



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!

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, where we provide opportunity for all!

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.

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 use the link below which will take you directly to the event registration.

ONE LAST OPEN MARTIN COUNTY 4-H CLASS OPTION:

1. 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

MARTIN COUNTY DREAM TEAM 4-H CLUB

Upcoming 4-H meetings:

Time: 11:30 am

Location: St. Martin's Hall

Saturday, May 31

Saturday, June 14

Saturday, June 28

Monday, June 30th is special meeting before the 4-H Fair set up at the 4-H Fairgrounds.

Questions regarding Dream Team 4-H Club, a community focused general 4-H Club for 4-H mini & regular 4-H members, may be asked of Leaders Krista Sims, Jackie Esch, or Karla Eckerle.

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!

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, 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

Upcoming 4-H meetings:

Thursday, June 12
Thursday, June 26

Location of meetings: Truelove Church
Time of meetings: 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Sundays,
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
Watch for group message with further details based on weather and other influences

Are you not signed up yet, have questions or need help? We are happy to help! Contact Horse & Pony Superintendent Kristen Padgett at kpadgett718@gmail.com or 765-607-3307 or text us at 812-653-2089 or call 812-295-2412.

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. There will be no concessions and you are encouraged to bring your own chairs!

Location: Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, 2666 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, IN.

Upcoming 4-H meetings:

Time: 6 pm

Thursday, June 5

Wednesday, June 11

Tuesday, June 17

Wednesday, June 25

Martin County 4-H Dog show, including Mini 4-H Obedience, Mini 4-H Showmanship, 4-H Obedience & 4-H Showmanship classes, open to the public!

Saturday, June 28 at 2:00 pm at the Community Building.

Dog Educational Static Project Exhibit check-in & Open Judging: Sunday, July 6 2 pm – 5 pm

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.

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MARTIN COUNTY TRACTOR 4-H CLUB

Upcoming 4-H meetings:

Time: 6 pm

Location: Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, 2666 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, IN.

Monday, June 2

Tuesday, June 3

Wednesday, June 4

Thursday, June 5

All Operator Skills Contests: Saturday, June 7 at 9:00 am

Operating Skills Contest Results Ceremony: TBA

Educational Exhibit Open Judging: Sunday, July 6 2 pm – 5 pm

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

Another option is the Educational Exhibit/Exhibits which includes preparing a static exhibit entered into 4-H at the Community Building following guidelines in the specific project area/content. 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

2025 NEXT CHAPTER SUMMER EXPERIENCE

When: Jul 23, 2025 - Jul 24, 2025

Indiana youth in grades 7-12 will experience life on campus at both Purdue University and Vincennes University. Many will travel by charter bus, with overnight in VU student housing. There will be opportunity to visit West Lafayette, with a stop to tour the Vincennes Agriculture Center and the Aviation Technology Center in Indianapolis.

Meals and snacks during the trip are included.

Register on your 4honline account.

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: \$115Exam 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.

MASTERING HOME FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

Gain valuable resources, in-depth lectures, interactive discussions, hands-on practice, and take-home preserved products.

USDA Home Food Preservation recommended procedures taught. Instructors will provide educational coursework and hands-on workshops. Covering topics, including: Food Safety, Boiling Water Canning, Pressure Canning, Pickling & Fermenting, Freezing & Dehydrating, & Jams and Jellies

Dates: June 24 – 27, 2025

Times: 9 AM – 5 PM EST

Location: Noble County Community Learning Center, 401 E. Diamond Street, Kendallville, IN 46755

Register online: <https://cvent.me/3eLKY7> , space is limited.

Cost: \$325.00; notebook & preserved products included

Questions? Contact Abigail Creigh, HHS Educator, Purdue Extension - Noble County at creigh@purdue.edu / 260-636-2111



DID YOU MISS THE MAY 4-H POULTRY BLEED FOR MARTIN COUNTY?

No worries! You may get your information together for your poultry and you must submit by **June 20th**.

To show at the 4-H Fair, 4-H members must by law have one of the following two ways of proving their birds are disease free (waterfowl are exempt) and provide the full completed Indiana Poultry Exhibitor form.

- 1.) Birds originated directly from a National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) certified clean flock within one year (*must have been certified clean since July 16, 2022*).
- 2.) Birds have had a Pullorum-Typhoid test with negative results within ninety (90) days prior to the exhibition/fair.

For members needing blood tests for poultry either hatched on a local farm without an NPIP number OR for birds coming from an NPIP certified flock over a year ago, blood testing is available at the Purdue Heeke Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab, 11367 E. Purdue Farm Road, Dubois, IN 47527. The lab is located north of Patoka Lake Dam at the Purdue SIPAC Farm. You will need to call ahead to ensure that staff are available and details. Take the required form mentioned above along for tester signature.

Questions regarding 4-H Poultry and activities may be asked to Superintendent Shelly Ringwald at 812-698-0612 / shellyringwald@gmail.com or Extension Educator Dena Myers Held at 812-887-2783 / heldd@purdue.edu.

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

4-H County Tractor Contest Results - TBA

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, Community Building

*No concessions. All are encouraged to bring your own refreshments & chairs.

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

All livestock tags are to be applied by May 15th and no animals will be checked in at the 4-H Fair livestock check-in without tags applied.

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

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