

LaPorte County Notable



Educator Notes

It sure is good to be home! I am Joan Grott, a graduate of South Central High School and an alum of the Hanna-Noble 4-H Club. From Union Mills, I went on to Purdue University for a couple of degrees, and then eventually came back north to Valparaiso. I have now been serving as the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator in Porter County for 19 years! While my permanent full-time role is in Porter County, I am truly honored to be able to come back home and support the LaPorte County 4-H Program on an interim, part-time basis. I am excited to work with you to provide the youth of LaPorte County a fantastic spring and summer season! I will spend 1-2 days per week in the LaPorte County Extension Office, but will be carving out a little time every day to take care of any LaPorte County business, so please do not hesitate to reach out via email any time at joangrott@purdue.edu.



Hello, LaPorte County! I'm Julie Jones and I'll be one of your interim 4-H Educators. Though new to this county, I am not new to Extension—my father, my aunt on my dad's side, and my uncle on my mom's were county agents. My grandparents were 4-H leaders and my aunt had a job at the National 4-H Center. I spent much of my childhood at 4-H events, farm visits, board meetings, pesticide trainings, and, of course, county fairs. After graduating from Purdue and IU, I taught English as a Second Language for several years.

I then reconnected with 4-H and for the past 14 years I've been a 4-H Youth Development Educator in Lake County. I love what I do and I'm excited to be part of the LaPorte County team. I'll be spending 1-2 days a week in the LaPorte County Extension Office through the spring and summer.

Please feel free to reach me there, via email at jones298@purdue.edu, or at the Lake County Extension Office at 219-755-3240.

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Indiana State Fair

LETTING THE GOOD TIME ROLL!

July 29th - August 21st

The Indiana State Fair published their dates for the 2022 4-H Livestock competitions and entries will open on May 17, 2022.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions>

Add/Drop Deadline

If you are going to add a project, drop a project or change a club be sure to do so by the deadline of May 16th (this year only). This helps in preparing for fair!

Animal ID in 4-H Online

Please check out our website for instructions on how to ID your animal in 4HOnline at

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/4h-page.html#>

The deadline for entering all animals is May 16th. You can find more information about animal ID, including videos on the State website.



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a mandatory training for all 4-H members that will be showing livestock.

If you haven't already, please visit yqcaprogram.org and create a new account. The account should be in a parents name and once the account is verified, you will be able to add the 4-H members information.

There are in-person trainings being planned for May and June so please keep an eye out for emails regarding any upcoming trainings being offered in LaPorte County. Web-based training are also available at yqcaprogram.org for a cost of \$12.00.

The deadline in order to complete the training is June 24th.

4-HOnline 2.0

As the 4-H season kicks into high gear, the office would like to remind all 4-H members that if your enrollment fee of \$15.00 has not been paid, you are not currently active and will not be able to participate in 4-H activities.

If you are unsure of your status, please log back in to 4HOnline and verify. If your enrollment is still "Awaiting Review" please make arrangements to pay the state fee. If your status is "incomplete" status then you have not finished your enrollment and need to fully submit to be approved. If you have any questions please contact the extension office.



Scheduling Meetings

As we continue our partnership with the Fair Management and Events Corporation (FMEC), it is important that you contact the office to reserve dates and buildings at the Fairgrounds.

Kathy Ulman is the contact person in our office to coordinate those dates and times. Please give her a call to set up any meetings.

Maintenance does lock gates at night, if they do not have any events on their calendar. We do not want anyone locked out so please communicate with us.

For meetings held around the community, we ask that you please still let the office know so we can help spread the word about your events!

Trips & Such

Have you ever thought about taking a trip through 4-H. If you are eligible, you would have received a letter in early March. Please complete the form and include the registration fee of \$30.00 (make checks payable to the Extension Education Fund) and return it to the office. The new deadline is April 26th.

For more information about trips please visit | <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/index.html>



Camp Counselor Information



Responsible 4-H members in eighth grade and above are encouraged to apply for a leadership position as a 4-H Camp Counselor. The LaPorte-Porter 4-H Day Camp will be held on Thursday and Friday, June 23rd-24th at Bluhm County Park near the LaPorte-Porter county line in Westville! This regional leadership opportunity will allow you to sharpen your communication, teamwork, leadership, and more! Counselors take on much responsibility as they participate in planning, implementing, and directing camp activities.

Find the app and more info at <https://portercounty4h.org/.../2022-laporte-porter-4-h-camp/>

Upcoming Dates

Sewing Fashion Revue/Consumer Clothing Workshop |

April 21st | 6:00 pm

Archery Work session (grades 8th-12th) | April 21 | 6:00 pm

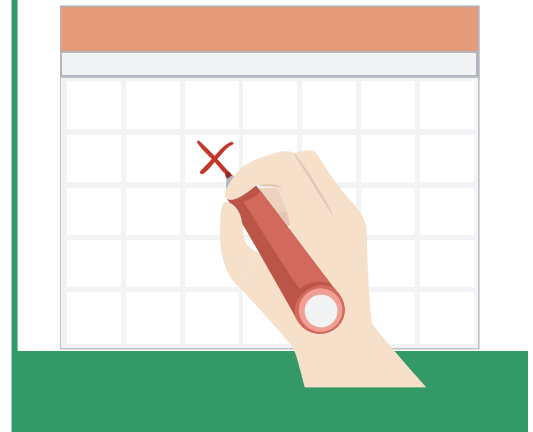
Dairy Feeder Steer ID Day | April 23rd | 9:00 am

Mini Equine Workshop | April 24th | 5:00 pm

Sheep ID Day | May 6th 6:00 pm & May 7th 8:00 am

Goat ID Day | May 7th | 8:00 am

Poultry Workshop | May 7th | 9:00 am



For club meetings and more, make sure to check out our 4-H Calendar online at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/4h-page.html>

If you have important information that you would like in the next newsletter please email Kelly. If you would like us to send postcards or notifications for meetings we ask that you give us at least two weeks notice using our [Communication form](#). We are busy and want to serve you the best that we can but we also need a heads up! Thank you!



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