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Thoughts from your educator

“Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it” –Ferris Bueller

I remember as a child thinking that time moved so slow...it seemed like the time from one year’s Fair to the next year’s Fair took forever! I do not know the point at which that changed, but it seems the older I become the faster life moves. While visiting with one of our past 4-H members recently, she said “I wish I could just go back to a month before my high school graduation and relive that summer over and over again.” For her, those 10 years of 4-H have passed, and she would love to go back and experience the memories she has once again. I encourage each of you, whether you are a 4-H member, volunteer, or parent, to be sure to stop and look around once in a while.

As Purdue Extension—Bartholomew County reflects on our 2016-2017 program year, we would like to invite each of you to attend our Extension Showcase. A new spin on our Extension Board annual meeting, the Extension Showcase will be an open house style event for individuals to learn more about all that Purdue Extension does in Bartholomew County. Refreshments will be served and the Outstanding Service to Extension Award will be presented at 6:00 p.m. Date, time and location are included on the enclosed flier. We hope you can join us!

Elisabeth
Elisabeth



4-H ENROLLMENT BEGAN OCTOBER 1ST!

Visit the 4-H online website to begin your enrollment today!

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



Quick Reference for Re-Enrolling Youth Members

Full instructions were mailed to each family in September.

1. Go to the Indiana 4-H online page located at <https://in.4honline.com> using Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Please note that other browsers — including those on mobile devices — are not recommended and may cause the system to lock up.
2. Log in using your family user ID (email) and password. **If you have forgotten your password, you can reset it yourself by selecting the 'I forgot my password' option and entering your family email. Please DO NOT create a new profile if you know you have an existing one.**
3. Once logged in, click the orange, '*Continue to Family*' button. From this new screen, select the member you want to re-enroll and select '*edit*'. Scroll to the bottom of the page and select '*Enroll for 2017-2018.*'
4. Review and make any adjustments/changes to the following items. You will also find pages to review, as well as electronically sign the Youth Behavioral Expectation forms. Please read each of these carefully.
 - Personal Information (including CONTACT INFORMATION)**
 - Club Enrollment (Only *select* clubs that member will participate in this year)**
 - Project Enrollment (Only *select* projects that member will complete this year & delete those projects not taking from last year)**
5. An individual invoice is created for each member. Enrollment is not complete until the enrollment is submitted, payment is received, AND approved by the county Extension Office. Click continue to review the invoice and select a payment option. Payment can be made via debit/credit card (*online*) or a check (*brought or mailed to the Extension Office*)
6. You will receive a separate email when your enrollment is approved by the county office. Please watch these emails closely for additional information following your enrollment process.

Please contact the Bartholomew County Extension Office with questions.

812-379-1665

Contact the Extension Office if you do not have access to a computer or need additional assistance.

- Remember to check payment information each year for updates in expiration or CVV if using a previously stored debit/credit card.
- Volunteers— please remember to add in any committees you may be involved in to your online profile. i.e. 4-H Council, Extension Board, Livestock Committee



Come check out our new location at 783 S Marr Rd. Be sure to update our address in your records!

Adventure Days are back!

Youth ages 3 through 2nd grade are encouraged to join us for crafts and activities. Adventure Days are held the 1st Saturday of each month from 9:00 — 11:00 AM in the Community Room* at the Extension Office. Set up in an open house setting, we ask that an adult be present with the child.

Upcoming Adventure Days will be held:

December 2nd

January 6th

February 3rd

March 3rd

Hope to see you there!

* The Community Room is behind the main building. You should park in the south/southeast side lots.

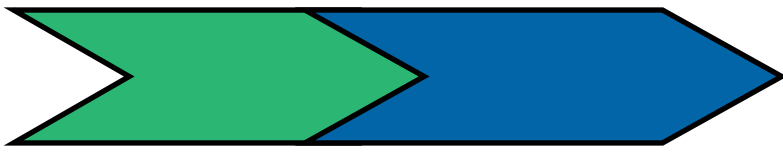
Input on 4-H program sought!

As we continue to “Make the Best Better” We welcome all involved in the 4-H program to provide feedback and suggestions on the 2016-2017 4-H program. Please consider completing the anonymous survey at <https://goo.gl/KtBhaU> by Thursday, November 30th. We appreciate the information you provide as we strive to make the Bartholomew County 4-H program the best in Indiana!



Join in the Ag-Stravaganza!

Cassandra Claycamp is hosting Ag-Stravaganza, which is essentially an agricultural fair or showcase, this year for her senior project. Various businesses from different parts of the Agriculture industry, agriculture based clubs, and schools that offer an Ag major will set up booths and talk to attendees about what they do and answer any questions they have. The goal of this event is to inform people of the opportunities in agriculture and help them explore their options. Door prizes will also be given out to a few lucky attendees, and refreshments and snacks will be available for everyone! Columbus FFA will be working this event and will be raising money to go towards their CDE competitions and to fund their projects in years to come. This event will be held on November 16th from 6-8 PM in the Community Building at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds. This would be a fun event for the whole family, so come out and support local agriculture!



Congratulations to the following Junior Leaders who were elected by their peers to serve as officers for the coming year.



President	<i>Hannah Garrity</i>
VP of Community Service	<i>Caige Comstock</i>
VP of Membership	<i>Cassie Claycamp</i>
VP of Fundraising	<i>Rebecca Walker</i>
Secretary	<i>Libby Wischmeier</i>
Treasurer	<i>Bailey Martin</i>
Parliamentarian	<i>Elijah Dement</i>
Reporter/Social Media	<i>Tara James</i>

 The Junior Leader Officer Team meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Extension Office, unless otherwise announced.

Junior Leader meetings are generally held the **3rd Monday** of each month, unless there is a scheduling conflict (holiday, school break, etc.) Below is a list of meeting dates for 2017-2018.

2017

November 20th

December 18th

2018

January 15th

February 19th

March 26th

April 16th

May 21st

Meetings will be held at **7:00 PM** at the Purdue Extension Office, 783 S Marr Rd, unless otherwise noted.



With many of our Junior Leader aged youth using text messaging, while others prefer to receive their information via email, we have started a **'Remind Group'**. This app will allow me to send information that will reach individuals in the best method for them (either email or text). To sign up for our Junior Leader Remind Group, please visit:

https://www.remind.com/join/4fb67gd?utm_medium=ios

This service you will ensure that you receive updated information in a timely manner!



Pictured above: Small Engines Spark Club

Spark clubs WANTED!

Know an adult with a special hobby or interest that they'd be interested in sharing with youth? Send them our way! Have a few kids with an interest they'd like to explore? Let's find an adult to work with them! Any topic could work... whether a "normal" 4-H project area or not! How about investing? Or running? Or writing? Or disc golf? Or ANYTHING! SPARK clubs can happen ANY TIME OF THE YEAR.

4-H Council Positions

Are you a parent who is interested in becoming more involved in the 4-H program? The 4-H Council is the policy making group of individuals who work to make the 4-H program the best it can be for our youth. The council is comprised of six 4-H volunteers, five at-large positions, one member of Fair Board, one member of a related organization, and four Junior Leader representatives. Members are elected to a 3-year term and are limited to serving two consecutive terms. Anyone interested in serving on 4-H Council should submit a brief narrative of their involvement with the 4-H program and why they would like to serve on the 4-H Council. These should be submitted to Elisabeth at smit1664@purdue.edu by Friday, December 1st.

ATTENTION! 10 Graders through College Freshmen

We will be offering two Scholarship Nights for any 4-H member (current or past) and their family that is interested in learning more about these scholarships. The Scholarship Nights will be Tuesday, November 21st and Wednesday, December 13th. The meetings will be held in the meeting room in the Purdue Extension—Bartholomew County Office and begin at 6:30 p.m. The information presented will be the same both evenings, and seating will be limited. Please RSVP to our office to ensure that there is adequate space! Information about the scholarships available will be presented, as well as an opportunity for questions. Additionally, if you would like to meet with Elisabeth individually to talk about these scholarship opportunities or for her to review your application, please contact the Extension Office at 812-379-1665 or send an email to smit1664@purdue.edu to set up a time.



Important Identification Deadlines for Animals

April 2nd

Beef Steers

May 15th

Heifers & Starter calves, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, & Swine

June 8th

Poultry & Rabbits

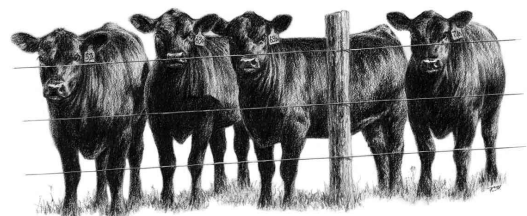
Project updates for 2017-2018

The state has updated some of the projects for the year. With these updates, some **project's** material may have been adjusted, or the project itself may have been edited. We are sorry to announce that *Personality* will no longer be offered as a project.

New this year are cake decorating manuals for each level!

NEW IN 2018!!!

All beef cattle exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair are now required to submit a DNA hair sample. Envelopes for each **animal's** hair sample may be picked up from the Extension Office. All hair samples must be turned in by the enrollment deadline for that animal (April 2nd for market steers, May 15th for commercial heifers, registered heifers, and dairy feeder steers). A how-to-video and instructions will be available in the coming months.





ATTENTION ALL 4-H FAMILIES!

(New and even those experienced 4-H parents)



Your child has signed up to be a 4-H member this year.

Now what do you do?

Are you feeling confused? Frustrated? Maybe a little bit overwhelmed? Are you unsure of what is expected of you or your child in 4-H this year?

If you answered "YES!" to any of these questions and would like some help with 4-H, you are invited to attend a 4-H Family 101 session, an orientation to all things 4-H!

4-H Family 101

Tuesday, January 16th

Thursday, March 8th

Wednesday, May 9th

6:30 p.m.

Purdue Extension—Bartholomew County

783 S Marr Road

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.

The information shared will be the same at all three meetings...so choose the one that works the best for your schedule.



So, even if you think you have the 4-H system all figured out, join in on the fun anyway. You never know, you just might learn something new!

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

2017 EXTENSION

SHOWCASE

Join Us

November 30, 2017

4:30 - 6:30 PM

Bartholomew County

4-H Fairgrounds

Community Building

PURDUE
EXTENSION

LOCAL FACES
COUNTLESS CONNECTIONS

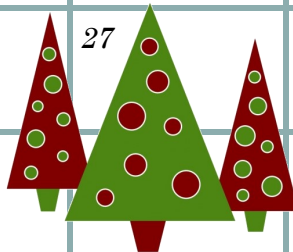
November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Adventure Day 9-11 AM, Ext Office
5	6 Jr. Leader Officer Meeting, EXT Office 5:30-7 PM	7	8	9	10 Veterans Day County Holiday, Office Closed	11
12	13	14	15	16 Ag-Stravaganza, 6 PM Comm Bldg	17	18
19	20 Jr. Leader Meeting, Ext Office 7 PM	21 Scholarship Night, Ext Office 6:30 PM	22	23 Thanksgiving- County Holiday, Office Closed	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Ext. Showcase, Comm Bldg. 4:30— 6:30 PM		



December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Adventure Day 9-11 AM; Ext Office
3	4 Jr. Leader Of- ficer Meeting 6 PM, Ext Office	5	6	7 Volunteers Meeting, 7 PM, Ext. Office	8	9
10	11	12	13 Scholarship Night, 6:30 PM, Ext Office	14	15	16
17	18 Jr. Leader meeting, 7 PM, Ext Office	19	20	21	22 County Holiday. Office Closed	23
24	25 Purdue & County Holiday Office Closed	26	27	28	29 County Holiday, Office Closed	30
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January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Purdue & County Holiday, Office Closed</i>	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Adventure Day, 9-11 AM, Ext Office</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <i>Jr. Leader Meeting, 7 PM, Ext Office; 4-H Enrollment Deadline</i>	16 <i>New Family 4-H Orientation, 6:30 PM, Ext Office</i>	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>Adventure Day, 9-11 AM, Ext Office</i>
4	5 <i>Jr. Leader Officers Meeting, 6 PM Ext Office</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 <i>Jr. Leader Meeting, 7 PM, Ext Office</i>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			