

LAKE COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTIONS

April 2025

A Note from the Extension Office

Spring has officially arrived, and that means we're getting closer to fair season!

April is the perfect time to dive into your 4-H projects, attend workshops, and check in on your progress. Whether you're working on livestock, arts, STEM, or leadership, now is the time to fine-tune your skills and stay engaged.

This month's edition of Clover Connections is packed with important updates, upcoming deadlines, and exciting opportunities to get involved. Be sure to mark your calendars and stay connected so you don't miss anything!

Let's make this a great month of learning, growth, and 4-H fun!

JOIN 4-H TODAY

The Lake County 4-H Program welcomes all youth in grades K-12.

Scan the QR code to sign up:



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Scan the QR code below to find and follow our Facebook profile:



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to cost increase, we will now be charging \$5 for the 4-H poster backings. The 4-H poster sleeves will remain \$1.

4-H enrollment is still open—don't wait, enroll today at <https://v2.4honline.com/> Lake County 4-Hers are also encouraged to check out the scholarship opportunities from the Legacy Foundation. Learn more at <https://legacyfdn.org/scholarships/apply-for-scholarships/>

Our annual 4-H Geranium Sale Pickup will be April 26th. Pickup will be at Henning Farm & Greenhouse located at 7160 W. 1400 N. Demotte, IN 46310.

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Scan the QR code below to find and follow our Instagram profile:



Geranium flower

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

The 4-H Consumer Clothing pilot manuals have been updated. Documents can be found on the [4-H Consumer Clothing](#) web page.

Be sure to check our Lake County website, <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/lake/lake-county-4-h.html> for upcoming workshops.

4-H Senior Spotlights:

We want to celebrate YOU! As you prepare for your next adventure, we'd love to spotlight your achievements, favorite 4-H memories, and future plans on our Instagram for our Senior Spotlight. Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey so we can showcase your hard work and dedication!

Don't forget to send us a photo to be featured!

Fill out the survey here:

https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9S6ndsHu7tqsTMq



Consumer Clothing



Save the Dates: 4-H Opportunities

4-H Academy is Officially Open!

- June 11-13, 2025
- Opportunity for 9th-12th grade 4-Hers!
- 4-H Academy, held at Purdue University, provides an immersive learning experience for 4-H members in grades 9-12.

Participants engage in hands-on activities led by Purdue professors, graduate students, and industry experts.

- **Registration Deadline:** May 15, 2025
- **Fee:** \$25 (Lake County 4-H will cover the remaining cost)
- **Registration Process:** Complete the attached 4-H Academy Registration Form, submit the fee to the Extension Office, and register via 4-H Online. Contact our office for assistance.

4-H Round-Up is Officially Open!

- June 23-25, 2025
- Opportunity for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade 4-Hers!
- 4-H Round-Up offers youth an opportunity to explore various career paths through hands-on learning sessions at Purdue University.
- **Fee Due:** May 1, 2025 (payable to the Extension Office)
- **Online Registration Deadline:** May 15, 2025
- **Final Registration Closes:** May 30, 2025
- **Fee:** \$25 (Lake County 4-H will cover the remaining cost)
- Contact our office to begin the registration process.

- Elaina Berrones
- Abigail Bisig
- Claire Donaldson
- Audrey Kolanowski
- Jenna Miller
- Noah Miller
- Charley Monos
- Leah Pozen
- Addison Segert

Deposit: \$25 (payable to Purdue University) - Drop off payment at the Extension Office.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=4H> Must be 16+ to donate (all are welcome to attend and support!)



4-H Camp Registration is Officially Open!!!!

Save the Dates: 4-H Opportunities

4-H Graduation Survey – Graduation is approaching, which means hundreds of outstanding 4-H'ers across the state are nearing the culmination of their 4-H experience! We want to hear what 4-H has meant to you! Please complete the survey at bit.ly/IN4Hgrad by April 1st, and you'll receive this commemorative 4-H graduate tassel.

4-H Record of Achievement Workshop – Sebastian and Kacper Rzadkosz – Wednesday, May 7, Extension Office – 6 pm
We're offering a workshop to guide participants through filling out the Record of Achievement. To make the most of this session, please bring a WiFi-capable computer and a list of the meetings and workshops you have attended. This will allow you to actively work on the form during the workshop.
We look forward to assisting you as you complete this important step! Register at <https://roa5-7-2025.4honline.com>

Purdue Day of Giving

Date: April 30, 2025

Support Lake County 4-H by directing your donation on this special giving day! Help us spread the word and stay tuned for more details.



The tassel you'll receive after completing the 4-H graduation survey.



Children holding a poster

Save the Dates: 4-H Opportunities

Livestock Program Updates

Sheep & Goat Identification Tagging Day:

May 3, 2025

All animals must be tagged and entered in 4-H Online by May 15.



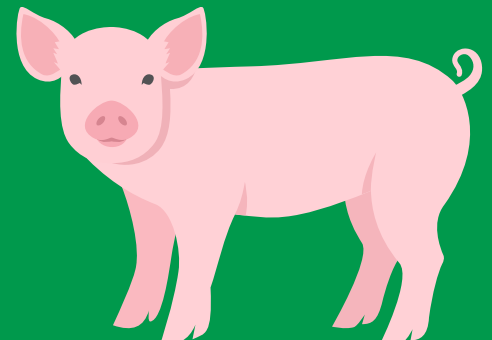
Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (QLC) Training:

- Final QLC session: Wednesday, April 9, 2025
- The May 17th session has been canceled.
- Required for exhibitors of Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, and Rabbits.

Swine Project Tagging:

All swine must be tagged and entered in 4-H Online by May 15.

Contact: Superintendent Nicole Kasparian at (219) 313-4978.



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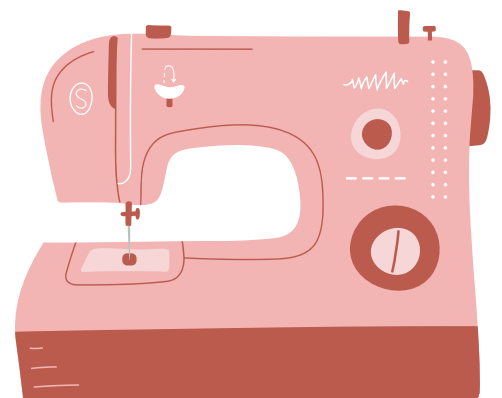
Sewing Workshops



Wednesday, April 2, 6 PM, <https://sewing4-02-2025.4honline.com>

Tuesday, April 15, 6 PM, <https://sewing4-15-2025.4honline.com>

Location: Extension Office



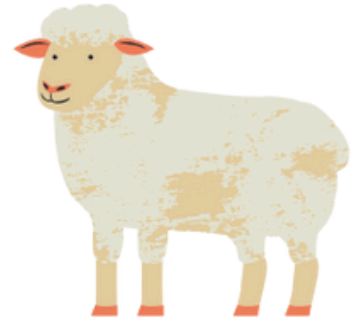
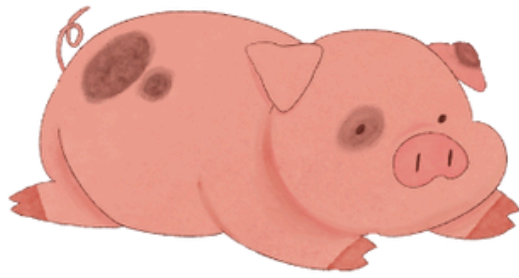
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Urban Agriculture Dates

- April 5th, 2-4PM **DeJong Farm Tour:**
8700 Grand Blvd, Merrillville.
<https://urbanag4-05-2025.4honline.com>
- May 10th, 10AM-12PM **Gary Community Partnership Tour:**
522 Johnson Street, Gary.
<https://urbanag5-10-2025.4honline.com>
- May 28th, 6-7:30PM **Urban Agriculture Wrap Up:** Purdue Extension-Lake County 2291 N. Main Street, Crown Point.
<https://urbanag5-28-2025.4honline.com>
- July 29th, 9:00-10:00 AM **Urban Agriculture Posters Due:** Lake County Fairgrounds 889 South Court Street, Crown Point.
- August 2nd, 12:30PM **Urban Agriculture Expo:** Lake County Fair Grounds 889 South Court Street, Crown Point.

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Lake County 4-H
QLC
Trainings



Wednesday, April 9, 6 PM
Last In-Person Training
Extension Office



Register in 4-H Online

<https://lakeqlc4-9-2025.4honline.com>

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4-H Sheep & Goat Tagging

SHEEP



Date: Saturday, May 3rd
Time: 9am -11am
Location: LCFG - Annex Bldg.

GOAT



Date: Saturday, May 3rd
Time: 12pm - 2pm
Location: LCFG - Annex Bldg.



Register in 4-H Online



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VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

**Volunteers come out and learn about
Fairentry/4-H Online and Clover Crates
Register at [https://volunteerdev5-20-
2025.4honline.com](https://volunteerdev5-20-2025.4honline.com)**

**MAY 20TH | 6:30 PM - 8 PM
2291 MAIN ST., CROWN POINT**

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Soil & Water Science WORKSHOP

June 6
9-11am

REGISTER AT
[HTTPS://SOILWATER6-6-2025.4HONLINE.COM](https://soilwater6-6-2025.4honline.com)



JUNE 7, 2025

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FISHING DERBY

9-11AM

REGISTER AT [HTTPS://FISHINGDERBY6-7-2025.4HONLINE.COM](https://fishingderby6-7-2025.4honline.com)



June 10-12, 2025

**TOWER HILL CAMP, SAWYER MICHIGAN
GRADES 3RD - 6TH**

Register in 4-H Online <https://2025Camp>

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution



Community Unity: Giving Life, Giving Hope



FOR DONATION

Come be a part of something bigger than yourself! Join us for a community blood drive hosted by Lake County 4-H Junior Leaders in collaboration with Alpha Kappa Alpha

Sorority, Inc., Sigma Phi Omega Chapter of Gary, IN.

Your donation can make a difference in someone's life.

Every pint of blood has the power to save up to three lives!

In addition to donating blood, you can also gather valuable information on the importance of blood donation and how it impacts our community.



- Walk-ins Welcome
- Snacks Provided
- United Community

• Contact:

• Jennifer Haynes

• 219-755-3240

**DATE: FRIDAY,
JUNE 13TH**

**TIME: 12:00 PM -
5:00 PM**

**LOCATION: PURDUE
EXTENSION OFFICE
2291 N. MAIN ST.
CROWN, POINT, IN**



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!



Questions? OCP@Purdue.edu | (765)494-2345



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

Thursday, 4/3 - 4-H Horse & Pony Meeting,
Extension Office, 6:30pm

Saturday, 4/5 - 4-H Mini Fun Day, Extension
Office, 9:00am-11:00am

Wednesday, 4/9 - Quality Livestock Care
Training (QLC), Extension Office, 6:00pm

Thursday, 4/17 - 4-H County Club Committee
Meeting, Extension Office, 6:00pm

Saturday, 4/26 - Lake County 4-H Geranium
Sale Pick Up

PLEASE NOTE!

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

April 18- Good Friday

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

See the complete Lake County 4-H
Calendar and more at
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.



Volunteers:

To ensure a safe and positive experience for our 4-H youth, at least **TWO** or more enrolled, 4-H volunteers must be present from beginning to end at all:

- **Club Meetings & Events**

This policy helps maintain a safe, supportive environment while upholding Purdue University's youth protection standards. Plan ahead to ensure compliance. Questions? Contact the Extension 4-H Educators!



UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

Tuesday 4/1 Shelby Ag 4-H Club Meeting, 299 N Burr St, Lowell, 6:00pm

Tuesday 4/1 Saddle & Spurs 4-H Club Meeting, 122 N. Main Street,
Crown Point, 6:00pm

Thursday 4/3 Brunswick Beavers 4-H Club Meeting, 14804 West 113th Ave,
Dyer, 7:00pm

Sunday 4/6 Eagle Creek Up & At'em 4-H Club Meeting, 18095 Clay St,
Hebron, 4:00pm

Monday 4/7 Hobart Hurricanes 4-H Club Meeting, 301 E 10th St,
Hobart, 6:00pm

Tuesday 4/8 Juntos 4-H Club Meeting, 3300 Indiana St,
Hobart, 9:30am

Tuesday 4/8 Happy Wranglers 4-H Club Meeting, 304 S 725 W.
Hebron, 6:00pm

Tuesday 4/8 Tails & Trails 4-H Meeting, 1505 E Commercial Ave,
Lowell, 6:00pm



UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

Friday 4/11 The Seekers 4-H Club Meeting, 6729 W. 133rd Ave,
Cedar Lake, 3:30pm

Friday 4/11 Crown Clovers 4-H Club Meeting, 250 S Indiana Ave,
Crown Point, 6:00pm

Sunday 4/13 Prime Beefmakers 4-H Club Meeting, Lowell, 2:00pm

Sunday 4/13 RPFF 4-H Club Meeting, 183 S West St., Crown Point, 5:00pm

Monday 4/14 The Lone Rangers 4-H Club Meeting, 4613 E 109th Ave,
Crown Point 7:00pm

Friday 4/18 Rockin' Clovers 4-H Club Meeting, 8651 W 93rd, 8651 W 93rd Ave,
St. John, 6:00pm

Sunday 4/27 Griffith Grinners 4-H Club Meeting, 9717 Spring St, Highland

Tuesday 4/29 Juntos 4-H Club Meeting, 3300 Indiana St,
Hobart, 9:30am

REMINDER

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 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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