

### February 2025

## Warren County 4-H News



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Those who are new to 4-H may be wondering how to get your 4-H Manuals and 4-H Handbook. Below are descriptions of each.

4-H Manuals will be distributed through your primary 4-H Club by the Club Leaders. Most of the clubs try to get manuals distributed at their February or March meetings. You will get last year's manuals and record sheets back at your 4-H Club Meetings as well.

2025 4-H Handbook will be available on our website very soon! The 4-H Handbook is your guide to the 4-H program, including the project exhibit requirements. If you have specific project questions you will want to refer to your 4-H Handbook before calling anyone. If you cannot find an answer there, feel free to follow up with the Superintendents or the Extension Office.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR VOLUNTEERS

FEB 11 - 4-H Fair Board Meeting 6:30pm

MAR 6 - 4-H Council Meeting 6:30pm

All above meetings will be held at the Purdue Extension Warren County office. 408 SR 28 E, Williamsport.

### INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE PROGRAM

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care trainings will be held in person on the dates listed below. If you cannot make it to one of these dates AND/OR will be showing at a national show where YQCA is required, you may take the YQCA course ONLINE only. If you choose to do this online, you must show me a copy of your YQCA certificate or send me your YQCA certificate by June 2, 2025 so I can mark you as completed for this year.

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please go to WarrenQLC.4honline.com or log in to your 4-H Online account, go to the Events tab & register for Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care. (Please do not add anything under the Trainings tab, we will delete it.) It will ask you which date you will be attending. The cost of this class is \$3 and must be paid via cash or check at the door on the day of your chosen training. You will not receive your certificate until this fee is paid. The online YQCA class is \$12. In order to show at county and state fair, you must have a certificate from either YQCA or the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program. You will not be able to exhibit your animal(s) at the county and/or state fair without one of these certifications.

All Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care trainings will be held at the **Purdue Extension Warren County Office** in the meeting room. Dates are below:

Thursday, April 24th @ 5:45-6:30 pm Tuesday, April 29th @ 5:45-6:30 pm Monday, May 12th @ 5:45-6:30 pm Thursday, May 29th @ 10-10:45 am Thursday, May 29th @ 5:45-6:30 pm

### SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

Save the Date! The Warren County 4-H Youth Livestock Board will be hosting their annual Showmanship Clinic on Saturday, April 19th at the Warren County 4-H Fairgrounds starting at 3pm. Watch for more information in future 4-H Newsletters.



## STATE FAIR

The 2025 Indiana State Fair Livestock
Schedule has been released. Follow the link
below for more information.

https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/ competitions--contests/livestock-showschedule

### **ANIMAL NEWS**

#### Please Note:

All animal members will be getting an important Animal Newsletter in the mail in April - be on the look out! Call the Project Superintendents or the office if you have any questions.

### **BEEF ID & WEIGH IN**

Beef ID and weigh in is set for March 1st at Greenwood's Vet Clinic from 9 to 11am. Snow date is March 8th, same time and place. More information was sent out in the Beef Newsletter.



### **GOAT & SHEEP ID & WEIGH IN**

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 26 from 9-11 am at the Fairgrounds to get your animals identified and weighed. More details will be sent closer to the date.

## SWINE MEMBERS JUNIOR PORK DAY

Save the date—February 22nd for Junior Pork Day at Purdue University. The full schedule will be emailed to Swine members and available to others upon request.

Junior Pork Day is a special 1-day workshop held annually at Purdue University to provide 4-H swine members and their families with current information and hands-on learning to spark their interest in the swine industry. During this educational workshop, participants rotate individually through a series of stations that test their skills in the areas of swine evaluation, parts identification, and other areas of the swine industry.

### **POULTRY**

The Poultry Club will meet on February 25 at 6:30pm at Warren County Common Grounds and on March 20 at 6:30pm at the Purdue Extension Warren County Office.

There will be a State 4-H Poultry Workshop on Saturday, February 15th from 10am-2pm at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds in Columbus, IN. Workshop topics include Working with Rare Breeds, Getting Started with Exhibition Poultry, Protecting your Poultry and a round table discussion. Registraion is due February 14th at 20254-HPoultryWksp.4honline.com. Please see the Feb 4-H Newsletter email for an attached flyer with more information.





## Get to Know Your Leaders & Superintendents!

The Club Leaders and Project Superintendents are a vital group of Volunteers who can be a great help to you during your 4-H tenure.

Here is an explanation of some of the things they do.

**4-H Club Leaders** work to coordinate the activities and meetings for the club and can answer any questions specific to the club. You are welcome to participate in a township club and/or a project club. If you are a member of a project club, you are not required to be in a township club. However, if you are participating in a project that has a club, we will add you to that club as a secondary if you do not select it yourself. This is to ensure you receive all of the information that may be sent out for your project. Please do not select a project club if you do not wish to participate in that project. 4-H Manuals are distributed through each of the clubs.

**4-H Superintendents** work to assist and coordinate the activities for the projects. These great volunteers are available to answer your questions related to your 4-H projects.

All of the 4-H Volunteers are listed in the first few pages of the Warren County 4-H Handbook with their phone numbers. Please do not hesitate to reach out to them with any questions!

# NEW 4-H MEMBER INFO MEETING

## FOR 1ST & 2ND YEAR MEMBERS

information meeting on Thursday,

February 20th from 6-7:30 pm at

County Office. Topics will include

opportunities, being prepared for

for the event by February 18th by

fair, and questions. Please register

scanning the QR code to the right or

NewMemberMeeting.4honline.com

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### IR LEADER UPDATE

The Jr. Leaders met on Mon. Jan. 13th for a fun night learning to play Euchre. They also had a productive meeting of planning and talking about some great Service-Learning Projects. Get your calendar marked for our upcoming events. Also, be on the lookout for the Community Euchre tournament that we are planning for late February!

### **Upcoming Meetings & Activities:**

Mon. Feb 10, 7-8:15 - Meeting & Fun at Pinball on Perry in Attica (112 S Perry St)

Mon. Mar 10, 9am-Noon - Food Coop - Community Service - Cleaning (inside) & Prepping Gardens for planting (outside weather permitting)

Mon. Mar 24, 7-8:15 - Meeting - Kids Against Hunger Program - Warren Co. Learning Center in Williamsport

- **Jr. Leader Requirements** To complete Junior Leaders, you must complete 5 activities. The Jr. Leader Food Stand is our money-making project for our many fun activities. You can count attending 2 meetings towards your 5 activities. To help you complete your activities, we offer options throughout the year as well as during and after the fair. We ask every Jr. Leader to complete one shift in the Food Stand, although you can always do more shifts. Being involved in Jr. Leaders allows you to develop your leadership skills while having fun, along with getting to go on great adventures like our completion trip each year.
- **4-H Enrollment** When enrolling, be sure to mark Jr. Leaders as a club and a project at **4HOnline.com**. Also, please make sure to provide your (Jr. Leader) email and cell number, along with your parents, when enrolling so we may communicate more easily with everyone.

Questions - call or email your Leaders

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President's Day—Office CLOSED
February 17

New 4-H Member Info Meeting February 20

### Beef Weigh in & ID

March 1 from 9-11am @ Greenwood's Snow Date: March 8

### 4-H Teen Leadership Weekend

March 28-30 Grades 7-12

Good Friday—Office CLOSED
April 18

Supreme Showmanship Clinic April 19

### Sheep & Goat Weigh in & ID

April 26 from 9-11am @ Fairgrounds

Animal Enrollment Deadline May 15

### 4-H Camp

June 4-6
Grades 3-6
\*More info to come soon!

2025 Warren County 4-H Fair

June 16-21

2025 IN State Fair August 1-17 Closed Mondays

### **Upcoming 4-H Club Meetings**

**ALL CLUBS:** Please contact your club leaders for more info.

**ADAMS/PINE:** February 13, March 26, April 17, May 15 at Pine Village Elementary from 3:15-4:30pm. Parents will need to send a note or write in their child's date book that they will be staying afterschool for the meeting.

**JR LEADER UPDATE:** see page 3.

MINI 4-H CLUB: See below.

**POULTRY CLUB:** February 25 at 6:30pm at Warren County Common Grounds. March 20 at 6:30pm at the Purdue Extension Warren County Office.

**SHOOTING SPORTS:** Hunter Education Course @ PVFD: **Course 1** on Feb 28 from 6-9 pm and March 1 from 8 am-5 pm. This course covers important safety practices for firearms, archery, hunting, and outdoor activities. Register on the DNR website: www.register-ed.com/events/view/223434

Must attend both days to receive credit, class size is limited. Please contact Steve Childress if you have any questions!

### MINI 4-H NEWS

Welcome to Warren County Mini 4-H! This is a great opportunity for you to see what 4-H is all about, meet some new friends, and participate in the Warren County 4-H Fair, June 16-21. Mini 4-Hers should have received their own special newsletter last week with many important details. Meeting dates are February 10, March 6, April 8 and May 5 at the Purdue Extension Office from 6-7:30pm. Mini 4-H Day will be Tuesday, June 3rd from 9am-3pm at the Fairgrounds. We're excited to have all of you as new 4-H Members. If you have any questions, please call your Mini 4-H Superintendents/Club Leaders, or the Extension Office, 765-762-3231.

### 4-H DIRECT COLLEGE CREDIT

Purdue is offering Direct Course Credit again this year to students who have 4-H experience. Admissions recently started notifying accepted students for the 2025-26 academic year, so this is a perfect time to utilize this opportunity! Currently, Purdue is offering credit for EDCI 285, EDCI 207, and HORT 101. Scan the QR code to sign up for more information.



### TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

We are excited to kickstart enrollment for the inaugural Teen Leadership Weekend! Teen Leadership Weekend will take place March 28-30 at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana. This weekend is for 4-H members in grades 7-12. The cost to attend this amazing experience is just \$50. Transportation will not be provided.

The weekend will develop the next generation of leaders in Indiana. There will be opportunities to network with other youth from around the state, discover more about yourself and your leadership style, and have fun. Youth will become familiar with Purdue Extension and Indiana 4-H, and will also have the opportunity to share their voice with leaders in these areas.

If interested in signing up for this event, please call the Extension Office, 765-762-3231. We will have to initiate your registration in 4HOnline before you may register. Please see your email for an attached flyer and schedule with more information.