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# 2021 SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Each Tuesday beginning in January, we will highlight a 2021 Senior on social media. Here are our Senior Spotlight's for January!



## 4-H SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Blake Roose Parents: Jeff & Jodie Roose Club: Milford Helping Hands Years in 4-H: 10 High School: Wawasee High School Favorite Project/Events/Activities: Swine, Swine Show day, fair week and free rides for 4-Hers.

Most memorable experience in 4-H: Winning Champion Hamp Gilt my first year.

What has 4-H taught you? How to work with animals, responsibility and how to make new friends. Plans after High School: Attend college to study Criminal Justice.

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Good Luck!

## 4-H SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Baylee Duncan Parents: Linda and Chuck Duncan Club: Silver Lake Rambling Farmers Years in 4-H: 10 High School: Warsaw High School

**Favorite Project/Events/Activities:** Being a part of 4-H in general has been a favorite part. My favorite project I have done is rabbits. **Most memorable experience in 4-H:** The most memorable experience I have is being a part of Junior Leaders and getting involved with adopting a family for Christmas. It was always fun to go shopping and give to those who don't always get presents during Christmas.

What has 4-H taught you? 4-H has taught me how to become a better leader and work with others. Its taught me to always put in my best effort and never procrastinate! Plans after High School: Attend Purdue University and Major in

**Plans after High School:** Attend Purdue University and Major in Jursing.

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#### 4-H SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

*Each Smith* Parents: Trish and Jim Smith Club: Leesburg Mighty Farmers Years in 4-H: 10

High School: Wawasee High School Favorite Project/Events/Activities: 4-H Camp was always my favorite, whether as a counselor or camper. Most memorable experience in 4-H: When I got Reserve Champion Hereford barrow memora and the second

What has 4-H taught you? To make new friends and help others when they are struggling or need help and support them no matter what.

**Plans after High School:** Attend Trine University. Major in Physical Educaton and Health and to play football



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## 4-H SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Kaige Michael

Parents: Chad and Cindy Michael Club: Sidney Triple S Years in 4-H: 9 High School: Whitko High School Favorite Project/Events/Activities: Photography Most memorable experience in 4-H: Playing Christmas Bingo with residents of Timbercrest.

What has 4-H taught you? Work hard Plans after High School: Grace College. Major Biblical Studies

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# 2021 NATIONAL & IEHA SCHOLARSHIPS

<u>4-H Accomplishment Scholarships</u>: Available to 4-H members in grade 10-12 and the year immediately following high school graduation. Selection is based on the member's life skill development resulting from their 4-H participation. Awards range from \$1,000.00-\$2,000.00. Categories include Animal Science; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; Plant and Environmental Science; Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

**<u>4-H Club Scholarship</u>**: Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University, as a freshman or transfer student, majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors, listed on the application, in the College of Health and Human Sciences. Selection is based on the member's overall 4-H achievement and financial need as determined by Purdue's Division of Financial Aid.

In order to apply applications must have their FAFSA on file by March 1st. (Reminder: The scholarship is due January 25th). In order to access the Federal Student Aid website an FSA ID (username and password) will need to be created. Students and parents must make their own FSA IDs. For more information about the FSA ID, tips and resources to help with creating an FSA ID, and a link to create an FSA ID, please visit <u>StudentAid.gov/fsaid</u>.

**<u>4-H Senior Year Scholarship</u>**: Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school. Selection is based on the member's overall 4-H achievement. Awards range from \$250.00-\$1,000.00.

Laurenz Greene Memorial Excellence in 4-H Horticulture Scholarship: Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture pursuing an undergraduate degree in Horticulture, Turf Management and Science, Sustainable Food and Farming Systems or Landscape Architecture. Applicants must have studied at least four years horticulture and/or plant science related subject matter/project through Indiana 4-H Youth Development. Selection is based on the member's overall 4-H achievement.

Go to https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/scholarships.aspx for scholarship applications and more information. Applications also available in the Extension Office. <u>Applications are due by January 25, 2021</u>.

**IEHA (Indiana Extension Homemakers Association) Scholarship**: There are 16 scholarship opportunities available through the Kosciusko County Homemakers Association and the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association.

The Kosciusko County Homemakers Association: 2 (two) \$400 scholarships to residents of Kosciusko County. Applications are due March 15, 2021

<u>Career Advancement Scholarship (IEHA)</u>: 8 (eight) \$500 scholarships. One scholarship is given to an IEHA member, one is given to pursue career in the medical field, and six random scholarships. This is a financial need scholarship. <u>Applications are due March 15, 2021.</u>

<u>Steps to Success</u> <u>Scholarship (IEHA</u>): 5 (five) \$500 scholarships are awarded. Four to applicants admitted to a state accredited college or university and one scholarship to applicants of state accredited vocational and technical program. <u>Applications are due May 1, 2021</u>.

**<u>Ruth B Sayre Scholarship</u>** is from the Country Women's Council and is offering a \$500 scholarship to foster the educational development of women. Applications must be an Indiana Resident. <u>Applications are due</u> <u>March 1, 2021</u>.

IEHA Scholarship Applications can be obtained from the Extension Office or email <u>jinksc@purdue.edu</u>.

# 2021 KOSCIUSKO COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS

2021 Kosciusko County Scholarship applications will be available February 1, 2021 in the Extension Office and will need to be submitted to the Extension Office no later than **April 1, 2021**.

**ANGLIN-BISHOP AWARD**: This award was created in memory of two Jr. Leaders, Mike Bishop and Jeremiah Anglin, who passed away during their 4-H careers. It is meant to recognize a Jr. Leader who exemplifies what it means to be a Jr. Leader, 4-H member and for outstanding achievement, service, leadership, and citizenship in our Jr. Leader program.

**BOB STIFFLER 4-H BEEF SCHOLARSHIP:** The Bob Stiffler 4-H Beef Scholarship was established by the Kosciusko County Cattlemen's Association in honor of Bob's outstanding contribution to the beef industry in the county. The goal of the scholarship is to reward an active Kosciusko County 4-H member in the Beef project for outstanding achievement, service, leadership, and citizenship in our 4-H Beef and Dairy Steer projects by awarding a scholarship for further agricultural study at an accredited college, university, or trade/technical school.

**TOM SMITH AND RUDY ROSS:** Tom Smith was a Kosciusko County farmer and two of his greatest loves were the County Fair and showing sheep. Rudy Ross was a man who was devoted to the sheep industry. Before his death is 1987, he was the oldest Dorset Breeder in the United States.

**GENE MILNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Gene Milner was the first pistol instructor in the Kosciusko County 4-H Shooting Sports Program. The Kosciusko County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee created the scholarship after Gene passed away very unexpectedly. The goal is to reward an active Kosciusko County 4-H member in the Shooting Sports project for outstanding achievement, service, leadership, and citizenship in our 4-H shooting sports project by awarding a scholarship for further agricultural study at an accredited college, university, or trade/technical school.

JAY HAAB MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: The Jay Haab Memorial Scholarship is to reward an active Kosciusko County 4-H member in the Swine project for outstanding achievement, service, leadership, and citizenship in our 4-H Swine project by awarding a scholarship for further agricultural study at an accredited college, university, or trade/technical school.

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP:** The Kosciusko County 4-H Scholarship program is to reward active 4-H members for outstanding achievement, service, leadership, and citizenship in the 4-H by awarding scholarship to them for a further study at an accredited college, university, trade or technical school.

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY 4-H POULTRY COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP:** This scholarship was established to recognize those students who have contributed to the success of the Poultry project at the Kosciusko County 4-H fair.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY 4-H RABBIT COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship was

## Poss-ABILITIES Program



Do you know a child with special needs who is interested in animals but doesn't know much about the 4-H Program? Then the Poss-ABILITIES Program is perfect for them! They can participate in 4-H by working on a general project and/or show any of the following animals; sheep, goats, rabbits, poultry, cattle, llamas and alpacas. The Program is open to youth in grades K-12.

Applications will be available in the Extension Office.

## Volunteer News

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

January 6, 2021—6:30PM Superintendent Meeting via Zoom

January 7, 2021—6:30PM Beef Committee Meeting Extension Office Main Hall

January 7, 2021—7:00PM 4-H Council Meeting Extension Office Auditorium

January 19, 2021—6:30PM DCFS Committee Meeting Extension Office Auditorium

January 19, 2021—6:30PM Goat Committee Meeting Extension Office Main Hall

January 20, 2021—6:30PM Club Leaders Meeting via Zoom

January 21, 2021—6:30PM Beef Workshop Extension Office Auditorium

January 21, 2021—7:00PM Shooting Sports Committee Extension Office Main Hall



We are still looking for a few good people to volunteer their time and talents in the following areas. If you or anyone you know would be interested please contact the Extension Office at 574-372-2340 or email graff8@purdue.edu.

- KCK9 Club Leader
- Dog Committee Superintendent
- General Projects Committee Members

# **ZOOM MEETINGS**

January 6, 6:30PM Superintendents

January 20, 6:30 Club Leaders

## Attention Club Leaders & Superintendents

The following clubs and committees have Audit Books and/or club member's Record of Completion forms to pick up in the Extension Office. Please stop by ASAP to get them!

Auction Committee Beef Committee DCFS Committee Rabbit Committee Shooting Sports Swine Committee Welding Committee Alpaca Club American Neverquitters Claypool Classics Firm Foundations Goat Club Great Outdoors Club Horse & Pony Club Lucky Lassies & Lads

Mini 4-H—You have wooden coins to pick up Jr Leader—You have Jr Leader lanyards to pick up Mentone United Milford Helping Hands Pierceton Hayseeds Sidney Triple S Silver Lake Rambling Farms Syracuse Community Hands

thank you

## Volunteer Involvement



## Mini 4-H

Mini 4-H is a fun way to get to know 4-H general projects and livestock projects. The goal of the Mini 4-H program is to help young children build self-confidence, develop an inquiring mind, set goals & make decisions, relate to other people, and develop a concern for the community. Youth in grades Kindergarten—2nd grade are encouraged to participate. There are 12 animal projects and 9 general projects that the Minis can participate in. Each project may be exhibited at the Kosciusko County Fair and the member will receive a Mini 4-H ribbon. To enroll go to http://v2.4honline.com. There is a \$5 enrollment fee per Mini 4-H member. Be sure to attend the first Mini 4-H meeting to learn more about the Mini 4-H Program.



Thursday, March 18, 2021 – 6:30 to 7:30 PM, Extension Office Livestock & General Project Overviews, One Project Activity \*\*Parents asked to attend important informational meeting\*\*

Save the Date

# YOUTH FOR QUALITY CARE & ANIMALS

The Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Program (YQCA) is an annual national quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character awareness. As of January 2018, it is now required that all youth participating in the exhibition of a livestock project be YQCA certified. This requirement extends to all 92 Indiana County Fairs and to the Indiana State Fair.

Providing education for youth producing and/or exhibiting Swine, Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry, YQCA is available as an online program or an in-person training. Youth may complete the training online (http://yqca.org/) at a cost of \$12 or they can participate in an in-person training for \$3.

Once again, this is a requirement for all youth (except Mini 4-H members) planning to **exhibit** Swine, Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits, or Poultry at the Kosciusko County 4-H Fair. We have the following dates scheduled for in-person training, please note, some dates and times have been changed. Call the Extension Office to receive your coupon code. To register go to: **yqca.learngrow.io** you will use your 4HOnline login and password. All training will take place at the Extension Office. **Sessions will be limited to 50 participants** 

Monday, January 25, 2021, 6pm Thursday, April 5, 2021, 1pm Saturday, February 27, 2021, 10am Thursday, April 8, 2021, 10am Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 6PM

Thursday, May 6, 2021, 5:30pm Thursday, June 10, 2021. 6pm Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 5:30pm

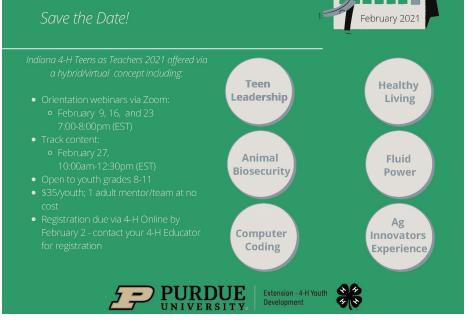
Please keep in mind YQCA has to be completed by June 15th in order to exhibit and sell in the auction.

All students are eligible to receive a coupon to attend an in-person training for FREE! Email us your student(s) name(s) to receive their coupon code! graff8@purdue.edu

## Get Involved

	~	Life Lessons		
<b>Ab</b>	aking Cents t of Adulting Are Credit Cards	IBudgeting Basics Don't be intimidated by taxes, credit or interest! In this session, learn how to make smart investments and financial decisions for your future.IHome Care Keep yourself and your home 		
Money January 19 (6-7 PM ET) How being mindful of your money makes your dreams a reality! Presenter: Darcy from We Want Guac (Blog)	Worth It? - January 26 (5:30-6:30 PM ET) In this session, we'll be exploring if having one is right for you!	3 Conline Safety & Social Media Who can actually see what you post? Is your information really private? Learn about social media, computer hacking, and how to be safe online in this session! Computer hacking and how to be safe online in this session! Computer hacking and how to be Social Media Who can actually see what you post? Is your information really private? Learn about social media, computer hacking, and how to be Social Media Mare you ever wondered how to act in a situation? How to avoid awkwardness or negative outcomes? Join us to learn how to navigate people skills!		
Budgeting 101 - February 25 (4-5 PM ET) What is a budget and what all	Presenters: Lauren & Steven Keys How to be a Millionaire - March 4 (5-6 PM ET) The power of compound	5 Food Prep Is that leftover pizza on the counter still good? How do you chop an onion without losing a finger? Join us to learn how to cook like a pro! 6 Auto Care Do you know how much insurance you need? What to do in an accident? Learn about car maintenance and how to handle emergencies with this session!		
goes into creating and mantaining one? Presenter: Kidane Amare Sarko	effect and how starting to invest early can set you up for your entire life! Presenter: Becky Holmes	7 Self Care & Mental Health Learn how to stay stress free, motivated, and focused on your goals with the Self Care session! March 18 CEREPTICAL		
Buying Your Freedom - May 6 (5-6 PM ET)	Talking Taxes - June 17 (4-5 PM ET)	Registration Information		
A journey that leads to financial independence	How do taxes work? Where do I even start??	All sessions will be held via Zoom and start at 6pm central/7pm eastern and will last for an hour. To register go to <u>v2.4honline.com</u> and after creating (or signing in) to your profile you will find the Life Lessons program in the events tab. Select the program and continue through the registration process. The registration deadline is January 8th so sign up today!		
Presenter: Sunny Burns	Presenter: Adam Schaffer	This program has a \$30 registration fee that covers the cost of all provided material, content, and supplies that will be sent to registrants. Scholarships/Financial Assistance is available. Contact Purdue Extension – Hendricks County at 317-745-9260 or email hendrces@purdue.edu for details on how to register with		
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## TEENS AS TEACHERS 2021



**ENROLL TODAY!** V2.4honline.com

By enrolling today you will be included in our mailing list where you will receive newsletters, information regarding your club, upcoming events and workshops. Deadline: January 15

## **Club Contact Info**

American Neverquitters Dawn Harris (574) 371– 5776

Beaver Dam Better 4-Hers Jason Rich (574) 265-4837

**Claypool Classics** Kayla Leininger 574-253-1302

Firm Foundations (Warsaw) Ginger Johnson 260-443-5646

**Goat Club (Warsaw)** Gretchen Rettinger (574) 265– 1653

Horse & Pony (Warsaw) Charity Trump (574) 551–6113

KcK9s (Warsaw) CLUB LEADERS NEEDED

Leesburg Mighty Farmers Sonja Hesser (574) 551– 4451 Lucky Lassies & Lads (Warsaw) Cathy Smith (574) 527–1115

Mentone United Kylene Crabb (931) 639-7567

Milford Helping Hands Peg Zimmerman (574) 457– 6858

Pierceton Hayseeds Casey Pequignot (574) 551– 3404

Sidney Triple S Rhonda Wood (260) 578-7497

Silver Lake Rambling Farmers Hayley Hand (574) 601-5077

Syracuse Community Hands Elizabeth Zorn (574) 377-6678

The Great Outdoors (Warsaw) Terin Penrod (574) 377-6152

## **Important Dates**

January 4, 2021—7:00PM Mentone United Club Mentone Library 101 W Main St. Mentone

January 5, 2021—6:30PM Junior Leader Officers ONLY Extension Office Main Hall

January 10, 2021—3:00PM Syracuse Community Hands Club North Webster Church of Brethren 7281 E 600 N, North Webster

January 11, 2021—7:00PM American Neverquitters Atwood Community Building 213 E Hovey St, Warsaw

January 11, 2021—7:00PM Beaver Dam Better 4-Hers Beaver Dam UM Church 9798 W 1000 S, Akron January 12, 2021 —6:00PM Sidney Triple S Club Sidney Fire Station 103 E Center St, Sidney

January 12, 2021—6:30PM Goat Club Extension Office Main Hall

January 12, 2021—7:00PM The Great Outdoor Club Extension Office Auditorium

January 18, 2021—6:30PM Junior Leaders Meeting Extension Office Main Hall

January 21, 2021—5:00PM Firm Foundations Extension Office Auditorium

January 25, 2021—6:00PM Milford Helping Hands Location to be Determined January 25, 2021—6:30PM Silver Lake Rambling Farmers Silver Lake Lions Club 108 N Harrison St, Silver Lake

January 25, 2021—7:00PM Pierceton Hayseeds

Pierceton Community Building 105 W Walnut St, Pierceton

January 26, 2021 —7:00PM Leesburg Mighty Farmers Leesburg UM Church 111 W Prairie St, Leesburg

January 26, 2021—6:30PM Lucky Lassies & Lads Extension Office Auditorium

January 30, 2021

8AM—10AM—1PM Blacksmith Workshop Blacksmith Shop-Fairgrounds Call 574-858-9270 to reserve your spot!

## **Committee Superintendents**

Alpaca Dana Finch 574-377-4077

Beef Brian Zehring 574-453-1058

Blacksmith Jerry Clase 574-858-9270

Cat Jenny Spicher 574-320-7258

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**Dairy** Laura Curtis 574-551-3535 Lisa Teeple 901-497-2928

**Dairy Calf Feeder Steer** Marc Beer 574-518-9815

Dog SUPERINTENDENT NEEDED **General Projects** Erin Lawrence 574-377-1239

Goat Todd Kohler 574-453-6982

Horse & Pony Amanda Bays 260-578-2772

Llama Laura Oyer 574-903-3985

Livestock Auction Amy Seewald 574-551-1681 Peg Zimmerman 574-457– 6858

Mini 4-H Janelle Deatsman 574-527-9360

**Poultry** Nicole Marsillette 574-376-0728 Rabbit Duane Kline 574-268-4776

**Royalty** Marvene Johnson 574-269-2447

Sheep Superintendent to be announced

Shooting Sports Cody Demske 574-328-2022

Supreme Showman Brock Ostrom 260-578-4545

**Swine** Peg Zimmerman 574-457-6858

Welding Jeremiah Paseka 574-377-2316

## Summer Staff 2021

Seeking Summer Staff person for a minimum of 37.5 hours/week from early to mid May thru early August

Responsibilities:

- Be committed and dedicated to young people and their growth in all areas
- Follow all 4-H guidelines and policies of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, Indiana 4-H Program and the Kosciusko County 4-H Program
- Promote favorable public relations and image for the 4-H Program
- Work Directly under the supervision of the 4-H Extension Educator and the 4-H Administrative Assistant
- Assist with clerical, organizational, and educational responsibilities
- Work assigned weekly hours early to mid May through early August
- Commit to working all hours as scheduled the 2 weeks before, the week of and the week following the Kosciusko County Community Fair, which is July 11-17, 2021

Qualifications:

- A willingness to become familiar with and work within the philosophy and guidelines of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, Indiana 4-H Program, and the Kosciusko County 4-H Program
- The ability to work and communicate effectively in both written and verbal forms
- Ability to pass a background check and pass the 4-H Volunteer Screening Process
- College experience preferred

Please contact the Extension Office for an application. Applications due by January 19, 2021.

## LAST CALL FOR AWARDS PICK UP

We have all kinds of things here at the Extension Office that need to be picked up. If you see someone's name listed here, please reach out to them and let them know. Whatever is not picked up by January 29th, will be taken upstairs to storage, aka Land of the Lost. PS: Some of these awards are from previous years.

#### **Tumblers**

Katherine Garber Ethan Garza Bryce Knepp Shaylee Ryman Abigail Seese

#### **Blankets**

Abigail Burns Maisey Cook Ella Denham Morgan Goodman Elijah Halas Chloe Hostetler Nicholas Lesko Madelyn Long Logan Mast Erin McKee Quinn Smith Isaiah Stouder Andrew Wood Wyatt Amiss

#### 4-H Price T-Shirts

Travis McCoy

#### Picture Plaques

Colton Crabb (2) Sarah Boyer (2) Maddy Hamm (2)

#### **Plaques**

Reagan Polk (1) Collin Deatsman (1) Hallie Hertzler (1)

#### Volunteer Awards

Susan Shepherd Ralph Meyer Jerry Phillips Lorna Schori Ami Pitt Danny Sharp Brian Deatsman Monica Braman

#### <u>Ribbons</u>

Braylin Adams Jaiden Addair

Alayna Alexander Max Andrew Jacob Baker Kendrick Bennett Landon Bewley Mallory Bowers Carter Burkett Randi Colbert Colton Crabb Bethany Crumbley Mackenzie Day Collin Deatsman Joel Denham Lillian Dunbar Brittany Duncan Emma Engelhaupt Kylie Evans Elizabeth Garber Katie Garber Morgan Goodman Carter Grady Kenlee Gradv Sarah Grindle Libby Haab Westen Haab Wyatt Haab Justin Hall Anna Hayes Gavin Haves Hallie Herzler Sienna Holder Talia Holder Ella Jarrett Lyllian Johnson Lyllian Johnson Elizabeth Kasten Kaleb Kline Kendra Kline Caleb Lechlitner Hayden Lechlitner Cooper Leininger Jordyn Leininger Serena Lesko Brandt Martin Colton Martin Tv Martin Jaden Moneyheffer Haley Nelson Cruz Nunez

Landon Patrick Adeleine Pulley Ava Rich Tessa Rich Addyson Ritter Ariel Ross **Graycee Sands** Kyle Schnackenberg Logan Schuller Ashton Shepherd Bryson Shepherd Hudson Shepherd **Riley Shepherd** Hailey Stookey Hayden Stookey Arika Warren

<u>Banner</u> Kevin Hesser

Plus we have the following items, if they belong to you and you want them, please stop by and get them. If you do not want them, call and let us know and we will recycle them.











# 4-H Inspired



Beth Van (maiden name Sands) was a member of the Milford Helping Hands 4-H club from 1994-2004. Her projects included foods, sewing, poultry, dairy feeder calf, and swine. After graduating from Saint Mary's College in 2007, Beth began a career in education in Chicago. She currently lives in Chicago with her husband, Peter, who is a high school social sciences teacher, and daughter, Joanna, who is in first grade.

I haven't recited the 4-H pledge in over a decade, but its values are still part of who I am. I want to share a few thoughts on how I have lived out the 4-H pledge during the coronavirus pandemic.

#### I pledge my head to clearer thinking,...

Times of crisis can lead to a greater degree of clarity about what is most important in our lives. That has been the case for me during this pandemic. Our family's well-being has been the highest priority, which led me down a completely new and different path to starting my own business, <u>Haven Handmade</u>. As the start of the school year approached it became clear that classes were going to be taught virtually and our six year old daughter was going to need a parent to assist her during the school day. Working for myself meant that I would be able to have a flexible schedule and put my family's needs first.

#### My heart to greater loyalty,...

Once we realized that the conditions brought on by this pandemic necessitated a different schedule, it wasn't long before I realized I could use the sewing skills I first learned as a 4-Her to supplement our income by selling handmade items. After 10 years learning to sew through 4-H projects, sewing had become a hobby that I kept up over the years. Sewing had been a consistent creative outlet for me since I was able to read a pattern on my own, and now this skill was there for me when I needed to forge a new path. When I picked out the strawberry printed cotton for my first year sewing project, I never could have guessed that it would eventually lead me to starting my own business.

#### My hands to larger service,...

Starting Haven Handmade meant I would be available to help my family. It also meant that we would be spending most of our time at home, in our "bubble", and mitigating the spread of COVID-19. We miss gathering with friends and family and going to our favorite places, but it helps us to remember that we are limiting our activities as an act of service and care for others.

#### My health to better living...

All of the reasons for the changes that we have made to our lives this year have been to help get more people through this pandemic more quickly. Staying home and starting Haven Handmade has allowed my family to protect our health and live better during this unprecedented time. My hope is that all the difficult choices that we made in 2020 will help us live better in 2021 and beyond.

## Have you seen...



Could you look around your garage, basement, barn, office, truck or trailer to see if you happen to have a tagger that looks like this? We have two (2) missing from loaning them out during our "un" fair time. They should have Purdue Extension written on them along with the numbers 2 or 4. If you happen to find one (or both) of them, please drop them off at the Extension Office.



Please note that the <u>Officers (only)</u> for Junior Leaders will meet on January 5 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office while the normal Junior Leaders meeting is scheduled for January 18 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.





# A LITTLE ABOUT ME:

Name:	 
Age:	 

Favorite Food: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Book:

Favorite Color: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2020 HIGHLIGHTS:

Greatest lesson learned:	
Hardest thing this year:	
Favorite memory:	
What I loved about 2020:	

# LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021:







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## **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

# 4-H Youth Development Educator

The position of 4-H Youth Development Educator for Kosciusko County has been posted. We do not anticipate this being a quick or speedy process and ask that you continue to be patient with us as we navigate the 2021 4-H program year without a 4-H Educator. Once the hiring process is complete, we will look forward to meeting the person that will become our newest team member.

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# Check this Out

## CLOVER CALL An Indiana 4-H Podcast

FOR INFORMATION: extension.purdue.edu/4h

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