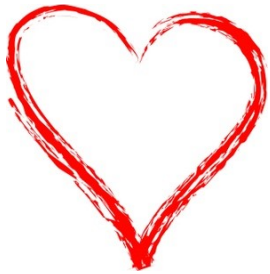


Clover Close-Up


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 Kosciusko County 4-H

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I pledge...

my **head** to clearer thinking,
my **heart** to greater loyalty,
my **hands** to larger service, and
my **health** to better living for
my **club**, my **community**,
my **country**, and my **world**.

Whether you are already a member of 4-H or are thinking about joining, it is important to know the 4-H pledge and what it stands for.

Head

Pledging your head to clearer thinking is a commitment to keeping your mind clear of the thoughts and ideas that will hold you back as an individual growing in today's society.

Heart

Pledging your heart to greater loyalty is pledging to care more for other people instead of only caring for yourself. This is a commitment to being faithful to each and every person and guarantee to help out if anyone is ever in need.

Hands

Pledging your hands to larger service is a promise to give the world as much as a member can give. Like "heart", giving your hands to larger service is when a member steps back from their own personal needs and gives to others what they can.

Health

Pledging your health to better living is the one part of the pledge that focuses on themselves before others. Through all of the thinking, caring and giving, it is easy to forget about ones self and endanger personal health.

2021 SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

4-H SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Kevin Hesser

Parents: Randy and Sonja Hesser
Club: Leesburg Mighty Farmers
Years in 4-H: 10
High School: Warsaw High School
Favorite Project/Events/Activities: Showing Beef at the State Fair and Round up.
Most memorable experience in 4-H: Spending time with my 4-H family at the State Fair.



What has 4-H taught you? You don't have to win to have fun!
Plans after High School: Joining the work force.



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Congratulations

Good Luck!

4-H SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Travis McCoy

Parents: Travis and Tabitha McCoy
Club: Horse & Pony
Years in 4-H: 10
High School: Triton Jr/Sr High
Favorite Project/Events/Activities: Haunted House
Most memorable experience in 4-H: Winning my first plaque.



What has 4-H taught you? Teamwork and perseverance.
Plans after High School: Ivy Tech to study Conservation Law.



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4-H SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Justin Beer

Parents: Marc & Jodi Beer
Club: Milford Helping Hands
Years in 4-H: 10
High School: Wawasee High School
Favorite Project/Events/Activities: Dairy Calf Feeder Steer, Dairy Steer, and Sheep
Most memorable experience in 4-H: Unexpectedly winning Grand Champion Dairy Calf Feeder Steer my first year in 4-H.



What has 4-H taught you? Responsibility, hard work and dedication.
Plans after High School: Plan to study Agribusiness.



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4-H SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Kaitlin Neese

Parents: Ryan and Michelle Neese
Club: American Never Quitters
Years in 4-H: 10
High School: Tippecanoe Valley High School
Favorite Project/Events/Activities: Photography, Fine Arts, Meijer Christmas Shopping, Christmas Caroling at the nursing home and working at the Junior Leaders Pop Stand.
Most memorable experience in 4-H: Doing dog agility for the first time and getting 3rd place.



What has 4-H taught you? 4-H has taught me that hard work does pay off and to always keep trying no matter what.
Plans after High School: Graphic Design at IU South Bend or Grace.



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Be Yourself!

2021 Scholarship Opportunities

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**

Career Advancement Scholarship (IEHA): 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. **Applications are due March 15, 2021.**

Steps to Success Scholarship (IEHA): 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. **Applications are due May 1, 2021.**

Ruth B Sayre Scholarship 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. **Applications are due March 1, 2021.**

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

2021 Kosciusko County Scholarship applications will be available February 1, 2021 in the Extension Office and on our website: <https://www.extension.purdue.edu/kosciusko/> They 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 in 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 established to recognize those students who have contributed to the success of the Rabbit project at the Kosciusko County 4-H fair.

Volunteer News

Important Dates

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

February 6, 2021—8AM-Noon
Beef & Dairy Steer Tag-In
Milford Large Animal Clinic

February 16, 2021—6:30PM
Goat Committee Meeting
Extension Office Main Hall

February 18, 2021—7:00PM
Shooting Sports Committee
Extension Office Auditorium

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

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

PURDUE UNIVERSITY Extension

VIRTUAL 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ SERIES

ALL SESSIONS: 6:30-7:30 PM EST

Learn how to create a positive environment & inclusive experience in all 4-H mission areas.

REGISTER HERE!

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3hBrE34>

SEPTEMBER 23RD
ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS
Presenter: Heather VonDielingen

OCTOBER 29TH
HEALTHY LIVING
Presenters: Megan Broughton, Megan McNeely & Gail Peitzmeier

NOVEMBER 12TH
ANIMAL SCIENCE
Presenter: Molley Scott, Rebecca Wilkins & Clint Deck

DECEMBER 1ST
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
Presenter: Lesley Lodmell & Katie Whiteford

JANUARY 12TH
CLUB MEETING SOCIAL DISTANCING
Presenter: Katie Whiteford

FEBRUARY 23RD
CLUB/PROJECT LEADER 4HONLINE 2.0
Presenter: Katie Whiteford & Molley Scott

MARCH 15TH
STEM
Presenter: Sam McCollum & Clint Deck

APRIL 12TH
INNOVATIVE THINKING AS A 4-H VOLUNTEER
Presenter: Sam McCollum

HEALTH, HEAD, HEART, HANDS

Zoom invites and workshop materials will be sent to registrants two days prior to each session. To learn more, contact your local Purdue Extension Office.

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YQCA



YQCA

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

YQCA 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 keep in mind YQCA has to be completed by June 15th in order to exhibit and sell in the auction. To register go to: yqca.learn4h.org you will use your 4HOnline login and password. All training will take place at the Extension Office. **Sessions will be limited to 50 participants**

Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021, 5:30pm
 Saturday, Feb 27, 2021, 10am
 Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 6PM

Monday, April 5, 2021, 1pm
 Thursday, April 8, 2021, 10am

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

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

Beef & Dairy Steer Weigh-In

Saturday, February 6, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the **Milford Large Animal Clinic**, on State Road 15 north of Milford.

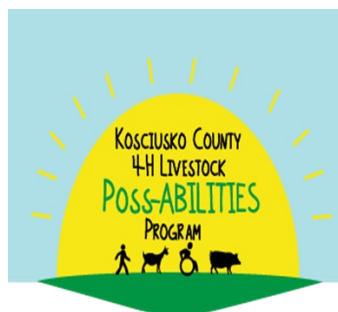
The **ONLY** Dairy Beef steers that need to come to tagging are those Dairy Beef Steers that don't already have both the Kosciusko County 4H 5 digit tag and an 840 RFID tag. This is a new rule change for 2021. There will not be any rate of gain awards for Dairy Beef Steers this year.

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.

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 are available in the Extension Office.

Club Contact Info

American Neverquitters

Dawn Harris (574) 371- 5776

Beaver Dam Better 4-Hers

Jason Rich (574) 265-4837

Claypool Classics

Kayla Leiningner 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

February 8, 2021—7:00PM
American Neverquitters
Atwood Community Building
213 E Hovey St, Warsaw

February 8, 2021—7:00PM
Beaver Dam Better 4-Hers
Beaver Dam UM Church
9798 W 1000 S, Akron

February 9, 2021—6:30PM
Goat Club
Extension Office Main Hall

February 9, 2021—7:00PM
The Great Outdoor Club
Extension Office Auditorium

February 15, 2021—6:30PM
Junior Leaders Meeting
Extension Office Main Hall

February 16, 2021—7:00PM
Sidney Triple S Club
Sidney Fire Station
103 E Center St, Sidney

February 18, 2021—5:00PM
Firm Foundations
Extension Office Auditorium

February 21, 2021—3:00PM
Syracuse Community Hands Club
North Webster Church of Brethren
7281 E 600 N, North Webster

February 22, 2021—6:30PM
Silver Lake Rambling Farmers
Silver Lake Lions Club
108 N Harrison St, Silver Lake

February 22, 2021—7:00PM
Pierceton Hayseeds
Pierceton Community Building
105 W Walnut St, Pierceton

February 23, 2021 —7:00PM
Leesburg Mighty Farmers
Leesburg UM Church
111 W Prairie St, Leesburg

February 23, 2021—7:15PM
Lucky Lassies & Lads
Extension Office Auditorium

February 27, 2021
8AM—10AM—1PM
Blacksmith Workshop
Blacksmith Shop-Fairgrounds
**Call 574-858-9270 to
reserve your spot!**

4-H Inspired



Lauren Klusman was a member of the Silver Lake Rambling Farmers 4-H club from 2002-2012. While in 4-H, she had an extensive list of projects including swine, photography, sewing, fashion review, foods, floriculture, scrapbooking, miscellaneous crafts, library, home environment and wildlife. Lauren graduated from Warsaw Community High School in 2012. After high school, she attended Indiana Wesleyan University and graduated in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in both Photography and Graphic Design. Currently, Lauren lives in Warsaw and is the Marketing and Communications Manager at the Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, she has owned and operated her own photography business since she was 16 years old.

Lauren often credits her time in 4-H as a major contributing factor to how she became the person she is today. 4-H taught her leadership skills and how to be responsible, meet deadlines, work hard and persevere through challenges. She learned all of these essential life skills at a young age and has taken them with her as she has become an adult. The structured learning environment, encouragement, constructive criticism and mentoring that she received while in 4-H has played an important role in helping her succeed in life.

Although Lauren enrolled in many different projects each year, her favorite by far was photography. Using the practical skills she learned in 4-H, she was able to start her own photography business as a sophomore in high school. She started out by taking portraits for friends and family and eventually majored in photography in college. In 2015, she made the decision to transition from being a portrait photographer to a wedding photographer and has now photographed over 100 weddings. Lauren truly believes that 4-H provided her with the opportunity to explore different areas of interest, and that without it, she would have never discovered her passion for photography.

Lauren comes from a long line of ten year 4-H members. Lauren's mom, Cindy Klusman (Horn) and her grandparents, Leon and Belva Horn, are all ten year 4-H members. Lauren fondly remembers learning how to sew and making many comical mistakes in her grandma's sunroom. She remembers the challenge of attempting to make the perfect apple pie in the kitchen with her mom as she shared stories from when she was in 4-H. Lauren was also fortunate to have been in 4-H at the same time as her cousins, with whom she spent a lot of time. They worked on projects and learned together. Lauren cherishes the quality time she was able to spend with her family through 4-H.

When looking back at her years in 4-H, Lauren can't help but smile. There are so many memories she was able to make, and to this day, some of her favorite stories to tell are from those ten years. The lessons and skills that 4-H taught her have been some of the most important ones in her life. Now, working for a non profit organization, she is able to use those skills to serve Kosciusko County in a variety of different ways. Lauren encourages those who have kids to sign them up for 4-H, and watch them become wonderful, responsible and successful adults.

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4-H Secretary
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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

WORD SEARCH

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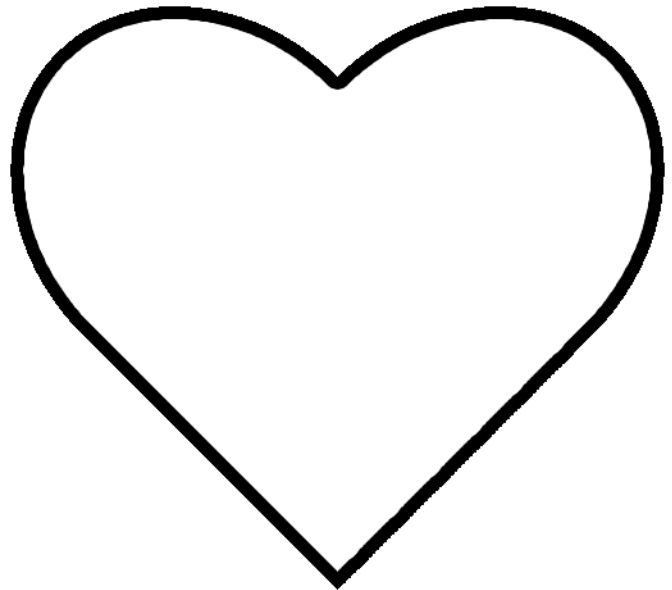
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and what it means to me...

Decorate your heart!



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