LaPorte County Noteable

Educator Notes

There's a reason the windshield is bigger than the rearview mirror... we're moving forward into the 2022–23 4-H year!!

But first, a little glimpse in the rearview... We had a great year of 4-H. We experienced many changes in LaPorte County 4-H, but we also had opportunities for growth. Our 4-H members had many opportunities for fun and learning, including all the summer fun of 4-H Round-Up, 4-H Academy, LaPorte-Porter 4-H Day Camp, and the first-ever LaPorte-Porter Mini 4-H Day Camp. And that just covers a few weeks in June! July was a blur... but we saw so many smiles at the Great LaPorte County Fair! And let's not forget the amazing workshop and meeting opportunities provided by our dedicated 4-H volunteers all year round. THANK YOU to all our volunteers for all they do to keep the LaPorte 4-H program moving in the right direction!

Now, looking into the windshield, the new 4-H year begins and 4-H online enrollment opens on October 1st. There is lots of important information about the enrollment process for youth members and adult volunteers in this edition of the Notable, so be sure to read it thoroughly. As a reminder, it's imperative that volunteers complete their annual enrollment/screening process before actively working with 4-H members for the year. Your previous enrollment will expire on September 30th. Our target enrollment date for volunteers is October 31st. If you could please work toward completing your annual enrollment for the year by then, it would be a great help to the office staff.

Thanks to the entire LaPorte County 4-H community of members, volunteers, family, and friends for keeping our 4-H program moving forward. If there's anything we can do for you,

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please don't hesitate to reach out, we continue to be on-call for LaPorte County on an interim basis.

Sincerely, Joan & Julie

National 4-H Week

October 2nd - 8th is National 4-H Week!

To celebrate this year the office is holding a cover contest for our new project handbook and we would love to see your creativity. There are just a few guidelines.

- 1) Draw your design to fit a $8 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" piece of white paper.
- 2) Mark your name and phone number on the back lower right corner
- 3) All submissions need to be turned in to the extension office by October 31st at 4:00 p.m.





Other ways to celebrate the week:

- Re-enroll!
- Celebrate yourself and your accomplishments in 4-H!
- Wear your 4-H Gear!
- Become a 4-H Volunteer!
- Tell a friend about 4-H!

However you decided to celebrate National 4-H week, know that you are part of an organization that is engaging, enabling, and empowering over 6 million kids across the U.S.

4-H is creating a better tomorrow, today.

4-H Online Enrollment

4-H enrollment opens on October 1st! Visit v2.4honline.com (or click the enroll now button) and use the log-in information from last year. If you are a returning member <u>do not make</u> a new account. If you forget that info, just call the office and the staff will be more than happy to help you out. If you need step by step instructions please <u>click here</u>.

Enroll Now!

Don't forget that you can now pay online (even Mini 4-Hers).

Important to remember:

- Even though phone numbers and emails are not required; they are important to us when trying to get information out to you regarding the 4-H program.
- You can belong to more than one club but please make sure to mark your primary club.
- Make sure to pick all of the projects that your child is interested in. The office runs reports by project to get information to those members.

You will receive an email to let you know your enrollment has been submitted. You will receive another email when your County Extension office has approved your enrollment. You may view the enrollment status on the Member List. Any enrollments that have fees to be paid by credit card will process when the County Extension Office approves the enrollment. Should the transaction be declined, you will receive an email notification. It will include a link to login so that you may add another card or change your payment method.

Your Status Will Say 'Active' If....

You enrolled, paid your state program fee, and are approved by the State 4-H Office.

Your Status Will Say 'Pending' If...

You enrolled, but have not stopped by the Extension Office to pay your \$15 State Program Fee. Upon receipt of payment we will send it to the State 4-H Office to process and approve your enrollment.

Your Status Will Say 'Inactive' If...

You have not logged in to update your profile or upon updating your profile you forgot to enroll in the 2022-2023 year.

Volunteer Enrollment

Volunteers participating in 4-H activities (i.e. project superintendent, club and committee meetings) MUST BE in "Active Status", which includes being enrolled in 4HOnline and all trainings completed. Those with "Inactive Status" should not be interacting with 4-H members and are not covered under the American Income Life 4-H insurance., If you have any questions abut your status, do not hesitate to call the Extension Office at 219-324-9407.

Upcoming Dates

Along with our monthly newsletter please remember that the weekly announcements will start back up on October 2nd!

October 11th

6:00 pm Pleasant Clovers Club Meeting at Pleasant Township Fire Department

October 13th

5:30 pm - New Durham 95'er Club Meeting at Westville School Library **6:30 pm** - 4-H Council Meeting at the Extension Office



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

LaPorte County 4-H Council

Do you know what the purpose of our 4-H Council is? Here are some key points:

- To facilitate 4-H Youth Development Program planning for LaPorte County;
- To assist with audience development, including member recruitment and recognition;
- To support volunteer staff development;
- To provide continuing financial support;
- To ensure accountability of funds as 4-H property intended for the benefit of all 4-H participants;
- To promote the 4-H program and opportunities available;
- To assure 4-H Youth Development Program is operating cooperatively with other youthserving educational programs.

Did you also know that our 4-H Council holds 10 meetings every year and that the meetings are open to anyone to attend. They are held at the Extension Office the 2nd Thursday of the month.

The LaPorte County 4-H Council is going to be holding elections at their November meeting and are looking for volunteers to become members of the Council. If you are interested please use our google form and provide us with some basic information. You can find the form here.

Club Leaders, Committee Chairs & Project Superintendents

In August the office mailed out letters to all of you and Kelly has gotten a great response however, there are still a few outstanding. If you have not already returned those, could you please do so by October 31st. The Educators would like to start to find volunteers to fill in the vacancies.

We need all project changes for the Project Handbook by October 31st. Please get together with your committees and let us know of any updates by this date. Submit your changes in written form via email to wozniallepurdue.edu

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 <u>Communication form</u>. We are busy and want to serve you the best that we can. Thank you!

Scheduling Meetings

The Extension Office is continuing to partner with the Fair Management and Events Corporation (FEMC) this year in how we schedule usage of the Fairgrounds. If you are needing to use any space at the fairgrounds, please contact Kathy or Kelly at the Extension Office to coordinate those buildings, dates and times. You can also find a reservation form to complete and turn in by visiting:

https://extension.purdue.edu/news/county/laporte/meetingreservationform2022.pdf

For reasons of liability and insurance, it's imperative that Purdue Extension - LaPorte County is aware of all 4-H functions and activities. This includes, but is not limited to: any meetings, fundraisers, or other gatherings of committees, clubs, projects, or other entities. If our office is not aware of your activity, it is not a 4-H activity and not protected by Purdue/4-H liability and insurance policies. Further, by providing the office with this information we are able to include it in our newsletters, calendar, social media, etc. and are better able to answer any incoming calls that we may receive.

Promotions



4-H Poultry Club Chicken Noodle Dinne

Saturday, November 5, 2022 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm La Porte County Fairgrounds

Chicken & Noodles
Potatoes • Vegetable
Bread & Butter • Beverage
Home Made Dessert

Adults:

10 and under:

\$10.00 In Advance

\$5.00 In Advance

\$11.00 At Door

\$6.00 At Door

CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE

Silent AuctionWinners Announced at 7:00 p.m.

Call June Lenig for Tickets 219-608-6032



Saturday, October 29

purdue.ag/in4hsummit



Newsletter: Printed Copy Subscription

All newsletters are e-mailed and also posted on the <u>La Porte County 4-H website</u> in the "The Notable" accordion. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to you, please fill out this form and send it or drop off to the Extension Office. The subscription year runs through August 31, 2023.

Mail form to: LaPorte County Purdue Extension Office 2857 W. State Road 2, Suite A LaPorte, IN 46350

Name:	 	
Address:	 	
City, State, Zip Code:		



Thank you to all of our volunteers, parents, and supporters for your patience and understanding during this past year. Your dedication, enthusiasm and desire for success of the 4-H Youth Development Program is evident.



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