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Happy New Year 4-H Youth Members, Minis, Parents and Volunteers!
The new year brings new opportunities.

We hope you had a wonderful holiday break and are ready to start the new year off with a few exciting workshops such as pie baking and woodworking! Make sure to check out all of our January events and meetings in the newsletter. You will need to register for any youth programs to ensure we can purchase supplies in advance.

For all of the high schoolers, adulting is hard! Make sure to sign up for the Life Lessons Workshop starting January 14th. All of the sessions are on zoom and are recorded in case you have to miss a session or two. You get a goodie box full of things related to all of the sessions! Details are on page 6. Also, high schoolers don't miss the opportunity to be a camp counselor this year! More information on page 2.

Even though the fair is a few months away, please ensure you are on top of upcoming workshops and project requirements. QLC dates are on the last page and livestock workshops are on page 4. Dog Club will be starting soon also! The paperwork is located on the Allen County 4-H website. It is never too soon to start working on your projects! Manuals are available for purchase at the office. Also, we have worked hard to ensure the Allen County 4-H website is full of updated rules and information. Please make sure you take a look at the website before beginning projects as some rules have changed.

As always, if you have questions please reach out to Rebecca or Stephenie or call the office at 260-481-6826.

We hope your new year is off to an amazing start! Let's make 2025 great.

4-H Information

ALLEN COUNTY 4-H FLING FUNDRAISER 2025

The Annual Allen County 4-H Fling Fundraiser dinner/silent auction will be held on February 22, 2025 at the Allen County Fair Grounds. A pulled pork dinner with sides will be served beginning at 5pm followed by a live auction.

Presale tickets are available for purchase at the Purdue Allen County Extension office, 4001 Crescent Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46815 starting January 6th for \$7.00. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the event for \$10.

We are currently looking for donated items or services. Clubs are encouraged to put together a basket of items. Let's see which club can earn the highest bid! Call or stop by the office for more information or to drop off your donations. Donation request letters can be found on our website under the fundraisers dropdown. https://extension.purdue.edu/county/allen/_docs/4h/fling-donor-request-letter-2025.docx-1.pdf



Sign up for Dog Club!
Classes begin
February 22, 2025

Classes are held Mondays @ 6:15 pm at the Allen County Fairgrounds. Your dog must be at least 3 months old and neutered or spayed.

Completed paperwork needs to be turned into the Extension Office by January 31, 2025. Forms can be found on the Allen County Website under the dog project tab.

If you are interested, please call the office at 260-481-6826.

Are you in grades 8-12? Don't miss the opportunity to be a [camp counselor](https://extension.purdue.edu/county/allen/2025-camp-counselor-application.pdf) this summer! Applications are due February 1st and can be found here: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/allen/2025-camp-counselor-application.pdf>

Did we mention that 4-H Clubs Inc. sponsors your fees for camp?!

Camper registration for youth in grades 3-6 will open in January. We had 23 campers and 7 counselors last year! 4-H Clubs Inc. graciously sponsors all but \$50 of the cost of participation!



Find your Story—Genealogy project

Join us on January 22, 2025, 6:30 pm at the Allen County Library-Main Branch to learn about how to research your family tree for the Genealogy project. We will be meeting with a Genealogy team member who will show us how to begin or complete your research. Please call 260-481-6826 to register.

UPCOMING 4-H PROGRAMS

Winter Air and .22 Rifle sign up!

Call Rebecca at 260-481-6826 to sign up.

SPACE IS LIMITED AND YOU MUST REGISTER!

Air Rifle Club

When: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25
Mar. 4, 11

Time: 6:30 pm– 7:30pm

Where: Hoagland Communi-ty Center, Hoagland, IN

Cost: \$15.00 disciplinary fee
*4-H Members do no pay fee

.22 Rifle Club

When: Jan. 15, 22,29
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26
Mar. 5, 12, 19

Time: 6:30 pm– 8:30pm

Where: Concordia Lutheran High School

Cost: \$15.00 disciplinary fee
*4-H Members do no pay fee

Junior Leaders:

January 30– Note this is a date change!

Youth in grades 6-12 meet the last Tuesday of the month and complete team building and leadership activities.

February 25

March 25



Be watching for the 2025 plant sale flyer!

Sales will begin in February.



Up Coming Programs for grades 3-12

Genealogy Project workshop:

January 22, 6:30-8:00pm@Allen County Public Library, Down-town branch

Uncover your roots with the assistance of the AC Public Library Genealogy Department. You will receive assistance from a li-brary employee on the best ways to research your family tree.

Pie Baking 101:

January 16, 6-8pm @Extension Office

Craft your own homemade pie through step-by-step instructions. By the end of the workshop, you'll leave with a tasty and visually stunning pie and pie dish.

Cost \$10

Woodworking project: STEAM workshop

January 28 from 5:30-7:30pm@Extension Office

Learn how to build a wren house for the birds around your yard. You will take a home a house ready for paint or stain.

Cost \$10 Register here: <https://bit.ly/woodworking2025>

Canvas Painting STEAM workshop:

February 3 5:30-7:30pm@Extension office

Join us for a fun evening of creativity and art where we guide you step by step to create your own masterpiece. Parents are welcome to participate with their kids.

Cost: \$15 Register here: <https://bit.ly/canvasSTEAM25>

Macrame STEAM workshop:

March 13 5:30pm-7:30pm@Extension office

Mae your own trendy macrame wall hanging in our hands-on workshop.

Cost: \$15 Register here: <https://bit.ly/MacrameSTEAM25>

All programs require registration.

If you need accommodations to participate in a program, more information on specific programs, or to register: email

rcclay@purdue.edu or

wooten6@purdue.edu or call 260-481-6826

LOCATION ADDRESSES

Extension Office:
4001 Crescent Ave
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Johnnie Mae Farm
2518 Winter Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46803



4-H sign up for 2025



Make sure you have signed up as a member or a volunteer for 2025 by visiting, <https://v2.4honline.com/>

4-H Members: Enrollment is open through May 15, 2025. We encourage members to enroll early to ensure they continue getting updates on all the activities they can participate in. Please ensure if you are participating in 4-H activities that you are enrolled! We encourage online payment for faster processing of enrollment.

4-H Volunteers: Enrollment is open and we encourage timely completion of required trainings to ensure the safety of our youth. Completion of 4-H Online is required before you can continue to work with youth in 4-H activities. We will be hosting another in person training Feb. 4th at 5:45 pm if you would like to participate.

Livestock Meeting/Workshop Dates:

January

- 13– Swine Committee Meeting , 7pm at Fairgrounds—McComb Building
- 15- Goat Workshop, 6:30 at Fairgrounds (Make up date January 22)
- 21- Horse & Pony Leader Meeting, 7 pm at Allen County Purdue Extension Office

February

- 8– Beef/Dairy Beef Weigh-In, 8am at Fairground-Cattle Barn (Snow date February 15)

March

- 5– Rabbit Workshop, 6:30 pm at Allen County Purdue Extension Office
- 10– Swine Committee Meeting, 7 pm at Fairgrounds– McComb Building
- 15– Beef/Dairy Beef Workshop, 9 am at Fairgrounds –Show barn
- 18– Horse & Pony Leader Meeting, 7 pm at Allen County Purdue Extension Office
- 20– Swine Workshop, 7pm at Fairgrounds—Admin Building

April

- 9– Rabbit Workshop, 6:30 pm at Allen County Purdue Extension Office
- 12– Dairy Beef-Feeder Calf Weigh in, 8 am at Fairgrounds—Cattle Barn (Rain date April 19)
- 21– Swine Committee Meeting, 7 pm at Fairgrounds– McComb Building

May

- 5– Swine Committee Meeting, 7 pm at Fairgrounds– McComb Building
- 14– Swine Workshop, 7 pm at Fairgrounds– Admin Building
- 17– Summit City Classic Open Goat Show, 8 am at Fairgrounds– Swine Barn

If you are interested in any of the live projects but do not know where to start we encourage you to reach out to the livestock committee members for that species. You may either email Rebecca (rcclay@purdue.edu) who will put you in contact with them, or all of their names and emails are under the appropriate project tab on the [Allen County 4-H website](#)



2025 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Year Scholarship

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

Club Scholarship

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

Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

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

Accomplishment Scholarship

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

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

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

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

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

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

Visit bit.ly/4hscholarship to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.

Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.

\$176,880 AWARDED IN 2024



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and Indiana 4-H



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LIFE LESSONS



VIRTUAL SERIES WORKSHOP

Questions?
Contact local Purdue
Extension Office.

Adulthood is hard!

How do you manage your money?
What do you do if your car breaks down?
How do you get a stain out of your favorite pair of jeans?

Join us for **Life Lessons** - a virtual series to learn the answers to these questions and more to get #beyondready for adulthood!

Open to all high school students (grades 9-12).



Jan. 14-
March 4



Tuesdays
7-8 PM EST/
6-7 PM CT



\$25
Includes provided
material, content and
supplies



Zoom and Google
Classroom

**Digital Safety - Kitchen Skills - Auto Care - Scheduling Appointments
Social Etiquette - Laundry Care - Financial Education - Much More!**

REGISTER VIA 4HONLINE



<https://4HLifeLessons2025.4honline.com>

Purdue University is an equal access/equal opportunity university/affirmative action institution

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 2025

- 1-New Year's Day-Office Closed
- 7 4-H Board Meeting 7pm@CEO
- 7 Air Rifle Club 6:30-7:30pm@Hoagland Community Center
- 13 Swine Committee Meeting 7-9pm@FG
- 14 Life Lessons 7-8pm@CEO (every Tuesday until March 4)
- 14 Air Rifle Club 6:30-7:30pm@Hoagland Community Center
- 15 Goat Workshop 6:30 pm@FG
- 15 .22 Rifle Club 6:30-8:30pm Concordia Lutheran HS
- 16 Pie Baking 6-8pm @CEO
- 18 New Member Orientation 10-11am@CEO
- 21 Air Rifle Club 6:30-7:30pm@Hoagland Community Center
- 21 Horse & Pony Leader Meeting 7pm@CEO
- 22- "Dig Up Your Family Tree" Genealogy project
6:30 pm @Allen County Public Library-Main
- 22 .22 Rifle Club 6:30-8:30pm Concordia Lutheran HS
- 26 .22 Rifle Club 6:30-8:30pm Concordia Lutheran HS
- 28 Air Rifle Club 6:30-7:30pm@Hoagland Community Center
- 28 Woodworking STEAM 5:30-7:30pm@CEO
- 29 .22 Rifle Club 6:30-8:30pm Concordia Lutheran HS
- 30 Junior Leader Meeting 6:30-8 pm @CEO



QLC Dates: March 31 10 am and 1 pm, April 30th 6-7 pm. More dates to come. As a reminder, youth may complete training in any county or complete YQCA online.

All livestock except cat, dog, llama, and horse are required to complete either QLC or YQCA to show their animal.

February 2025

- 4 4-H Board Meeting 7pm@CEO
- 4 Air Rifle Club 6:30-7:30pm@Hoagland Community Center
- 5 .22 Rifle Club 6:30-8:30pm Concordia Lutheran HS
- 8 Beef/Dairy Beef Weigh-in 8-10am@FG Cattle Barn (Snow date 02/15)
- 11 Air Rifle Club 6:30-7:30pm@Hoagland Community Center
- 12 .22 Rifle Club 6:30-8:30pm Concordia Lutheran HS
- 12 Dog Club Orientation 6:30-7:30@CEO
- 13 Canvas Painting 5:30-7:30@CEO
- 18 Horse & Pony Meeting 7-9pm@CEO
- 18 Air Rifle Club 6:30-7:30pm@Hoagland Community Center
- 19 .22 Rifle Club 6:30-8:30pm Concordia Lutheran HS
- 22 4-H Fling 5pm@FG Home and Family Arts Building
- 25 Air Rifle Club 6:30-7:30pm@Hoagland Community Center
- 25 Junior Leader Meeting 6:30-8pm@CEO
- 26 Mini Foods 6-7pm@COE

March 2025

- 4 Air Rifle Club 6:30-7:30pm@Hoagland Community Center
- 5 .22 Rifle Club 6:30-8:30pm Concordia Lutheran HS
- 5 Rabbit Workshop 6:30pm@CEO
- 10 Swine Committee Meeting 7-9pm@FG
- 11 Air Rifle Club 6:30-7:30pm@Hoagland Community Center
- 12 .22 Rifle Club 6:30-8:30pm Concordia Lutheran HS
- 13 Macrame STEAM 5:30-7:30@CEO
- 15 Dairy Beef/Beef Workshop 9am-12@FG-Show barn
- 18 Horse & Pony 7pm-9pm@CEO
- 19 .22 Rifle Club 6:30-8:30pm Concordia Lutheran HS
- 20 Swine Workshop 6:30-7pm@FG Admin Building

*if we missed any dates please let us know. This is not a complete list for March.

Allen County Extension Office will
be closed on January 20th

Follow us on Facebook We share pictures, important information, and workshop flyers on our page! Allen County Indiana 4-H: <https://www.facebook.com/AllenCounty4H>