

# LAKE COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTIONS

September 2025

## A Note from the Extension Office

A brand-new 4-H year is right around the corner! In just a few weeks, enrollment will open and we'll officially kick off another year of learning, leading, and growing together. Now is the perfect time to start thinking about the projects you'd like to explore, the goals you want to set, and the new opportunities you're ready to try in 2025-2026.

This issue of Clover Connections will help you prepare for the year ahead with important dates, reminders, and ways to get involved. Whether you're continuing with favorite projects or ready to try something new, we can't wait to see all that our Lake County 4-H members will accomplish in the year to come.

Let's get ready to make this the best 4-H year yet!

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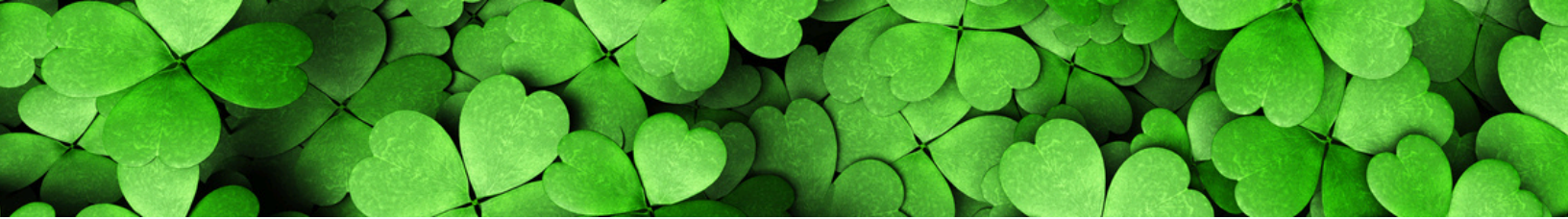
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesdays 9/17 - 10/8 - 4-H Livestock Skillathon Meeting, 18095 Clay Street,  
Hebron, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday 9/24 - 4-H County Committee Meeting, Extension Office,  
6:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday, October 1 - 4-H Enrollment Opens

Sunday, October 5 - 4-H Kick Off, Extension Office, 1:00pm-3:00pm

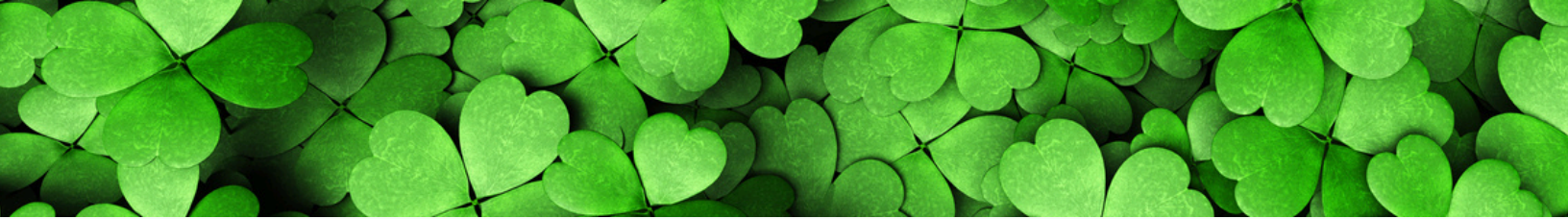
Tuesday, October 7 - 2025 Lake County 4-H Horse & Pony Awards Celebration,  
Lake County Fairgrounds, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday, October 8 - Purdue Extension Annual Business Meeting, Extension  
Office, 4:30pm

### **PLEASE NOTE!**

Make sure you have the dates above are on your calendar! Please note: The  
Extension Office will be closed on the following date:

**October 13th- Columbus Day**



## UPCOMING LEADER'S EVENTS

Wednesdays 9/24 - 4-H County Committee Meeting (Board Nominations),  
Extension Office, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Thursday 10/23 - 4-H County Committee Meeting (Superintendent Elections),  
Extension Office, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Thursday 11/20 - 4-H County Committee Meeting (Officer Elections),  
Extension Office, 6:00pm-7:30pm

## UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

Friday 9/19 Rockin' Clovers 4-H Club Meeting, 8651 W. 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave,  
Saint John, 6:00pm



## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

### **Entomology & Forestry ID Workshop**

Tuesday, October 7 & October 21

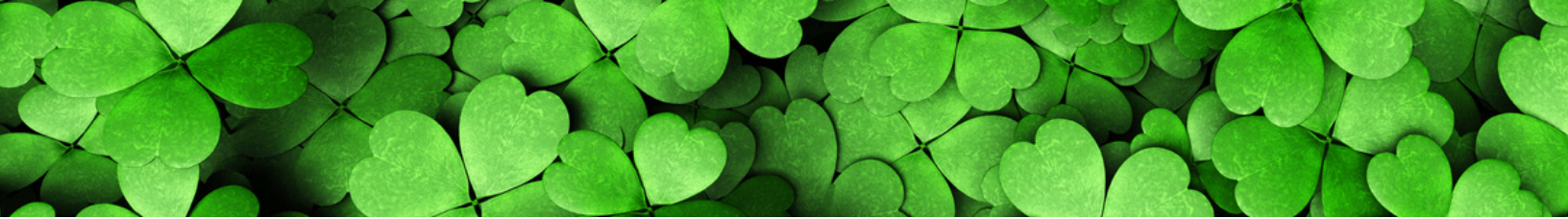
6:00pm at Jim's Repair Service

- Want to learn about insects throughout their life cycle and expand your forestry knowledge by identifying trees? Join us at Jim's Repair Service located at 11900 Wicker Ave for grades 3-12. If you have any questions please contact Lin Wozniowski at [lwozniowski@gmail.com](mailto:lwozniowski@gmail.com).

### **Entomology & Forestry ID CDE**

Tuesday, November 4

- This is the Annual Forestry and Insect ID (CDE) contest. This contest will be held at the Lake County Extension Office, 2293 N. Main Street at Crown Point from 4:00pm - 7:00pm. Questions, please email Linda Wozniowski at [lwozniowski@gmail.com](mailto:lwozniowski@gmail.com)



## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **4-H Premiums**

- Premium checks have been mailed to 4-H members. Corrections must be reported to the Extension Office no later than October 1.
- Correction hours: 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. Telephone: 219-755-3240
- Please call if any premiums and/or ribbons awarded are incorrect.

### **Attention 4-H Members**

- Everyone who received a premium check and/or auction check needs to cash it within 60 days.

### **Memory Books**

- While memories of the past 4-H year are fresh, it's a good time to make and submit a 4-H Memory Book. The guidelines are in the Lake County 4-H Handbook and each 4-H member can complete a book each year that they are members. This is an excellent opportunity for 4-Hers to take a look at their goals and achievements of the past year and for future years. It is an organized way to recall and record your many successes and favorite time of the past year. Every participant will receive an activity ribbon if they meet the requirements. The books are due in the Extension Office by November 1.

### **Member Completion Pins**

- Pins have been placed in the club mailboxes. All Administrative Leaders should pick them up and distribute to club members that have completed another year in 4-H. Thank you Lake County Farm Bureau and Lake County 4-H Club Committee for the sponsorship to purchase the pins.



## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

### 4-H Kickoff

- We're excited to host the Lake County 4-H Kickoff on Sunday, October 5 from 1-3 p.m. at the Purdue Extension Office (2293 N. Main St., Crown Point, IN). This event is a great way for new families to learn what 4-H is all about. As current members, we'd love for you to help spread the word—invite your friends, classmates, and neighbors to come see everything 4-H has to offer! The Kickoff will feature hands-on activities, snacks, and plenty of fun for youth in grades K-12.



The poster features a bright blue sky background with a sunburst effect behind the 4-H logo in the top left. The logo is a green four-leaf clover with 'H' on each leaf and '4-H!' below it. To the right, the text 'One Size Fits All' is written in large, bold, green letters, with 'Find your perfect fit!' in smaller black text below it. In the center, four colorful t-shirts are hanging on a clothesline with wooden clothespins. The shirts are yellow (labeled '4-H Camp' and 'Junior Leaders'), green (labeled 'Leadership & Community Service' and 'STEM'), blue (labeled 'Science & Engineering', 'Sports', and 'Agriculture'), and a multi-colored one (labeled 'Arts & Crafts' and 'Music & more'). Below the shirts, the text 'Grades K-12 are invited to the Lake County 4-H Program' is written in green, followed by 'OPEN HOUSE' in large green letters, and 'Sunday, Oct. 5 | 1-3 p.m.' in green. Below this, it says 'at the Purdue Extension Office 2293 N Main St, Crown Point, IN'. In the bottom left is the Purdue University logo with 'Extension - Lake County' below it. In the bottom right, a blue starburst bubble contains the text 'Free event!', 'See all that 4-H has to offer!', 'Make & Take - Snacks', and 'Fun for all'. At the very bottom, small text reads 'Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.'

**4-H!**

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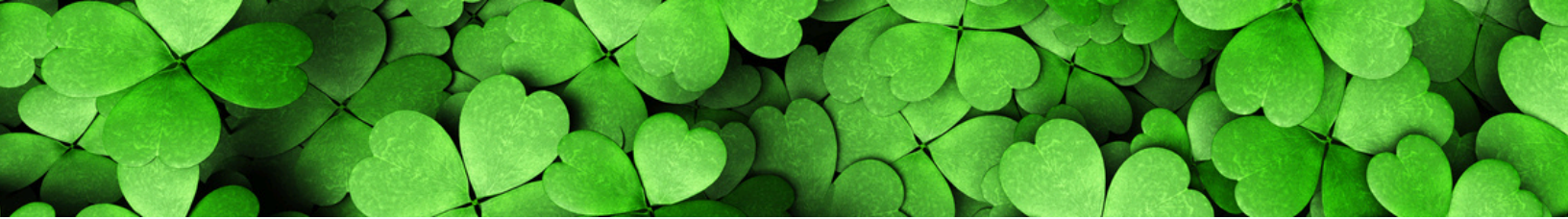
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## Junior Leaders

The Lake County Junior Leaders coming together to discuss our Junior Leader Organization. It is open to ALL 4-H members 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Parents, please encourage your youth to participate with the Lake County Junior Leader Organization this is a great opportunity for youth all over the county to get together, have fun, and learn new things!

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### Lake County 4-H Jr. Leader Officers - 2025 - 2026

- President: Fawwaz Shareef, Rockin' Clovers 4-H Club
- Vice President: Noah Miller, Griffith Gridders 4-H Club
- Secretary: Abigail Bisig, Tails and Trails 4-H Club
- Treasurer: Leah Pozen, Prairie Pioneers 4-H Club
- Recreation Leaders: Zahrah Shareef, Rockin' Clovers 4-H Club
  - Nathan Jamrosz, RPFF 4-H Club
- County Committee Reps: Annalise Neal, St. John Spitfires 4-H Club
  - Garrett Neal, St. John Spitfires 4-H Club
- Reporter: Claire Donaldson, Saddle & Spurs 4-H Club



### Way to Go!!!!

- Special thanks to Kristen Donaldson, Kristen Pozen, and Lin Wozniowski for all of their dedication, time and efforts as advisors serving on behalf of the Lake County 4-H Junior Leader organization this past year! We also would like to thank all the parents that helped out and contributed with the program as well.

If you have any club or project information that you'd like to share in the weekly email, please let 4-H Secretary Roz Adams [rdcoleman@purdue.edu](mailto:rdcoleman@purdue.edu) know by the 15th day of each month. See the online [Lake County 4-H Calendar](#) at for more upcoming events.

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

See the complete Lake County 4-H Calendar and more at [bit.ly/48sNJfj](https://bit.ly/48sNJfj). If you are in need of accommodations to attend a program, please contact the Extension Educators at least 14 days prior to the meeting at 219-755-3240.