

LAKE COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTIONS

May 2025

A Note from the Extension Office

May is here, and that means the countdown to summer – and the Lake County Fair – is officially on!

This is a busy and exciting time in the 4-H year, with project work ramping up, deadlines approaching, and lots of opportunities to get involved. Whether you're putting the finishing touches on your projects or just getting started, we're here to support you every step of the way.

In this month's edition, you'll find key reminders, upcoming events, and helpful tips to keep you on track. Be sure to read through everything carefully and reach out if you have any questions. We're so proud of all the hard work our 4-H members, families, and volunteers are doing – let's keep the momentum going!

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/>

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! Send your photos and answers to kwilhoi@purdue.edu

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

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

You're Invited!

Join us for the 2025 Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 18, 2024, at the Gary Area Career Center! Enjoy a lunch buffet prepared by the culinary students, hear inspiring 4-H youth presentations, and connect with our community.

- Registration & Networking: 12:30 PM EDT (11:30 AM CDT)
- Lunch Buffet: 1:00 PM EDT (12:00 PM CDT)
- Business Meeting: 1:30 PM EDT (12:30 PM CDT)
- Youth Presentations: 2:00 PM EDT (1:00 PM CDT)

Address is 1800 E 35th Ave, Gary, IN 46409

RSVP by May 9 online at in4h.org/2025-annual-meeting or email us at info@in4h.org.





Save the Dates: 4-H Opportunities

4-H Academy

- June 11-13, 2025
- Opportunity for 9th-12th grade 4-Hers!
- **Registration Deadline:** May 9, 2025
- **Fee:** \$25 (Lake County 4-H will cover the remaining cost)
- **Registration Process:** Call the office before starting the registration process. Complete the 4-H Academy Registration via 4-H Online, and submit the fee to the Extension Office.

4-H Round-Up is Officially Open!

- June 23-25, 2025
- Opportunity for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade 4-Hers!
- **Fee Due:** May 1, 2025 (payable to the Extension Office)
- **Registration Deadline:** May 15, 2025
- **Final Registration Closes:** May 30, 2025
- **Fee:** \$25 (Lake County 4-H will cover the remaining cost)
- **Registration Process:** Call the office before starting the registration process. Complete the 4-H Round-Up Registration via 4-H Online, and submit the fee to the Extension Office.

4-H Camp

Registration for 4-H Camp is still open!

Register at: 4-H Online

Online Registration Deadline: May 15, 2025

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



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Junior Leaders Blood Drive

Lake County 4-H Junior Leaders, in collaboration with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Sigma Phi Omega Chapter of Gary, IN, will host a Community Unity, Giving Life, Giving Hope Blood Drive through the American Red Cross.

Date: Friday, June 13, 2025

Time: 12:00 – 5:00 PM

Location: Purdue Extension Office

Sign Up to Donate:

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

Terry Clifford Memorial Leadership Award

The Indiana State Fair Foundation and the Clifford family present the Terry Clifford Memorial Leadership Award in honor of Terry Clifford, former President of the Indiana State Fair Board and a lifelong supporter of Indiana youth through 4-H and FFA.

This annual award recognizes an Indiana high school student who has been involved in Indiana 4-H or FFA for at least 2 years and has participated in the State Fair within the past 4 years. It is a leadership award (not a scholarship), and recipients may use the funds however they choose to continue their leadership journey. Applications are due June 1, 2025. Learn more on the [Indiana 4-H website](#).



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4-H Record of Achievement Workshop -

Sebastian and Kacper Rzadkosz - Wednesday,
May 7, Extension Office - 6 pm

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 your form during the workshop. We look forward to assisting you as you complete this important step! Register at <https://roa5-7-2025.4honline.com>

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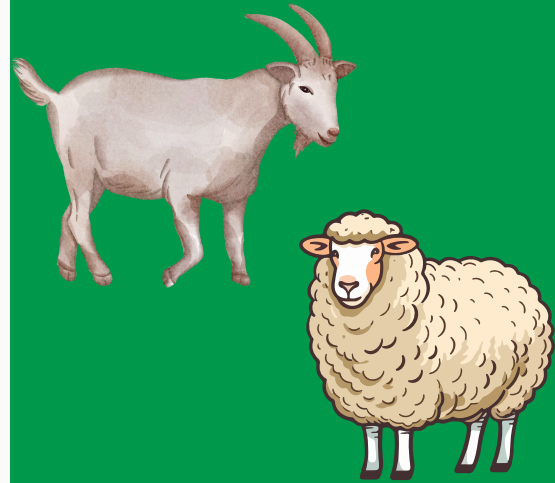
Livestock Program Updates

Sheep & Goat Identification Tagging Day:

May 3, 2025

See flyer for details

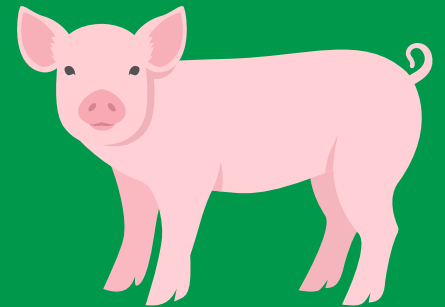
All animals must be tagged and entered in 4-H Online by May 15.



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.



Poultry Pullorum Testing:

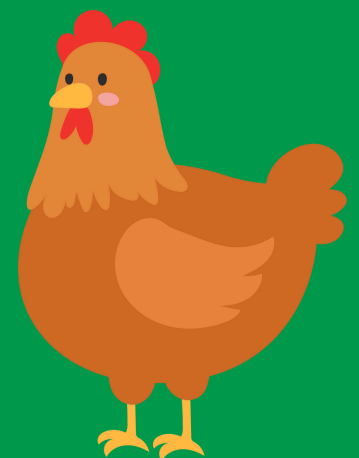
June 18 & 23 in the Annex building at the fairgrounds 5-8pm. Please pull in from the south and exit to the north.

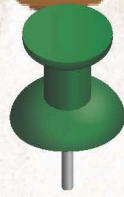
Contact: Superintendent Patti Nichols at (219) 306-7845.

Poultry Picnic:

June 28 Buckley Homestead Maintenance building 11-3. Please bring a dish large enough to share, chairs and drinks.

Contact: Superintendent Patti Nichols at (219) 306-7845.





LAKE COUNTY 4-H
DAIRY GOAT DEPT.

Award Sponsors Needed!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A DAIRY
GOAT BARN AWARD THIS YEAR CLICK THE
LINK BELOW. PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE
LAKE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE WITH ANY
QUESTIONS AT 219-755-3240.



[SPONSOR FORM LINK](#)

Lake County 4-H Needlecraft Workshops



Knitting Workshop
May 21st 6-8 PM
June 18th 1-3 PM

Crochet Workshop
May 7th 6 - 8 PM
June 4th 1-3 PM



Location:
Extension Office
2293 N. Main St.
Crown Point

Register at

<https://crochet5-7-2025.4honline.com>

<https://knitting5-21-2025.4honline.com>

<https://crochet6-4-2025.4honline.com>

<https://knitting6-18-2025.4honline.com>



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Sewing Workshops

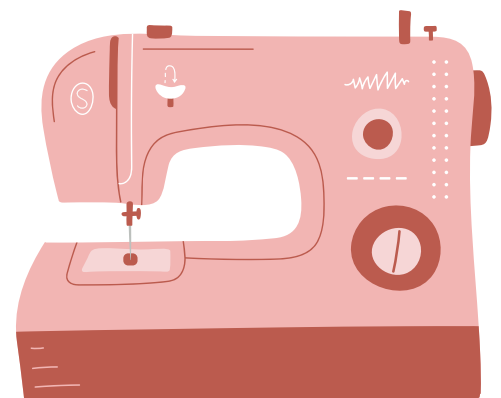


Wednesday, May 14, 6 PM, <https://sewing5-14-25.4honline.com>

Wednesday, May 21, 6 PM, <https://sewing5-21-25.4honline.com>

Saturday, May 24, 10 AM, <https://sewing5-24-2025.4honline.com>

Location: Extension Office



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Urban Agriculture Dates

- 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.

Lake County

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



LAKE COUNTY 4-H

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**

LAKE COUNTY 4-H

Invention Convention



INDIANA 4-H

iNVENTION
CONVENTION



Location

Lake County Extension Office

2291 N Main St.
Crown Point, IN 46307



When

Every Monday in June starting
June 2nd

9 - noon



STEM + Invention + Entrepreneurship Education

Inventors in grades 3-12 will research,
design, build, and pitch an original
invention to solve a relevant problem
that has identified in their life or
community while having the chance
to present their projects at the Lake
County Fair!

JOIN 4-H TODAY!

<https://inventionclub6-2025.4honline.com>

\$5 supply fee

\$15 Indiana 4-H Program fee

Cash or Check payable to
Purdue University

Registration closes May 22nd

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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

LAKE COUNTY FISH AND GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
2000 E MAIN STREET, GRIFFITH

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**



LAKE COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR HORSE AND PONY BENEFIT SHOW



JULY 6TH, NAVAJO SADDLE CLUB, 84 W 900 S, KOUTS, IN 46347
SHOW CLOTHING, CLIPPING & BANDING ARE NOT REQUIRED - OPEN TO EVERYONE
\$10 PER HORSE OFFICE FEE, \$5 PER CLASS

****SHOW BEGINS @ 9AM CST****

1. Junior Horse Halter (Horse 5 & Under)
2. Senior Horse Halter (Horse 6 & Over)
3. Open Halter
4. Showmanship 19 & Over
5. Showmanship 18-3rd grade

****15 Minute Break****

6. Parent Lead Line *Kids lead the parents*
7. Horse Show Parents Walk Trot
8. 4-H Pleasure (Any Discipline)
9. English Walk Trot 19 & Over
10. English Walk Trot 13-18
11. English Walk Trot Peewee 12-3rd grade
12. English Pleasure 19 & Over
13. English Pleasure 13-18
14. English Pleasure Peewee 12-3rd grade

****30 Minute Lunch Break****

15. Western Walk Trot 19 & Over
16. Western Walk Trot 13-18
17. Western Walk Trot Peewee 12-3rd grade
18. Western Pleasure 19 & Over
19. Western Pleasure 13-18
20. Western Pleasure Peewee 12 & Under
21. Ranch on the Rail 19 & Over
22. Ranch on the Rail 13-18
23. Ranch on the Rail Peewee 12-3rd grade

If Time Allows

24. Open Barrels
25. Catalog Race

**REGISTRATION OPENS
@ 8AM**

WARNING
UNDER INDIANA LAW, AN
EQUINE PROFESSIONAL
IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN
INJURY TO, OR THE DEATH OF,
A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE
ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM
THE INHERENT RISKS OF
EQUINE ACTIVITIES.

- Legal Tack/Bits Required
- Riders Age as of Jan. 1st
- Riders must be in 3rd grade and up to participate
- No Refunds
- Showbill Subject to Change
- Long Pants & Boots Required
- Parent Lead Line, Kids must be 12 & Over to lead
- All Riders 18 & Under **MUST** Wear a Helmet When Mounted
- Adult riders are encouraged to wear helmets but not required
- No Payback classes
- Riders 18 & under must have a parent present



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

MAY

Thursday, 5/1 - 4-H Horse & Pony Memorial Award, Extension Office, 8:30am-4:00pm

Thursday, 5/1 - 4-H Horse & Pony Meeting, Extension Office, 6:30pm

Saturday, 5/3 - 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest, Boone County Fairgrounds

Saturday, 5/3 - 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest, Boone County Fairgrounds

Thursday, 5/15 - Animal Identification due

Thursday, 5/15 - Deadline to register for 4-H Round-Up and 4-H Academy

Thursday, 5/15 - IRS Form 990 e-Postcards/IRS 990 Series Form Due

Thursday, 5/22 - 4-H County Committee Meeting, Extension Office, 6:00pm

PLEASE NOTE!

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

May 26- Memorial Day

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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

Thursday 5/1 Brunswick Beavers 4-H Club Meeting, 14804 West 113th Ave,
Dyer, 7:00pm

Sunday 5/4 Eagle Creek Up & At'em 4-H Club Meeting, 18095 Clay St,
Hebron, 4:00pm

Monday 5/5 Hobart Hurricanes 4-H Club Meeting, 301 E 10th St,
Hobart, 6:00pm

Tuesday 5/6 Shelby Ag 4-H Club Meeting, 299 N Burr St, Lowell, 6:00pm

Tuesday 5/6 Saddle & Spurs 4-H Club Meeting, 122 N. Main Street,
Crown Point, 6:00pm

Friday 5/9 The Seekers 4-H Club Meeting, 6729 W. 133rd Ave,
Cedar Lake, 3:30pm

Friday 5/9 Crown Clovers 4-H Club Meeting, 250 S Indiana Ave,
Crown Point, 6:00pm



UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

Sunday 5/11 Prime Beefmakers 4-H Club Meeting, Lowell, 2:00pm

Monday 5/12 The Lone Rangers 4-H Club Meeting, 4613 E 109th Ave,
Crown Point 7:00pm

Tuesday 5/13 Juntos 4-H Club Meeting, 3300 Indiana St,
Hobart, 9:30am

Tuesday 5/13 Happy Wranglers 4-H Club Meeting, 304 S 725 W.
Hebron, 6:00pm

Tuesday 5/13 Tails & Trails 4-H Meeting, 1505 E Commercial Ave,
Lowell, 6:00pm

Friday 5/16 Rockin' Clovers 4-H Club Meeting, 8651 W 93rd, 8651 W 93rd Ave,
St. John, 6:00pm

Sunday 5/18 Griffith Grinners 4-H Club Meeting, 9717 Spring St, Highland

Sunday 5/18 RPFF 4-H Club Meeting, 183 S West St., Crown Point, 5:00pm



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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