Purpose Room	9 H&P Council 6pm, Board Room	10 Watercolor Cookies 6-8pm, Board Room	11	12 H&P Tack Auc- tion, Event Cen- ter at the County Park
13 The Conquerors 3:30pm, Heifner's Home	14 4-H Prog/Pub Committee 6pm, Board Room 4-H Fair Board 7pm, Board Room	15 4-H Explorers 1:30pm, Multi- Purpose Room Camp Counselor Training 5:30- 8pm, Whitley County	16 Jr. Leaders 6:15- 7:45pm, Trine's Thunder Ice Arena	17 County Park Improvement Committee Meeting 9am, Commissioner's Room	18	19
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27 Fremont RW&A 4pm, Perry's Home (tentative)	28 Mini 4-H 5:30- 6:30pm, Multi- Purpose Room	29		31 EUBEN C		

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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!

WEDNESDAY, March 16, 6:15-7:45pm, Trine's Thunder Ice Arena—Bring \$10 and a friend! We will have a short meeting and lots of social time. If you don't skate, come anyway! Hanging out is free! Tuesday, April 19, 6:30-8 pm, Board Room—We will meet to get things organized for July and we'll do some teambuilding activities before calling new members and writing notes to check-in on them. Tuesday, 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

Pay it FOURward with JOANN Now Thru April 30

Help 4-H inspire a child's creativity by donating \$1 or \$4 to 4-H at the checkout in-store. If you donate \$4, you will receive a coupon to use on a future purchase.





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

- \Rightarrow Flint Arrows 4-H Club (Co-Leaders or Assistant)
- \Rightarrow Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers
- \Rightarrow Orland Creative Kids

Project Vacancies

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

Congrats, Officers!

The following youth have been elected as officers in their 4-H Club: <u>Lucky Ducks 4-H Club</u> President - Garrett Farnham Vice President - Eli Weible Treasurer - Makaila Quaderer Secretary - Caleb McMullen Activity Coordinator - Maddox Quaderer

Earn Money for Your Club!

The Indiana State Fair wants to pay you for hosting an educational STEM or Healthy Living Activity for a few hours on July 29, 30, or 31. Earn \$200 for replaying the same 2-5 minute activity throughout your 3-hour time slot. BONUS: Tami may be able to transport you if you choose a July 29th time slot and agree to help with check-in of the Steuben County projects! **Poultry and Rabbit kids, this may be a great way to increase your barn funds!** DOUBLE BONUS: Tami has an activity in mind!

Your 2022 4-H Camp Counselors Are...

- ⇒ Ava Budak, Otsego Go-Getters 4-H Club
- ⇒ Garrett Farnham, Lucky Ducks 4-H Club
- ⇒ Jagger Hurraw, Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers
- ⇒ Caleb McMullen, Lucky Ducks 4-H Club
- ⇒ Meghyn McMullen, Lucky Ducks 4-H Club
- ⇒ Jessica Thrush, Otsego Go-Getters 4-H Club
- ⇒ Kaylee Wise, Otsego Go-Getters 4-H Club

Congrats to these 7 for being selected from 69 applicants in the 11-county region! 10 of those applicants were from our very own Steuben County kids!

4-H Camp will be at Epworth Forest in North Webster, Indiana! In addition to large group games and cabin activities, all campers will attend classes to gain experiences in various and diverse subject areas.

Campers will have the opportunity to take part in boating, swimming, crafts, fun with science, fishing, recreation, outdoor sports, and the famous GIANT swing! Camp costs \$180, but you only pay \$90! The Fair Board covers the other half! Registration forms are available in the office or online at:



https://extension.purdue.edu/news/county/steuben/2022/03/4-h-camp-registration.html



Record Sheets

Green record books and new record sheets are almost ready! We have the first half of the alphabet (by last name) pulled. As soon as everyone's are pulled, you will receive an email from 4HOnline letting you know they are ready for pick-up. We are very grateful for your patience on this!

If you would like to print your own, if you lose one, or just want to check out other projects, we invite you to visit: https://extension.purdue.edu/county/ steuben/4-h-project-page.html



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:

- * Wednesday, March 16, 9 am-4 pm
- * Wednesday, April 6, 9 am-4 pm
- * Monday, May 2, 9 am-4 pm

Wish List at the County Park

If your 4-H club or even your family can spare some time, there are few things that can be accomplished at the County Park this spring/summer:

- Paint the interior of the bathroom on top of the hill
- Repair the Eat'n Haus sign (it's wood and may need re-painted)
- Add landscaping around the new Fair Office
- Add landscaping around the flag pole on the hill (southeast of the Lions Building)
- Power wash and repaint the ramp and steps behind Rensch Hall (east side)

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.

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.

Indiana 4-H Scholarships

Best wishes to Xavier Hosek who is a finalist in TWO Indiana 4-H Accomplishment Scholarships! We are super proud of you! Xavier will create a short video and interview with a panel of Extension Educators in pursuit of scholarships for 4-H Leadership and 4-H Civic Engagement. Want to be in Xavier's shoes in a year or two (or later in your 4-H tenure)? Enroll in the 4-H Resume project which will set you up for this great opportunity! That's where he got his start!

Workshop for 4-H Cat, Dog, Rabbit, and Poultry Projects!

Small Animal Discovery Day is an event where youth and parents can explore small animals (dog, cat, poultry, and rabbits) through friendly competition and guest speakers. The cost is \$5 per person and the event will be April 9th from 9 am to 4 pm at the Noble County Fairgrounds – 508 Fair St. Kendallville, IN 46755. Please registrar at https://bit.ly/smallanimalday



e reasonable accommodations to participate, please contact Joanna Claudy at 260-636-2111 Purdue University is an equal access institution.



Tractor Driving Practices

Youth in Tractor Safety and Operator Skills AND Zero-Turn Lawn and Garden Tractor Safety and Operator Skills are invited to practice the course and test their skills at Hancock's, 6230 E 200 N, Fremont, on May 16th at 6 pm. After the group meets the first time, a more definite schedule will be confirmed, but plan on weekly practices at 6 pm through May and most of June. Can't make it, call Joe to share your availability, 260-316-9937.

Club Activity: Ag Innovators Experience

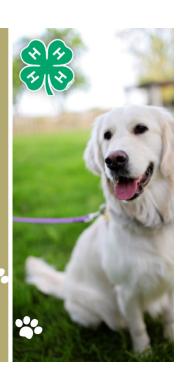
In February, 3 Indiana youth attended a National 4-H Ag Innovators Experience training in Illinois. Laken Mosier from Steuben County, Anna McHenry from DeKalb County, and Branson Jordan from Adams County learned all about innovations in ag, and they want to share their knowledge with you, escape room style! From the early days of selective breeding and barbed wire, to the futuristic autonomous tractor, this activity covers them all! If you club is looking for an engaging, educational activity, consider requesting one of the team members visit your 4-H Club meeting! The 2022 Ag Innovators Experience involves clues, problem solving, and strategizing to unlock a series of locks and solve a puzzle related to plant and animal agriculture.

Teens in grades 8-11: The training team had a plan of training at least 17 other Indiana teens (for a total of 20 Hoosier teens) who would reach 1,000 Indiana youth with the curriculum. The weather and low registrations for the Indiana Teens as Teachers conference set them back a bit, so if you want to join the teen teaching team, please reach out to Tami. And don't let that 1K number scare you...Laken and Anna already taught over 200 at DeKalb Middle School and will teach about 150 at 4-H Camp this summer! We are here to help you tackle the goal!

Steuben County 4-H Dog Workshops

Meet at Commons Park in Angola near the Friendship Park Playground Mondays 6-2 pm

> April 18 April 25 May 2 May 9 May 16 May 23 <u>May 90</u> June 6



2022 Steuben County 4-H Trip Application

Due May 1, 2022

NAME	CURRENT SCHOOL GRADE	

PHONE ______ EMAIL _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS/SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS NEEDED

DIRECTIONS: Please pay special attention to dates, ages, costs and other restrictions that may apply. Then, rank the trips you are interested in by order of preference (i.e. 1=first choice, 2=second choice, etc.). If you are only interested in one or two trips, please do not include any others in your ranking. Turn the completed form into the Extension Office by May 1st. Nearly all trips are awarded. Please only indicate your interest in a trip if you are serious about attending. Funding confirmation will be sent to you after the Awards Committee has reviewed the applications.

You may attend each workshop as many times as you would like within the given age/grade ranges, with the exception of Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress, and National Dairy Conference. Please note that 4-H trips are funded based on available funds. If funds are limited for a particular trip, you will be notified prior to official registration. A \$40 non-refundable deposit will be required on all 6-12th grade trips (if submitting via check, please make payable to the Steuben County 4-H Fair Board). If you are selected for a trip, 4-H Fair Board funds are disbursed, and you fail to attend, you will be responsible for reimbursing the 4-H Fair Board the full amount of your trip. If there are other 4-H trips you wish to attend that pop up during the year, not listed here, simply present your request to the 4-H Fair Board for potential funding.

Rank	Educational Trip	Grades	Date	Cost
Use camp form.	4-H Camp: 4-H Camp will be at Epworth Forest in North Webster, Indiana! Registrations are due May 1 on a separate registration form . In addition to large group games, cabin activities, and recreation, all campers will attend classes to gain experiences in various and diverse subject areas. Campers will have the opportunity to take part in boating, swimming, crafts, fun with science, nature exploration, outdoor sports, and the famous GIANT swing! Camp costs \$180, but you only pay \$90! The Fair Board covers the other half! Registration forms are available in the office, at extension.purdue.edu/steuben, or via the event registration portal at v2.4honline.com.	3-6	June 8-10	\$180, but you only pay \$90!
	 4-H Academy @ Purdue: 4-H Academy @ Purdue is available to all youth in grades 9-12, regardless of 4-H participation. Youth will dive deep into a subject of choice and spend time with university faculty and staff. It's true hands-on learning in a college environment. The cost for this trip is \$180.00 and is sponsored by the Steuben County 4-H Fair Board, with transportation included. The Workshop Offerings include (rank below): Animal Science – Animal Bio-Science Animal Science – Food Animals Civic Engagement: Start Local, Go Global Food Science and Nutrition Healthy Living – Exploring Health Careers Healthy Living – Introduction to EMS Natural Resources Show Me the Money (Personal Finance) Spread the News (Journalism) Sustainable Agriculture STEM – Computer Science STEM – Engineering STEM – The Science of Flight 	9-12	June 8-10	\$180, but you only pay \$40!
	State 4-H Junior Leader Conference: SJLC is held on the University of Indianapolis campus. Youth will be able to meet peers from around the state and	9-12	June 14-17	\$180, but you only pay \$40!

National 4-H Conference: Attend the annual premier national civic e opportunity for 4-H members. Delegates will have the opportunity cho important societal topic, and prepare a briefing. During the conference present their briefing to federal officials around the Washington, D.C. four delegates will represent Indiana. You will be responsible for trans Purdue University, where a charter bus will then take you to D.C.! We application is due in early January annually via 4HOnline!	ose an e, groups area. One to 10- portation to	12 March	\$600, if selected, but you only pay \$40! Plan on about \$100 in incidentals.
National 4-H Congress: This premier trip is held in Atlanta, GA. Yo participate in educational workshops focusing on diversity, cultural ex leadership, and team development. Only 9 Indiana 4-H members will attend! Your expenses will include spending money. Written application recommendation letters! Start early!	beriences, be selected to 9-1	2 Nover 2 25-2	
National Dairy Conference: This trip is for those who have complete project for at least three years. Youth will gather in Madison, WI to lead production, processing, marketing, and use of dairy products, as well the Dairy industry. The cost was not determined at the time of printing subsidized by the Steuben County 4-H Fair Board. You will be respon- transportation to Purdue University, where a bus will take you to Madi	rn about as careers in , but is sible for	2 Octobe	er 2-6 TBD
Citizenship Washington Focus: Have you ever wanted to travel to D.C.? Each delegate will take part in workshops on contemporary iss about government, and meet youth from across the US as they learn true meaning of civic engagement. The cost of the trip is \$1,500.00. T County 4-H Fair Board covers half of the cost. You will be responsible transportation to Purdue University, where a charter bus will then take DUE BY MARCH 15!	ues, learn more about the he Steuben Age e for	15+ June July	
4-H Round-Up: Will you have completed 7th, 8th, or 9th grade by the Then get ready, because you are eligible to attend one of the best 4-H Round-Up! It is held at Purdue University, and is jam-packed with fur three days to explore career options through active learning, develop abilities, meet other 4-H'ers from all over the state of Indiana, and get college life. The cost of this trip is \$180.00 and is sponsored by the St 4-H Fair Board, with transportation included.	I trips ever— You will have leadership 7-t a taste of	9 June 2	20-22 \$180, but you only pay \$40!
State 4-H Chorus: Dynamic, talented youth will experience concentrinspiring musical workshops focused on singing, dance, and performativill perform for 4-H Round-up delegates at Purdue. The cost is \$225 sponsored by the Steuben County 4-H Fair Board, so you will only be transportation and some meals. Written application requiring record letters! Start early!	nce. Attendees and is responsible for	2 June 1	18-21 \$225, but you only pay \$40!
State 4-H Band: Musically talented attendees will experience immer workshops and conduct an instrumental performance for 4-H Round- Purdue. The cost is \$190.00 and is sponsored by the Steuben County Board, so you will only be responsible for transportation and some me application requiring recommendation letters! Start early!	ip delegates at 4-H Fair 8-1	2 June 1	18-20 \$190, but you only pay \$40!
explore their leadership abilities. Participants will attend skill sessions improve leadership skills, and many fun activities are planned. You ca a council position in which you will help plan the following conference great honor and a ton of fun. The cost of this trip is \$180.00 and is sp Steuben County 4-H Fair Board. You will be responsible for transport University of Indianapolis.	n even run for which is a onsored by the		

Have a safe and fabulous Spring Break!



Currently Scheduled 2022 Animal ID Days

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

- Horse & Pony Vaccination Clinic (optional) and Pony Measure—Sunday, April 24, 11 am-1pm; Animal ID info is due in 4HOnline by May 15th
- Small Calves (Beef Feeders/Dairy Feeders/Started Calves—Sunday, April 24, 1-3 pm for dairy breeds, 3-4 pm for beef breeds, at the County Park in the Swine Barn; 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.



Avian Influenza

Indiana has a large presence in the commercial poultry industry. Currently, there are 5 cases of H5N1 Avian Influenza in commercial turkey farms in Southern Indiana. Avian Influenza is a respiratory virus that infects chickens and ducks and causes high mortality.

The best way to protect your poultry is to practice good biosecurity and limit the movement of your birds. Currently, there are no restrictions on county poultry projects, but we encourage limiting use of live birds in workshops and other activities. Our efforts help protect not only your own birds, but the poultry industry as a whole.

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:

- Swine: Jr. Pork Day, Saturday, March 26th, 9 am-3 pm, Purdue University; \$5 per person
- **Cat**: Small Animal Discovery Day, April 9th, 9 am-4 pm, Noble County Fairgrounds, \$5
- **Dog**: Small Animal Discovery Day, April 9th, 9 am-4 pm, Noble County Fairgrounds, \$5
- **Rabbit**: Small Animal Discovery Day, April 9th, 9 am-4 pm, Noble County Fairgrounds, \$5
- **Poultry**: Small Animal Discovery Day, April 9th, 9 am-4 pm, Noble County Fairgrounds, \$5
- **Poultry**: Saturday, May 14, 10-11:30 am, Poultry/Rabbit Barn
- **Rabbit**: Saturday, May 14, 12-1:30 pm, Poultry/Rabbit Barn

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.

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 live-stock season kicks off! The YQCA trainings listed below will be offered in Steuben County. Please register in advance.

- 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 (after March 28th) at https://yqcaprogram.org. You will sign-up for the workshop of your choice and pay online. <u>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.</u>

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





YQCA Change and Update!

Life wouldn't be interesting without changes, right?! Although unexpected, we need to share that YQCA is changing online platforms on March 23rd, and as a result, everyone who registers in the current system will be lost. I deleted the other trainings and capped the class that currently has kids in it because I need to get those 3 kids out of the class before March 22nd.

For those already certified this year: While this does not alter the certification you received by attending the YQCA class, it may affect you, if you need a YQCA printed certificate. Some open shows may ask for it, and it will be required for entry at the Indiana State Fair. If you have any inkling that you may show somewhere OTHER THAN the Steuben County 4-H Fair, please log in to yqca.learngrow.io no later than March 22nd to save or print a copy of your certificate. You will NOT need a copy to enter at the Steuben County 4-H Fair. I know who I have seen in class, I keep a list, and everything local is good to go locally. This is only pressing for larger shows, and especially the Indiana State Fair.

For those not yet certified: All of the dates I have posted are still on. We just can't register anyone in the old (current) system. So for now, please keep the date on your calendar and plan to attend. I will be taking the week of Spring Break off (when all of transition happens), so after I return to the office, I will add the April and May classes. At that point, you will be able to once again register online.

Most important thing: Let's roll with it together, and we'll make sure everyone is good in shape before July!

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Dairy Feeder Reminder:

Please remember that Dairy Feeder horns will likely grow too much between now and ID for our volunteers to remove them. Please call your veterinarian.

Livestock and Mini 4-H

Don't forget, Mini 4-H'ers now have the option to learn about animals by exhibiting them at the county fair. However, they need to use an animals exhibited by a current regular 4-H member. There will be some families who are "transplants" to our community and/or perhaps haven't made any connections with regular 4-H members yet, thus their Mini 4-H'er would not have the opportunity to exhibit an animal. We need current 4-H'ers who are willing to mentor and develop a relationship with members in grades K-2. You can reach out to Tami, visit a Mini 4-H meeting, and/or use our social media sites to share your intent. Will you help meet this need for families you don't know yet? If so, we'll pass that along to our Mini 4-H families! Thank you for living out the 4-H pledge!

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.



2021 Animal ID Requirements

The next page contains very specific animal ID requirements for the county 4-H Fair as well as the Indiana State Fair. All DNA hair samples for the Indiana State Fair are due in the county office on/before May 15th!

Junior Pork Day at Purdue

Junior Pork Day at Purdue is back! Join fellow youth from around the state for the event on Saturday, March 26th, 9 am-3pm, at the Land O' Lakes, Inc. Center Lobby (New Animal Sciences Meats Lab), Purdue University, 720 Clinic Drive (off Harrison St.), West Lafayette, IN 47907. The registration will the day of and is \$5.00 per participant which includes lunch. Topics include: live animal evaluation, carcass evaluation, injections, biosecurity, and show day prep.

This full day workshop will serve as record sheet replacement n Steuben County.





2022 4-H Animal Identification Requirements

4HOnline is a statewide system in which the information transfers to the Indiana State Fair. If you plan to exhibit at the county level only, you will still see fields in 4HOnline that say "required." County-only participants may type the equivalent number of zeros in the fields that do not apply to them (ie. RFID field would need 15 zeros). If you plan to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair, complete every field with the appropriate requirement.

Max #

	For Steuben County 4-H Fair	For Indiana State Fair	to Enroll as Potentials in 4HOnline	Animal ID Due in 4HOnline
Beef Steers and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 Steers Total	May 15
Beef, Commercial Heifers and Market Heifers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 Heifers Total	May 15
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag and Tattoo	840-RFID tag and Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample	10	May 15
Beef Feeders, Dairy Feeder Steers, and Started Calves (Started Calves are called "Dairy Feeder Steers" in 4HOnline)	840-RFID and 5-digit County Tag	Only Dairy Feeder Calves can exhibit at the Indiana State Fair; Registered heifers born 1/1-3/31 may dual enroll as Beef Feeders for county exhibition and Registered Heifers for Indiana State Fair exhibition (see ID above) 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10	May 15
Cat	n/a	Physical Description	n/a	n/a
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID tag	840-RFID tag and Registered Name with Registration Number (or Dam's Registration Number) and DNA Hair Sample	40	May 15
Dog	n/a	Physical Description	n/a	n/a
Dairy Goat Does, Registered Does, Unregistered Wethers	Breed Registry Tattoo Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Tattoo 5-digit County Tag	Breed Registry Tattoo Not Eligible for Indiana State Fair 5-digit County Tag or Tattoo	40 Dairy Goats Total	May 15
Meat Goat Wethers Does, Registered Does, Unregistered (Wether Dams)	5-digit County Tag Breed Registry Tattoo Not shown in Steuben County	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample Breed Registry Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	40 Meat Goats Total	May 15
Pygmy Goats Registered Unregistered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip 5-digit County Tag or Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Tattoo	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo	40 Pygmy Goats Total	May 15
Horse and Pony	Birthdate, Breed, Colors and Markings, Height, and 2 colored photos uploaded in 4HOnline (full body image with face and all 4 feet)	Birthdate, Breed, Colors and Markings, Height, and 2 colored photos uploaded in 4HOnline (full body image with face and all 4 feet)	20	May 15
Poultry	Google Form: bird types you plan to show	Breed, Variety, and Gender	n/a	n/a
Rabbit Bucks and Does Fryers, Roasters, Stewers	Tattoo Tattoo	Physical Description Physical Description	n/a	n/a
Sheep Market Lambs Commercial Ewes Registered Ewes	5-digit County Tag 5-digit County Tag or Farm Flock Tag or Official USDA Scrapie Tag Farm Flock Tag or Official USDA Scrapie Tag	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County or Official Scrapie Tag and DNA Hair Sample 840-RFID Tag and Registration ID and DNA Hair Sample	30 Sheep Total	May 15
Swine	Combination 840-RFID/County Tag and at least 1 colored photo uploaded in 4HOnline in the ear notch section (with ear notches and/or ear with required ear tags)	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch and DNA Hair Sample	15 Gilts 15 Barrows	May 15

Renovation Update!

Our goal for 2022 was to construct a new 4-H Fair Fair Office, and it's up already! It isn't done as we haven't touched the electrical or anything inside, but we have walls, windows, doors, siding, and a roof! Not only that, but our secondary of re-fastening the dairy barn roof was fulfilled that same week by the same crew at a stellar price! We are very grateful to a few of our 4-H Fair Board Members and Grounds Committee folks who took the lead on these projects. Way to go! Stay tuned for more information on the Fair Office as we work to finish the interior.

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...

- 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
- 2022 plat books are here and can be purchased for \$20.
- 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.



Extension

Welcome, Reba and Dana!

I have GREAT news to share! Linda and I are no longer alone in the office! Reba Wicker began as the Ag and Natural Resources Extension Educator in January, and Dana Stanley (who some of you know very well from 4-H Sewing and the 4-H Fair Board) began as the Health and Human Sciences Extension Educator in February. As they work through their onboarding process, we'll be back to "business as usual" real soon! Join me in welcoming them!



Ag Scholarship

The Independent Professional Seed Association will award ten \$2,000 scholarships to youth majoring in agriculture. Current high school seniors and active college students are eligible to apply. More information can be found on the Indiana 4-H Scholarship web page. Applications are due April 30, 2022.

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. <u>purdue.university/faststart</u>





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4-H Expansion and Review

Approximately twice per year, Tami meets with a group of people to discuss strategies for improvement. Sometimes we talk about projects; sometimes we talk about what youth need; and sometimes we talk about strategies to implement new ways of doing things. This is a low pressure group that welcomes new faces! So, if you love 4-H and want to share your thoughts, please send Tami an email. We will meet for lunch at noon on Tuesday, April 12th. If you can't make it, a Zoom option will also be provided. Please RSVP so that Tami can secure a lunch for you.

