

LAPORTE COUNTY

4-H Thursday Ticket



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES



Things happening in February:

- Feb. 16th - OFFICE CLOSED
- Feb. 19th - Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care
- Feb. 20th - Beef Tagging appointments only
- Feb. 21st - Beef Tagging 8 to 11 AM
- Feb. 23rd - Junior Leaders & Mini Monday
- Feb. 26th - Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition (everyone is welcome, see invite below)

Important Announcements:

All animals must be entered in 4-H Online by May 15th and project options should be chosen by then.

All animals and exhibits must be entered in Fair Entry to be shown or exhibited in the 2026 year. We know this is early but it is hard to add exhibitors at check in, it really makes it more difficult on staff and volunteers. Fair Entry deadline will be June 12th.

Check out our calendar for all 4-H Events & Club Meetings

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A 4-H VOLUNTEER?

Not sure what to select for your volunteer type? Use the chart below to know your type!

Volunteer <u>Type</u> in 4-H Online:	PROJECT VOLUNTEER	PROGRAM VOLUNTEER	CLUB VOLUNTEER
Volunteer <u>Role</u> in 4-H Online:	Subject Matter/Project Leader	General Program Volunteer	1. Club Organizational Leader 2. Shooting Sports 3. 4-H Affiliate member
<u>For:</u>	Superintendents, committee members, coaches & clinic leaders	Anyone wanting to volunteer in any aspect of 4-H	1. All club leaders, including assistant club leaders or other club helpers. 2. Coordinator, instructor & Associate instructor 3. 4-H Council members

NEW VOLUNTEER	New Volunteer Applicant	New volunteers and any volunteers who were not approved during the previous 4-H year.
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YOU CAN HAVE MORE THAN ONE VOLUNTEER TYPE



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UPCOMING LIVESTOCK MEETINGS

- Feb 9th - Rabbit Committee Meeting - Extension Office - 6:30 PM
- Feb 10th - Draft Horse - Small Projects Building (side B) - 6:30 PM
- Feb 12th - Poultry Workshop - Small Projects Building - 6 PM
- Feb. 15th - Mini Equine Meeting - Small Projects Building - 5 PM
- Feb. 17th - Horseless Horse & EZ Riders Meeting - Small Projects - 6 PM & 7 PM
- Feb. 21st - Goat Workshop - Small Projects Building - 9:30 AM
- March 9th - Rabbit Workshop - Small Projects Building - 6 PM
- March 14th - Goat Nutrition Workshop - Small Projects Building - 11 AM

Dog Clinics are every Thursday in the Small Projects Building starting at 6 PM
H&P Drill Team will practice every Monday in the Small Projects Building at 6 PM

LAPORTE COUNTY JUNIOR LEADERS

Junior Leaders is open to 4-H youth in grades 7-12 and provides opportunities for service learning and leadership development. Junior Leaders will meet monthly at 5:30 ahead of our Mini-Monday activities. Junior Leaders will meet to discuss projects and ideas for the year and then stay to help with Mini-Monday station activities.

This is a great opportunity for youth who are looking to be more involved in 4-H activities, and it is also a great way to earn volunteer hours.

To stay up to date on information regarding Junior Leaders, join our remind group:
<https://www.remind.com/join/d6bc2b>

Upcoming meeting dates @ 5:30 in the Small Projects Building: February 23, March 23, April 27, May 18. **Additional dates may be added based on projects chosen by Junior Leaders.

MINI MONDAYS

We are ready for another year of mini fun! Please save the dates for our Mini Monday events. We will start at 6 PM in the Small Projects Building. There are 40 spots on a first come, first serve basis. Registration for the February 23 workshop is open in 4-H Online.

Save the dates:

- February 23 - Wearable Art
- March 23 - My Pet & Me: Cat
- April 27 - Garden
- May 18 - Bike Rodeo
- June 29 - Project Judging & Pet Parade
- July 11 to 17 - Fair Week, we will do Mini Graduation again this year for all 2nd graders. You will need to register in Fair Entry for ALL fair activities.

CERAMICS

Thinking about taking part in the ceramics project this year? Hometown Ceramics in LaPorte is offering a 10% discount to any 4-H youth making a project for fair exhibition this year. Youth can come in, pick out their mold, pour their mold, clean the greenware, fire their piece, and glaze or paint their items.



You can contact the shop at 219-325-1500 or visit them at 2358 N Highway 35 La Porte, IN 46350 to learn more.

CLUB MEETINGS

- Lincoln Hotshots - February 12 & 26, March 12 & 26 - Fish Lake Conservation Club - 6 PM - Julie MacLeod (574) 780-2404, Paula Dicus (219) 851-5305, Monica Baugh (219) 809-5943, and Abby Sims (219) 771-1603
- Archery - February 14 & 28 - Small Projects - 9 AM to Noon
- Archery (Grades 7 & 9) - February 26 - Small Projects - 6 to 9 PM
- Creative Clovers - February 23 - Extension Office - 4:15 PM
- Coolspring Champions - February 25 - Coolspring Library Branch - 5:30 PM

4-H FAIR SCHEDULE & HANDBOOKS

The 2026 4-H Fair Schedule is on the website! Please keep an eye out for any changes. Changes after this point will be marked in **red**.
<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/4-h/4h-docs/tidbits-and-archives/2026-fair-schedule.pdf>

We also have PRINTED handbooks at the office for pickup. Please remember this is one handbook per family.

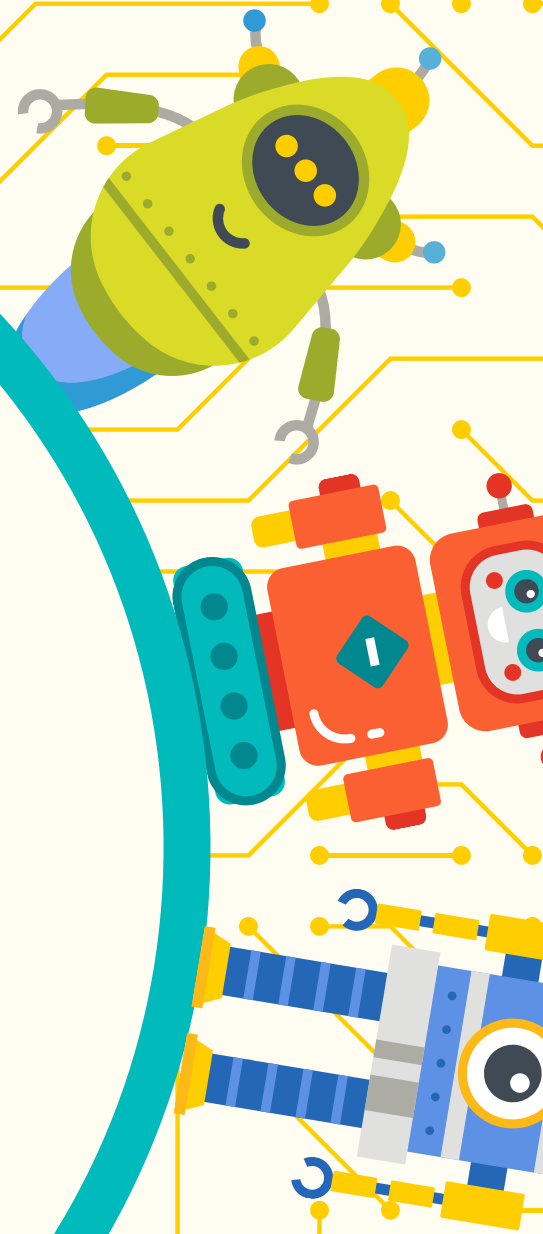


ROBOTICS MEETINGS

February 3rd @ 5:30-7:30
February 10th @ 5:30-7:30
February 17th @ 5:30-7:30
February 25th @ 5:30-7:30

All meetings are held at the Purdue
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JR. PORK DAY

SAVE THE DATE
03.07.2026

It is a fun day for the 4-Hers and their parents or leaders in the swine project to come to campus get a chance to see some live pigs, go into the meats lab to judge some pork products, and have some hands-on swine focused activities.

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sign in begins at 8:30 AM

**Purina Pavilion attached to the Creighton Hall of Animal Science
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MORE INFO TO COME



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INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE DATES

March 10: 6 PM | LaPorte County Extension Office

April 8: 9 AM & 3 PM | LaPorte County Extension Office

April 13: 6 PM | Small Projects

May 11: 6 PM | Small Projects (ID help will be available)

June 1: 9 AM & Noon | Small Projects

FairEntry Help Night

May 28 | 4:00 - 7:00 PM | Purdue Extension

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care needs to be completed by June 12.

YQCA can be completely online, we recommend it be completed by June 12.

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, you will need to log into 4-H Online and find the date you want to register for. If you need to request special accommodations, please contact the Extension Office at 219-324-9407 or visit us at 2857 W. State Road 2, Suite A. LaPorte IN 46350



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FEBRUARY ARCHERY SCHEDULE

12th - 3rd & 4th Grade Possible Project Discussion 6:00-7:00PM

14th - Shooting 9:00AM-12:00PM

26th - 7th & 9th Grade Bowstrings & Fletching 6:00-7:00PM

28th - Shooting 9:00AM-12:00PM

All meetings will be held at the Small Projects Building.

All participants are invited to the shootings on the 14th and the 28th

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!



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2026 LaPorte County 4-H SMALL ENGINES

Wednesdays 6:30–8:00 PM
Seymour Sales & Service
101 Forrester Rd., LaPorte, IN 46350

February – 4, 11, 18 & 25

March – 4, 11, 18 & 25

April – 1 & 8



Contact Wayne Seymour with questions at 219-363-6578

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INDIANA 4-H

TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Where: Camp Tecumseh

When: March 27-29, 2026

Ages: Grades 7-12



**CONTACT YOUR
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TO LEARN MORE
AND REGISTER**

CONFERENCE INFO

The Teen Leadership Weekend is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to build their leadership skills, connect with peers from across the state, and prepare to make a positive impact in their communities. Held annually, this conference is designed for youth in grades 7-12 who are ready to take their leadership journey to the next level. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, interactive team activities, and inspiring sessions led by experienced mentors and fellow 4-H members. With a focus on personal growth, teamwork, and service, the weekend empowers youth to step into leadership roles, develop practical skills, and create lasting memories!



CLARK COUNTY 4-H YOUTH RABBIT FUN SHOW



ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE CLARK
COUNTY 4-H RABBIT PROGRAM

SHOWMANSHIP CLASS
\$5 TO ENTER

SILENT AUCTION

FOOD AVAILABLE
\$4 PER RABBIT TO
ENTER

JUDGE: CALEB THOMAS

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

**CLARK COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS
9608 HIGHWAY 62 CHARLESTOWN IN 47111**

REGISTRATION LINK: [HTTPS://FORM.JOTFORM.COM/260134095658056](https://form.jotform.com/260134095658056)

**DOORS OPEN AT 8:30AM - REGISTRATION CLOSSES AT 9:30AM
SHOW STARTS AT 10:00AM**



Questions? kcarunch@purdue.edu; 812-256-4591

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2026

JOIN US FOR OUR

ANNUAL MEETING

HOSTED BY SOIL & WATER AND
PURDUE EXTENSION LAPORTE COUNTY

26 FEBRUARY 2026

Time: 5:30pm – 8pm

LaPorte County Fairgrounds – Community Building

2581 W State Rd 2, LaPorte, IN 46350

RSVP by February 12, 2026



Guest Speaker: A. J. Popovic
Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management

Photo of Stone Lake found on michigancitylaporte.com



Meet our Speaker: A.J. Popovic

AJ Popovic serves as the Northwest Regional Specialist for the State of Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management (SICIM). A lifelong Northern Indiana resident, AJ now calls Mishawaka home, where he's an avid cyclist and engaged community member. He is deeply committed to protecting our region's ecological heritage and believes that invasive species management starts close to home, with simple actions anyone can take to make a real impact.



Menu

Main Entrees

Crispy Fried Chicken
Sirloin Beef Tips w/Mushroom Gravy
Mostaccioli (NO MEAT)

Sides

Plain or Loaded Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans with Bacon
Roasted Vegetables

Meal: The \$10 meal fee is waived for government officials and affiliates of Purdue Extension - LaPorte County and Soil and Water. Pay with cash or check at the door or to the Extension Office at 2857 W. State Rd. 2, Suite A LaPorte, IN 46350 Make checks payable to Trustees of Purdue Extension

For special dietary needs, accommodations, or interpreter/translator services, please contact the Extension Office at 219-324-9407 or laporteces@purdue.edu by February 12, 2026
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**RSVP to Purdue Extension at 219-324-9407
or Soil & Water at 219-326-6808 ext 2116 or chavens@laporteco.in.gov**