

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



The following are current news items and events that may be of interest to you. If you have any questions regarding any of the information covered in this newsletter, please call us at 427-3152.

Sincerely,

Kyle Weaver, *Purdue Extension Educator*
Tanya Pike, *Office Manager*

Mark Your Calendar

- ◆ **Goat, Sheep & Swine Tagging** will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 7-9 a.m. at the fairgrounds.
- ◆ **Area 1 Performing Arts** is Saturday, April 30 at 6:30 pm in Hanover. See flier in this newsletter for more information.
- ◆ **Southeastern Indiana Spring Classic Open Beef Show** is Saturday, May 7 at the Switzerland County 4-H Fairgrounds.
- ◆ **Area 1 4-H Camp Registration deadline** is Tuesday, May 10.
- ◆ **Drop/Add Deadline** for all projects is May 15.
- ◆ **All livestock** must be enrolled in 4honline by May 15.
- ◆ **Poultry Enrollment Forms** are due by June 16.
- ◆ **Rabbit Identification** is Friday, June 24 from 6-8 pm.
- ◆ **Fairgrounds clean up day** is Saturday, June 25 at 9 am.
- ◆ **Livestock/YQCA Meeting** is Saturday, June 25 at 11 am.

2022 Fair Dates
July 2-9.
Exhibit Hall projects
are due on
Saturday, July 2nd
from 8 a.m.-noon



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2022 4-H Camp

Are you looking for something FUN to do this summer? How about 4-H Camp? The theme this year is “Magic”. There will be many learning and fun activities based on this theme. You will also have the opportunity to participate in many other activities such as swimming, fishing, crafts and campfires. This is an excellent way to make new friends by meeting 4-H’ers from other southeastern Indiana counties. The camp will be held from June 7-10 at Camp Higher Ground in West Harrison. The cost of 4-H camp is **\$180** per camper, **however the Fair Board is generously offering a 25% scholarship to current 4-H’ers who completed at least 1 project in 2021.** All first year 4-H’ers are eligible for the scholarship but must complete at least 1 project in 2021 to be eligible for a scholarship next year. You must register for camp by logging into your 4honline account and selecting events from the 4-H members profile. Payment of \$135 must be made at the extension office. Registration and payment are due by May 10th.



REQUIRED Livestock & Exhibit Hall Project Dates, Deadlines & Requirements

County Identification Dates:

- Goat, Sheep, Swine—Saturday, April 30, 7-9 am
- Poultry—Enrollment forms due Friday, June 16 by 4pm
- Rabbit—Friday, June 24 , 6-8 pm



4HOnline Entry Deadlines:

- Beef and Dairy Beef Steers, Beef Heifers, Beef/Dairy Feeder Calves, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Horses, Sheep, and Swine by May 15.
- Instructions for entering livestock information in 4honline will be given to 4-H’er at spring tagging.

Fair Entry Deadlines:

This site is where you will enter your projects in specific classes. Exhibit hall judging books and livestock show bills are generated from this site.

For Example: Photography: Color Prints or Color Salon Print., Beef: Crossbred market steer. Etc.....

- All projects by June 17.

Livestock Exhibition Requirements & Dates:



- 1 YQCA meeting (June 25 at 11 am *June 27 at 6 pm *June 29 at 10 am) **REMINDER: you must sign up for YQCA prior to the meeting, coupon codes will be given at spring tagging.**
- Premise ID #

County Livestock Auction Requirements & Dates:

- 3 club meetings
- 1 livestock meeting (June 25 at 11 am & June 27 at 6 pm)
- 1 completed exhibit hall project





Area 1 Performing Arts Contest



April 30, 2022 | 6:30pm

Southwestern Elementary Multi Purpose Room

273 S Main Cross St, Hanover, IN 47243

Registration begins at 6:00pm

Who can participate?

- The contest is open to all 4-H members in Area 1 (Bartholomew, Brown, Dearborn, Decatur, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, & Switzerland Counties).

What are the categories?

**Compete for a chance to perform
at State Fair or 4-H Round Up**

- Curtain Acts: Musical
 - 1-4 performers, 3-5 minutes
 - Types of Acts: instrumental (piano, guitar, flute, drums, etc.), vocal, bands (rock, country, jazz)
- Curtain Acts: Non-Musical
 - 1-4 performers, 3-5 minutes
 - Skits or sketches, magic, clowning, rhythmic gymnastics, reading, 4-H cheerleading routines, choral speaking/reading, dance (ballet, tap, modern, etc.) lip sync, juggling, acrobatic feats, ballads, puppetry.
- Group Acts:
 - 5 or more performers, 5-8 minutes.
 - Skits or sketches, choral number, dance routines, lip sync, etc.

How to register?

- Register for the event by following the link or scanning the QR code at the top of the flyer. **<https://bit.ly/3rxNThO>**

Registration Deadline: April 22, 2022

Call the Jefferson County Extension Office at (812)265-8919
if you have any questions

AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE

Weavers Wisdom

Can you believe that the 4-H Fair is just a few months away? It seems like we just finished last years fair. I always love this time of year when 4-Hers start talking about working with their animal projects or how they are preparing to do that awesome poster project. There will be a lot of things happening over the next few months as we prepare for the 2022 4-H fair. I encourage anyone who would like more information about a project or about the 4-H program to call the extension office.

Agriculture News

April Garden Calendar

By: [Rosie Lerner](#)

HOME (Indoor plants and activities)

Start seeds of warm-season plants (including tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, marigolds, zinnias, and petunias) indoors for transplanting later to the garden.

Harden off transplants started earlier in spring before planting outdoors. Gradually expose the young plants to outdoor conditions of wind, brighter sunlight, and lower moisture.

Apply fertilizer to houseplants according to label directions as days grow brighter and longer and new growth begins. Foliage plants require relatively high-nitrogen fertilizer, while blooming plants thrive on formulations that are higher in phosphorus.

Keep Easter lily in a bright, cool location, out of direct sunlight. Water as soil begins to dry. You can remove the yellow, pollen-bearing anthers inside the flower by pinching to prevent staining the petals.

YARD (Lawns, woody ornamentals and fruits)

Plant a tree in celebration of Arbor Day, April 24. You should plant bare-root stock before new top growth begins. You can plant balled and burlapped and containerized stock later in spring.

Complete pruning chores. Remove dead and injured branches first.

Apply a prebloom, multipurpose orchard spray to fruit trees.

Remove winter coverings from roses, but keep mulch nearby to protect them from late freezes. Prune and fertilize as needed.

Apply pre-emergent herbicide to control crabgrass in lawns. Approximate application dates are late March to mid-April in southern Indiana and mid-April to early May in northern Indiana. Exact timing varies each year with weather conditions. For more precise application timing based on Growing Degree Days (GDD), visit Michigan State University's [GDD Tracker](#). Enter your ZIP code and select "Crabgrass Pre." The target GDD window for crabgrass prevention is 250-500.

GARDEN (Flowers, vegetables and small fruits)

Plant seeds of cool-season crops directly in the garden as soon as the soil dries enough to be worked. When squeezed, soil should crumble instead of forming a ball. Cool-season crops that can be direct-seeded include peas, lettuce, spinach, carrots, beets, turnips, parsnips and Swiss chard.

Plant transplants of cool-season crops, such as broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, kohlrabi and onions.

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Plant or transplant asparagus and rhubarb crowns. For best plant establishment, do not harvest until the third year after planting.

Plant sections of certified, disease-free potato “seed” tubers.

Allow the foliage of spring-flowering bulbs to remain in place after blooms fade. Leaves manufacture the food reserves, which are then stored in the bulb for a repeat showing next year.

Plant hardy perennials, such as daylilies and delphiniums.

Start tuberous begonias and caladiums indoors for transplanting to garden later.

Remove winter mulch from strawberries, but keep mulch handy in case late frosts are predicted and to help keep weeds under control.

Purdue Farmer-to-Farmer Program transitions back to in-person volunteer assignments in Trinidad and Tobago **Story by Nyssa Lilovich**

This past January the [USAID John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter Farmer-to-Farmer \(F2F\)](#) program in Trinidad and Tobago began transitioning back to in-person volunteer assignments. Almost two years ago, Purdue University’s [International Programs in Agriculture \(IPIA\)](#) and [Cooperative Extension Service](#) in collaboration with the [University of West Indies at St. Augustine \(UWI\)](#) announced an F2F program would be implemented in Trinidad and Tobago over the next three years. A [United States Agency for International Development \(USAID\)](#) funded program, F2F provides technical assistance from U.S. volunteers to farmers, farm groups, agribusinesses, and other agriculture sector institutions in developing and transitional countries.

Purdue Extension’s, Cora Carter, one of the first to volunteer for the [Purdue F2F](#) program, was forced to pivot to a virtual platform. Since the COVID-19 pandemic travel limitations, the F2F program has delivered almost 30 virtual programs to support Trinbagonian farmer groups and institutions. The first in-person assignment, completed in January, focused on providing hands-on training in sheep production to Vision on Mission (VOM), an organization that provides rehabilitation services, empowerment, life skills, employment training and development in agriculture and other areas to individuals in need of re-integration into society.

VOM operates a large vegetable farm and has had poultry in the past. The organization wanted to expand its farming enterprise, and sheep are a common livestock in Trinidad and Tobago. “Not knowing what to expect from a volunteer on the first ever in-country mission, we were all pleasantly surprised with the knowledge, skills, and adaptability of Cora,” said Wayne Ganpat, former UWI Dean of the Faculty of Food and Agriculture and F2F Country Director. “With calmness and efficiency, she discharged her responsibilities to the VOM group. If this is an example of the future in-country volunteers work ethic, the project outcomes will surely be achieved.”

Carter was an ideal participant for this assignment because she has been raising hair sheep since she was 12 years old. With the plan to travel to complete the in-person portion of the assignment, she initiated the project with VOM by teaching five virtual sessions focused on basic sheep production, sheep genetics, sheep nutrition, sheep reproduction and sheep health. “Cora’s professionalism was greatly appreciated” said Korrie John, VOM Farm Manager and F2F participant. “She was passionate, down to earth, and created an interactive learning environment with our clients. She played a pivotal role in helping our organization develop our very first sheep unit on our farmstead in Trinidad.”

Carter taught animal handling skills, including catching, holding, haltering, and leading, as well as animal care like hoof trimming and deworming, and potential hazards in the spaces the animals would be housed. To learn about local sheep production practices, she had the opportunity to visit the UWI – St. Augustine research farm. One of her favorite experiences was meeting with the UWI sheep farm manager and discussing the overall differences and similarities of sheep production in Trinidad and Tobago and the United States, which helped her create a basis on where to start with training local individuals on sheep production.

“I was able to learn about common products or procedures used in the US that are simply unavailable or too expensive for the average sheep farmer in Trinidad and Tobago,” said Carter. “This is something we have to learn and re-learn, every time we are doing international development work.”

As the F2F program transitions back to in-person assignments, safety, transparency, and clear communications are key considerations. In March, two more in-country volunteer assignments were completed, Alternative and Low-Cost Irrigation Methods in Tobago, and Commercial Poultry Production-Chicken Egg Production in Trinidad.

“This experience has been extremely rewarding. I always enjoy working with individuals who are interested and excited to learn more about raising sheep. One of the clients told me, “I can’t wait to start my own sheep farm soon.” – Cora Carter, Ag and Natural Resources Educator, Purdue Extension – Bartholomew County

If you’re interested in volunteering for an in-country assignment, visit the [Purdue F2F page](#) for a complete list of opportunities and to apply.



HOMEMAKER HAPPENINGS

Dear Homemakers,

I want to thank everyone who helped and who attended our Spring District Meeting in March. I believe it was a success! We had about 75 people attend. The decorations and food were very good. Our speakers did an awesome job explaining children's literacy in these times. They also said they were impressed with our Homemakers and enjoyed getting to meet us. Again thank you all for your participation.



Melissa Park
County President

April is National Volunteer Month!

Ways to Observe...

- Thank a volunteer.
- Volunteer! Many volunteers will tell you it is a rewarding experience.
- You don't have to have a ton of time.
- Do you have a special talent or skill that may benefit a charity or organization? Offer your services or ask how you can be of help.
- Use #NationalVolunteerMonth to share on social media.

**Thank you to all
Homemakers for your
volunteer service to our
community!**



Dates to Remember:

- **April Lesson "How Resilient Are You"** is available for pickup at the office. They can also be mailed if requested.
- **May Lesson "Superfoods: Fruits & Vegetables?"** is available for pickup at the office. They can also be mailed if requested.
- **Home & Family Conference** is June 6-8, 2022.
- **Extension Homemakers Council** will be held on June 6 at 1 pm.
- **Switzerland County 4-H Fair** is July 2-9, 2022
- **Madison District Retreat** is Saturday, September 22 in Greensburg.

Please remember to send in your new club officers lists and updated club lists. This helps me to update my database for mailings and communication. I am also looking to update your number of year in homemakers, please contact me to let me know what year you joined. I appreciate all of you help and look forward to seeing all of you this summer.

Tanya

MAKEOVER FRUIT PIZZA

RECIPE SAND PHOTOS COURTESY OF TASTEOFHOME.COM

There's nothing better than a guilt-free dessert, especially when it's topped with refreshing and colorful fruit. We skimmed the calories and fat from a traditional fruit pizza to create one with about half the calories, fat and cholesterol.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 cup cold butter, cubed

Glaze:

- 5 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1-1/4 cups unsweetened pineapple juice
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice

Toppings:

- 1 package (8 ounces) reduced-fat cream cheese
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups halved fresh strawberries
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 can (11 ounces) mandarin oranges, drained



DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, mix flour and confectioners' sugar; cut in butter until crumbly. Press onto an ungreased 12-in. pizza pan. Bake until very lightly browned, 10-12 minutes. Cool completely on a wire rack.
2. In a small saucepan, mix glaze ingredients until smooth; bring to a boil. Cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes. Cool slightly.
3. In a bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until smooth. Spread over crust. Top with berries and mandarin oranges. Drizzle with glaze. Refrigerate until cold.

TUSCAN STYLE ROASTED ASPARAGUS

INGREDIENTS

- 1-1/2 pounds fresh asparagus, trimmed
- 1-1/2 cups grape tomatoes, halved
- 3 tablespoons pine nuts
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°. Place the asparagus, tomatoes and pine nuts on a foil-lined 15x10x1-in. baking pan. Mix 2 tablespoons oil, garlic, salt and pepper; add to asparagus and toss to coat.
2. Bake 15-20 minutes or just until asparagus is tender. Drizzle with remaining oil and the lemon juice; sprinkle with cheese and lemon zest. Toss to combine.

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Roachdale - **Putnam County**
June 21, 11 AM - 4 PM EST
Contact: Abbigail Sampson,
765-653-8411

JULY

- South Central Indiana
Columbus - **Bartholomew County**
July 8, 9 AM - 2 PM EST
Contact: Harriet Armstrong,
812-379-1665
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July 30, 9 AM - 2 PM EST
Contact: Jane Horner,
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AUGUST

- East Central Indiana
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August 2, 11 AM - 4 PM EST
Contact: Monica Nagele,
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- Central Indiana
Franklin - **Johnson County**
August 9, 11 AM - 4 PM EST
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Contact: Molly Hoag,
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August 15, 9 AM - 2 PM EST
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Online Registration Preferred:

<https://cvent.me/kagQyz>

Cost: \$50.00

Questions with registration: edustore@purdue.edu.

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FOOD PRESERVATION

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1.					1.	2.
3.	4.	5. Center Square Champs 6 pm	6. Fair Board Meeting 6:30 pm	7.	8. Moorefield Celebrities 6 pm	9.
10.	11.	12. Center Square Champs 6 pm	13.	14.	15. Good Friday Office Closed	16.
17.	18.	19. Shooting Sports Range Meeting 6:30 pm Center Square Champs 6 pm	20.	21.	22.	23.
24.	25.	26. Center Square Champs 6 pm	27.	28.	29.	30. Goat-Sheep- Swine Tagging Area 1 Perform- ing Arts

Upcoming Events:

- Southeastern Indiana Spring Classic Open Beef Show is May 7.
- Drop/Add Deadlines for all projects is May 15.
- Livestock must be enrolled in 4honline by May 15.

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1.	2.	3. Shooting Sports Range Meeting 6:30 pm	4.	5.	6.	7. Southeastern Indiana Spring Classic Open Beef Show
8.	9.	10. 4-H Camp Registration Due Center Square Champs 6 pm	11. Fair Board Meeting 6:30 pm	12.	13.	14.
15. Deadline to drop/add pro- jects and to en- ter livestock in 4honline.	16.	17. Shooting Sports Range Meeting 6:30 pm Center Square Champs 6 pm	18.	19.	20.	21.
22.	23.	24. Center Square Champs 6 pm	25	26.	27.	28.
29.	30. Memorial Day Office Closed	31. Center Square Champs 6 pm				

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- Poultry Enrollment Forms are due June 16.
- Rabbit Identification is June 24.
- Fairground cleanup is June 25.
- Livestock/YQCA meeting is June 25.



Extension - Switzerland County

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