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Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, Vanderburgh County

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Mini 4-H

The next Mini 4-H meeting will be Wednesday February 21st at 6pm in the Activities Center. Special guests from Mesker Park Zoo will be joining us to do a presentation on Wildlife! If you are interested in volunteering at Mini 4-H meetings or have questions about Mini 4-H please contact Taylor at tvanmet@purdue.edu.

2024 4-H Enrollment

Be sure to re-enroll so that you stay up-to-date with all things 4-H!

<https://v2.4honline.com>

Need help re-enrolling? Check out the instructions found [here](#) or reach



Click here for the 2024 4-H Handbook

Hard copies are being printed. We will let families/clubs know when they are available.

Apply for a YES Grant!

YES Grants (which stands for Youth Engaged Service) offer funds for youth across Indiana to complete service projects in their communities. 4-Hers can also invite their friends to join in on their project!

Visit www.in4h.org/grants to learn more about YES Grants and the good work 4-Hers have accomplished with your help. The application period is now open until March 1, 2024. Grants will be selected on April 1, 2024, and all projects must be complete with final reports due on December 31, 2024.

We are now hiring college students to serve as Vanderburgh County 4-H

Summer Interns

For more information or to obtain an application; send an email to Taylor at tvanmet@purdue.edu.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 15TH!



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Camp is June 3-5 in Santa Claus, IN

Be a Camp Counselor!

OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 9-12

SIGN UP IN 4-H ONLINE BY FEB 15

Build your leadership skills and serve as a positive role model for younger youth by being a 4-H Counselor!



Applicants will be interviewed in Feb/Mar

Camp is June 3-5 in Santa Claus, IN

Apply to be a Camp Jr. Director!

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR 10-12 GRADERS

SIGN UP ON CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION IN 4-H ONLINE BY FEB 15

Help plan and lead 4-H camp! You'll have camp counselor duties and additional planning and leadership duties to ensure a safe, educational, and fun camp!

Are you looking for a rewarding summer experience? Consider being a 4-H Camp Counselor or Jr. Director. Youth in grades 9-12 can register to be a Camp Counselor or Jr. Director in 4-H Online (Go to Events and Choose 4-H Camp Counselors to register). 4-H Camp will be held on June 3-5 at the Historic Santa Claus Campground in Santa Claus, Indiana. Applicants must be able to attend camp counselor trainings on April 11, May 9, and June 2 in the afternoon/evening. The April 11 and May 9 sessions will be held at Vincennes University - Ft. Branch campus from 4:30 - 6:30 pm CT/ 5:30 - 7:30 pm ET and the June 2 session will be at camp. Find role descriptions and instructions for registering [here](#).

Project Changes

In the handbook, you will notice the following changes to project guidelines:

- Clarifications and minor changes were made Aerospace, Electric, and Family Camping, Genealogy.
- Foods Projects - There is a new recipe card! Also, Creating with a Mix and Microwave no longer require recipe boxes.
- Garden - any other single vegetable and any other herb were added as exhibit options and the Latin name requirement was removed.
- Tractor: The 2024 tractor/lawn and garden tractor/zero-turn mower operator skills area and state contests will include the parts identification and obstacle course practicums only. The quiz/exam practicum will not be part of the 2024 contests.
- Woodworking, Level 1 and Level 2 techniques were combined.
- Animal projects: Dairy goat classes were changed to match the state fair, Meat Goats added a commercial doe class and updated language, Pygmy Goats combined "Unfreshened Yearling 12-24 months of age" and Freshened Yearling under 2 Years into a Yearling class. Sheep made clarifications for ease of understanding.
- County Garden Contest: Any youth can participate - you do not have to qualify from your club.

CHANGE



**THE LEADERSHIP
LEAGUE**

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**4-H OFFICER
TRAINING**
**SUPERHEROS
IN TRAINING**

**JOIN US FOR A
SUPERHERO THEMED
OFFICER TRAINING**

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AN
OFFICER TO PARTICIPATE.
OFFICER POSITIONS COVERED WILL
INCLUDE PRESIDENT, VICE
PRESIDENT, SECRETARY,
TREASURER, RECREATION,
HEALTH & SAFETY/HISTORIAN.**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29
6 - 8 PM**

**4-H CENTER ACTIVITIES BUILDING
PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED - SEND ANY DIETARY
RESTRICTIONS TO MKRON@PURDUE.EDU BY FEB 26**

**RSVP AT
[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/4HOFFICERTAINING2024](http://tinyurl.com/4hofficertaining2024)
BY FEBRUARY 26**

**CLUBS THAT HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FOR PRESIDENT,
VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER, AND SECRETARY WILL
RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE!**



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News & Celebrations

Perry M&M's made over 100 valentines as a community service project. These were given to West River Health Campus to be distributed to the residents and staff on Valentines Day.



Star 4-H Club had a meeting on January 8, 2024. For our community service project, we brought in coffee and tea related items for the 4-H club basket, for the 4-H center "Celebrate the Center" silent auction fundraiser. We celebrated current and new members, along with family and friends with a Taco Night meal. Members also shared past 4-H projects to get everyone brainstorming for the current year! Sincerely, Chloe Stock, Secretary Star Club

Animal Projects



Extension - Indiana 4-H



INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE

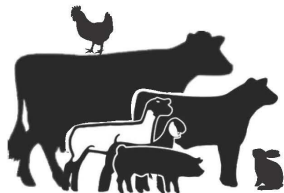
To exhibit **BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, PYGMY GOATS, POULTRY, and RABBITS**, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training **OR** the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA).

1. This certification must be done an annual basis
2. Members must be registered **BEFORE** attending a training
3. Members may attend any training dates listed on this flyer **OR** a training in another county **OR** complete the online YQCA training

| Training Dates | Training Locations |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Tues, March 19 - 6:15 pm (with Livestock Club Meeting) | 4-H Center Banquet Hall |
| 2. Mon, May 6 - 7:00 pm | 4-H Center Banquet Hall |
| 3. Thurs, May 30 - 3:00 pm | Purdue Extension Office |
| 4. Thurs, June 27 - 3:00 pm | Purdue Extension Office |

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please use <https://QLC.4honline.com>

Those planning to be certified through the YQCA program, will register at www.yqcaprogram.org and will present their completion certificate to their 4-H Educator.



If you need to request special accommodations, please contact the Purdue Extension office at (812) 867-4935.

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Tagging Day

Beef, Meat Goat, and Sheep exhibitors will be required to attend a Tagging Day to receive tags for their animals. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 4 at the 4-H Center from 9 - 11 am. If you cannot attend, work with your species superintendent for options. More details will be sent closer to the date.

Animal Identification

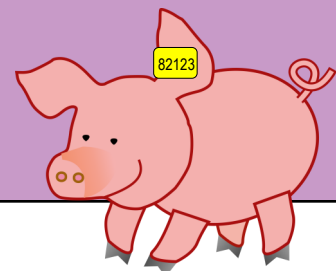
Plan ahead to complete your animal ID information before the deadline below:

May 15, 2024

Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Horse & Pony, Llamas, Meat Goats, Pygmy Goats, Sheep, and Swine via 4-HOnline

Poultry & Rabbits via Paper copy

Animals not enrolled by these deadlines cannot be exhibited at the county or state fair.



Vanderburgh County 4-H **NEW MEMBER NIGHT**



ALL NEW 4-H MEMBERS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE INVITED!

Please join us for a fun and informative evening! Youth will participate in activities with other Vanderburgh County 4-H youth and enjoy a pizza party! Parents will attend a Q&A session with 4-H Leader and Parent, Amy Woodard. Geared towards new 4-H members in grades 3-12.

Please sign up at
<https://tinyurl.com/newmember4H>



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29
6:00PM-7:00PM
VANDERBURGH 4-H CENTER
ACTIVITIES BUILDING**

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Celebrate the Center

(Annual Fund Raiser for the Vanderburgh 4-H Center)

The Celebrate the Center will take place on March 2, 2024.

This event helps to financially support the 4-H Center and provide money for needed expenses. We are asking 4-H clubs/Extension Homemakers to consider supporting this event by donating an item, themed basket, gift certificate, etc to the Silent Auction.

The items can be delivered to the 4-H Center Office, and are due by February 12, 2024

For question, please contact Co-Chair, Beth Schmitt at 812-550-3487

or Co-Chair, Rhonda Klueg-Slater at 812-459-4662

Want to help serve food at the event?

This is a dinner and auction fundraiser to raise money for maintenance and improvements of the 4-H Center that we all benefit from throughout the year at various events. Eighth grade- High School, and/or parents available to help serve food and drinks during the fundraiser, we need your help! We would request you be at the 4-H Auditorium at 5:00 pm and should be finished approximately 9:00 pm. We will be serving drinks, serving a three course meal, clearing tables, and rinsing dishes. You will receive a free meal. Dress requested black pants (no holes) and white shirt. Please text Jenny Deutsch with questions or able to help 812-431-1706

Fair Association Youth Rep

The Vanderburgh County Fair Association is looking to add a second youth representative to the association. The Association meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday evening. This is a great leadership opportunity to share your voice and represent the 4-H program. If you'd like to be considered for this role, please email Megan at mkron@purdue.edu.



Present:

AG EQUIPMENT DIANOSTIC WORKSHOP



4-H and FFA youth grades 9-12 are invited! Pre-registration is required, \$25 Registration fee to cover lunch and supplies. This is a prerequisite to the June 8th contest.

February 24th

- Daviess Co Fairgrounds
- Clay Co Fairgrounds
- Bane-Welker Traning Center- Lebanon

Register by February 16th

March 16th

- Jasper Co Fairgrounds
- Churubusco High School
- Decatur Co Fairgrounds

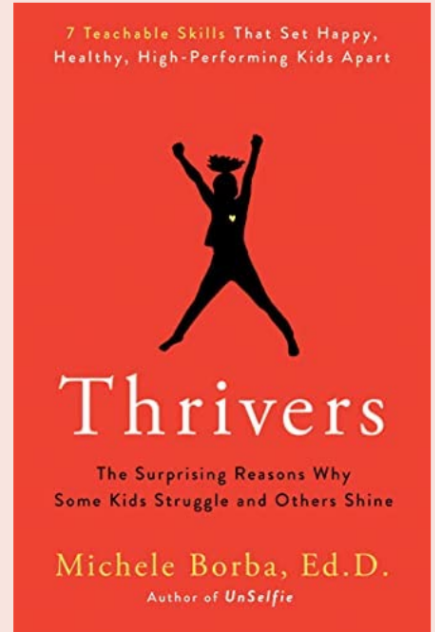
Register by March 8th

For More Information
and to Register visit:

purdue.ag/AqEquipmentDiagnostics



THRIVERS LUNCH & LEARN



Join us for a lunch time virtual book club as we explore the book "Thrivers" by Michele Borba

Wednesdays - February 7, 14, 21, 28
11:00 am - 12:00 pm CT / 12:00 - 1:00 pm ET
Sessions will be held on Zoom

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/Thrivers2024>
by February 7

Questions?

Contact Carla Kidwell at
kidwellc@purdue.edu or Megan
Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu



Open House

February 20, 2024

4 pm to 6 pm



Refreshments will be served



***Purdue Extension Vanderburgh County
13301 Darmstadt Rd, Suite A
Evansville, IN 47725
812-435-5287***

Come and explore the Programming Opportunities that Extension has to offer. Meet the staff and discuss what Extension can do for you.



4-H & Youth



Health & Human Sciences



AG & Natural Resources

Nutrition Education Program

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Are you a 4-H Volunteer
interested in coaching a 4-H
team, but aren't sure where to
start??

Join us for a

How to CDE

**Career Development Event
Workshop for Beginner Coaches**



When: Saturday, February 10, 2024

Where: Orange County Community Center

Why: To learn more about what CDE's are, how to
get a team going, and what contests are available



Contest Areas Covered:

- Livestock Skill-A-Thon
- Tractor Driving
- Milk Quality
- Meat Evaluation
- WHEP
- Consumer Decision Making
- Kitchen Skill-A-Thon
- Poultry Evaluation



**Interested in attending?
Register through 4-H Online
\$10 registration fee**



Contact your local Extension Office if you have any questions

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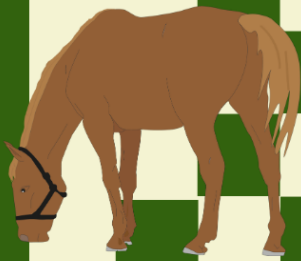
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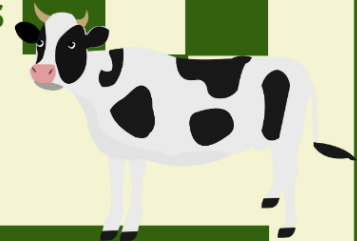
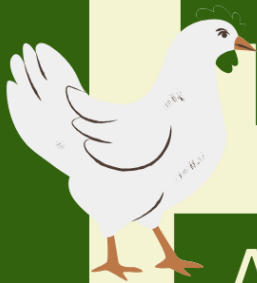
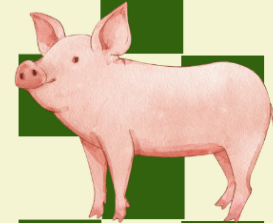
AFTER SCHOOL AG DAY



Join our Vanderburgh County 4-H members for an informative and exciting afternoon of all things ag!



Vanderburgh County 4-H is hosting an After-School Ag Day! Everyone is invited to come see, hear, touch, taste and smell the wonders of agriculture. Animals will be on site and presenters will be around to answer your questions!
Please join us!



Agriculture is awesome!

**TUES. APRIL 2
2024**

4:00PM-6:00PM
Vanderburgh 4-H Center
Livestock Barns

If you have any questions regarding the event, please email Taylor at tvanmet@purdue.edu.

VANDEBURGH COUNTY 4-H
**PERFORMING
ARTS
CONTEST**



**TUESDAY APRIL 23RD
VANDEBURGH 4-H CENTER
AUDITORIUM
6:30PM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP; VISIT:
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/4HPERFORMINGARTS2024](https://tinyurl.com/4Hperformingarts2024)**



INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



**BROADBAND
INFLUENCER**

What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

1

Checks your internet speed

pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest



2

Validates it on the FCC website

broadbandmap.fcc.gov



3

Share what they've done with others

4

Reports work in the Broadband Influencers event in 4-H Online



Once you have completed all 4, you will receive your Broadband Influencer Pin and be eligible to win an iPad*!

Why should I be an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

There are a lot of different ways to connect to the internet. Some of them are *very* fast, and some of them are *very* slow. We would like everyone in the state of Indiana to be able to use the internet at fast speeds. While it might help you play games and watch videos more easily, it also can help people who are looking for jobs or trying to communicate, do business, or do schoolwork.

The FCC, or Federal Communication Commission, can't help everyone get fast internet unless they know all the places the internet is installed and how fast it is in each location.

I have more questions!



For more information contact your county extension 4-H educator OR email:

state4hleader@purdue.edu



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*Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencers will be asked to write a short essay about their experience. The Broadband Influencer Program is a Purdue Broadband Team initiative.



SOUTHWEST INDIANA HOMESTEADING CONFERENCE

**MARCH 9, 2024 - FRIEDMAN PARK EVENT CENTER
2700 PARK BLVD NEWBURGH, IN 47630**

A gathering of homesteaders, home gardeners, suppliers and enthusiasts learning and growing together!

Pre- Conference Food Preservation Workshop

Friday, March 8th, 2024 - 12pm-5pm

\$35 per person No Childcare Available

Topics Include: Boiling water bath & pressure canning techniques, fermentation & pickling process, hands-on practice in the kitchen

Main Conference

Saturday, March 9th, 2024 - Registration 7:30am, Sessions start at 8am

\$40 per person Childcare Available \$20 per child

Topics Include: Vegetable Gardening, Fruit Gardening, Soils & Compost, Beekeeping, Farm Tools, Small Business Development Center, Poultry, Insects, Urban Agriculture, Cover Crops, Rainwater Storage, Food Storage and more!

Connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for homesteading. **Exchange ideas**, stories, and build lasting connections with fellow homesteaders, creating a **supportive network** that extends beyond the conference.

Meet local and regional suppliers offering homesteading essentials, sustainable products, and tools to enhance your homesteading journey. Find the **resources** you need to turn your homesteading dreams into reality!

REGISTER NOW [HTTPS://BIT.LY/SWIHC2024](https://bit.ly/swihc2024)

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Please request any additional accommodations at least 2 weeks prior to the event by calling 812-385-3491.

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Cancellation Policy

It is the policy of the 4-H program that if school has been cancelled or released early, all 4-H events are also cancelled. Please note - virtual meetings/events can still be held. County-wide activity cancellations will be posted on the Vanderburgh County 4-H Program Facebook page.



The Indiana 4-H State Volunteer Development Team will be hosting the next "Back to Basics Webinar to Grow and Thrive: Experiential Learning for Volunteers" on Wednesday, February 28th from 6:00-7:00 pm CT at <https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/>

FEBRUARY 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|---|---|---|--|-----|-----|
| | | | | 1 <i>Jr. Leaders 7 pm</i> | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 <i>Armstrong Hi-Lighters 6 pm</i> | 7 <i>Dog Club 7 pm</i> | 8 <i>German Gems 6pm</i> | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 <i>Centerrific 6:00pm</i> <i>Star 6 pm</i> <i>Horse & Pony 7 pm</i> | 13 | 14 <i>Perry M&M's 6:45pm</i> | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 <i>HOLIDAY</i> <i>Extension Office Closed</i> <i>Scott Achievers 6:30pm</i> | 20 <i>4-6 Extension Open House</i> <i>Livestock 6 pm</i> <i>Shooting Sports 6:30pm</i> | 21 <i>St Wendel All Stars 6:00pm</i> <i>Mini 4-H 6:00pm</i> | 22 <i>Happy Hoosiers</i> | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 <i>Tech Club 5:30pm</i> <i>Energetics 5:30pm</i> | 28 | 29 <i>Officer Training 6 pm</i> <i>New Member 6 pm</i> | | |

2024 4-H DATES

All dates and locations are subject to change.

January

- 1: Holiday, Office Closed
- 4: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: Holiday, Office Closed
- 18: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 25: 4-H Scholarships Due in 4-H Online
- 31: 4-H Trip Applications Due

February

- 1: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: 4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 15: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 19: Holiday, Office Closed
- 21: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall
- 29: 4-H Officer Training/Adult Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall

March

- 7: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 19: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training (After Livestock Club Meeting), 6:15 pm, Banquet Hall
- 20: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 21: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 25-29: EVSC Spring Break
- 29: Holiday, Office Closed

April

- 2-4: Ag Days, 4-H Center
- 4: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: 4-H Camp Applications Due
- 17: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 18: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 23: 4-H Performing Arts, 6:30 pm, Auditorium

May

- 2: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 4: Tagging Day for Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep, Small Animal Barns
- 6: Quality Livestock Care Training, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 7: Holiday, Office Closed
- 15: ANIMAL ID DEADLINE
- 15: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 24: EVSC - School's out for summer
- 27: Holiday, Office Closed
- 30: Quality Livestock Care Training, 3:00 pm, Extension Office

June

- 2: County Tractor Contest, 4-H Center
- 3-5: 4-H Camp, Santa Claus, IN
- 6: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Location TBD
- 12-14: 4-H Academy at Purdue
- 17: 4-H Workshops, Conference Room
- 18: 4-H Speech & Demo Contest, 6:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 19: Holiday, Office Closed
- 19: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm

June cont.

- 20: 4-H Workshops, Conference Room
- 20: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 22-24: State 4-H Band
- 22-25: State 4-H Chorus
- 24-26: 4-H Round-Up
- 27: Quality Livestock Care Training, 3:00 pm, Extension Office
- 27: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 29: Area Tractor Contest, Vanderburgh County

July

- 1: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Deadline & Fair Entry Deadline
- 4: Holiday, Office Closed
- 10-11: Mini 4-H Day Camp, 4-H Center
- 11: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 11: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Expo Hall
- 15: Fashion Revue (Judging in Expo Hall - AM, Show in Auditorium, PM)
- 17-18: Fair Set-up
- 20-21: Enter 4-H Projects
- 22-27: Vanderburgh County Fair
- 28: Projects Released

August

- 1: Jr. Leader Banquet, 6:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 2-18: Indiana State Fair (closed Mondays)
- 15: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office

September

- 2: Holiday, Office Closed
- 5: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 16: Achievement Records, 4-H Club Secretary & Treasurer Books, Club Scrapbooks, & Honor Club Apps Due
- 18: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 19: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 28-29: Extension Homemaker Craft Show

October

- 3: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 17: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 23: 4-H Promotion Event/ Mini 4-H, Expo Hall/Industrial Building

November

- 5: Holiday, Office Closed
- 7: Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 pm, Banquet Hall
- 12: 4-H Achievement Banquet, Auditorium
- 20: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 21: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 28-29: Holiday, Office Closed

December

- 4: 4-H Volunteer Appreciation/Holiday Party, Bqt Hall
- 5: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 18: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 24, 25, 31 - Holidays, Office Closed

