

4-H Family Forum Newsletter

Bartholomew County

February 2020 Issue

Thoughts from your educator. . .

THANK YOU to all of our 4-H families who were able to complete the enrollment process prior to January 15th. If you are new to 4-H, or new to the Bartholomew County 4-H program, welcome to our program! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Our 4-H volunteers, Extension staff, and other 4-H families are more than willing to assist you and help make your 4-H experience a great, fun learning opportunity for you!

This newsletter contains information on many 4-H events and opportunities that will be occurring over the next few months. 4-H members participating in livestock projects need to be sure to read the many livestock updates provided in this newsletter.

There are many 4-H workshops and meetings that will offer SOMETHING for EVERYONE! Check out our new Trash to Treasure workshop and 4-H Open Houses which will be held during Spring Break. Maybe you wish to learn how to sew or about the parts and how to build a small engine? Please be sure to read this newsletter thoroughly so that you do not miss out on all of the fun that 4-H has to offer!

If you have any questions, please reach out at smit1664@purdue.edu or 812-379-1665. I hope to see you at our upcoming events!



Elisabeth L. Smith
CED/Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development



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GENERAL INFO



Club Shout Outs!

Did your club do a community service project? Have a fun presentation? Maybe you made a cool craft or learned about a specific project. **We want to see it!** Send the Extension Office your pictures and a small 5-10 sentence blurb about what's going on in your club so it can be used in the next newsletter and on social media. Your items can be sent to Alisha at allena12@purdue.edu.



2020 Scholarship Packet

The Bartholomew County 4-H Scholarship packet is available on our website at <https://extension.purdue.edu/bartholomew/article/35450>. Many scholarships available to seniors involved in the 4-H program are included in this packet. Each scholarship has different requirements. Deadlines for some scholarships are approaching quickly! Be sure to pay attention to the scholarship deadlines and where scholarships should be submitted. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Record Sheets are now available through our website!

It can be a challenge to make it in to the Extension Office to get your yearly record sheets. For your convenience, 4-H members can now find all county and state project record sheets on our website. While these documents will continue to be available at our office, you may now take advantage of printing these documents at home.

Head to our Purdue Extension Bartholomew County website and look for the article *4-H Project Record Sheets* or follow the link <https://extension.purdue.edu/bartholomew/article/31288>

4-H Reminders

- 4-H Enrollment is **NOT COMPLETE** until the \$20 Program Fee has been paid.
- Add or Drop dates for 4-H projects is **May 15th**.
- Seniors: Be sure to verify your years in 4-H are correct. If you believe it is incorrect, it is your responsibility to contact the Extension Office to make the necessary changes.
- If showing livestock animals, please turn to pages 3-6 for further information.



LIVESTOCK INFORMATION



Livestock Showing Amounts

There are new guidelines for the number of animals each 4-H member may exhibit at the 2020 Bartholomew County 4-H Fair. It is important to point out that this is **NOT** a limit on the number of animals that you may enroll in 4hOnline, it is just the maximum number that may be exhibited at the Bartholomew County Fair.

Each 4-H member may exhibit the following:

***Beef**—maximum of 5 (beef steers, heifers, dairy steers, starter calves)

Dairy—maximum of 5 heifers and 3 cows

Goat—maximum of 10 goats, limit of 2 goats per class

Poultry—may have 2 entries per class, maximum of 16 birds

Rabbit—2 rabbits per class, 1 meat pen, and 1 each of the following: roaster, stewer, & fryer; maximum of 20 rabbits

Sheep—maximum of 10 sheep

***Swine**—maximum of 5 hogs

**New changes for 2020*



Beginner Livestock Meetings

Every 4-H member who is enrolled or plans to enroll in a 4-H livestock project for the very first time is **REQUIRED** to attend one of two Beginner Livestock Exhibitor meetings. This meeting is for any 1st year member who intends to show livestock, or for any previous year member who plans to show livestock for the first time in their 4-H career. Members who show or have previously shown livestock animals (Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine) **DO NOT** need to attend one of the two meetings.

These meetings will be held on Monday, February 24th and Thursday, April 9th at 6:30 PM at the Purdue Extension Office (783 S Marr Rd). Meetings will have important information about identification of animals, deadlines, health, and selection of livestock.



Changes to the Livestock Auction

In recent years it has become increasingly difficult for our auction committee to find buyers willing to accept 4-H livestock animals of all species. These difficulties, in addition to the announcement regarding the use of ractopamine (Paylean) in market hogs (see page 4), has resulted in the need to bring about changes to the Bartholomew County 4-H Fair Livestock Auction. These changes include:

- Auction will be a premium only auction.
- To participate in the auction, 4-H members must retain one animal on the fairgrounds to walk through the auction ring.
- 4-H members and their families will be responsible for the removal of all animals from the Fairgrounds. It will be your responsibility to transport or arrange transportation of your animals to market or packer.

While we know this may cause some concern, our hope is that by announcing this change in February families will have adequate time to prepare. More information will be available in the coming months.

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION



Use of Ractopamine (Paylean) in Market Hogs

In response to the anticipated rising demand for US pork products due to the impact African Swine Fever has had on global pork supply, JBS USA (Swift and Swift Premium) and Tyson Foods will prohibit the use of ractopamine (Paylean) in market hogs the company buys beginning in February 2020. Although ractopamine is an FDA-approved feed ingredient that helps increase the amount of lean meat in hogs, some countries such as China, prohibit the import of pork from hogs that have been fed the product. This policy change will allow these companies to better position themselves to fill increased export demand for pork. Producers had until February 4, 2020, to meet the new requirement. These companies have said they plan to work with pork producers over the next several months to begin the process of testing hogs to ensure they are ractopamine-free, ensuring compliance.

What does this mean for 4-H animals? Counties that market swine to these pork processors will also have to comply with these new requirements. It's predicted that the marketing of 4-H animals may become more difficult, as ractopamine is widely utilized in show pig feeds. **Indiana 4-H is not banning the use of ractopamine in 4-H swine, but is bringing awareness that the use of this feed additive will limit hog processing to more local markets and/or other smaller processors.** As always, it is important to use products responsibly under the proper label use. We will continue to follow up to keep the industry at the forefront of our educational efforts.

-Courtney Stierwalt, 4-H Animal Science Extension Specialist

Id Days

Beef	Saturday, February 15 th	9:00—10:30 a.m.
Starter Calf	Wednesday, April 8 th	6:00—7:30 p.m.
Sheep	Wednesday, May 6 st	6:00—7:30 p.m.
Goat	Thursday, May 7 th	6:00—7:30 p.m.

Each species will receive a letter that will include information about ID days, an ID worksheet, location form, and instructions on how to complete the livestock enrollment at in.4honline.com. All livestock enrollment will be completed online, with the exception of Rabbit and Poultry. Attending the livestock ID date **DOES NOT** enroll your livestock. Enrollment of livestock must be completed at in.4honline.com by the following dates:

April 1st— Beef & Dairy Beef Steers

May 15th— Starter Calves, Heifers, Sheep, Goat, Horse & Pony, Swine

Enrollment **MUST** be done online **NO LATER** than 12 midnight of the listed date.

Poultry and rabbit enrollment papers must be submitted to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. Friday, June 5th.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 812-379-1665. Failure to complete the livestock enrollment process by the above deadlines may result in your 4-H member not being permitted to exhibit at the Bartholomew County Fair and/or the Indiana State Fair.



YQCA



YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

This educational program will allow 4-H members to learn about the importance of animal-wellbeing, quality assurance practices, and their part in the food production system. All 4-H members enrolled in Beef, Dairy, Dairy Starter Calves, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine must complete the YQCA program annually in order to exhibit livestock at the Bartholomew County 4-H Fair and/or the Indiana State Fair.

Bartholomew County 4-H members are asked to complete YQCA by May 15, 2020. YQCA can be completed via the online module or by attending an in-person training. To sign up for in-person training, or to take the online certification training, head to www.yqca.org. Click “sign in/register” at the top right corner and select sign in with 4HOnline. DO NOT sign in as an independent user. (See correct login selection below.) Once you have completed the training, you should print your certification. See below for instructions on printing certificate. You must show proof of completion at packet pick-up.



In-person trainings will be held according to the following schedule:

Date:	Time:	Location:
Tuesday, February 25, 2020	6:30 PM	Purdue Extension—Bartholomew Co. Community Room
Thursday, March 12, 2020	6:30 PM	Purdue Extension—Bartholomew Co. Community Room
Wednesday, April 15, 2020	6:30 PM	Purdue Extension—Bartholomew Co. Community Room
Thursday, April 30, 2020	6:30 PM	Purdue Extension—Bartholomew Co. Community Room
Tuesday, May 12, 2020	6:30 PM	Purdue Extension—Bartholomew Co. Community Room

No instructor led trainings will be held after May 12th and class size is limited to 50 participants. Do not wait until the last minute to sign up to attend YQCA! If you have any questions, regarding YQCA please contact the Extension Office at 812-379-1665.

To print your certificate: Once completed, log in to the YQCA website and select the child’s name. Select the training that was completed. There should be a small gold star towards the top. Click on the box with the gold star. A page will populate with options for printing the YQCA certificate.

LIVESTOCK CHECKLIST



Please use this helpful checklist to ensure you are ready to show your animal(s) at the 2020 Bartholomew County 4-H Fair and the 2020 Indiana State Fair.

Register for 4-H/Pay Program Fee

Go to in.4honline.com and sign up for 4-H. 4-H program fees should be paid in a timely manner (within two weeks of enrollment). Those who have not paid by the May 15th deadline will be unable to register animals in 4hOnline & FairEntry, and therefore unable to exhibit at the county fair.

Attend necessary meeting for new livestock exhibitors

New livestock exhibitors need to make arrangements to attend one of the two Beginner Livestock Meetings—February 24th or April 9th

Add your animals to the 4hOnline system

Animal information should be double checked after entry. Information deadline dates:

Steers: Midnight, April 1

Beef Heifers, Dairy, Dairy Starter Calves, Goats, Sheep, Swine: Midnight, May 15

ID Day Dates:

Beef: Saturday, February 15; 9:00-10:30 AM, Livestock Barn

Starter Calf: Wednesday, April 8; 6:00-7:30 PM, Livestock Barn

Sheep: Wednesday, May 6, 6:00-7:30 PM, Little Hands

Goats: Thursday, May 7, 6:00-7:30 PM, Little Hands

YQCA

Verify when your certification expires. You must show valid proof of certification at Livestock Packet Pick up. If it is NOT valid through the 2020 Bartholomew County 4-H Fair, you may elect to recertify online or in an instructor led class. See page 5 for more information about YQCA.

Pen Request Form

Pen Request forms will be mailed out to livestock members after the May 15th deadline has occurred. The Pen Request Form will need to be returned to the Extension Office by June 5, 2020, no later than 4:30 PM.

State Fair Entry

If you intend on showing at the Indiana State Fair, you will need to register your animals through the Indiana State Fair website. The earlier you enroll, the cheaper the entry fees. Deadline for enrollment is July 1. DNA samples need to be turned in to the Extension Office no later than April 1st for steers or May 15th for heifers, swine, sheep, and goats. *Please note: The Extension Office does not have access to any State Fair entry records. All queries or changes will need to be made through the website or by contacting the Indiana State Fair.*



JOIN JUNIOR LEADERS!

Designed to provide members with the opportunity to learn about the qualities needed to be a leader. Any 4-H member in 7th - 12th grade is welcome to join us at our next meeting. Meetings are on the third Monday of the month.

February 17, March 23, April 20, May 18

7:00 PM

Purdue Extension Bartholomew County

783 S Marr Rd

812-379-1665

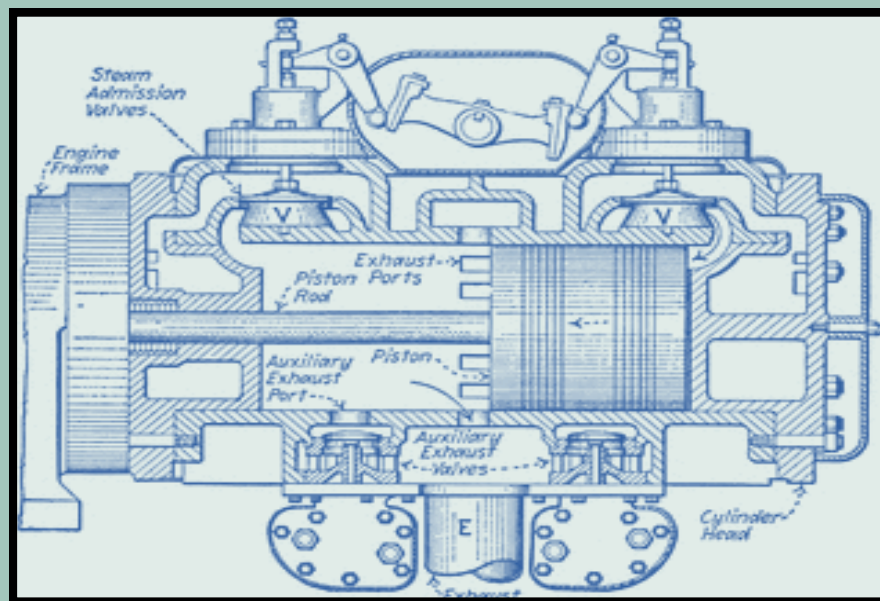
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Small Engines Workshop

Interested in small engines? Want to learn the basics? Kids in 3rd-12th grade are welcome to attend this workshop. Including those not currently involved in the 4-H program! The workshop is held at the Purdue Extension Office, 783 S Marr Rd. This workshop is free for current 4-H members, and \$20 for those not currently enrolled in 4-H. Attendees are expected to attend all 4 workshops. Space is limited.

Registration ends April 1, 2020.



April 6, 13, 20 & 27

5:00 - 6:30 PM

If interested, please contact the Extension Office and register for the workshop.

Contact us via e-mail or telephone: allena12@purdue.edu / 812-379-1665

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It's "Sew" Exciting! Sewing Camp

3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th

graders are invited to attend!

Cost is \$7 for current 4-H members & \$20 for those not currently enrolled in 4-H.

Plus the purchase of your fabric, pins, and thread. All other materials supplied.

Register by March 3rd.

Call 812-379-1665 to reserve your spot today!

Adults are welcome to stay & assist.

March 10, 11, 12

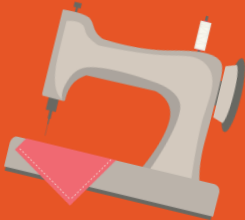
3:30 - 5:30 PM

East High School

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4H Project Open House

March 17 & 19th
10-3 pm

Need help with record book upkeep?
General 4-H questions or looking for
something to do over Spring Break?
Maybe you want to get a jump start on
planning for this year's fair?
This Open House is for you!



This open house is free for current 4-H members and open to kids grades 3-12. Beth Smith, 4-H Enrichment Program Assistant, will be available from 10-3 to help you with any questions, or lend a hand brainstorming project ideas at the Purdue Extension Office, 783 S. Marr Rd.

Students under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Questions or comments?
Contact us via e-mail or telephone:
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Trash to Treasure

A Home Environment Rehabilitation Workshop

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Interested in Home Environment projects? Looking for something to do over Spring Break? Or maybe you want to get a jump start on finalizing a piece for this year's fair?

Then this workshop is for you!

March 18th

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Lunch Included

Kids in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend this workshop held at the Purdue Extension Office, 783 S. Marr Road. This workshop is free for current 4-H members, \$20 for those not currently enrolled. Lunch is provided for this workshop. You will need to provide a piece of furniture to refurbish as well as the paint or stain for the item. More details to come.

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If interested, please contact the Extension Office and register for the workshop by March 13th.
Space is limited.

Contact us via e-mail or telephone: btutkosm@purdue.edu / 812-379-1665

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NEW 4-H FAMILY ORIENTATION



4-H Youth Development Extension Educator, Elisabeth Smith, will share experiences in 4-H, offer tips for how to succeed as a 4-H family, help you understand the 4-H rules and paperwork, and answer your questions about 4-H. This orientation is best for new 4-H families with kids in grades 3rd-12th grade.

The information shared will be the same at both meeting. Choose the one that works the best for your schedule.

**Wednesday, February 26th &
Monday, April 27th**

6:30 PM

**783 S MARR RD
COLUMBUS, IN 47201**

Questions? Call Purdue Extension—Bartholomew County
at 812-379-1665, or e-mail smit1664@purdue.edu.

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Dan Burbrink Memorial Scholarship Pork Burger Dinner

March 27, 2020

Bartholomew Co. Fairgrounds, Community Building

5:30pm- 8:00pm

Free Will Donation

Join us for an evening of food and fellowship to raise money for the Dan Burbrink Memorial Scholarship that is available to Bartholomew County seniors who are involved in 4-H or FFA.

The dinner is a free will donation to support the scholarship fund.

On the Menu are pork burgers, hotdogs, cowboy beans, cheesy potatoes, chips, coleslaw and desserts.

There will be a bounce house for the young children and a silent auction supporting the Bartholomew Co. Junior Leaders 4-H Club.



Southeastern Indiana's Got Talent

Area 1 4-H Performing Arts Contest

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

2319 N CR 850 W, HOLTON, IN 47023

MAY 1, 2020

6 TO 8 PM



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Area 1
4-H Rabbit Workshop



4-H Youth Grades 3-12

Saturday, March 14, 2020 / 10:00AM - 1:00PM

Ripley County Fairgrounds

525 W. Beech St, Osgood IN 47037

Bring your rabbit and join the fun to learn about 4-H Rabbit Ambassador, breed ID, general rabbit knowledge and more!

Snacks, drinks and rabbit pizza will be provided.

You are welcome to bring your own food.

Registration is required by calling Purdue Extension Jennings County at 812-352-3033 by March 9th. If you need reasonable accommodations to attend this program, please contact Melessa Wiesehan at mwieseha@purdue.edu by March 2nd.

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February 2020

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2	3	4	5	6 YQCA, Ext. Office 6:30 PM	7	8
9	10 Happy Faces, Burnsville Church, 6:30 PM; SRC, Sudan Farms 7:00 PM	11 Bunny Bunch, Community Building, 6:00 PM	12 Clover Kids, Hope Moravian, 7:00 PM	13 Circle C, Family Arts, 6:30 PM	14	15 Beef ID Day, 9-10:30 AM, Livestock Barn: Poultry Workshop; 9:00 AM, Fairgrounds; Happy H'ers, Columbus Reformed Presbyterian, 3:00 PM
16	17 Jr. Leaders, Ext. Office, 7:00 PM; Whitecreek Needlers, 6:30 PM, Whitecreek School	18	19	20 Sandcreek Starz, Shoafs, 6:00 PM; Happy Go Luckies, Oliverio's, 7:00 PM	21 Totally Awesome, Armstrong's, 4:30 PM	22
23	24 Beginner Livestock, EXt. Office 6:30 PM	25 YQCA, Ext. Office 6:30 PM	26 New 4-H Family Orientation, Ext. Office, 6:30 PM	27 Feathered Friends, Community Bldg. 6:30 PM	28 Barth. 4-H, Deppe, Schwartzkopf, Dan Burbrink Scholarships due	29

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Circle C Tack Auction	2 SRC, Burnsville Church, 7:00 PM; Whitecreek Needlers, 6:30 PM, Whitecreek	3 Kiddin' Around, Family Arts, 7:00 PM	4	5	6	7
8	9 Happy Faces, Burnsville Church, 6:30 PM	10 Bunny Bunch, Community Bldg. 6:00 PM; Sewing Camp, East HS 3:30-5:30 PM	11 Clover Kids, Hope Moravian, 7:00 PM; Sewing Camp, East HS 3:30-5:30 PM	12 YQCA, Ext. Office 6:30 PM; Sewing Camp, East HS 3:30-5:30 PM	13	14 Area I Rabbit Workshop
15	16	17 4-H Open House, Ext. Office, 10-3 PM	18 Trash to Treasure, Ext. Office, 10 AM	19 4-H Open House, Ext. Office, 10-3 PM	20	21 Happy H'ers, Columbus Reformed Presbyterian, 3:00 PM
22	23 Jr. Leaders, Ext. Office, 7:00 PM	24	25 4-H Volunteer Meeting, 7 PM, Ext. Office	26 Feathered Friends, Community Bldg. 6:30 PM	27 Totally Awesome, Armstrong's, 4:30 PM; Dan Burbrink Pork Burger Dinner & Silent Auction 5:30 PM	28 Bill Rogers Classic
29	30	31				

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Steer enrollment deadline in 4hOnline	2	3	4
5	6 Small Engines Workshop, Ext. Office, 5-6:30PM	7 Kiddin' Around, Family Arts, 7:00 PM	8 Starter Calf ID Day, 6:00-7:30 PM; Clover Kids, Hope Moravian, 7:00 PM	9 Beginner Livestock, Ext. Office 6:30 PM; Circle C, Family Arts, 6:30 PM	10	11
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26	27 New 4-H Family Orientation, Ext. Office, 6:30 PM; Small Engines Workshop, Ext. Office, 5-6:30PM	28	29	30 YQCA, Ext. Office 6:30 PM; Conservation Council Scholarship Due		

May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Farm Bureau Scholarship Due	2 Area I Performing Arts Contest
3	4	5 Kiddin' Around, Family Arts, 7:00 PM	6 Sheep ID Day, Little Hands, 6-7:30 PM	7 Goat ID Day, Little Hands, 6-7:30PM	8	9
10	11 Happy Faces, Burnsville Church, 6:30 PM; SRC, Sandcreek Cons. Club 7:00 PM; Whitecreek Needlers, 6:30 PM, Whitecreek School	12 YQCA, Ext. Office 6:30 PM; Bunny Bunch, Community Building, 6:00 PM	13 Clover Kids, Hope Moravian, 7:00 PM	14 Circle C, Family Arts, 6:30 PM	15 Totally Awesome, Armstrong's, 4:30 PM; Project add/drop date; Animal enrollment deadline for 4hOnline	16 Happy H'ers, Columbus Reformed Presbyterian, 3:00 PM
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31	June 1 Service & Leadership Scholarship Due	2	3	4	5 Poultry & Rabbit Enrollment Deadline—Due to Ext. Office by 4:30 PM	6