

Clover Close-Up

November 2025

Thankful for a New Season

— and a Familiar Face

November is a time to pause and reflect on the many things we're thankful for — and this month, our 4-H family has something extra to celebrate. We're excited to officially welcome **Amy Rumschlag** home as our new 4-H Youth Development Educator!



Many of you have been eagerly awaiting her arrival since the announcement earlier this fall, and we're so glad the day is finally here. Amy brings both experience and heart to the role, along with a strong connection to our 4-H community. We're looking forward to the fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and leadership she'll bring to our program as we head into a new 4-H year.

Please join us in welcoming her back to Kosciusko County — we're truly thankful to have her on our team! She's excited to share a few words with you below.

A Word From Our New 4-H Educator

Hello, Kosciusko County 4-H Friends!

After 18 incredible years serving as the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator in Adams County, my heart is full of gratitude. Leaving a place that has been home for nearly two decades is never easy. Adams County will always hold a special place in my heart—the volunteers, families, and youth there have truly become like family. Together, we've celebrated milestones, tackled challenges, and shared countless moments of learning, laughter, and late nights at the fairgrounds. Those memories will forever be a part of me.

But life has a beautiful way of coming full circle—and I'm beyond excited to begin a new chapter back home in **Kosciusko County**! I grew up here and had an incredible 4-H experience that helped shape who I am today. From fair adventures to project deadlines, friendships that stood the test of time and countless cherished family memories, those moments planted the seeds for my lifelong passion for 4-H.

Now, I have the joy of returning to where it all began—this time to help create those same life-changing experiences for a new generation of 4-H youth. I'm so grateful for the years, memories, and amazing people who've been part of my journey so far, and I can't wait to meet (and re-meet!) the faces that make Kosciusko County 4-H so special.

My husband, Shaun, and I have been married for 13 years and are so proud of our daughters—Abbey, who got married on November 1, and Elise, a Highschool Senior. Over the next few months we'll be doing a bit of commuting (and probably drinking a lot of coffee!) as we balance the joyful chaos of this season but definitely looking forward to making Kosciusko County our home in the future.

Don't be a stranger, while there are so many things on my "To Do" list already and programs on the calendar, please know that I want to get to know you, work with you and dream big as we continue to make Kosciusko County 4-H the absolute best that it can be.

Amy Rumschlag
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Amy & Family



Amy & Shaun

4-H Mentorship Program

Over the past few years, our 4-H Mentorship Program has helped new families feel more confident navigating enrollment and completing their projects. Thanks to the dedication of our experienced 4-H families, this effort has made a big difference in helping newcomers feel welcomed and supported.

As we continue this initiative, we're looking for **new and returning mentors** who are interested in guiding first-year families through the enrollment process, answering questions, and offering encouragement throughout the year.

If you'd like to serve as a mentor and help make a positive impact on the next generation of 4-H families, please contact **Tami Graff** at graff8@purdue.edu or call **574-372-2340**.

Thank you for helping us continue to build a strong, supportive 4-H community!



Junior Leaders: Grades 7-12



Junior Leaders Meeting:

Monday, November 17, 2025

7:00PM - 8:00PM

Extension Office Main Hall

Auction Committee News Blast

Attention 4-H Families!

Just a quick reminder to **cash or deposit your checks from the Livestock Auction as soon as possible!**

Timely deposits help us wrap up the auction season smoothly and keep everything running on track.



Thank you for all your hard work and for making this year's auction a success — we're so proud of each and every one of you!

— 4-H Livestock Auction Committee

Share Your Skills!

We're Always Looking for Great Volunteers!



4-H thrives because of people like you! We are always looking for passionate, skilled, and creative individuals to step up and make a difference. Whether it's serving as a **club leader**, joining a **committee**, leading a **workshop**, helping with a **project**, or sharing your talents in any way you feel called to contribute, there's a place for you in 4-H.

Your life experience and skills can have a lasting impact on youth in our community. If you've ever thought about volunteering, now is the perfect time to get involved and help shape the next generation of 4-H members!

📞 For more information or to get started, contact the Extension Office at 574.372.2340 today.

November Calendar

Monday, November 3, 2025

Mentone United 4-H Club Meeting

- 7:00 PM
- Mentone Baptist Church, 206 S Oak St, Mentone

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Horse & Pony Club Mini 4-H Meeting

- 6:30 PM
- Home & Family Arts Building, Fairgrounds

Horse & Pony Club Regular 4-H Meeting

- 7:00 PM
- Home & Family Arts Building, Fairgrounds

Auction Committee Meeting

- 6:00 PM
- Extension Office Workroom

Beef Committee Meeting

- 6:00 PM
- Extension Office Main Hall

Thursday, November 6, 2025

4-H Council Meeting

- 6:00 PM
- Extension Office Main Hall

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Poultry Committee Meeting

- 6:30 PM
- Johnson's Residence

Swine Committee Meeting

- 6:30 PM
- Extension Office Auditorium

Goat Club Meeting

- 6:30 PM
- Extension Office Room D

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Dairy Committee Meeting

- 6:30 PM
- Extension Office Main Hall

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Syracuse Community Hands 4-H Club Meeting

- 3:00 PM
- Location TBD

Monday, November 17, 2025

Jr Leaders Meeting

- 7:00 PM
- Extension Office Main Hall

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Scholarship & Leadership Workshop

- 6:00 PM
- Leesburg Methodist Church, 111 W Prairie St, Leesburg

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Shooting Sports Committee Meeting

- 7:00 PM
- Extension Office Main Hall

Monday, November 24, 2025

Silver Lake Rambling Farmers Club Meeting

- 6:30 PM
- Silver Lake Lions Club Building, 108 N Harrison St, Silver Lake

Pierceton Hayseeds Club Meeting

- 7:00 PM
- Harvest Community Church, 512 S Seventh St, Pierceton

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Milford Helping Hands Club Service Project

- 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Leesburg Mighty Farmers Club Meeting

- 7:00 PM
- Leesburg Methodist Church, 111 W Prairie St, Leesburg

Thursday, November 27, 2025

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

- Extension Office Closed

Friday, November 28, 2025

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Upcoming Events & Activities

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