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Extension - Martin County

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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!

IT IS NOT TO LATE: ENROLL IN 4-H NOW!

Enroll now in 4-H to get started in the nations' largest positive youth development program with projects, trips and experiences for all! Enroll at v2.4honline.com. Call, text or email at any time, we are happy to help. We provide opportunity for all!

PURDUE DAY OF GIVING TO HELP IN MARTIN COUNTY!

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.

SOUTHERN INDIANA 4-H CAMP: REGISTRATION IS OPEN ONLY THROUGH MAY 1ST!

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 is OPEN! Register on 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 is 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. You register through your 4honline account or you the link below will take you directly to the event registration.

Upcoming open Martin County 4-H class options are:

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

Register at <https://martinqlcjune5.4honline.com>

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

Register at <https://martinqlcjune20.4honline.com>

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>

BEEF AND SWINE 4-H SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

Come learn about the beef and swine show process, how to be comfortable in the show ring, safety, proper handling, and a live demonstration on showmanship! New and experienced 4-H youth are welcome. Parents and mentors are included with their 4-H member in this clinic.

Date: Monday, June 2, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Shoals High School, Jug Rox Farm, 7900 US Hwy 50, Shoals, IN

Reservation Appreciated by Noon on May 30th by calling 812-295-2412 or texting 812-653-2089

Questions? Call 812-295-2412 or Text: 812-653-2089

YOUTH IN GRADES 7, 9 OR 9: JOIN IN AT INDIANA 4-H ROUND-UP AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY: REGISTRATION IS OPEN UNTIL MAY 9TH.

Are you ready for an unforgettable summer experience? Indiana 4-H Round-Up is just around the corner, and we want YOU to be part of it!

What is the Indiana 4-H Round-Up?

4-H Round-Up is a three-day event (June 23-25, 2025) at Purdue University, designed for youth who have just completed grades 7, 8, or 9.

- **Explore Careers:** Participate in exciting classes led by Purdue professors and industry experts.
- **Experience College Life:** Stay in Purdue residence halls. Dine on campus. Explore the campus of Purdue University.
- **Develop as a Leader:** Build confidence and leadership skills through engaging activities and by hearing from an amazing keynote speaker.
- **Have Fun & Make Friends:** Enjoy lawn games outside of McCutcheon Hall and an evening in Purdue's Recreational Sports Center, including a dance, movie, basketball, and volleyball. Meet new friends from across Indiana.

Registration Details

Martin County youth pay \$50 and Martin County 4-H will pay the remainder balance of \$200!

Must register by May 9th for this fee structure. Transportation is not provided as simple trip designation closed in March.

How to Register: Contact us to begin your 4honline event set up

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR INDIANA STATE FAIR EXHIBIT HALL YOUTH WORKERS!

Youth workers 14 through college-age work as Indiana State Fair temporary seasonal employees earning wages as they help manage more than 9,000 non-animal 4-H exhibits. This is a residential work experience and all workers, if hired, will be expected to reside in 4-H Centennial Hall. Work begins July 26 and concludes August 19. There are options for working partial dates. Apply on your 4honline account.

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, 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:

Tuesday, May 6
Tuesday, May 20
Tuesday, June 3
Tuesday, June 17
Tuesday, July 1

6 pm – 7 pm

Where - Shoals Christian Church - CRC Building

Community Service activity dates to be announced.

MARTIN COUNTY JOLLY JUNIORS 4-H CLUB

Location of meetings: Truelove Church

Time of meetings: 6:00 p.m.

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, 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 NEW 4-H CLUB: MARTIN COUNTY 4-H K-9 ELITES

There is still time to join 4-H and be part of the club or add the project on v2.4honline.com! The public is invited to attend the 2025 Martin County 4-H Dog Show on Saturday, June 28th, 2 pm at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, Community Building.

Next Club Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

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

Who: All youth, Kindergarten – 12th Grade, who are interested in Dog Exhibition in 4-H and their parents/adult mentors.

NO DOGS to attend UNTIL FULLY COMPLETED 2025 Dog Vaccination form is completed and verified by the Club Leader.

Questions: Kristen Padgett, Martin County 4-H K-9 Elites Club Leader & 4-H Dog Superintendent, at kpadgett718@gmail.com or 765-607-3307 or Dena Held, Extension Educator, at heldd@purdue.edu or 812-295-2412.

MARTIN COUNTY TRACTOR 4-H CLUB

CALL OUT 4-H CLUB MEETING FOR 4-H MEMBERS AND PARENTS/MENTORS!

When: Tuesday, April 29

Time: 6 pm

Location: Shelter House west of the Community Learning Center, Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, 2666 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, IN.

All members **MUST** attend a safety briefing prior to being allowed to participate in the operator skills. 4-H members may choose to participate in:

Ag Tractor Safety & Operator Skills

Lawn & Garden Safety & Operator Skills

Zero-Turn Mower Safety & Operator Skills

And/or

Educational Exhibit/Exhibits (a static exhibit entered at the Community Building following guidelines in the project area)

Find more information at:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-tractor-and-mower-safety-and-operator-skills.html>

Questions regarding 4-H Tractor Club and activities may be asked to leader Larry Craney at 812-709-8156 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.

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 trainings for this 4-H year have been completed.

Upcoming 4-H Club Meetings:

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 UPCOMING STATE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS 4-H MEMBER EVENTS

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.ed / 812-689-6511

2025 MARTIN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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 scholarship applications.

AVOID GRAIN DUST HAZARDS PROGRAM

Grain dust explosions can be prevented or minimized through awareness and simple steps implemented in each facility. This workshop will equip you with the awareness and steps you need to prevent or minimize grain dust explosions.

Date: May 8, 2025

Time: 10am - 12pm CST

Location: Consolidated Grain and Barge Company, 2701 Bluff Road, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620

Registration: Contact Purdue Extension – Posey County Phone: (812)838-1331 poseyces@purdue.edu

Registration deadline: May 2, 2025

SERVESAFE FOOD MANAGER 1-DAY CLASS & EXAMINATION

ServSafe Food Protection Manager is the highest ServSafe certification. It satisfies Indiana requirements to become a Certified Food Protection manager and focuses on five aspects:

- Foodborne microorganisms and allergens
- Personal hygiene
- Purchasing, receiving, and storage
- Preparing, cooking, and serving
- Facilities, cleaning/sanitation, and managing pests

Date: July 22, 2025

Times: All times are Eastern

Registration Time: 8am to 8:30 am

Training Time: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Exam Time: Approx. 3:00 pm, If you are registering for exam only; please arrive at 2:45pm

CLASS OPTIONS & FEES:

Training Manual & Exam: \$165

Manual & Exam (no training): \$115

Training & Exam (no manual): \$115 Exam only: \$65

Location: VU Agricultural Center, 4207 N. Purdue Rd., Vincennes, IN 47591

Register at: <https://cvent.me/VBb7de>

Registration deadline July 14, 2025. Registrations after the deadline will incur a \$20 late fee.

For class questions, contact Tonya Short, short43@purdue.edu

For registration questions email edustore@purdue.edu

If you require a reasonable accommodation, please contact Tonya at least 10 business days in advance of the class at 812-882-3509. If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact Tonya at least 10 business days in advance of the class at 812-882-3509 Purdue University is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access University.

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H FAIR 2025

Thursday, July 10 – Tuesday, July 15, 2025

4-H Only Related Schedule of Activities

***More activities to be added/subject to change* 3-24-2025**

Monday, April 28 to Thursday, May 1

Office Hours 8 am – 4 pm or other hours as scheduled

Swine 4-H tags will be available during office hours 8 am – 4 pm and with pre-arrangement by texting 812-653-2089 or calling 812-295-2412. Before swine tags are issued, families will need to know the exhibitors name, each animal's breed, sex, notches, tattoo if applicable and if each animal has any other type of tag applied so the correct tag may be issued for each animal. Swine tags to be applied by May 15th and no animals to be checked in at the 4-H Fair livestock check-in without tags applied. The worksheet is not required but is a helpful option for families and is available at:

https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/_docs/projects/swine/swine-id-worksheet.pdf

Friday, May 2 **6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

Martin County 4-H tagging for applicable cattle, sheep & goats.

Tagging details available at: https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/_docs/exhibits/animal-identification/animal-id-requirements.pdf

New 4-H livestock tags will NOT be distributed after May 2nd.

Swine do NOT report to the tagging day. Swine TAGS TO BE PICKED UP during tagging time May 2nd 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm or prior on Monday, April 28 to Thursday, May 1 during office hours 8 am – 4 pm and with pre-arrangement by texting 812-653-2089 or calling 812-295-2412. Swine tags to be applied by May 15th and no animals will be checked in at the 4-H Fair livestock check-in without tags applied.

Thursday, May 8

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm 4-H Poultry Bleed for Martin County 4-H Poultry

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm 4-H Rabbit Tattooing for Martin County 4-H Rabbits

Thursday, May 15

All 4-H animals must be fully identified on v2.4honline com per 4-H animal identification chart https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/_docs/exhibits/animal-identification/animal-id-requirements.pdf

All 4-H animal applicable leases due

DNA submissions for applicable state fair bound animals due

Equine health forms due prior to equine being on premise

Further animal exhibition details may be found at:

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

Sunday, June 1

FairEntry opens at FairEntry.com All 4-H exhibits (regular 4-H & Mini) for the 4-H Fair must be entered on FairEntry.com, will remain open through June 20th

Saturday, June 7 **9:00 am**

4-H County Tractor Contest – All Disciplines

Friday, June 20

All 4-H exhibit drop/add on v2.4honline.com must be complete (FairEntry will not allow entries if 4-H member is not signed up for the exhibit on 4honline & must be synced prior to FairEntry exhibit entry – contact Purdue Extension with questions)

Last Day to enter fair exhibits details on FairEntry

Livestock Quality Assurance training certificates or YQCA certificates for 4-H cattle, swine, sheep, goat, rabbit & poultry 4-H exhibitors are preferred

Health forms for equines, felines & poultry due (or prior if on premise)

All livestock purebred animal registration papers due

Tuesday, June 24 **6:00 pm**

4-H Fashion Revue Judging
Loogootee Methodist Church, 208 West Main Street, Loogootee

Saturday, June 28

9:00 am Area 3 4-H Tractor Contest – All Disciplines, Gibson County

2:00 pm 4-H Dog Show, subject to 4-H Club Chartering, Community Building

Monday, June 30 **6:00 pm**

Set up Option 1 of 2 outside at 4-H Fairgrounds for all 4-Hers, Leaders & Volunteers – check in & out by the single Community Building south side door. Any other times only as pre-arranged with the 4-H Educator.

Sunday, July 6 **2:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Static 4-H Exhibit Check-In (all 4-H & Mini 4-H Static Projects Open Judging at the Community Building)

Monday July 7 **6:00 pm**

Set up Option 2 of 2 outside at 4-H Fairgrounds for all 4-Hers, Leaders & Volunteers – check in & out by the single Community Building south side door. Any other times only as pre-arranged with the 4-H Educator.

Tuesday, July 8 **6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

All Open Class Exhibits Check-In

Wednesday, July 9

8 am – 7:30 pm Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep & Swine arrival contact: John & Abbey Lindsey must
Check-In

4 pm – 6 pm	4-H Rabbit & Poultry Check-in
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	4-H Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, & Swine animal check-in / weigh-in *All animal to have tags applied prior to unloading from trailer*
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	4-H Horse & Pony Check-In Option 1 of 3
8:30 pm	4-H Livestock Blue Original Auction Declaration Cards are due to The Extension Office

Thursday, July 10

5:00 pm	4-H Static Exhibits on Display: Community Building Opens
4:30 pm	4-H Rabbit Show
6:30 pm	Queen Contest, 4-H Fashion Revue & Mini Sewing Modeling

Friday, July 11

1:30 pm	4-H Cat Show
5:00 pm	Community Building Opens
6:30 pm	4-H Beef & Dairy Cattle Show

Saturday, July 12

9:00 am	4-H Poultry Show
9:00 am	Community Building Opens
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	4-H Horse & Pony Check-In Option 2 of 3
5:00 pm	4-H Sheep & Goat Show
6:00 pm	4-H Horse & Pony Show Day 1 of 2 – Speed Classes

Sunday, July 13

9:00 am – Noon	4-H Horse & Pony Check-In Option 3 of 3
1:00 pm	Community Building Opens
4:00 pm	4-H Horse & Pony Show Day 2 of 2

Monday, July 14

5:00 pm	Community Building Opens
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5:00 pm 4-H Swine Show

Tuesday, July 15

8:00 am – 10:00 am Rabbits and poultry NOT in auction released *All other animals are released after auction; those removed early are subject to premium deduction

5:00 pm Community Building Opens

5:00 pm 4-H Supreme Showmanship

5:15 pm - 7:30 pm 4-H Static exhibits released & 4-H gratitude station open

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm 4-H Static exhibits elevated to state check in option 1 at the Community Learning Center

7:00 pm 4-H Ten year and Last Year Member Recognition at the Livestock Arena

7:15 pm 4-H Premium Livestock Auction

Wednesday, July 16 6:00 pm

4-H Fairgrounds Community Good Clean up *All 4-H members & 4-H volunteers/leaders Community Good clean-up is in addition to your individual clean-up of stalls/pens. Any other times only as pre-arranged with the 4-H Educator.

Friday & Saturday, August 16 & 17

Martin County Tractor Pull

Friday, August 1 to Sunday, August, 17

Indiana State Fair, closed each Monday

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H HANDBOOK AVAILABLE

Do you want to access the martin County 4-H Handbook? You have a few options:

1. Google search Purdue Extension Martin County 4-H Handbook 2025, scroll to the bottom of the Purdue Extension Martin County website page and click on to view or download the handbook.
2. Email or text us at heldd@purdue.edu or 812-653-2089 asking for the link to be sent to you.
3. Email or text us at heldd@purdue.edu or 812-653-2089 asking for the pdf version to be emailed or texted to you.
4. Click or type in this link: <https://bit.ly/4IAoIV0>
5. Call 812-295-2412 or text 812-653-2089 requesting a printed handbook be set out for you to pick up and stop by the Purdue Extension Office at The Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, Community Learning Center.
6. Coordinate with the Extension Office and/or your 4-H Club Leader to pick up a handbook at a 4-H Club Meeting.
7. Scan this QR Code



4-H ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Here in Indiana, we can share our ideas with the world! The 4-H Artificial Intelligence Community Challenge is open to every 4-H youth aged 13-18, and we are asking youth nationwide to answer the question: How can AI be used to solve problems in their community?" **The deadline to submit is MAY 11, 2025!!!**

I know what you are thinking! You don't know how to create using AI, and you don't even really know what it is, right? No Big Deal! You don't have to build anything; all you have to do is imagine how AI could improve your world and then share your ideas. There is a short learning tool that helps you understand the possibilities of AI, some of which were created by our Tech Changemakers 4-H Team in Montgomery County, Indiana!!! Once you understand what AI can do, all you need to do is imagine how to complete the project section and upload the following.

- Answers to the questions after completing the education
- Your brainstorming documentation
- Your community photo walk pictures
- A headshot
- An about me video
- Your pitch video - not to exceed 2 minutes.

There are both state and national prizes, plus, even if you aren't chosen as a winner, you get to harness the power of artificial intelligence to solve everyday problems. You can also foster your critical thinking, creativity, innovation, and problem-solving skills to implement your idea, making the world around you a better place.

We did get an update on the national prizes!!!!

Two divisions, ages 13-15 and 16-18.

1st Place: \$500

2nd Place: \$400

3rd Place: \$300

There also may be a trip to Ignite by 4-H, that's still in the works.

The deadline to submit is approaching! State submissions must be submitted by May 11 at 11:59 p.m. Central time.

To learn more about the 4-H AI Community Challenge, visit: <https://events.projectboard.world/4HAI>

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with rhaselby@purdue.edu