

## Clover Close-Up

Extension

Senior Spotlight

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## -welcome-



Spring has sprung and with it has brought a new face to our Extension Office. Please help us welcome Madelyn Zimmerman as our new Program Assistant for Kosciusko County. I'm sure most of you will recognize her as a 10 year member of the 4-H program. Madelyn is also the 2021 4-H Youth in Action Pillar Award for Agriculture winner. Indiana's first, and is a passionate advocate for

agriculture education and inclusion. We are excited to have her here for as long as she can stay. She will be helping us through the coming months as we prepare and plan for our 2021 fair season, along with other projects related to Purdue Extension and Indiana 4-H. Please feel free to reach out to her, even if it is to just say Hello!

#### **2021 ENROLLMENT DEADLINES**

Saturday, May 15, 2021

\*Please remember our office is closed on Saturdays and we will not be able to help you with any problems you may have enrolling your animals.

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Animal Enrollment: Alpaca, Beef (Commercial & Register Heifers, Steer, Feeder, Dairy Steer, Dairy Calf Feeder Steer), Dairy, Cat, Dog, Goat, Horse & Pony. Llama, Pocket Caged Critters, Sheep, Swine, & Rabbit

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Last day to Add or Drop a Project

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Poultry (Paper Enrollment)

#### AND DON'T FORGET YOUR FORMS!

Off-Premise Housing

If you animal is not housed by your or your family, be sure to complete an Off-Premise

Housing Form.

Lease Agreement

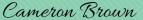
If you don't own your animal, you will need to complete a Lease Agreement.

### 2021 Fair Dates

Kosciusko County Community Fair July 12 - 17, 2021 Indiana State Fair August 6 - 22, 2021

## 2021 SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

#### 4-H SENIOR SPOTLIGHT





Parents: Tia Brown Club: Firm Foundations Years in 4-H: 9

High School: Home School

Favorite Project/Events/Activities: Photography, Fine

Arts, Rabbit (Fancy), and Beef.

Most memorable experience in 4-H: Being a part of a community and feeling connected to others who share

interests with me.

What has 4-H taught you? That no matter what you so, you should try your hardest, do your best, and never say you failed, you simply need to try again.

Plans after High School: Undecided.





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## Good Luck!

#### 4-H SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Kendra Kline

**Parents:** Duane and Rickell Kline **Club:** Leesburg Mighty Farmers

Years in 4-H: 10

High School: Manchester High School

Favorite Project/Events/Activities: Rabbits, Sheep, Poultry, Goat Swine, Cake Decorating, Recycled Project and Rabbit Poster.

Most memorable experience in 4-H: Winning the ISF best in

show with my rabbit,

What has 4-H taught you? To be patient because you can't halter break and train your livestock a week before you show. It takes time and you have to be patient with your animals otherwise, your going to be drug acoss the show ring, trust me.

**Plans after High School:** Defiance College to study Occupational Therapy.



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Be Yourself!

# Congratulations

#### 4-H SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Taylor Biddle

Parents: Tim and Janet Biddle

Club: Mentone United

Years in 4-H: 2

**High School:** Tippecanoe Valley High School **Favorite Project/Events/Activities:** Swine

**Most memorable experience in 4-H:** Getting my show pigs even during covid with altered schedule and getting help from mom and grandpa. I was able to win reserve champion

York gilt.

What has 4-H taught you? To work hard and maintain responsibilities of my animals.

Plans after High School: Attend Ball State University to study Nursing.



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#### 4-H SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Claire Beer



Parents: Brent & Pam Beer Club: Milford Helping Hands

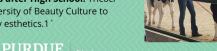
**Years in 4-H:** 10

High School: Wawasee High School

Favorite Project/Events/Activities: DCFS, Swine Most memorable experience in 4-H: Winning Grand

Champion Lightweight with my feeder calf.

What has 4-H taught you? Try your best, it's not about winning or losing it's about having fun. Plans after High School: Tricoci University of Beauty Culture to study esthetics.1`





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## Fish & Tenderloin Fry



## ANNUAL KOSCIUSKO COUNTY 4-H FISH & TENDERLOIN FRY

Dan's Fish and Tenderloin Fry Saturday, April 24, 2021 4:00 to 7:00 PM Kosciusko County Fairgrounds Carry Out Only—\$10.00

Tickets are available in the Extension Office for families and/or clubs to pick up for purchase or to sell. All money and unsold tickets MUST be turned in to the Extension Office by 4:30pm on Monday, April 19th.

Indiana 4-H

## **Guide Books**

The Indiana 4-H, Kosciusko County Guide Books are in! Please refer to this book for any questions regarding your project.

CLUB LEADERS, we have books ready for you to pick up at the Extension Office for the families in your club. Please stop by before your next meeting to get them so that you can pass them out. Thank you!





Would you like to receive your newsletter by email or mail?

Email graff8@purdue.edu so we can insure you receive your newsletter!

\*If your email changes, you are responsible to contact the Extension Office.

## **Animal Enrollment**

Watch your mailbox for Animal Enrollment letters with all the information you will need to enroll your animal in 4HOnline. If you do not receive one for each species you are showing, contact the Extension Office at 574-372-2340!

## Reminder



With all the issues that we have been having with the roll out of the newest version of 4HOnline, it would be a great idea for you to login to your family account and double check that everyone is signed up for all the projects that they want to be involved with.

On your Member List screen, click the blue View button beside each members name, then click Projects on the left side of the screen. Every project that member has selected should be listed there. If not, click the Edit button in the top right to add any missing project.

If you have any problems adding or deleting any projects, please give us a call in the Extension Office. 574-372-2340

## **Volunteer News**

April 12 2021—6:30PM Poultry Committee Meeting Extension Office Auditorium

April 12 2021—6:30PM Sheep Committee Meeting Extension Office Main Hall

April 15, 2021—7:00PM Shooting Sports Committee Extension Office Room D

April 19 2021—6:30PM Dairy Committee Meeting Extension Office Main Hall

April 20, 2021—6:30PM Goat Committee Meeting Extension Office Main Hall

April 27, 2021—7:00PM Horse & Pony Committee Extension Office Main Hall



### **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

Carolyn Pfranks 812-870-3243

#### **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 Josh LaRue 423-441-0574

#### Rabbit

Duane Kline 574-268-4776

#### Royalty

Marvene Johnson 574-269-2447

#### Sheep

Andrew Heckaman 574-551-7015

#### **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



### **YQCA**

# YOUTH THE QUALITY CARE SANIMALS

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.learngrow.io** you will use your 4HOnline login and password. All training will take place at the Extension Office.

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

## Workshops & Tag-In

Feeder Calf Tag-In: Saturday, April 17, 9am-11am, Beef Barn, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

DCFS/Dairy Steer Workshop: Tuesday, April 20, 6:30pm, Schafer Farm, 3573 E 1300 N, Syracuse

Goat Workshop: Thursday, April 29, 6:30pm, Extension Office Auditorium

Goat Tag-In; Saturday, May 8, 9am-12pm, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

Sheep Tag-In: Saturday, May 8, 10am-2pm, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds



## Chick/Duck Orders

Deadline for orders of chicks/ducks is **APRIL 10th**. If interested please complete the Google Form.

Chicks are \$1.00 each/limit 6 per 4-Her: https://forms.gle/FeHMFB2sxbSL34mx8

Ducks are \$2.00 each /limit of 6 each per 4-Her: <a href="https://forms.gle/nfAptTSo2qyg8tjVA">https://forms.gle/nfAptTSo2qyg8tjVA</a>

Payment for chicks/ducks is due at the time of pick-up via either cash (exact change) or check. Ducks will be coming a week earlier than chicks so make sure you have all your supplies needed!! Pick up at fairgrounds with dates TBD. You are not required to purchase your birds from the committee. Just make sure you keep all receipts and hatchery information for your paperwork!!

## Beer Dairy Lease Program

Ever Wanted to Show an Animal in 4-H?

If you answered YES, then the Beer Dairy Lease program is the opportunity you might be looking for to find that animal. You will have the opportunity to work with a dairy heifer (female) from May 24 until July 9 and then exhibit her at the county fair, July 10-16. The goal of the program is for 4-H members who do not have the facilities to house a heifer and do not have any other opportunity to show large animal livestock projects.



Beer Dairy Inc is located at 9194 N Orn Road, Milford. Lease program participants are expected to complete a minimum of 15 work sessions. Lease fee will be \$50 (payable at heifer selection night). Heifers will be selected on Tuesday, May 4, 6 p.m. at the farm.

The 4-H Dairy Committee will work with lease participants to learn more about the dairy project and how to show dairy heifers.

If you have any questions about the dairy lease program, please contact Lisa Teeple <u>901-497-2928/lisa.teeple@medtronic.com</u> or Laura Curtis Laura Curtis (<u>574)551-3535/lauralee.1979@hotmail.com</u>

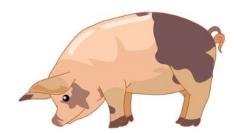
We still have spots available for 4-5 more 4-Hers this summer. If you would like an application to participate in the lease program and help the dairy committee to get to know you, please contact Kelly Heckaman at kheckaman@purdue.edu. Applications need to be received by Friday, April 16.

## In Case You Missed It

Indiana State 4-H has made some 4-H Animal Science resources available to us online:



- 4-H Horse and Pony Vaccination Webinar from March 11<sup>th.</sup> Dr. Amanda Farr, Purdue University overviewed the required 4-H vaccinations and defined the purpose for each. The recording can be found at: https://youtu.be/lr1Rwe4 YhY
- Disease Prevention and Biosecurity for show rabbits. Dr. Melissa Justice, Indiana Board of Animal Health shares how to keep rabbits healthy and the signs and symptoms youth should know before they show. The recording can be found at: https://youtu.be/qm1-zq69H4g
  - la Company
- The Junior Pork Day Recordings from previous sessions can be found at:
  - https://youtu.be/UWYx9sFzwD4
  - https://youtu.be/Olo-fhD1rik
  - https://youtu.be/8QVijTvBJZk



## 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

**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** 

Tammy Boggs (574) 551-3793

**Syracuse Community Hands** 

Elizabeth Zorn (574) 377-6678

The Great Outdoors (Warsaw)

Terin Penrod (574) 377-6152

## Important Dates

April 5, 2021—7:00PM

Mentone United Club Mentone Library 101 W Main St, Mentone

April 11, 2021—3:00PM

Syracuse Community Hands Club North Webster Church of Brethren 7281 E 600 N, North Webster

April 12, 2021—7:00PM

American Neverquitters Atwood Community Building 213 E Hovey St, Warsaw

April 12, 2021—7:00PM

Beaver Dam Better 4-Hers Beaver Dam UM Church 9798 W 1000 S, Akron

April 13, 2021—6:30PM

Goat Club

Extension Office Main Hall April 13, 2021—7:00PM

The Great Outdoor Club

The Great Outdoor Club
Extension Office Auditorium

April 15, 2021—4:00PM

Firm Foundations
Extension Office Auditorium

April 15, 2021—6:30PM

Mini 4-H

**Extension Office Auditorium** 

April 19, 2021—6:30PM

Junior Leaders Meeting Extension Office Main Hall

April 20, 2021—6:30PM

Sidney Triple S Meeting
\*NOTE THE LOCATION
Extension Office Auditorium

April 24, 2021

8AM—10AM—1PM

Blacksmith Workshop
Blacksmith Shop-Fairgrounds

Call 574-858-9270 to reserve your spot!

April 26, 2021—6:00PM Milford Helping Hands

Milford School Cafeteria 611 W Emeline St, Milford

April 26, 2021-6:30PM

Silver Lake Rambling Farmers Silver Lake Lions Club 108 N Harrison St. Silver Lake

April 26, 2021—7:00PM

Pierceton Hayseeds Pierceton Community Building 105 W Walnut St, Pierceton

April 27, 2021 —7:00PM

Leesburg Mighty Farmers Leesburg UM Church 111 W Prairie St, Leesburg

April 27, 2021—7:15PM

Lucky Lassies & Lads
Extension Office Auditorium

		Shooting	g Sports		April	2021
Sunday WRP-Warsaw Rifle & Pis KOSKO-2391 N Fox Farr Jeff Hoover's House-27		<b>Tuesday</b> Warsaw	Wednesday	Thursday 1	<b>Friday</b> 2	<b>Saturday</b> 3
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## Blacksmith Workshop

April 24, 2021 Choose from 8am, 10am or 1pm Call 574-858-9270 to reserve your spot now!

Blacksmith Shop Kosciusko County Fairgrounds



Don't miss the fun!!

The next Junior Leaders meeting will be on Monday, April 19 for 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Extension Office. We will be having a TRIVIA NIGHT! Help your team to victory with your book smarts, street smarts and other useless knowledge.

## Mini 4-H

Thursday, April 15, 2021 – 6:30 to 7:30 PM, Extension Office

To register, go to: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4eaaac22a6fcc43-mini2





## Get Involved





#### 4-H King/Queen Royalty Contest

The royalty applications are available in the Extension Office now. They need to be turned in to the Extension Office by May 15, 2021. Letters of Recommendation are also due by May 15, 2021. The interview portion is scheduled for June 10, 2021. If you have any questions, please call Marvene Johnson at 574-26-2447

## "Staff" Photographer

How would you like to be a "Staff" Photographer for the Extension Office during Fair Week? Anyone in the 4-H Photography Project is eligible to apply. Applications available in the Extension Office May 3, 2021 and will need to be turned in June 7, 2021

Check out these great Opportunities

National 4-H Youth Congress—Fri, Nov 26-Tues, Nov 30, Atlanta, Georgia; grades 9+, application due May 1. purdue.ag/National4HCongress

4-H Academy @ Purdue—Wed, June 9-Fri, June 11, Purdue University, grades 9-12 completed; over 15 career exploration workshops available. Registration deadline May 15. bit.ly/4Hacademy

State 4-H Junior Leader Conference—Tues, June 15-Fri, June 18, University of Indianapolis, grades9-12 completed. Registration due May 15. Facebook: @4HSJLC purdue.ag/4HSJLC



#### Fair Week Camping Spots

Fair week camping spots will go on sale at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, June 1st at the Extension Office. The cost for a spot is \$130. The number of spots is limited and they are given on a first come, first served basis. Payment must be made at the time of your reservation. We cannot hold a spot without payment. Check or Money Order only, please, made payable to "Kosciusko County 4-H Council."

## **General Projects**

## 2021 KOSCIUSKO COUNTY General Project Judging Schedule

#### **EXTENSION OFFICE TUESDAY, JUNE 29**

TIME	AUDITORIUM	MAIN HALL	ROOM D
9:00 AM	Consumer Clothing & Construction	Wearable Art Needle Craft	Scrapbooking, Digital & Traditional
	Creative Writing Interview & Verbal Communication	Sewing	
1:00 PM	Aquatic Science, Soil & Water Conservation, Sport Fishing	Horseman, Llama, Pocket	
	Weather, Wildlife, Bicycle, Child Development, Health		
	Fashion Revue-Consumer Clothing and Wearable Art	Consumer Meats Create-with-a-Mix	
	Bicycle, Child Development, Health	Dairy Foods Microwave Cooking	
6:00 PM Comp	Computer	Foods A & B, Baked & Preserved	
		Foods C & D, Baked & Preserved	

#### **KOSCIUSKO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS TUESDAY, JULY 6**

	Home & Family Arts Building	Shrine Building
9:00 AM	Photography 1	Lego, Construction & Creative Scene
	Photography 2	Fine Arts
	Photography 3	Cake Decorating
		Miscellaneous Crafts A & B
		Miscellaneous Craft C & D, Gift Wrapping & Recycling
3:00 PM	Corn, Garden, Hay, Plant Science, Small Grains	Electric 1
	Soybeans, Strawberries, Beekeeping, Entomology, Floriculture, Forestry, Geology	Electric 2 Electric 3
	Tractor, Small Engines, Welding,	Collections, Genealogy, Home Environment
		Woodworking
6:00 PM	Fire Education	Aerospace, Farm Toy Scene & Model Craft
	Shooting Sports, Level 1	
	Shooting Sports, Level 2 & 3	

Cat & Pocket Caged Critter Show, Thursday, July 1, 2021, 6:00PM in the Beef Barn at the Kosciusko County Fairgrounds Blacksmith, Sunday, July 11, 2021, 1:00PM in the Blacksmith Shop at the Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

## **Consumer Clothing**

Do you like to shop? Then Consumer Clothing is just for you! Consumer clothing makes your everyday habits a 4-H project! For this project, you go shopping and pick out an outfit. One you have your outfit picked out, you get to model and take pictures for everyone around you! You will put your receipt and pictures into a binder that will grow throughout your 4-H career. In addition to your picture, you will also complete a few activities from a manual to put inside of your binder. One potential activity is talking about your favorite items of clothing. Why you like to wear sweatshirts instead of business jackets? Why do you not like to wear shoes? Why do you think sweaters are itchy? Or another activity is washing a red sock with a white shirt and explaining what happened. This project is meant for you to have fun and

express yourself to a judge! You can pick any of the provided activities to do, take as many pictures as you want, show off as many outfit combinations you have and porceptalize your notobook as much as you want!

personalize your notebook as much as you want!

For judging, the judge will get to go through your binder before they meet you. You will model your outfit for the judge and get to have a conversation with them. They will ask a few questions such as "why did you pick that color shirt?" and "what was the hardest part about this project?" If you want, you are also allowed to model your new outfit for the community at the Public Fashion Review Night when we announce the winners! Here is a picture of a past winner, Cameron Zimmerman, showing off his outfit.



## Consumer Grilling

Summer is the perfect weather for grilling, why not take your family traditions to fair? The Consumer Grilling project is open to members grade 7 through 12 (for safety reasons). The purpose of this project is to teach members about grilling safety, how to cook food other than ramen noodles, and how to become better at fixing dinner for the family. The only requirements for this project is a poster and a grilled food item. These vary by the 4-Hers grade level.



To complete the project you make a poster related to grilling and outlined in the 2021 Project Guidebook. You will get to sit and talk with a judge about your poster and answer questions such as "why did you pick this food to grill?" and "why do you enjoy grilling?" Once you talk through your poster you will then present the food you grilled to the judge to taste. You will show them a recipe of your food and explain the techniques you used. This is not only a tasty project, but you get to learn how to cook for all of your friends on the

## General Project Supplies

The Extension Office has the following items available for purchase. Stop by anytime during our office hours; Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm.

Item	Price	Item	Price
Plastic Salon Sleeves	\$0.25	*Electric IV Basic Lamp Kit	\$2.50
Plastic Poster Sleeves	\$0.25	Insect Display Box	\$16.00
*Electric I Circuit Board Kit	\$8.50	Insect Kit – 100 Pins & 3 Vials	\$6.00
*Electric II Magnetic Powered Shake Light	\$15.00	Entomology Exhibit Cards (All grades)	\$5.00
*Electric III Electric Extension Cord Kit Fluorescent Trouble Light Kit		4-H Thank You Cards Individual Pack of 20 cards	\$0.40 \$8.00

## 4-H Inspired

Hello! My name is Katie (Darr) Lechlitner and I'm thankful to have spent 10 years in the Kosciusko 4-H Program. My husband, Jon, and I live in Syracuse and farm with our families. We have a cow-calf operation, sell freezer beef and also grow corn, soybeans and hay. I also have a grain marketing business that has given me the privilege to work with other farm families for the last 10 years.

Looking back on my 4-H years, I put together a list of things that had an impact on helping me become the person I am today and continue to help me in my day-to-day life. To all the current 4-H'ers: even though you may not realize it now, the lessons and skills you're learning will serve you well down the road.

- <u>Forms, Workbooks and Record Sheets</u>: They may seem like a pain now, but they are helping prepare you for things like scholarship applications, balance sheets, budgets, loan applications, and financial planning.
- <u>Livestock Auction</u>: Always the hardest day of fair week. When you care for these animals for months, it's hard to watch them go. My parents always told me it was my job to take care of the animals and then it was time for the animals to take care of me. We continue to sell cattle today for freezer beef and I still have to remember this lesson. Taking pride in growing something that another family is going to enjoy helps, too.
- <u>Thank you notes</u>: It might seem like a never-ending task, but thank you notes are important. Connecting with people by sending a simple hand-written note let's them know you care. Someone has invested in your future- let them know you appreciate it.
- <u>Deadlines</u>: There will be deadlines to meet the rest of your life..... get good at it now. Don't procrastinate. Deadlines are part of being responsible and having good time management skills.
- Winning & Losing: Chances are you're going to be on both sides of this at some point in your 4-H career. Winning is rewarding; your hard work pays off! Winning also gives you a chance to be humble. Don't lose sight of the fact that losing is an important part of life, too. It helps you become resilient and persevere through hard times in life. Do your best, and like the 4-H motto says: "make the best better" the next time.
- <u>Fun & Friends</u>: Have fun at the fair, connect with other kids and take a chance on trying something new or out of your comfort zone. Play cards, decorate each others pens at the fair and go eat lunch at the Beaver Dam together. Believe it or not- some of the friends you make in 4-H will be your friends for life; friends that will be there through hard times and to celebrate and have fun during the good times.

## **YES Grant Opportunity**

#### INDIANA 4-H FOUNDATION

YOUTH ENGAGED SERVICE GRANT

Do you have a community service project you would like to implement in your hometown? Apply for a YES Grant today through the Indiana 4-H Foundation to help fund your idea!

YES Grants offer funds for youth across Indiana to complete a service project in their community. The purpose of these grants is to assess the need then create and execute a youth led project.

You can also invite your friends to join in on your project!

Indiana 4-H youth who are interested in creating a community service project in their hometown may apply for funding through the new **YES Grant** (Youth Engaged Service Grant). The grant program was designed and implemented by the student board members.

Their goal is to create opportunities for youth to take the lead in making their own communities a better place for all. The YES Grant is intended to give these projects the financial boost they need to get off the ground and start making a difference.

The application period for 2021 is **March 15 through May 15**, and projects must be completed by December 31. Download the PDF application and other materials at <u>in4h.org/grants</u>

The Indiana 4-H Foundation has added three new members to their Board of Directors. **Valerie Messmore** of Purdue University; Luke Schirmer of Vincennes University; and Aaron Sandel of DePauw University will join the other

Foundation board members to continue growing Indiana state 4-H programs.

Valerie Messmore was a 10-year 4-H member in Kosciusko County who shared her passion for 4-H through the service and leadership engagements she pursued. Currently, she is a student at Purdue University studying Finance with a minor in Human Resource Management. 4-H was not entirely new to her when she joined, as her family has participated in Kosciusko County 4-H for over 60 years. Upon graduation, Valerie plans to use her finance degree to become a Financial Advisor and assist families and professional

use her finance degree to become a Financial Advisor and assist families and professionals with achieving their financial goals in various ways. She is eager to contribute her 4-H experience to the Indiana 4-H Foundation.

## Pay It Forward



Do you love working with Purdue Extension Kosciusko County and want to give back to support our programs and activities? As part of Purdue Day of Giving, we're combining forces across the state to raise money for Extension,

and we need your help to grow our impact! You can support Kosciusko County on April 28 at <a href="http://purdue.university/Kosciusko">http://purdue.university/Kosciusko</a>. 100% of your donation comes back to Kosciusko County Extension. Thank you for your support!



## National Volunteer Week

The world is full of heroes - individuals with a desire to help - and we have our fair share of them in our own community. If it were not for the hard work and dedication of our 200+ Kosciusko County 4-H Volunteers, our 4-H program would not exist! Our volunteers spend numerous hours working on tasks, such as helping with a 4-H project, leading a project to serve the community or helping organize an event at the county fair.

Those of us in the Extension Office want to express our sincere gratitude for all of your hard work. We could not do what we do without you.

Friends and family of 4-H members, please take the time, especially during National Volunteer Week, April 18-14, 2021, to express your appreciation to the people that have helped the child in your family to succeed in their 4-H career.



4-H'ers: To celebrate these individuals during National Volunteer Week, April 18-14, 2021, take a moment to show your appreciation to a volunteer who has helped you. Email, mail or drop this form off to the Extension Office telling us all about your favorite 4-H volunteer. The volunteer with the most forms will be awarded a gift package courtesy of the Extension Office and the 4-H Council.







## REMINDER





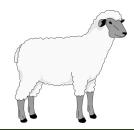
## Deadline for ALL animal enrollment is Saturday, May 15, 2021 (Except Poultry which is June 1)

Please be aware that a 4-Her who submits animals after the published due date forfeits all points for that project and will not be eligible to sell that species in the livestock auction or exhibit these animals at the Indiana State Fair.











## Safety Plan Guidelines



Until further notice...We ask that the following becomes a regular for all 4-H Events as we continue to maneuver through the world with Covid restrictions.

Pack a face covering: Face covering will need to be worn at ALL 4-H Events (indoors and outdoors) and especially when social distancing is difficult.

Do a Self-Check of your Health: If you or a member of your household are feeling ill or have been in contact with an ill individual, or awaiting test results, please to not come.

Refreshments: Refreshments can be store bought or homemade, but must be individually bagged for distribution.

Recreation: Youth should not be sharing materials or game equipment. If sharing something, remind youth to not touch their face before using hand sanitizer or washing their hands with soap and water.

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