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The Purdue Extension Martin County weekly column is provided to help all learn about programs & opportunities. We highlight events from Purdue University & Extension where we hope you will choose to be part of Extension.... where there is Opportunity4All!

MARTIN COUNTY AG DAY SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2025 - COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Calling all 4-H Members to help during Ag Day! Would you be able to help at Martin County Ag Day? All enrolled 4-H members, 3-12 graders, help is needed! Please call 812-295-2412 to sign up by March 13th and report to Dena Held at 8 am on at the Community Building.

CELEBRATE MARTIN COUNTY AG DAY MARCH 15, 2025

WHERE: Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2666 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, IN
TIME: 8:00 am to 11:00 am EST

Door prizes – Petting Farm – Vendor’s – Celebrate Ag – Breakfast Tickets

Why celebrate Ag Day? Because all Americans need to understand the value of agriculture in their daily lives. Here are just some of the key reasons why it’s important to recognize and celebrate Ag Day each year!

- Increased knowledge of agriculture and nutrition allows individuals to make informed personal choices about diet & health
- Informed citizens will be able to participate in establishing the policies that will support a competitive agricultural industry in this country and abroad.
- Employment opportunities exist across the board in agriculture.

SPRING BACK INTO THE SADDLE TWO DAY 4-H HORSE & PONY CLINIC

4-H members are invited to join the Martin County and Dubois County 4-H clubs for a horse and pony clinic! There are a few clinicians coming to get everyone ready for a great 4-H year! Areas of skill development are Halter / Showmanship, Ranch Pleasure, Horsemanship, Barrels, Poles, Speed in Action, Keyhole, Trail & Trail in-hand.

Dates: May 17-18, 2025

Who: Enrolled members of Indiana 4-H, grades 3-12. Enroll at v2.4honline.com

Location: Dubois County Fairgrounds 4157 S State Road 162, Huntingburg, IN 47542

Questions? Email martincountyhorseandpony@gmail.com or call 812-295-2412.

Registration: Under your 4honline account, events, & follow all prompts. Spots are limited and first come/first serve. Registration opens to Martin County/Dubois 4-H H&P members until April 1 then open to all Indiana 4-H Horse & Pony 4-H members. Registration closes April 25.

Cost: \$5 per participant per session, follow instructions during registration, \$10/stall/day (bring your own shavings & clean before you leave), \$10/trailer/night. Electric sites are available.

Completed 4-H veterinary health form for horse must be provided prior to the clinic.

Clinic organizers reserve the right to place participants into groups based on riding abilities. If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, have special dietary needs, or need an interpreter or translator, please indicate during registration and/or please contact Dena Held prior to the clinic, no later than April 25, at 812-295-2412 or heldd@purdue.edu.

4-H SENIOR SURVEY

4-H Seniors, soon to be grads, Indiana 4-H wants to hear about your 4-H experience! Please complete a survey to capture the culmination and impact of your 4-H activities. Information from your survey will be used to feature you as a 4-H graduating member for the county via newsletters, bulletin boards, social media posts, etc. Please complete this survey at bit.ly/IN4Hgrad by March 30, 2025!

4-H RABBIT & POULTRY CLINIC

Attend to learn about rabbit & poultry showmanship including animal safety.

When: Saturday, March 8

Time: 12:00 PM EST

Location: Pike County Fairgrounds

Participant Cost: No Cost

How to Register: At your 4honline account: <https://v2.4honline.com>

4-H BEEF & DAIRY CLINIC

Attend to learn about beef & dairy showmanship including animal safety.

When: Sunday, March 9

Time: 12:00 PM EST

Location: Pike County Fairgrounds

Participant Cost: No Cost

How to Register: At your 4honline account: <https://v2.4honline.com>

INDIANA 4-H LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care training or the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program. Mini 4-H Members do NOT need to complete this training.

Registration will open on 4honline soon! Class sizes are limited and filled on a first registered, first served basis with registration closing for each session 14 days prior to class date.

Martin County 4-H class options are:

Monday, April 28, 2025 @ 5:30 pm – registration closes on April 14, 2025

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 @ 5:30 pm – registration closes on April 22, 2025

Thursday, June 5, 2025 @ 10:30 am – registration closes on May 22, 2025

Friday, June 20, 2025 @ 10:30 am – registration closes on June 6, 2025

Cost: \$3 per 4-H member, cash or check on day of training. Please bring exact cash amount. Checks made payable to Purdue University.

Location: Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, Community Learning Center.

It is requested for all 4-H members to complete by June 20th. Quality assurance is an annual programmatic expectation that must be completed before check in at the 4-H Fair. Don't risk any check in delays, complete the class as soon as possible!

4-H Animal details may be found at:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/animal-identification.html>

SOUTHERN INDIANA 4-H CAMP

Prepare for an unforgettable journey back to the age of dinosaurs at this year's 4-H Camp! Packed with thrilling activities and prehistoric fun, this action-filled camp promises to spark curiosity, build friendships, and create memories to last a lifetime. Don't miss out on this epic adventure!

Who: 4-H Members in grades 3-8

When: May 30 - June 1, 2025

Where: Country Lake Retreat in Clark County

Registration opens April 1, 2025, on v2.4honline.com

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS & EVENT CENTER: TWO PATHS FOR FACILITY RENTAL AND USE

Do you have rental needs for the Community Building or other space upon the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center?

The space is a source of recreation, education, community belonging, celebrations, and community forums. Its uses are vast and available year round! It is a space for family, local, regional, state & national gatherings and one that has massive rich Martin County pride both for yesterday and for the future! It is indeed one of Martin County's premier community spaces, as it was intended as built decades ago.

Rentals are arranged by the Rental Manager. All rentals require financial commitment by the renter and other steps depending on type of event, specific uses, time frame, etc.

Name of Rental Manager: Jill Ziegler

Direct Contact phone/e-mail: 812-630-1592 | jill.ziegler38@gmail.com

When a program includes 4-H / Extension, those are scheduled directly through The County Extension Director/Extension Educator.

Name of County Extension Director / Extension Educator: Dena Held

Direct Contact phone/e-mail: 812-887-2783 | heldd@purdue.edu

CALLING YOUTH TO GO ON TRIPS FOR SUMMER OF 2025! SIMPLE TRIP FORM DUE THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2025!

To save your spot, please complete and return the simple commitment form and make a \$50 copay, cash or check made payable to Martin County 4-H Club Council, Inc.

Additional registration steps will be completed later. Registration fees minus the \$50 copay & bus fees for Academy & Round-Up will be paid for by Martin County 4-H. Call 812-295-2412 or text 812-653-2089 or email heldd@purdue.edu or jone2589@purdue.edu with questions. Form available in office or online at:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/martin/calling-youth-to-go-on-trips-for-summer-of-2025-final.pdf>

A Few 2025 Highlighted 4-H Trips

Southern Indiana 4-H Overnight Camp, May 30 – June 1
Grades 3-8

4-H Academy, June 11-13
Grades: 9-12

4-H Band, June 21-23
Grades: 9-12

4-H Chorus, June 21-23
Grades 9-12

4-H Round Up, June 23-25
Grades: 7-9

MARTIN COUNTY EASTER EGG HUNT HOSTED BY 4-H JR. LEADERS

Free Event!

Who: Ages 0 - 10

When: Sunday, April 13, 2025 @ 2PM

Where: Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, 2668 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, IN 47553

Children must be accompanied by a parent / adult.

Golden Prize Egg in each age group.

Arrive early. The Hunt begins promptly at 2PM

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H JR. LEADERS ACTIVITIES

All youth 7-12 grade are invited to be part of the Jr. Leaders 4-H Club! Enroll now!

Sunday, March 9 Jr. Leaders Meeting
7 pm
Community Learning Center

Sunday, March 15 Ag Day Community Service
7 am arrival
Community Building
Ending: Approximately 12:00 pm

Sunday, April 13 Easter Egg Hunt and Jr. Leaders Meeting
12:30 pm arrival
2:00 pm - Event starts
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Junior Leaders meeting

Sunday, May 4 Jr. Leaders Meeting
7 pm
Community Learning Center

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Martin County 4-H Day Camp
For ages Kindergarten – 4th grade as of 1-1-2025

Set up for Jr. Leaders: Sunday, June 8 12 pm – 3 pm

Dates: Monday & Tuesday, June 9 & 10

Jr. Leader Arrival Times: TBA

Camper Times: 1 pm – 4 pm

Doors open at 12:45 pm

Cost: \$20 per youth

Registration Deadline for Jr. Leaders & Campers: Friday, May 16

Registration: in your 4honline account @ v2.4honline.com (must be enrolled prior to registering for the event, be sure to allow time for enrollment processing)

TBD- June meeting, fair activities and completion party!

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H JOLLY JUG ROX CLUB

Upcoming 4-H meetings TBA

Where - Shoals Christian Church - CRC Building

MARTIN COUNTY JOLLY JUNIORS 4-H CLUB

Location of meetings: Truelove Church

Time of meetings: 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 20

Thursday, April 10

Tuesday, April 22

Monday, May 12

Thursday, May 29

Thursday, June 12

Thursday, June 26

Questions or need help? We are happy to help! Contact leader Kathy Lingenfelter at 812-709-1424, text us at 812-653-2089 or call 812-295-2412.

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY CLUB

To all 4-H members, including mini 4-H members! Are you interested in joining the Martin County 4-H Horse and Pony Club? The first 4-H Horse & Pony Club meeting for this program year & informational meeting was held on February 9th but you may join 4-H anytime!

Don't have a horse? Come and learn how you can still be involved and participate in this 4-H club! We're looking forward to many great things and activities this 4-H year! #Opportunity4All!

Martin County 4-H Horse & Pony Club Meetings

Sunday, March 9

5 pm – 7 pm

Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, Community Learning Center Conference Room

** Election of 4-H Member Club Officers of president, vice president, secretary, & attendance officer**

Sunday, April 27

5 pm – 7 pm

Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, Community Learning Center Conference Room

Sundays, May 4, May 11, May 25, June 1, June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29

1 pm- 5 pm at arena and/or

1 pm - 3 pm for Community Learning Center Conference Room

More details TBA based on weather and other influences

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS / SHARP SHOOTERS 4-H CLUB

All members **MUST** attend one safety briefing prior to being allowed to participate in the range for live fire.

Safety training will be done:

March 13

March 27

April 10.

Upcoming 4-H Club Meetings:

Thursday, March 13 from 6 - 7:30pm

Thursday, March 27 from 6 - 7:30pm

Thursday, April 10 from 6 - 7:30pm

Saturday, April 26 from 9 - 11:30am

Saturday, May 3 from 9 - 11:30am

Saturday, May 10 from 9 - 11:30am

Questions regarding 4-H Shooting Sports Club and activities may be asked to coordinator / leader Mark Sims 812-296-0458 or Extension Educator Dena Myers Held at 812-887-2783 / heldd@purdue.edu.

All youth and volunteers must be enrolled on 4honline for this program year prior to participating.

Questions or need help? We are happy to help! Text 812-653-2089 or call 812-295-2412.

2025 STATE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS EVENTS

4-H Archery (register by March 7th)

March 15, 2025 – Cutting Edge Archery, 1305 N Lincoln St, Greensburg, IN 47240

Rifle and Pistol (Register by April 11th)

April 19, 2025 – Riley Conservation Club, 6301 E Gross Rd, Riley, IN 47871

Shotgun (Register by May 9th)

May 17, 2025 – Indiana Gun Club, 14926 E 113 St, Fortville, Indiana 46040

Registration is required on 4honline.com (v2.4honline.com) Team & individual entry options.

Ammo for shoots provided.

Cost: \$30 per contestant, shotgun\$50 per contestant

Check in from 8:30 am – 9 am

Participants brings their own equipment & bring your own lawn chairs, sunscreen & snacks.

Questions? Contact David Osborne @ osbornda@purdue.edu / 812-689-6511

SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Each individual who wishes to volunteer on behalf of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program in Indiana must:

- Be an approved Indiana 4-H Volunteer
- Complete the 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Training Workshop in the discipline(s) for which you will be teaching youth
- Certification Workshops are conducted through a partnership with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Hunter Education Division and the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee
- Workshops are held at Ross Camp in Tippecanoe County.
- Registration opens approximately 6 weeks before the workshop is scheduled. Registration will conclude 10 days before the workshop, unless the sessions fill to capacity before then.
- Registrations are handled by the Indiana Hunter Education Association.
- Registration fee is \$200.00 per person.

2025 Training Dates:

April 4-6, 2025 Registration is now available at www.inhea.com through around March 24th.

September 5-7, 2025 (Registration to open around July 25 and to close around August 25)

2026 Training Dates:

April 10-12, 2026 (Registration to open around February 27 and to close around March 30)

September 11-13, 2026 (Registration to open around July 31 and to close around August 31)

PURDUE DAY OF GIVING

Purdue Day of Giving is an annual 24-hour online fundraising event that takes place on April 30, 2025. Participation in hourly and full-day challenges can make your gift go even further, and any donation can help your county claim the top spots on the donation and participation leaderboards for additional bonus funds! Learn more at the **Purdue Day of Giving** website.

When: Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Theme: Hail Purdue! All Hail!

Martin County Goal: \$2000

Donations will go towards growing programs involving college & career pathway development for youth in the content areas of Hypersonics and related STEM knowledge & Skill growth.

2025 MARTIN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS

The following 4-H Council Meetings are scheduled, to be held at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center.

March 13, 2025 6:00 PM

April 3, 2025 6:30 PM

May 8, 2025 6:30 PM

June 5, 2025 6:30 PM

July 7, 2025 TBA

August 14, 2025 6:30 PM

September 11, 2025 6:30 PM

October 9, 2025 6:30 PM

November 13, 2025 6:00 PM

December 11, 2025 6:00 PM

4-H EXHIBIT/PROJECT SCORECARDS ARE AVAILABLE

Are you new to 4-H or a seasoned 4-Her? Either way, reviewing the score cards for projects can help youth decide on how to best set up project exhibits and understand how judging is completed. PROJECT SCORECARDS can be located at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/index.html>. It is a great way to work to prepare your exhibit!

2024-2025 MARTIN COUNTY 4-H POINT SHEET IS AVAILABLE

The 4-H point sheet is available from your Club Leader, in the Extension Office, or online! Start building those points up now! Point sheets help with the annual fall Achievement Awards program and for your documentation for scholarships. You may locate the form online at: <https://bit.ly/2024-2025pointsheet>

DUBOIS COUNTY LIVESTOCK JUDGING INVITATIONAL

Who: ALL 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Teams are welcome to attend

When: March 29, 2025

Times: 7:30 - 8:30 registration check-in CONTEST BEGINS @ 9AM EST

Where: Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds, 4157 South State Road 162, Huntingburg, IN 47542

Cost: \$25 per individual, Lunch is included with registration.

Preregistration recommended by 12 PM, March 27, 2025 at <https://forms.gle/be4ALCfKAriVXG6N8>

For more information, contact the Event Managers:

Josh Lichlyter - 812-827-9424

Grant Weyer - 812-661-0490