



# MAKING THE BEST BETTER

## 4-H Youth Development Newsletter


### WELCOME to our 4-H Newsletter!

This newsletter is your go-to source for exciting updates, inspiring stories, upcoming events, and valuable resources to help you grow and thrive in your 4-H journey. Whether you're discovering new skills, making new friends, or contributing to your community, we're here to support you every step of the way.

Stay tuned for tips, opportunities, and success stories that will empower you to continue making a positive impact through Wayne County 4-H. We can't wait to see all that you'll accomplish!

Welcome aboard, and let's make this year unforgettable!

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### MEET THE EDITOR



Kendell Wolfe

Kendell is a Hagerstown High School and Purdue University graduate. Prior to joining the Wayne County Extension team as the 4-H Youth Development Educator, she was in agriculture retail sales. Kendell is the assistant varsity volleyball coach for Hagerstown as well as a club volleyball coach. She serves as the Alumni Board President for Ann Tweedale Cooperative, the house she lived in at Purdue. Outside of work, Kendell enjoys spending time with her fiancé, family, and friends, playing with her dogs, reading, and enjoying nature.

Kendell interned in this exact Extension office while a Purdue Agriculture student. Her new role combines her passions of education and agriculture while connecting with her community. She is excited to serve Wayne County and its local youth through 4-H and STEM programming!

### CONTACT THE EDITOR

*Have questions about the newsletter or its contents? Want to highlight your 4-H club or 4-H'er for the awesome work they are doing? We'd love to hear from you!*

Editor: Kendell Wolfe, Wayne County 4-H Youth Development Educator





## WHAT'S THE SCOOP

FUN is Junior Leader's middle name. During their December meeting, members participated in a junk drawer white elephant gift exchange. A

few luckily 4-H'ers left with pretty neat items including a ukulele and a bowling ball, while others left with a piece of cardboard and used stuffed animals. It was a great time for these students to take a break from studying for finals and get into the holiday spirit with their peers.



One of the expectations for the Junior Leader project is that participants focus on serving their community. Each month, members choose what that service project will entail. For December, these 4-H'ers donated over 170 personal hygiene items to the Jefferson Township Trustee Office for the Nettle Creek Community Coalition personal care pantry.

Shop-For-A-Family is a beloved event by Junior Leaders and it wonderful way for them to give back to their community during the holidays. Members split up into groups, shop for their designated child, and then wrap these gifts for them to be distributed to parents. This year, they were able to provide multiple gifts for 10 children.



Shoutout to these 25 individuals who took time out of their Saturday morning to serve others in need!



County Extension Director/ANR Educator Jonathan Ferris hosted our annual Extension Board meeting and open house. This is an opportunity for the Extension Board and community members to learn more about our office's impact on Wayne County from programmatic updates. He recognized Tiffany Wampler, President, and Jenny O'Brien, Secretary, for their service to the board as outgoing members and welcomed Bonita Klein and Michelle Walther as incoming members.







# 4-H ENROLLMENT

REQUIRED ANNUALLY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

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## WHO?

All participants - youth and adult volunteers - who intend on participating in 4-H events, activities, competitions, meetings, etc. in the 2024-2025 program year.

Mini 4-H: Kindergarten - 2nd grade

4-H: 3rd - 12th grade



## WHAT?

All participants must enroll/re-enroll annually on 4HOnline.

## WHEN?

Enrollment deadline is January 15, 2025.

After that date, you can still enroll but all communications from the Extension office will switch over to the 2024-2025 program year database. That means if you miss the deadline, you will not receive emails or postcards until your enrollment is completed.

## WHERE?

V2.4HONLINE.COM

## WHY?

4HOnline is the online platform utilized statewide. It stores important emergency contacts, need-to-know medical details, trainings, and other important information. It is also the platform used to register for various 4-H events.

### TIPS & FAQs:



*If you already have a profile created on 4HOnline, use that instead of creating a new one.*



*What if I moved counties?  
Should I create a new account?  
No - You should keep the same profile you previously created and contact the Extension office in your new county to assist you.*



*If you are unsure of a club to choose, leave that blank. We will be sharing information on club soon.*



*What if I can't remember my password and I'm unable to reset it?  
Contact the Extension office to assist you in resetting it.*






## LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Livestock Ambassador Program is an exclusive Wayne County program. Barn Superintendents will identify individuals from each species who excel in their projects and are who are leaders within their barn.

This program will be taking on a new form as we continue to adjust activities to best benefit our youth, their leadership opportunities, and personal growth. Please be patient with us as we navigate this!

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 January 13: Junior Leaders, 5:30-6:45pm, Kuhlman Building

 January 15: 4-H Enrollment deadline on V2.4HONLINE.COM

 January 23: 4-H Quality Livestock Care rollout (more info to follow)

 February 1: Beef ID, Wayne Co. Fairgrounds (more info to follow)

 February 11: 4-H Day At The Statehouse - We'll reimburse the cost!  
Registration deadline is January 13. This will be an all-day event requiring an excused absence from school.

### 4-H Day At The Statehouse

7th-12th grade youth are invited to join Indiana 4-H Day At The Statehouse. Youth will tour the building, learn about legislative processes, meet with legislators, and experience Indiana history.



**Register Now!**

<https://4HStatehouse2025.4honline.com>

*Be on the lookout for more information shared regarding clubs, events, and other exciting things happening in the world of Wayne County 4-H!*