

# BENTON COUNTY

## 4-H NEWS



### Indiana 4-H Mission

**JUNE 2025**

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.

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# What's Happening in

# Benton County 4-H?



## Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (QLC)

In order to exhibit beef, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and/or swine at the Benton County 4-H Fair, 4-H members are required to participate in the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (QLC) workshop or Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Quality Assurance training must be completed by 4-H members annually.

**LAST CHANCE** to attend the in person  
QLC at the  
**Benton County Annex!!**  
**Thursday, June 26 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Register on 4-H Online under 'Events'

Cost is \$3 due date of workshop

If you won't be able to attend this last QLC you will need to complete YQCA certification online:  
[yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)

Please submit certificate of completion to [wallpe2@purdue.edu](mailto:wallpe2@purdue.edu)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Food Stand Clean-up

June 29 @ 2:00 p.m.

\*We need a hot water power washer

Volunteer hours for helping with clean-up will go towards earning your incentive!

### Dog Obedience

Every Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.  
Benton County Fairgrounds

Diana Schroeder  
765-363-2500

Deb Orr  
765-376-8366



### 2025 4-H Handbook

<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/county/benton/docs/handbook-2025.docx>



**Phone number  
correction for  
Goat Barn  
Superintendent  
Melissa Fox  
765-404-0969**



**Benton County 4-H**

# ≡Welcome≡

## 2025 SUMMER INTERNS



### KATELYN BAVA

“Hi everyone, my name is Katelyn Bava. I am currently a student at Ivy Tech getting my Associates Degree in Ag Business. I am originally from Newton County, and was an active FFA member at South Newton. I’m looking forward to this amazing internship opportunity!”

### KAITLIN DERFLINGER

“Hello all! My name is Kaitlin Derflinger. I know I am a familiar face to most of you! I am so happy and excited to be back in 4-H this year as the summer assistant! I am looking forward to a great summer and 4-H fair!”





# MINI 4-H

## NEWS

 **follow**  
Benton County Mini 4-H

The May meeting gave Mini 4-Hers a fun, hands-on opportunity to explore different projects they can complete in Mini 4-H. They also got a sneak peek at some exciting options available as they grow into being a 4-H member. It was a fun meeting to spark curiosity and get excited about all that 4-H has to offer.

### Foods: Trail Mix

As part of the Foods project, Mini's chose their favorite combination to create a personalized snack.

The available ingredients were: pretzels, Goldfish crackers, chocolate chips, dried cranberries, granola and mini marshmallows.

### Electric

With a variety of kits to choose from, the Mini's jumped into building mode.

It took determination, teamwork and problem-solving but they rose to the challenge and successfully built: a battery powered tank, bubble machine, buzz wire game, fiber optic lamp and even an obstacle avoidance robot!



Junior Leader, Noah Brock, shared great information and answered questions about his Entomology project.

### Photography

Mini's practiced taking still life pictures and portraits too! They will use their best shots to make a poster during the June meeting and it will be displayed at the fair. Be sure to check it out!



### Zero-turn Mower

Mini's learned about the project and had the chance to test their skills "driving" through an obstacle course and backing into the "shed".

We have some pretty good drivers in the making!

Last Meeting



Friday

**JUNE 20**

South Event Hall  
@ Benton County  
Fairgrounds  
6:00-7:30 p.m.



# 2025 Benton County 4-H Event Schedule

## Sunday, June 29

2:00 p.m. Food Stand Clean-up

## Tuesday, July 8

5:00-7:00 p.m. Fairgrounds clean-up

## Thursday, July 10

5:00-7:00 p.m. Mini 4-H Project Check-in  
and Project Sharing

## Friday, July 11

5:00-7:00 p.m. 4-H Project Check-in

## Saturday, July 12

8:00-9:00 a.m. 4-H Perishable Check-in  
(Floriculture, Foods, Garden)

9:00 a.m. 4-H Project Judging

12:00 p.m. Consumer Clothing, Fashion Revue,  
Sewing Project Check-in & Judging

## Sunday, July 13

4:00 p.m. 4-H Cat & Pocket Pet Show -  
South Event Hall

6:00 p.m. 4-H Dog Obedience Show - Show Arena

## Tuesday, July 15

6:00 a.m.-Noon 4-H Livestock Check-in

1:00 p.m. 4-H Ag Tractor Contest

1:00 p.m. 4-H Lawn & Garden Tractor,  
Zero-Turn Mower Contest

## Wednesday, July 16

8:00 a.m. 4-H Livestock Weigh-in:  
Beef, Goat & Sheep

9:00 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Show - Show Arena

12:00 p.m. 4-H Poultry Show - Show Arena

8:00 p.m. Miss Benton County &  
Junior Miss - Show Arena

8:30 p.m. 4-H 10 Year Member Recognition-  
Show Arena

8:30 p.m. 4-H Fashion Revue - Show Arena

## Thursday, July 17

9:00 a.m. 4-H Beef Show - Show Arena

1:00 p.m. 4-H Goat Show - Show Arena

7:00 p.m. Swine Weigh-in - Swine Barn

## Friday, July 18

7:00-10:00 a.m. Castongia's Breakfast  
4-H Food Building

9:00 a.m. 4-H Horse and Pony Show -  
Horse Arena

## Saturday, July 19

9:00 a.m. 4-H Swine Show - Show Arena

3:00 p.m. 4-H Sheep Show - Show Arena

3:00 p.m. Mini 4-H Day Activities & Awards-  
South Event Hall

8:00 p.m. 4-H Auction Sign-up Deadline

## Sunday, July 20

9:00 a.m. 4-H Horse & Pony Contesting Show -  
Horse Arena

3:00 p.m. 4-H Supreme Showmanship -  
Show Arena

3:30 p.m. Herdsman Awards - Show Arena

4:30 p.m. 4-H Group Picture - Show Arena

4:30 p.m. Battle of the Barns

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. 4-H Project Release -  
South Event Hall

6:00 p.m. 4-H Livestock Release

## Monday, July 21

9:00 a.m. \* 4-H Livestock Auction -  
South Event Hall

\*This year's auction is not a live auction.

The 4-H Livestock Auction will be a  
terminal sale with no retaining of animals  
allowed.



## Benton County Fair July 15-20

# Club Information

## Dan Patch

Emily Matthys Bennett  
765-701-1582  
ematthysbennett@gmail.com

### Meetings

Oxford Public Library  
6:00 p.m.  
June 12  
June 26  
July 3  
July 8

## Fowler's Finest

Anne Snodgrass  
765-543-4098  
suitera@hotmail.com

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Ryan Snodgrass  
765-588-8923  
suitera@hotmail.com

### Meetings

Fowler Park  
5:00-6:00 p.m.  
June 26

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Monarch Commons  
5:00-6:00

July 9-Book signing only

## Helping Hands

Niccole McGinnis  
765-426-5478  
nmcginnis99@hotmail.com

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Kyra McGinnis

Meetings TBD

## Hometown Hubsters

Alex Ardapple  
765-430-2056  
lilardapple@gmail.com

### Meetings

Boswell Town Hall  
7:00 p.m.  
June 11

## Horse & Pony

Cassie Dalton  
765-404-4038  
cdalton@benton.k12.in.us

### Meetings

Horse Arena  
Benton County  
Fairgrounds  
6:00-8:00 p.m.  
June 24

## Junior Farmers

Kristi Kretzmeier  
765-426-1127  
kretzmeier5@msn.com

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Karyn Musser  
765-427-5121  
karyn.musser@lanxess.com

### Meetings

Otterbein United  
Methodist Church  
5:00-6:00 p.m.  
June 8  
July 6

## Junior Leaders

Carrie Buck  
765-491-1772  
buck.carrie@gmail.com

### Meetings

South Even Hall  
Benton County Fairgrounds  
7:30 p.m.  
June 20

## Lucky Pines

Ryan Pyke  
812-890-9017  
rpyke552002@yahoo.com

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Genessa Robinson  
765-210-7212  
genessab3@hotmail.com

### Meetings

St. Patrick Hall  
504 S. Michigan St., Oxford  
6:30-8:00 p.m.  
June 5  
July TBD

## Mini 4-H

Kelly Wallpe  
765-884-1588  
wallpe2@purdue.edu

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Amy Wilkinson  
765-427-7373  
wilkin52@purdue.edu

### Meetings

South Event Hall  
Benton County Fairgrounds  
6:00-7:30 p.m.  
June 20

## Parish Grove

Carrie Buck  
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buck.carrie@gmail.com

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Lynn Lucy  
219-869-1574  
lsondgeroth@gmail.com

### Meetings

June 8 7:00 p.m.  
June 29 7:00 p.m.

# 2025 4-H SPONSORS

## GOLD LEVEL

Geswein Farm & Land  
Keystone Cooperative  
Warren County REMC

## SILVER LEVEL

Alliance Bank: Oxford & Otterbein  
Boswell Chase Grain  
Fowler State Bank  
Ron & Lynda Freeland

## GREEN LEVEL

7 Hills Dairy-Winners Drink Milk  
Barce & Redlin PC  
Boswell Trade Center  
Brouillette Heating, Cooling & Plumbing  
Curt & Tracy Albertson  
Dwenger Excavating Contractors, Inc.  
Fowler Family Dentistry  
Gibson Furniture  
Griffin Farmland, LLC  
Judd & Cris Burgett  
Katrina Molter, State Farm Insurance  
Kentland Veterinary Clinic, LLP  
McFall's Service Station

Oxford Lions Club  
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Roger & Janice Worley  
Ron Charlesworth Family  
Ryan & Anne Snodgrass  
Shane & Margaret O'Malley  
Shane & Sara Gretencord  
Sheets Family Dentistry  
Stockland Grain Co Inc.  
Strasburger Trucking Inc.  
Terry Harman Family  
Tom & Patty Suiter

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for your  
support





## EXPERIENCE 4-H

# CROP & SOIL SCIENCE WORKSHOP



**June 11, 2025**



**9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Lunch provided**

**Last day to register is  
Wednesday, June 4!**



Purdue University Crop Diagnostic Training  
& Research Center  
Agronomy Center for Research & Education  
4530 - US 52  
West Lafayette, IN 47906

**Open to youth in grades 3-12.  
4-H membership is not required.**

## Interactive Activities



- ✓ Experience a soil pit to study layers (soil horizons) of soil
- ✓ Agronomic Scavenger Hunt
- ✓ Grain storage safety
- ✓ Determine corn and soybean growth stages and how to put this skill to use



- ✓ Sweep net to scout for insects in a forage field
- ✓ Soil health demonstrations
- ✓ Understanding pesticide labels and what personal protective equipment is needed



- ✓ High Tech Ag: Sensors and Drones
- ✓ Proper soil sampling: How to interpret soil test results and determine if fertilizer and/or lime are needed.

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**Register by June 4, 2025 at:**

<https://20254HCropSoilScienceDayatDTC.4honline.com>

Or scan  
this QR  
code:



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**BENTON COUNTY FAIR KICK-OFF**

**BBOQ**



**BASH**

**TUESDAY  
JULY, 15TH**

**6:00-7:30 PM**

**BENTON CO FAIRGROUNDS**  
South Food Stand

**All 4-H  
Families  
Invited**

Scan to RSVP



**Alliance**  
Bank





2025  
MISS BENTON COUNTY  
QUEEN  
& JUNIOR MISS  
PAGEANT

WEDNESDAY  
JULY 16  
BENTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
8:00PM

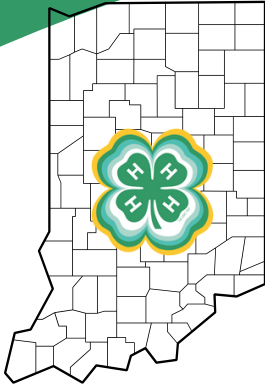
The Benton County Queen Committee is seeking candidates for the Miss Benton County Queen & Junior Miss Pageant. Contact Cassie Dalton for more information: 765-404-4038





# What's Happening

## Around the State in 4-H



### Career Development Events

(CDE) occur throughout the state. They are competitive events that allow you to showcase your knowledge on a specific topic. Most CDE's offer individual and team entries.

Check out all of the CDE's available at:

[Career Development Events](#)

### 4-H Exhibit Hall Worker at the Indiana State Fair

- workers are needed 7/26-8/19
- Duties include checking in non-animal exhibits, preparing exhibits for display, interacting with fair attendees and assisting with fair events, and more!

For more information, go to:  
[4-H Exhibit Hall Worker](#)

### State Fair Education Stations

Education Stations provide an opportunity for youth to promote 4-H to the public.

Each 4-H club selected teaches for a 4 hour period and that club earns \$400.

Want more info on how your club could be involved? Check it out at:

[State Fair Education Stations](#)



**Download a list of the  
2025 County Fair Dates  
here:**

**[2025 County Fair Dates](#)**

For other state level 4-H programs go to :<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/index.html>

Fight the Hunger

# STOCK THE TRAILER

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MID-AMERICA

While it is hard to imagine, food insecurity continues to affect the communities we live in every day. That's why Farm Credit Mid-America launched the **Fight the Hunger, Stock the Trailer** challenge in 2021. Along with Rural 1<sup>st</sup>® as a sponsor, Farm Credit Mid-America challenges local communities to help feed those in need while supporting junior fairs.

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**RURAL 1<sup>st</sup>**

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

**WHAT:** Benton County

**WHEN:** July 16-21

**WHERE:** Boswell, IN

**WHO:** Benton Co Junior Leaders,  
buck.carrie@gmail.com

## CONTEST PRIZES AND RULES

All participating\* county fairs will receive \$500.00

Additional prizes are awarded based on total pounds donated

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE: \$5,000**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE: \$1,500**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE: \$500**

\*Participation money will be awarded during the county fair to fairs that collect at least 1000 pounds of food, top prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of all participating county fairs. No purchase necessary. Additional terms and conditions may apply. For a full listing of terms and conditions, please visit [fcma.com/fighthunger](http://fcma.com/fighthunger).



## HPAI- Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

As of May 27, 2025 flocks in Adams, Allen, Elkhart, Jackson, Jasper, Jay, Kosciusko, Lagrange, Montgomery, Porter, Randolph, Shelby, Union and Washington Counties have been diagnosed with HPAI.

To help slow the spread of this disease, 4-H poultry project members and their families should make sure to have a valid BOAH premise ID.

BOAH (Indiana Board of Animal Health) sends regular updates to emails associated with premise ID numbers as a means of keeping flock owners advised on the spread of HPAI and other serious poultry diseases.

**If you do not have a premise ID or have lost or forgotten your premise ID you can get caught up by visiting this website:**

**<https://www.in.gov/boah/traceability-and-premise-id/>**

If you are interested in learning more about HPAI, BOAH has the following webinar recordings available on their YouTube Channel:



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CV7eQCfN\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CV7eQCfN_g)

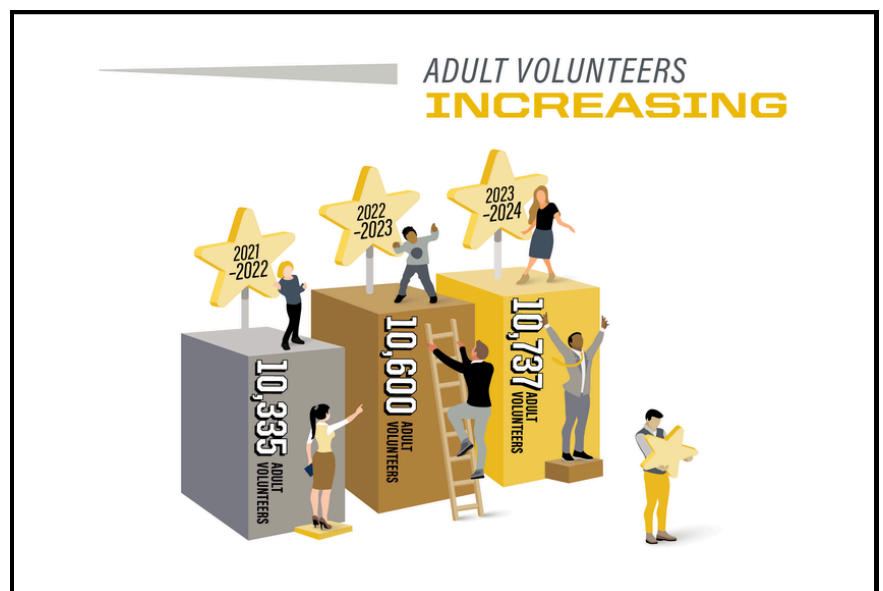
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54wCkBRQ6AQ>



## 4-H is Growing!

4-H programs thrive thanks to the dedication and support of adult volunteers. With the number of 4-H participants steadily growing, we are looking for more passionate adults to help guide and mentor our youth.

If you're interested in making a difference and having fun while doing it, contact the Extension office. Call or stop by and we will walk you through the steps to become a 4-H volunteer.







# Earn Purdue Credit with your 4-H Experience!

*Are you admitted/accepted into Purdue University?*

*Use your 4-H experience to receive  
credit for 1st year courses!*

## Approved Direct Credit Courses

EDCI 28500 - Multiculturalism and Education (3 Credits)

EDCI 207 - Construction and Textile Lab Management (3 Credits)

HORT 10100 - Fundamentals of Horticulture (3 Credits)

**Interested?**

Scan here!





**At Purdue University, we are  
empowering students to direct their  
own futures through the free**

**PURDUE FAST START PROGRAM,**

**which makes higher education more  
affordable for all.**

#### WHAT

Any promising students will now have the opportunity to take their first steps toward a Purdue degree with the new Purdue Fast Start program. Through Purdue's partnership with ModernStates.org, a website featuring more than 30 free, high-quality courses, you can gain assured admission into Purdue by earning free college credit. This partnership will create new opportunities for Indiana students to take giant leaps in their education with a new pathway at Purdue University.

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STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN  
GIANT LEAPS A REALITY BY EARNING ACCESS TO  
AFFORDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION AT PURDUE.**

#### HOW

To earn acceptance into Purdue, Indiana students can take the Modern States online courses for free. Those who pass a minimum of five corresponding College Board CLEP exams are assured admission to Purdue and will be designated as Klinsky Scholars. Students also will have access to mentors during the program.

Make a Purdue University education even more affordable:

- Free online courses and corresponding CLEP exams through Modern States, covering the entire cost of the Fast Start program
- Complete 5 courses + pass the CLEP exams (paid for by ModernStates.org) = 15 credits, a full semester's worth of credit at Purdue, **WHICH CAN SAVE A STUDENT \$11,000**
- Complete 10 courses + pass the CLEP exams (paid for by ModernStates.org) = 30 credits, freshman year for free at Purdue, **WHICH CAN SAVE A STUDENT OVER \$21,000**

**LEARN MORE**

For more information, go to the Fast Start website at [purdue.university/faststart](http://purdue.university/faststart), or call **765-494-1776** or (for hearing impaired) **800-743-3100**.

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