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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF KOSCIUSKO COUNTY 4-H

APRIL SHOWERS BRING 4-H ADVENTURES!

Spring is in full swing, and with it comes a season of growth, learning, and new opportunities in 4-H! As we prepare for upcoming events, workshops, and fair season, now is the perfect time to check in on your projects and stay up to date with deadlines.

Remember, 4-H is about more than ribbons and awards—it's about learning new skills, making lifelong friendships, and discovering your potential. Whether you're working on an animal project, perfecting a craft, or exploring leadership opportunities, every step you take is a success worth celebrating!

Keep an eye on this newsletter for important reminders, upcoming deadlines, and ways to get involved. Let's make this spring a great one!



TREVOR ROBERTS CLAIMS BACK-TO-BACK STATE 4-H ARCHERY TITLES



Trevor Roberts swept the State 4-H archery competition for the second year in a row on Saturday, March 15. The contest consisted of 30 shots

taken at various 3-D targets followed by 30 shots at a paper bullseye target from 25 yards. Roberts scored 591 points out of a possible 600.

The contest is held annually in March at Cutting Edge Archery in Greensburg, Indiana where nearly 70 participants compete in one of two divisions - Open or Genesis.

Kosciusko County 4-H also has a strong Shooting Sports program. For more information about 4-H Shooting Sports, reach out to a local club leader or call the extension office at 574-372-2340.



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CAN'T MISS DEADLINES!!

★ ASAP – Complete & pay any applicable fees for 4HOnline enrollment. Don't wait—enrollment is required to participate! This includes Mini 4-H, Regular 4-H and all Volunteers!

May 12 – Royalty Application Due. Interested in representing 4-H during fair week? Submit your application by this date!

May 15 – Major Animal & Project Deadlines!

All of the following must be completed by this date:

- Animal ID Deadline (required for all livestock projects)
- DNA Hair Sample Deadline (if applicable)
- Lease Agreements Due (for leased animals)
- Last Day to Add/Drop Projects (finalize your choices)

- Pocket Caged Critters Enrollment
 Paperwork Due
- Cat Enrollment & Vaccination Forms
 Due
- Horse & Pony Vaccination Forms Due
- Poultry Enrollment Paperwork Due

✓ May 22 – FairEntry Opens. Be ready to submit your entries for the fair!

✓ June 15 – QLC/YQCA Certification Deadline (Must be completed for all livestock projects).

✓ June 15 – FairEntry Deadline – No late entries accepted! Make sure you've registered all your exhibits.

✓ July 15 – Record of Achievement Due. Submit your paperwork to ensure your accomplishments are recognized!

DONT

miss it!

4-H COUNCIL FINAL FISH & CHICKEN FRY

Get ready for the final fry! ***** The Kosciusko County 4-H Council is hosting its last Annual Fish & Chicken Fry on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the Kosciusko County Fairgrounds from 4:00-7:00pm (or until we run out!). This event promises a bellyful of fun and delicious fried goodness!

Tickets:

- Adults (Ages 9+): \$13.00
- Kids (Ages 8 and under): \$9.00 How to Get Tickets:
 - Purchase from a cheerful 4-H club member

• Visit the Extension Office Important Dates:

 All pre-sale cash and spare tickets must reach the Extension Office by April 14th.

Interested in Volunteering?:

 Contact Shana Messmore at <u>smessmore930@gmail.com</u> or 574.551.7702.

A huge thank you for rallying behind our Kosciusko County 4-H Program over the years. Your support means the world to us as we move on to new fundraising ventures!

EAST GATE ENTRANCE POLICY: STRICTER ENFORCEMENT FOR FAIR WEEK

The Fair Board is tightening security at the East Gate this year to ensure a smoother and safer entrance process. Moving forward, all vehicles using the East Gate must have a valid hang tag displayed, and every person inside the vehicle must be wearing the appropriate wristband.

What You Need to Know:

✓ Hang Tags Required – No vehicle will be permitted through the East Gate without a properly displayed hang tag.

 \checkmark Wristbands for All – Every passenger must have their wristband on before arriving at the gate.

✓ Be Prepared to Stop – Gate attendants will be checking each vehicle. Have your hang tag and wristbands ready to avoid delays.

 \checkmark Exit Only from 11 PM to 5 AM – No entry will be allowed during these hours; the gate will function as an exit only.

✓ Horse Barn Walk-Through Gate – Security will be stationed at the East entrance walk-through gate by the horse barn from 9 AM to 10 PM to check for wristbands or tickets.

✓ Badge Option Available – If anyone has an issue with wearing a wristband, they may request a badge from the Fairgrounds Office located near the Grandstands.

Anyone without the required credentials will be turned away and directed to use the main entrance. These policies are in place to maintain security and ensure that only authorized individuals access the fairgrounds through this entrance.

Please plan ahead and follow these guidelines to help keep fair operations running smoothly!



MINI 4-H

Mini 4-H members, join us for our last in-person meeting of the year on Wednesday, April 17, at 6:30 PM at the Extension Office! This is a great opportunity to wrap up the year, ask any last-minute questions about your projects, and enjoy some fun with fellow Mini 4-H members.

We can't wait to see you there as we celebrate a fantastic Mini 4-H season!

AUCTION COMMITTEE NEWS BLAST

Can you believe in 4 short months your kiddos will have checked the box on the 2025 Fair and will be waiting for their auction proceeds?!? Crazy right!!! We as the Auction Committee have several people that are, and will be, working hard to make sure they receive those funds within a reasonable time.

Please refer to the newsletter we have provided to all families with important dates and reminders-as we strive to make fair week a blast!





JUNIOR LEADERS

Open to 4-H members in grades 7-12.

Junior Leaders Meeting – April 21 Attention Junior Leaders! Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21, at 6:30 PM. Join us for an evening of fun, leadership, and planning as we continue preparing for upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join us here: Kosciusko County 4-H Junior Leaders on Band

INDIANA 4-H QLC PROGRAM

All 4-H youth enrolled in a Livestock Project (Beef, Dairy, DCFS/Dairy Beef, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine) are required to be certified in the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program or to complete the YQCA online certification.

If you choose to complete the YQCA online course, register at:

<u>YQCA Program Registration</u>. The cost for the online course is \$12. After completing the course, email your certificate to Tami at <u>graff8@purdue.edu</u> to receive credit.

Alternatively, you can take the in-person Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program for \$3 per member (exact change, please). If you prefer, you may also attend the QLC workshop at other counties, but you must still provide a copy of the certificate to our office. Register for QLC on 4HOnline under "Events".

Please note, in order to exhibit your Livestock Project at the **2025 Kosciusko County 4-H Fair**, you must complete either the **Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program** workshop or the **YQCA online course**.

If you have any questions about the certification, please contact **Tami** at the Extension Office or email **graff8@purdue.edu**.

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program dates for Kosciusko County:

- Monday, April 28th at 6:00PM at the Extension Office
- Thursday, May 22nd at 6:00PM at the Extension Office

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care dates for Whitley County:

- Wednesday, April 30 at 5:00PM at the 4-H Center
- Tuesday, May 13 at 6:00PM at the 4-H Center

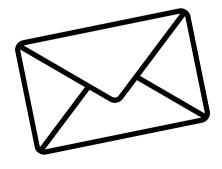
Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care dates for Noble County:

- Saturday, April 26th at 3:30PM at the Noble County Fair Grounds, Kendallville
- Wednesday, May 21st at 7:00PM at the 4-H Park, Albion

DNA SAMPLE ENVELOPES

Deadline May 15, 2025

DNA Sample Envelopes are ready and available at the Extension Office. Stop by to get yours soon. DNA is required for State-Bound Swine, Beef or Dairy Beef Cattle, Sheep, Meat Goats & Dairy Cattle. Deadline to turn in DNA Envelopes is May 15, 2025.



PREMISE ID INFORMATION

Premise ID Required for Livestock Exhibitors

Anyone who buys, sells, or exhibits livestock is required to have a Premise ID, which is an identification number for the physical location where animals are housed. This is essential for protecting animal agriculture and the livestock industry.

All 4-H members must know the Premise ID for the property where their animals are kept, and it must be entered into 4HOnline when enrolling animals for the 4-H Fair and Indiana State Fair.

The BOAH staff asks that you not wait until the last minute to request your Premise ID. While they do their best to accommodate everyone, they experience a high volume of calls and emails, and they cannot guarantee instant processing.

You must have a premise ID to show at the Kosciusko County 4-H Fair and the Indiana State Fair for Cattle, Swine, Goats and Sheep.

To apply for your Premise ID, visit: BOAH Premise ID Registration

2025 4-H GUIDEBOOKS

Printed copies of the 4-H Guidebook have arrived and are now available at the Extension Office! If you did not receive a copy from your club leader, stop by to pick one up.

This guidebook is your go-to resource for a successful 4-H year, including project requirements, event dates, and fair details. Don't miss out—make sure you have yours!

REMINDER FOR 4-H CLUBS & GROUPS

Planning to use the Fairgrounds for a meeting or event? Please call the Fairgrounds Office ahead of time to check availability and schedule your group. They are happy to accommodate, but other activities and rentals may already be on the calendar. A quick call ensures everything runs smoothly for everyone!

They can be reached at 574.269.1823.

SUPPORT THE HOMEMAKER'S ANNUAL NELSON'S PORT-A-PIT FUNDRAISER!



Get ready to savor some delicious BBQ while supporting a great cause! The Homemaker's Annual Nelson's Port-A-Pit Fundraiser is just around the corner, and we need your help to make it a success. This year's event will be held on Friday, May 9, 2025 at JB's Furniture, Warsaw from 11:00AM-6:00PM.

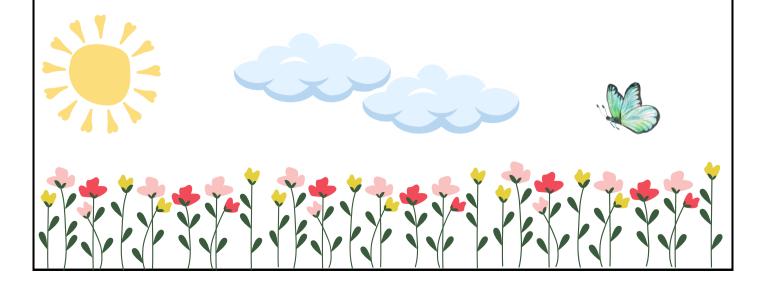
By purchasing a meal, you'll be contributing to the Homemaker's scholarship fund, which provides valuable financial support to deserving students in our community.

Your participation not only fills your belly with mouth-watering BBQ but also helps shape the future of our young scholars.

How You Can Help:

- Buy Tickets: Purchase your tickets in advance from any Homemaker member or at the Event.
- Spread the Word: Share this event with your friends, family, and neighbors. The more, the merrier!

Thank you for your continued support of the Homemaker's Annual Nelson's Port-A-Pit Fundraiser. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our students!



VOLUNTEER NEWS

Attention Volunteers: Complete Your Enrollment by June 15 for Your Free Fair Wristband!

All volunteers planning to help at this year's fair must complete their enrollment by June 15 to be included on the official volunteer list for free wristbands.

Important Details:

Deadline: June 15 (This Year Only!) – No exceptions! All volunteer enrollments must be completed by this date.

Future Deadline: March 15 – Starting next year, the deadline will move to March 15 in accordance with Purdue guidelines. Volunteers must be fully enrolled and approved before interacting with 4-H members.

Free Wristbands – Only those on the submitted list will receive a free wristband.
 No Late Additions – Once the list is turned in to the Fair Office, no names will be added. Volunteers who miss the deadline will need to purchase their own wristband.

Committee & Council Volunteers – Those serving on committees or councils should not be voting on business unless they are approved, screened volunteers.

Wristbands are required for entry at the East Gate, so don't wait—get your enrollment completed today to avoid any issues!

Thank you for your dedication to making the fair a success. We appreciate all you do!

REMINDERS-

DO NOT SKIP THIS SECTION!

May 15 – Animal Identification Due in 4HOnline. All animals must be entered in 4HOnline by this date. Animals not entered by May 15 will NOT be allowed to show at the 4-H County Fair. We strongly recommend entering all of your animals, just in case.

✓ June 15 – YQCA/QLC Certification Deadline. Proof of completed Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) or Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (QLC) training is required. Members who do not submit proof of completion by June 15 will NOT be allowed to show at the 4-H County or State Fair.

✓ June 15 – FairEntry Deadline for General & Animal Projects

- Animal Projects: Failure to enter your animal(s) in FairEntry by the deadline will result in showing in an Exhibition Class only.
- General Projects: Failure to enter your project(s) in FairEntry by the deadline means you cannot place higher than a Blue Ribbon, which also means you cannot advance to the Indiana State Fair.

📌 Questions?

If you have any questions about these deadlines, please contact the Extension Office at 574-372-2340. Don't let confusion about deadlines stop you from showcasing your hard work at the 4-H Fair!



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SHOOTING SPORTS CALENDARS

BEGINNERS April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Beginners Pistol WRP 6:30-8:30PM	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Beginners Archery Jeff Hoover's 6:30-8:30PM	15 Beginners Pistol WRP 6:30-8:30PM	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Beginners Archery Jeff Hoover's 6:30-8:30PM	29	30	WRP-Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club 2141 N 150 W, Warsaw KOSKO-2391 N Fox Farm Rd, Warsaw Jeff Hoover's House-2730 S 550 W, Warsaw		

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pistol WRP 6:30-8:30PM	2	3	4	5
6	7 Archery Jeff Hoover's 6:30-8:30PM	8 Rifle WRP 6:30-8:30pm Muzzleloader WRP 6:30-8:30PM	9	10 Shotgun KOSCO 6:30-8:30PM	11	12
13	14	15 Pistol WRP 6:30-8:30PM	16	17	18	19
20	21 Archery Jeff Hoover's 6:30-8:30PM	22 Rifle WRP 6:30-8:30pm Muzzleloader WRP 6:30-8:30PM	23	24 Shotgun KOSCO 6:30-8:30PM	25	26
27	28	29	30	WRP-Warsaw Rifle & Pistol Club 2141 N 150 W, Warsaw KOSKO-2391 N Fox Farm Rd, Warsaw Jeff Hoover's House-2730 S 550 W, Warsaw		

UPCOMING EVENTS × SAVE DCFS Weigh In/Tag In Saturday, April 12, 2025 9:00AM East End of Beef Barn, Fairgrounds TIDCFS Weigh-In/Tag-In Reminder! Date: April 12, 2025 C Time: 9:00 - 11:00 AM Taste of Agriculture in Location: Beef Barn, Fairgrounds Tags: \$3.50 each (Exact change required!) ະ Pen Fee: \$10 ນີ້ Vet Services Available (Fee payable to Kosciusko County Tuesday, April 15, 2025 Calf Care) Don't forget to mark your calendar and come prepared! For questions, contact the Extension Office at 574.372.2340 or Darren Wilkinson at 1400 E Smith St Warsaw. IN 46580 PURDUE UNIVERSITY 269.319.9845. 11 Purdue University is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access University POSS-ABILITIES 🍀 BLACKSMITH SATURDAY MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025 APRIL 26, 2025 ARBY'S 15 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Kosciusko County 4-H Council's Final EP PURPUE ALL ADULTS: \$13.00 HATL FISH & UNDER 8: \$9.00 CHICKEN FRY 1400 E Smith St IN 46 APRIL 26, 2025 4 PM - 7 PM 30 OFGIVING.PURDUE.EDU Kosciusko County 4-n ROYALTY CONTEST SCIUSKO COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS **ANNUAL NELSON'S** Applications now being accepted. PORT-A-PIT FUNDRAISER Due on May 12, 2025 Must be in your 8th, 9th or 10th year of 4-H Must be in your 8th, 9th or 10th year of 4-H Must be in grades 10, 11 or 12 and not be a previous King or Queen HALF CHICKEN \$10.00 PIT POTATES \$5.00 MAY 9 TIME JB'S FURNITURE 2101 E CENTER ST WARSAW 2025 11 AM - 6 PM

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APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

- Horse & Pony Club Meeting
 - 6:30pm Mini 4-H
 - 7:00pm Regular 4-H
 - Home & Family Arts Building, Fairgrounds

Thursday, April 3, 2025

- 4-H Council Meeting
 - 6:00pm
 - Extension Office Main Hall

Monday, Aril 7, 2025

• No Meeting - Claypool Classics Club Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

- Poultry Committee Meeting
 - 6:30pm
 - Johnson Resident

Saturday, April 12, 2025

- DCFS Weigh-In/Tag-In
 - 9:00am 11:00am
 - Beef Barn, Fairgrounds

Sunday, April 13, 2025

• No Meeting - Syracuse Community Hands Club Meeting

Monday, April 14, 2025

- · Money & Unsold Fish Fry Tickets due to the Extension Office
- Dairy Workshop
 - 6:30pm
 - Extension Office Auditorium
- Swine Committee Meeting
 - 6:30pm
 - Extension Office Main Hall
- Beaver Dam Better 4-H'ers Club Meeting
 - 7:00pm
 - Beaver Dam Community Church, 9798 W 1000 S, Akron
- Mentone United Club Meeting
 - 7:00pm
 - Mentone Baptist Church, 206 S Oak St, Mentone

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

- Taste of Ag in Kosciusko County
 - 5:00pm 7:00pm
 - Kosciusko County Fairgrounds
- Sidney Triple S Club Meeting
 - 6:30pm
 - Sidney Fire Station, 103 E Center St, Sidney
- Goat Committee Meeting
 - 6:30pm
 - Extension Office Main Hall

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

- Dairy Committee Meeting
 - 6:00pm
 - Extension Office Main Hall

Thursday, April 17, 2025

- Auction Committee Meeting
 - 6:30pm
 - Extension Office Work Room
- Mini 4-H Meeting
 - 6:30pm
 - Extension Office Auditorium & Main Hall

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- Committee Meeting to follow
- Shooting Sports Committee Meeting
 - 7:00pm
 - Extension Office Room D

Monday, April 21, 2025

- Junior Leaders
 - 6:30pm
 - Extension Office Main Hall

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

- Leesburg Mighty Farmers Club Meeting
 - 7:00pm
 - Leesburg Methodist Church, 111 W Prairie St, Leesburg

Saturday, April 26, 2025

- Blacksmith
 - 8am 10am 1pm
 - Blacksmith Shop, Fairgrounds
 - Call Jackie at 574.527.2271 to reserve your spot
- 4-H Council Fish & Chicken Fry
 - 4:00pm 7:00pm
 - Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

Monday, April 28, 2025

- Poss-ABILITIES Fundraiser
- 5:00pm 8:00pm
 - Arby's 15, Warsaw
- QLC Training
 - 6:00pm
 - Register on 4HOnline
 - \$3.00 per 4-H Member, exact change, please
 - Extension Office Auditorium
- Silver Lake Rambling Farmers Club Meeting
 - 6:30pm
 - Silver Lake Lions Building, 108 N Harrison St, Silver Lake
- Pierceton Hayseeds Club Meeting
 - 7:00pm
 - Harvest Community Church, 512 S Seventh St, Pierceton

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

- Horse & Pony Committee Meeting
 - 7:00pm
 - Shrine Building, Fairgrounds

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

- Syracuse Community Hands Community Service Project
 - 4:00pm 6pmMilford Food Bank

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