



A HEADS UP

LAWRENCE COUNTY 4-H E-NEWSLETTER

FROM THE EDUCATOR

Hello 4-H Families!

Happy April and happy spring to you all! This month is shaping up to be a particularly busy one in the 4-H world with some clubs participating in the Eclipse related events, Lawrence County hosting the Area 2 Performing Arts Festival, and starting to promote lots of great things happening this summer.

Hang on tight for the home stretch of the school year, and be sure to check out the details in this newsletter to stay engaged with your club and find new opportunities for your members.

Thanks to generous support by the 4-H Council and some grants, we have ways to help you attend local and state 4-H experiences. be sure to check these out and get registered in 4HOnline.

Hope everyone stays safe and enjoys the Eclipse rapidly approaching. Feel free to stop by the fairgrounds for a meal Friday Night- Sunday Night at the Junior Leader Food Stand. As always, reach out to our office if you have questions.

Best,
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WELCOME TO 4-H

NOW WHAT?

Welcome to Lawrence County 4-H! Be sure to check out our website, <http://bit.ly/4HNewMember>

We want to help find the best opportunities for you in our program. Feel free to call (812) 275-4623 or stop by the office to get your questions answered.



2024 Lawrence County 4-H Fair Schedule

Mark your calendars! 4-H Fair week is July 5-13, 2024. You can find a printable schedule (including judging activities the week before) as well as more details on our website at <http://bit.ly/LC4HFair>.

REMINDERS & UPDATES MANUALS SURVEY

Project manuals are full of resources to help you with your 4-H project. The 4-H Council officers these free to our members. To receive your manuals, fill out the survey at https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8D5pCGpjoYxGFx4. **If you want to pick them up from the office, please give us 3-4 days notice**, so they will be ready when you arrive. Some information on manuals can be found on the projects page of the Indiana 4-H website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/index.html>. Keep in mind that County Only project information will not be available there. Please check the Lawrence County 4-H Handbook for more details (<http://bit.ly/LC4HHandbook>). Be aware that our system does not tell us every time you add or drop a project, so if you feel like you are missing a manual, let us know. We may have pulled manuals for you before you made changes.

Purdue Day of Giving

Purdue Day of Giving is a 24-hour online fundraising event that takes place this year on April 24. Participating in hourly and full-day challenges can make your gift go even further, and any donation can help Lawrence County claim a top spot on the donation and participation leaderboard for additional bonus funding! Learn more at the [Purdue Day of Giving](#) website.

4-H Academy, Round-Up, & Other State Trips

4-H has many great opportunities outside of the county limits. These life changing opportunities can help you explore your interests and find your sparks. Registration is open, and Lawrence County youth are encouraged to take a look at these opportunities. 4-H Council sponsors \$100 toward many of these on a first come-first serve basis. Program details are at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/index.html>

- 4-H Academy @ Purdue (grades 9-12, June 12-14)
- 4-H Round Up (grades 7-9, June 24-26)
- 4-H Band or Chorus Workshops (grades 9-12, June 22-24/25)
- State 4-H Ambassador Program
- State Fair Exhibit Hall Workers

IMPORTANT DATES

4-H Camp: Save the Date

4-H Camp is going to be INCREDIBLE! Get ready for amazing adventures at 4-H Camp. Camp will be held May 31- June 2, 2024! 4-H members in grades 3-8 are invited to join the spy kids for an action packed camping experience. Camp will be at Country Lake Retreat Center in Clark County. Registration will open April 1 and be due May 1. Partial Camp Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis, so watch for more details at <https://bit.ly/Camp4H> and in your email.



Area 2 Performing Arts

Lawrence County is hosting the 2024 Area 2 Performing Arts Festival on April 19 at 6:30 pm at the Expo Hall. We invite talented youth to sign up to perform by April 10 at <https://bit.ly/4HPerfArts>. You are also welcome to attend just to check out the many talents. Acts can be group or individual, musical or non musical. We are also currently looking for a Lawrence County 4-H member to serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the event. If



you would like to help introduce the acts (no worries- we will have those for you), please reach out to Lesley ASAP.

Indiana Quality Livestock Care

All youth (grades 3-12) exhibiting Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, or Swine are required to complete a quality assurance training through Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (in person) or YQCA (online). Upcoming dates and details about the program can be found at <https://bit.ly/4HLivestockCare>

Tagging/Weigh-In Schedule

New this year! You have two options of when to attend Animal Tagging/Weigh In. You can choose to attend this mandatory event for most of our animal projects April 30 (5-7 pm) or May 11 (AM) at the Lawrence County 4-H Fairgrounds. Each species that has a weigh-in/tagging will be expected to attend one of these dates. If you would like to participate in the Rate of Gain classes, plan to attend on May 11. Excluded animals are cats, dogs, horses, poultry, and dairy calves that are not born by this date. These will have separate dates they must attend. Be on the look out for more details about the schedule and processes. <https://bit.ly/LC4HTagging>.

UPCOMING OPEN SHOWS

Wanting to gain more show experience? We post all open shows, about which we are notified, on our website at: https://bit.ly/4HShows_Workshops. Information included is the entirety of what was provided to us. If you are interested in any of these shows, please use the contact information included in the featured flyers.

2024 Indiana State Fair

Information on the upcoming 2024 Indiana State Fair is available. Information regarding Competitions and Contests, can be found at <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests>



SENIOR UPDATES

LCCA Scholarship Opportunity

The 2024 Lawrence County Cattleman's Association(LCCA) scholarship application is now available. LCCA will award up to four, \$1,000 scholarships to qualifying high school graduates from Lawrence County for any college, junior college, short course, or trade school. Find out more by visiting: <https://bit.ly/LCCAScholarship2024> Scholarship deadline is Friday, April 12, 2024.

Parents of Seniors: Senior Boards

Please help us honor your senior! A Salon poster board will be provided to you, free of charge, to make a display to celebrate their accomplishments. Please pick up a board in the office and return the decorated board no later than Saturday, July 6 to the Extension Office set up at the Fairgrounds Community Building.



Senior Brunch

The Senior Brunch will be a catered meal at the fairgrounds. We invite all seniors to attend at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 13 in the Expo Hall. RSVPs for seniors and guests are required by July 3. <https://bit.ly/LCSeniors24>

'About You' Information

The 4-H Council wants to celebrate our seniors by creating a presentation featuring you. To do that, they need your help. Please use this link <https://bit.ly/LCSeniors24> to submit your information to us by July 3.

10 Year/Senior Recognition & Awards

Come and join us at the Exhibit Hall Awards Ceremony, Sunday, July 7 at 5:00pm in the Park Tent to receive recognition for your time in 4-H. During the ceremony, 10 Year members and Seniors will be recognized for their commitment to 4-H as well as other awards and scholarships.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

AROUND THE STATE

4-H Statewide Drone/UAV Competition

Free event for 4-H members includes obstacle course, FFA regulations test, & robotics programming. This event will take place at the Madison County Fairgrounds in Alexandria, IN on May 4, 2024 from 12-3pm. Register to attend by visiting: <https://drone-uav-comp-2024.4honline.com>. For additional information, contact Bill Decker at wdecker@purdue.edu.

Livestock Workshop- Scott County

4-Hers can spend the morning rotating through three short showmanship clinics covering the following species: Beef cattle, Swine, Goats, Sheep, Rabbits, & Poultry. This program will include Youth Quality Care(YQCA) certification for youth who need it at the end of the event. Cost is \$3 at the door. Register online: <https://Livestockworkshop.4honline.com>.

2024 Chevron TRC

The Chevron Tractor Restoration Competition (TRC) was established 25 years ago to recognize and reward the creativity, technical aptitude, and business knowledge of high school-aged students from around the country. In addition to learning technical and mechanical skills from their restoration, participants develop teamwork, project management, budget management, planning and marketing skills.

The competition awards prizes totaling up to \$20,000. Whether you're involved with FFA, 4-H, Skills USA, or simply interested in agriculture and/or the restoration process, the Chevron TRC is a rewarding experience which engages you.

2024 Chevron TRC-Line up your tractor and mark your calendar for these dates:

- April 30 - Entry materials will be published
- August 2 - Competition deadline for all entry materials including Restoration Reports, videos, and photos
- September 11 - Finalists will be announced on social media
- October 23-24 - TRC Finals: In-person finalist presentations will take place in Indianapolis, IN, co-located with the 2024 FFA National Expo

Find out more at: ChevronTRC.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project Supplies

Needing some special supplies for your project? Remember the Extension Office sells appropriately sized boards and plastic sleeves for \$4 per set. We have both regular size and photography salon size. We also have electric kits, entomology boxes, and vials. Just stop by with cash or check.

4HOnline: Double Check your Record

Now that you have completed your enrollment through <https://4HOnline.com>, we recommend you bookmark the site. You will use this site throughout the year to do things like:

- Drop/Add projects —to be eligible to exhibit a project at the fair, be sure to have it on your 4HOnline profile to complete Fairentry. *If you decide to drop or add projects, email McKayla with your changes.
- Identify your animals--May 15!
- Animal Identification can be completed after January 15 and must be completed by May 15.
- Sign up for trips and activities

Additionally, if you are having any trouble using 4HOnline, please contact the Extension Office, 812-275-4623.

4-H Handbook

Getting started or putting the finishing touches on your project? Be sure you have checked all of the requirements in the Lawrence County 4-H Handbook at: <https://bit.ly/LC4HHandbook>

Council T-Shirt Design Search

Want to put your creative skills to work? Submit your ideas for the Lawrence County 4-H t-shirt design that will be sold during the fair. Submit designs to McKayla (padgett1@purdue.edu) by Wednesday, April 10.



We Are Hiring!

Our office is looking to hire a 4-H Summer Program Assistant who will be responsible for working with the Extension Office Staff with educational programming, preparation, and implementation of 4-H programming during the Lawrence County 4-H Fair.

Additional information can be found at: <https://bit.ly/SummerAssistant4H>

MINI 4-H CORNER

Mini Workshop- May 18

Save the Date for the upcoming Mini Workshop Day! This learning opportunity is brought to Lawrence County 4-H from its Junior Leaders! They have big things planned!

Be sure to watch your emails for additional information pertaining to this day and its activities.

Mini 4-H Updates

Remember, new last year: the required poster size for all Mini 4-H Projects has been changed to the 16" x 20" Salon Board.

REPRESENTATION

Indiana 4-H Day at the State House

The Indiana 4-H Day at the State House event had an outstanding turnout! Out of the 160 Indiana 4-H youth who attended, Lawrence County had four 4-H members take part in this learning opportunity and represent our county in a positive and professional manner!



CLUB LEADERS/VOLUNTEERS

In Search of Volunteers

Lawrence County 4-H has some volunteer vacancies coming up as well as some opportunities for growth through the help of volunteers. Below is a list of places we are seeking help. If you or someone you know might be a good fit, please reach out to Lesley and she is happy to discuss these more. For some, we will simply need assistants for them, so do not feel like you have to be an expert. We are also open to other ideas if you have a way you want to contribute that is not on this list.

- Junior Leader Food Stand Team
- Mini 4-H Club Leader
- Traditional 4-H Club Leader
- Shooting Sports Instructors
- Mini 4-H Day Camp Helper
- Project Workshop Leaders (any 4-H related topic)
- SPARK Club Leaders (short term club with one focus area, topics unlimited, and Lesley has some curriculums that could be used- anything from cookie decorating to disaster preparedness and beyond.)



Club Leader Meetings-Save the Date

These meetings are open to anyone, but remember each club must have at least one representative. the next Club Leader Meeting will take place May 15, 6:30 pm at the Extension Office .

April- Volunteer Recognition Month

The month of April is Volunteer Recognition month. We encourage you to thank our dedicated volunteers who help make our 4-H program thrive! We couldn't do it without their hard work and support!

CONNECT WITH US!

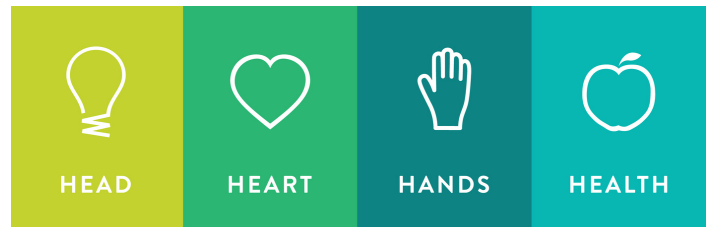
Get up-to-date 4-H information and reminders quickly on Social Media.

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CALENDAR

Deadlines & Dates to Remember:

- April 30- Tagging Day @Fairgrounds
- May 11- Tagging & Weigh-in @Fairgrounds
- May 15-Animal ID due in 4HOnline
 - State Fair DNA Envelopes due to the Ext. Office
 - Vaccination Forms/Lease Agreements due to the Ext. Office
 - Project Add/Drop Deadline
- Fairentry Opens: May 17-June 17
- Lawrence County 4-H Fair: July 5-13
- 4-H Club meeting dates can be found on our website: extension.purdue.edu/lawrence
- Club Leaders--Be sure to let us know when you meet, cancel, or change meeting dates!

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