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4-H Newsletter



October—November 2020

Dear Fulton County 4-H Family,

This year has presented us with many opportunities to grow as individuals. I am so proud of your determination and resilience. We had an amazing show and go fair even when others said it was impossible. I can't thank you enough for helping make that showcase happen! As we continue to grow, we hope you will join us as we offer some virtual meetings and learning opportunities to help reach more families in addition to our regular in person activities.

4-H Enrollment is now open! See the information below on how to enroll for this coming year. Please note the web address has changed. **This year we are asking all youth who do not regularly attend club meetings to enroll in the Cat's Meow 4-H club.** This will allow our office to pull books for you when you stop in the office instead of sending them out to a club leader.



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2021 4-H Enrollment—See last 2 pages for clubs & projects

- WHEN:** According to Indiana State 4-H guidelines, all 4-H and Mini 4-H members need to enroll between **Now and January 15, 2021.** **DO NOT create a new record if you already have one from last year.** The online enrollment site is located at: **<https://v2.4Honline.com>**.
- COST:** At the time of enrollment, a member has **7 days** to make their payment. You may pay the **\$15 State Program Fee** online, come to the Fulton County office, or send us a check by mail **to pay and complete your enrollment.** **In order to be enrolled, Purdue needs to have your payment as well.** **Mini 4-H members do not pay a fee.** Family discounts will be given to families with more than 3 youth in the regular 4-H program. Please contact the office to receive this discount.
- HOW:** Enrollment can easily be done with an iPhone or tablet as well as a computer. **Instructions are on the login page of 4-Honline.** The **\$15 State Program Fee** must accompany any paper forms when submitted to the office. **Your enrollment is not complete until you make payment.** Checks should be made payable to **Purdue CES-Fulton County.**

If you have forgotten the email account that you used to enroll with last year, please call the office and we can give you that information. If you have forgotten your password, we can help you reset it.

If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at **574-223-3397.** Our office hours are from **8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.,** Monday through Friday. Don't let the hustle and bustle of school and the holidays distract you from enrolling. **The projects are listed on page 5 of this newsletter.**

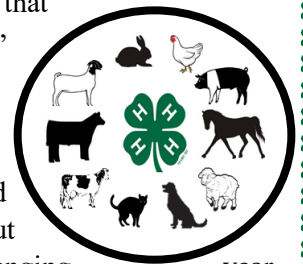
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2021 Fair Dates

 **Fulton County Fair—July 10-17** 
Indiana State Fair—August 6-22



A big **Thank You** goes out to all of the people that contributed to the “Special Livestock Non-Auction” this year. Glen Jones and Whitley Moser are Co-Chairmen of the Livestock Auction committee.



They wanted to provide some reward for those 4-H members who showed animals that would normally have qualified to be a part of the auction. The fund drive, that was designed to replace the annual 4-H Livestock Auction, turned out to be a great success. The results put over \$30,000 into the hands of approximately 103 4-H livestock exhibitors. At such a challenging year for 4-H and other situations in general, the generosity of so many individuals and organizations was greatly appreciated by the 4-Hers.



Not only did the livestock 4-H members fair well, the non-walking 4-H members were given ribbon, trophies, banners, etc. that cost money. Many people’s generous support of those programs enabled the purchase of those items.



Calling all Kindergarteners through 2nd Graders

- ◆ Mini 4-H is open to all children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Many of you know about this Mini 4-H program because of older brothers and sisters. Be sure to tell your friends about Mini 4-H so they can join in the fun.
- ◆ It’s a fun way to learn about regular 4-H. You can find a list of projects on the last page of this newsletter.
- ◆ There is **NO COST** to join Mini 4-H.

Calling all 6th through 12 Graders!



- ◆ Junior Leaders is open to all 6-12 graders enrolled in the Fulton County 4-H program.
- ◆ 6th graders will enroll in the Junior Leaders Civics project—(for 6th graders only)
- ◆ 7th-12th Graders will enroll in the regular Junior Leaders project.
- ◆ We usually meet in the Community Building once a month—watch for reminder cards and Facebook.
- ◆ Some of the activities we do include: Fair cleanup, Christmas shopping for less privileged families, preparing valentines for the nursing homes, and setting up for the Easter Egg Hunt for children. We try to do several activities for the younger 4-H members and community children plus activities in the community.

To join our remind group and receive text messages about our club text @86g6ea to 81010

Congratulations State Fair Exhibitors!

As you know, the 2020 State Fair was different and challenging to say the least. It's so nice to say that you 4-H members took the challenge and disappointment of not being able to have a "normal" in person fair and still did a wonderful job! **Those of you that were chosen to exhibit at the 2020 Indiana State Fair—and there were 65 of you— should be very proud of your accomplishments.** You did a terrific job and represented Fulton County very well. **For the Non-Walking Exhibits we had 1 Reserve Champion, 11 Orange (Special Merit), 45 Blue Ribbons, 8 Red Ribbons, Congratulations!**



Congratulations to Sam Smith for his Reserve Champion in Lawn & Garden Operating Skills!

Congratulations to the following people for receiving a Special Merit Orange ribbon for Exceptional Blue Ribbon Projects:

Sydney Bauman..... Division 3, Electric
Ben Border..... Grade 9-12, Color Salon Print
Mitchell Clark..... Grade 3-5, Dog Poster
Lucas Coon..... Grade 4, Sewing Construction, Wearable
Madisyn Douglass Grade 3-5, Rabbit Poster
Jadyn Field..... Grade 5, Foods, Baked Cake
Ashley Haselby..... Grade 9-12, Photography, Creative-Experimental Digital Salon Print
Aaron Johnson..... Grade 3-5, Shooting Sports Level 1
Katie Schouten..... Grade 7-9, Foods, Baked Yeast Bread Sticks or Yeast Rolls
Jessica Taylor Grade 6-8 Poultry Poster Level 2
Emily Vigar Grade 7-9 Floriculture Terrarium Level C



Be a  Volunteer!

If you plan on helping with any 4-H event, project, or club this coming year, there are a few forms that need to be completed. Here is a check list to help you make sure you have turned in all of the necessary paperwork. You may come in to the office for help or enroll online:

- ◆ **CURRENT VOLUNTEERS** must complete the **ABE** (Adult Behavior Expectation form) online. If you prefer, you may fill out a paper copy or we can help you fill it out online. **THIS IS REQUIRED EACH YEAR.** If you registered for the 2019-2020 fair year, it **must be done again for the 2020-2021 fair year.** Use this website: **<https://v2.4Honline.com>.** Be sure to use Google Chrome, Firefox, or Safari and **NOT** Internet Explorer.

- ◆ **ALL VOLUNTEERS** are required to complete a “**Youth Safety and Reporting Child Abuse**” training certification. This certification will be good for **24 months, after which time you will need to retake the training (quiz).** You may request a paper copy or it can be done online. Follow the directions that should be available when you register at:

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

Please make sure we have your correct phone number, email address, and mailing address. Some are no longer in service and we have no way of contacting you.

*If you know of a **NEW VOLUNTEER**, please contact the office, 574-223-3397, as soon as possible so that we can give them the needed information and have them complete the necessary forms. **New Volunteers New volunteers will need to be enrolled by November 15** to serve as a club leader or be on a livestock committee. However, we will be accepting general volunteers year round. **WE WELCOME AND NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!!!***

Fulton County College Savings Incentives



PROMISE FULTON COUNTY and the **4-H COUNCIL** has established this program to provide financial incentives for project completion and involvement. **The chart below explains the incentives.**

Completion Incentive. These are based upon the **4-H program year of October 1-August 15.** The completion incentive will be **distributed into the 529 account by November 30, following the most recently completed 4-H year.** These awards are not cumulative. A member may qualify for a single level, based upon their level of involvement. **Point sheets must be turned in by the September 1 deadline in order to be eligible for Promise dollars.** *(Since this year, 2020, was so very different, the only requirement for the Bronze level was to complete all projects. Meeting requirements were waived.)*

Grade	Requirements	\$
3-6	BRONZE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-H member must attend 2 club meetings through 4-H program year Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th 	\$15
3-6	SILVER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-H member must attend 2 club meetings through 4-H program year Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th Volunteer during Fairgrounds Cleanup 	\$25
3-6	GOLD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-H member must attend 2 club meetings through 4-H program year Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th Volunteer during Fairgrounds Cleanup Attend a county, area, or state level camp or workshop 	\$40
7-12	BRONZE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-H member must attend 2 club meetings through 4-H program year Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th 	\$20
7-12	SILVER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-H member must attend 2 club meetings through 4-H program year Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th Volunteer during Fairgrounds Cleanup 	\$40
7-12	GOLD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-H member must attend 2 club meetings through 4-H program year Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th Volunteer during Fairgrounds Cleanup Attend a county, area, or state level camp or workshop 	\$50

Open each 4-H member a 529 College Savings Account. Once it's opened you can add to it at any time and this will be added by November 1. Open the account at:

www.collegechoicedirect.com/home/ymca/promise.html

If you already have a 529 College Savings Account, contact Betty Martens. It can be connected to the 4-H program and earn even more money. Every little bit helps!

Have questions or need assistance? Contact:

Betty Martens at 574-835-9484 or betty.m.promisefultoncounty@gmail.com.

2020-2021 4-H Club Information

Club	Leaders	Phone No.
Aubbee Gamblers	Emily Schouten Erica Rude	574-542-2853 765-480-0689
Burton Busy Bees	Shari Miller Sidney Baker	574-835-1687 574-653-1129
Cat's Meow	Amber Barks	SIGN UP FOR THIS CLUB ONLY IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO AT- TEND ANY MEETINGS.
Fulton County Bullseyes	Steve Whistler	574-223-5019
Fulton County Horse & Pony	Julie Moore Leslie Crissinger	574-505-0042 574-835-0255
Henry Hardy Farmers	Stacey Harsh Kim Backus	574-780-0534 574-505-0056
Junior Leaders—for 6th through 12th Graders only—To join our remind group and receive text messages about our club text @86g6ea to 81010	Jeannie Rock RaeAnn Reichard Beth Cohagan	574-817-0756 574-201-9614 574-223-3515
Liberty Leaders	Julie Scales Barry Scales	574-292-3929 574-292-6910
Model Railroading	Allison Earp	574-542-2722
Newcastle Nifties	Letitia Geller	574-835-0945
Reiter Busy Workers	Julie Shriver Troy Shriver Carrie Craig	574-835-1056 574-835-9479 574-653-2379
Rochester Ag 4-H Club—for Rochester High School Ag Students only	Justin Pearson	574-835-4223
Wayne Trophy Finders & Wide Awake	Tammy Vigar Sandy Brubaker	574-224-2395 574-653-2395
Woodrow Peppers/Sodbusters	Lee Ann Eizinger	574-223-8137

LEADERS

Please send your meeting dates and times to chris101@purdue.edu as soon as possible. Remember, clubs must hold a minimum of 6 scheduled meetings between October 1 and June 30 each year so the members are able to earn points for the 2020-2021 fair.



Animal or Barn	Superintendent	Phone Numbers
Beef & Feeder Calf	Ron Clauson	574-835-1248
Dairy	Rick Rock	260-653-1074
Dog	Penny Conover LeeAnn Pollock	574-835-4138 765-427-3623
Cat	Amanda DeSonia	574-780-2233
Goat	Kandace Evers	574-329-1844
Horse & Pony	Julie Moore Leslie Crissinger	574-505-0042 574-835-0255
Poultry	Amanda Edmundson	574-835-6491
Rabbit	Beth Cohagan RaeAnn Reichard	574-223-3515 574-201-9614
Sheep	Lori Stiffler Jenny Stiffler	574-505-0309 574-371-5697
Swine	Jenn Lukens	574-855-6351

\$15 Enrollment Fee for Each 4-H Member

4-H Projects for 3rd-12th Graders

For non-walking projects, you are to exhibit in the division of your current grade. For Animal, Crops and Garden projects, mark the number of years you have taken the project (including this year).

Non-Walking 4-H Projects:

- Achievement Record Books
- Aerospace
- Aquatic Science
- Books (Collections & Hobbies)
- Bottle Rockets (Aerospace)
- Cake Decorating
- Cat Poster
- Child Development
- Collections & Hobbies
- Construction Models—Legos (Arts & Crafts)
- Consumer Clothing
- Crops: Corn, Hay, Silage, Soybeans, Wheat
- Cupcake Decorating (Cake Decorating)
- Do Your Own Thing (Collections & Hobbies)
- Dog Poster
- Electric
- Entomology
- Farm and Construction Toy Scene (Arts & Crafts)
- Fashion Revue
- Fine Arts (Arts & Crafts)
- Floriculture
- Foods—Baked
- Foods—Preserved
- Foods—Fun with Food Mixes
- Forestry
- Garden
- Genealogy
- Geology
- Gift Wrapping (Arts & Crafts)
- Health and Well-being
- Holiday Decorations (Arts & Crafts)
- Home Environment
- Horseman Without Horses
- Junior Leaders (for 6th graders only)
- Junior Leaders (for 7-12 graders)
- Lawn & Garden Tractor Safety & Operator's Skills
- Micro Mini Tractor Pulling (STEM)
- Model Railroad (Arts & Crafts)

- Models (Arts & Crafts)
- Needlecrafts (Arts & Crafts)
- Other Crafts (Arts & Crafts)
- Our American Heritage
- Photography
- Poultry Science Poster
- Rabbit Poster
- Recycling
- Scarecrow (Arts & Crafts)
- Scrapbook (Collections & Hobbies)
- Sewing (Wearable & Non-Wearable)
- Shooting Sports
- Small Engine
- Soil and Water Science
- Sportfishing
- Sports (Collections & Hobbies)
- Tractor Poster
- Tractor Safety & Operator's Skills
- Travelogue (Collections & Hobbies)
- Veterinary Science Poster
- Weather and Climate Science
- Wildlife
- Woodworking
- Zero Turn Mower Safety & Operator's Skills

Animals:

- Beef
- Cat
- Dairy
- Dog
- Feeder Calf
- Goats—Dairy, Meat, or Pygmy
- Horse and Pony
- Horse and Pony: Trail Ride
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Swine

No Enrollment Fee for Mini 4-H Members

Mini 4-H Projects for Kindergarten—2nd Graders

Mini 4-H is designed as a preparation activity for the 4-H program. Mini 4-H members are not required to attend meetings. There are no dues or cost for manuals (except Electric). Members work with an adult to prepare their projects for exhibit at the Fulton County 4-H Fair. Mini 4-H projects:

- Mini 4-H Arts and Crafts
- Mini 4-H Beef
- Mini 4-H Cat
- Mini 4-H Collections
- Mini 4-H Dairy Calf
- Mini 4-H Do Your Own Thing
- Mini 4-H Electric



- Mini 4-H Farm Animals
- Mini 4-H Farm Toy Scene
- Mini 4-H Foods
- Mini 4-H Goats
- Mini 4-H Horse & Pony
- Mini 4-H Micro Mini Tractor Pull
- Mini 4-H Model Kits
- Mini 4-H Photography



- Mini 4-H Plants
- Mini 4-H Poultry
- Mini 4-H Rabbit
- Mini 4-H Scarecrow
- Mini 4-H Sheep
- Mini 4-H Swine
- Mini 4-H Wildlife