

Educator Notes 🍀



Our forestry and entomology superintendents led a great hike at Bluhm County Park! Thank you to everyone who joined us! We have officially reached over 1000 participants in LaPorte County 4-H this year! We are so appreciative of all of our amazing youth and volunteers for engaging with our 4-H program and sharing it with your friends and family to help us continue to grow.

We have a 4-H calendar full of amazing activities for our youth to participate in, so please check the Facebook page often for opportunities to join us at the next event. We are just a little over a week away from our Workshop-a-Thon on April 27th. Please check out the event in 4-H Online and join us for all or part of the day! We would love to see many of our 1000 youth take part and learn from our amazing project superintendents whose expertise bring so much to our program. Looking for an opportunity that you haven't see us do yet? Reach out to us and share your ideas!

As we inch closer to fair season, please make sure you are reading communications from the office carefully so that you don't miss any deadlines or important information. Have a question or feel like you missed something? Please reach out to the office- we are here to help!

"If everyone is moving forward together, the success takes care of itself." - Henry Ford

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NEW POSTER KITS ADDED

We have added 16 x 20 Poster Kits to our inventory as of last week! The cost is \$3.00. The kit for 22 x 28 are \$6.00. Don't need the kit, we have the foam board and sleeves for sale too. Foamboards are \$5.00 and \$2.50 while the sleeves are still a \$1.00 and 50¢.

SENIOR BIOS

The Office has only heard from about half of our Seniors. We **REALLY** want to showcase you the week of the Fair on our new Kankakee Valley REMC Senior Wall. Make sure to fill out the google form: <u>https://bit.ly/10yrform</u>





POULTRY JUDGING TEAM

Congratulations! Junior teams came in 1st and 2nd as team Senior team came in 2nd

Individuals - Juniors 1st - Charlotte Jones 3rd - Adelyn Heidel 4th - Sarah Peterson 5th - Rileigh Jones Senior Individual - 4th - Katelyn Peterson



LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care Dates have been set! Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care OR YQCA needs to be done by <u>June 14th!</u> Sign up in 4-H Online for Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care. If completing YQCA, please note that it is your responsibility to get your completion certificate to the office. Email a copy to woznia11@purdu.edu

- April 27th 9: 15 AM OR 1:45 PM at the Workshop-a-thon
- May 13th: 6 PM LaPorte County Extension Office

Remember ALL animals (except poultry) need to be entered into 4-H Online by <u>May 15th! Do not</u> <u>miss this date or wait until last minute. You can start entering your animals now. The office</u> <u>will be open late May 9th (4-6:30 PM) to help anyone that needs it.</u>

<u>Vaccination forms</u> are required for <u>Horse & Pony</u> (including Mini Equine & Draft Horse), <u>Cat</u>, and <u>Dogs</u>

Horse & Pony: Your dues are due at the April meeting. Your manuals are due in June. Stall Reservations are due May 15th this year because of the changing of barns,

UPCOMING ANIMAL ID DAYS

April 27th - Dairy Feeder Steer May 3rd - Sheep May 4th - Goat, Sheep and Swine For more information, please refer to your animal letter you received earlier this year. If you signed up later for a livestock project and did not get a letter, that is okay we can email you one. Just reach out!



4-H VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Area X Judges Clinic! Area X is hosting a judges and volunteer helper clinic on May 2nd at Purdue Northwest - Westville Campus from 6 PM to 8 PM. Please sign up through 4-H Online. We will have a general session on how to judge and the meaning behind feedback followed by round table discussions on different topics.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 21ST - 27TH

The office would like to take this next week and place the spotlight on our dedicated volunteers that work tirelessly to make the 4-H program all that it is for our members. Make sure to stop in the office while you are out and about and grab one of our appreciation goodies.

STATE TRIPS

TOMORROW IS THE DEADLINE!!

Trips are open to all 4-H members in grades 7th - 12th. Please apply by visiting: <u>https://bit.ly/3IgNmIA</u> or the QR Code & submit the \$50.00 registration fee* per trip by April 19th.

LaPorte County 4-H Staff will initiate your registration for you in 4HOnline and send instructions on how to complete the registration.

This <u>link</u> will take you to all that is available.



*LaPorte County 4-H Council, in partnership with the LaPorte County Commissioners, will be paying the balance of each trip.



WORKSHOP-A-THON

April 27, 2024

South Central High School

9AM - 3PM

Aerospace & Models | Curt | Quick tips and understanding Models (cars, rockets, etc.). Touching on rules and how to instructions.

American Heritage | Danielle | Show off some of my own family heirlooms that need some attention and care, plus show a few projects I've done myself for inspiration! Beekeeping | Judge Stalbrink Rich & Judge John Link | Introduction to Beekeeping Bike | Al

Cake Decorating Advanced | Angela | Focus on more advanced skills like roses, sodas and cornelli lace.

Cake Decorating Beginner | Angela | Focus on bag control and basic skills like stars, writing and basic borders.

Collections | Nichole | Present ways to complete the notebook and also give ideas on ways to display the collections.

Communications & Performing Arts | Kate | 4-Hers will have to use a variety of props to come up with a demonstration on the spot and practice their speaking and performing skills to entertain the other 4-Hers.

Consumer Clothing | Ruth | Discussion of requirements with examples and a required activity demonstration.

Cookies & Candy | Donna

Holiday Dec. Beginner | Debbie | Painting spoons for Halloween theme decoration. Holiday Dec. Intermediate | Debbie | Centerpiece tray for fall

Holiday Dec. Senior | Debbie | St. Patrick's Day themed swag for a mantel or

centerpiece for table

Misc. Crafts | Amy

Needlecraft | Angela & Bonnie

Photography | Lori & Nancy



Posters | Lauren | The cafeteria will be open all day for youth to work on posters if there is a session time, in which the workshops do not interest them.

Scrapbooking | Ruth | Showing examples of techniques and making a card using some of the techniques.

Wearable Art | Rebecca & Rick | Show fabric stenciling and stamping and iron on applications tie dye.



Register at V2.4HONLINE.COM

Registration runs from March 25, 2024 to April 26, 2024



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MINI 4-H CORNER



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: TREES

What about trees? Have you ever wondered how trees get food & water? Do you know how to tell how old a tree is? Did you know there are trees native to Indiana? Exhibit one of the following:

- A drawing of the ways your favorite tree looks in each of the four seasons.
- A booklet of leaf rubbings.
- Try to identify the leaves.
- A poster about one native tree from Indiana.
- Plant a small tree and make a scrapbook of the steps you took.

FAIR EXHIBITION FOR MINI 4-H

The office has been getting a lot of phone calls pertaining to when Mini 4-H members choose their projects and so we wanted to get you the answer.

- **ALL** 4-H members use FairEntry to let the office know what they are going to be exhibiting at the Fair. The system will open May 16th and you will enter up to 3 projects that your child has chosen to exhibit.
- This year you will also be entering the Fair activities your child will be participating in as well. There will be NO signing up the week of the Fair. When signing up for the activities there will be a Waiver of Liability in FairEntry that MUST be signed.
- The system will close on June 14th to give the staff time to run exhibit tags.
- Mini 4-H is a non-competitive program so they <u>will not be</u> judged but they will displayed for the week. For their hard work, all members will receive a ribbon.

If you haven't picked up a copy of the Mini 4-H Guide, copies are available at the Extension Office or visit: <u>https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/4h-page.html</u> to review projects and fair activities.

As we get closer to the June date, more information will be shared so don't panic!

MINI 4-H MONDAYS

There are a few more spots for the May Registration. You will receive an email from Kelsey confirming your registration. If not, that means you are not registered. Mini Monday Event: Dog Club & Toys Location TBD May 20, 2024 6 - 7 PM

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

LAPORTE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY & THE EXCHANGE

The LPCPL Exchange is full of opportunities that can help 4-H youth develop skills they can use on their fair projects this year. The library branches also have some great programming fun that you might be interested in. Check out upcoming events at their website: <u>https://laporte.librarycalendar.com/events/upc</u> <u>oming</u>

Make It! Turn a Mechanical Pencil on the Lathe-TEEN Edition

EX-Classroom, LPCPL Exchange April 18th 6:00 - 7:30 pm (Register here: <u>https://www.laportelibrary.org/event/make-it-turn-mechanical-pencil-lathe-7213</u>)

Make an Earth Day Terrarium

Library Exchange Classroom April 22nd 6:00 - 7:30 pm You'll need to bring a clear glass container and will learn how the resin 3D printer can be used to make figures.

LAPORTE COUNTY FAIR

Fair Members and Stockholders;

It has come to the attention of the Board of Directors that there have been negative social media posts regarding scheduled acts and/or events at the 2024 LaPorte County Fair. While we appreciate your support defending the acts and events, we ask that you refrain from engaging with "keyboard warriors" and direct individuals to speak with any of the 18 directors about their concerns.

At this time, all scheduled acts and events are moving forward as previously announced.

Thank you for your overwhelming support and we hope to see you at the fair!

Board of Directors, LaPorte County Agricultural Association

WASHINGTON PARK ZOO

Saturday, May 18th 11:00 am - 12:30 pm WILD Zoo Art for Families

Meet a special animal up-close and paint a project yourself. This program is designed for families with children ages 5 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration is required. Cost: \$20 per person for either a canvas or ceramic project.

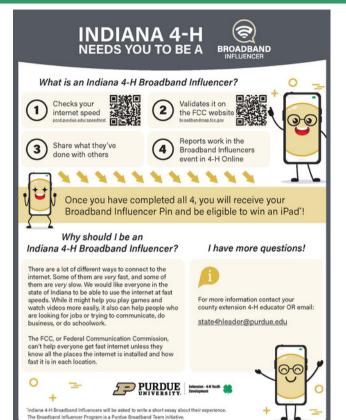
For more information contact: jhuss@emichigancity.com

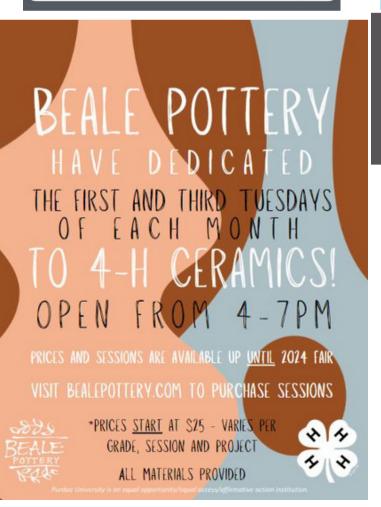


Visit Michigan City La Porte Kankakee Valley RMEC



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS







→ When, Where, Cost

- Government Center, 302 W Washington
 St, Indianapolis, IN 46204
- April 19, 2024
- Check-in 1 hour before presentation time
- Free!
- Register at: https://bit.ly/PFC_2024

→ Details

- Teams of 3 or 4 high school age youth will be given a topic 1 week prior to the event.
- Each team will present to a panel of financial experts.
- The winning team will receive \$500/youth and all expenses paid to the National competition in Cleveland, Ohio

Contact: ICEE Admin jwfansle@purdue.edu Workshops are 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Local times

Hands-on learning about...

- Human and Animal Health
- Animal Digestion
- Animal Senses
- Meat Science
- Animal Handleing
- And Much More!





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Northern Indiana Animal Science Day Camp

4/4/24-St. Joe County 6/18/24-Elkhart County 6/20/24-Wells County 7/2/24-South Central H.S.

> Any youth in grades 3-8 \$25 Registration Lunch included!

<u>Registration is due one week</u> <u>before the workshops</u> <u>https://AnimalScienceDayCamp.</u> <u>4honline.com</u>



Dubois County Livestock Judging Invitational

April 27, 2024 Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds

4157 South State Road 162, Huntingburg, IN 47542 (on Highway 162 South - 6 miles south of Jasper, Indiana)

Registration: 7:30 a.m -8:30 a.m. EST - \$25 per individual Contest Begins: 9 a.m. EST Lunch is included in registration cost.

Preregistration Recommended by 12:00 pm on April 25, 2024 at https://bit.ly/DCLivestockJudgingInv or mail paper form to Purdue Extension-Dubois County

Contest will Consist of:

- Scantrons will be used. Bring pencils and clipboards.
- All 4-H and FFA livestock judging teams are welcome to attend.
- Junior and Senior level competitions in 4-H/FFA Judging Handbook 4-H 98).
 Juniors are 8th grade and lower. Seniors are 9th grade and above.
 - Grade of oldest team member will determine if a team is classified as Junior or Senior.
- Livestock classes are: Beef, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat with oral reasons. The Junior division has one set of reasons and one set of questions. The Senior Division has two sets of reasons.
- Three scores are required to comprise a team. Lowest score will be dropped with teams of four members.
- Individuals will be allowed to participate who are not on a team.
- Plaques will be given to the top five Junior and top five Senior individuals.
- A plaque will be given to the first place Junior and Senior teams.
- Awards will be given to the top five senior reasons.
- Rosette ribbons will be awarded to each member of Junior and Senior first place teams.
- Place ribbons will be given to second and third place teams, and all others will receive a participation ribbon.

For more information contact the Event Manager:

Josh Lichlyter - (812) 827-9424 Grant Weyer - (812) 661-0490

Purdue Extension-Dubois County - 505 W 5th St. Jasper, IN 47546 - Telephone: (812) 482-1782

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JEFFERSON COUNTY

TWO RINGS, DOUBLE THE POINTS RING & JUDGE: GARRIT SPROULL RING B JUDGE: GARRETT LOWES

PREREGISTRATION ENCOURAGED ON SHOWMAN.APP \$30 PER HEAD PER SHOW

CHECK IN MAY 12TH 7-9:30 AM

SHOWMANSHIP

\$10 ENTRY START TIME IS 11:00 AM, BREEDS TO FOLLOW

ADDITIONAL INFO

BARROWS AND CROSSBRED GILTS WILL BE SHOWN BY DECLARED WEIGHT (15 LB. WEIGHBACK)

IJLA SANCTIONED SHOW

ALL COMMITTEE DECISIONS ARE FINAL GRAND - \$500 RESERVE - \$250 3RD OVERALL - \$150 4TH OVERALL- \$75 5TH OVERALL- \$50

LOCATION

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 3852 W SR 256 MADISON, IN 47250

CONTACT

BRICE GRAY 812.599.6182 TANNER MAHONEY 812.701.6698 BRENT GRAY 812.599.5296



REGISTRATION DETAILS:

- Fairgrounds Open: 5:30 am
- Registration: 6:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m.
- Steer Weigh-In: 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
- Junior Show: Kindergarten Age 21 (age as of January 1st)
- Association registration paperwork <u>will</u> <u>not be</u> required.
- Cash or check accepted for payment.
- Stall Deposit will be returned after clean-up approval.

PAYOUTS & BANNERS

Cows

- Grand Champion: Banner & \$100
- Reserve Champion: Banner & \$50
- Third Overall: Banner

Heifers

- Grand Champion: Banner & \$100
- Reserve Champion: Banner & \$50
- Third Overall: Banner
- Steer Calf (0-499 lbs)
- Grand Champion: Banner & \$100
- Reserve Champion: Banner & \$50
- Third Overall: Banner

Light Weight Steer (500-999 lbs)

- Grand Champion: Banner & \$100
- Reserve Champion: Banner & \$50
- Third Overall: Banner
- Heavy Weight Steer (1000+ lbs)
- Grand Champion: Banner & \$100
- Reserve Champion: Banner & \$50
- Third Overall: Banner

We will also place the top Showman for both Females and Steers:

- Champion Senior: Banner
- Champion Junior: Banner
- Champion Intermediate: Banner
- Mini: All Mini's will receive a blue ribbon
- Champion Adult: Please note that this class is FOR FUN.

Dairy Female & Steer Open Show

May 5, 2024 Lawrence County Fairgrounds Bedford, IN

Show Starts @ 11:00 a.m.

\$20.00 Fee per Head \$10.00 Showmanship Fee \$10.00 Stall Deposit

SHOW ORDER:

- 1) Cows in Milk Age 2 & Over o Ayrshires o Brown Swiss o Guernsey o Holstein o Jersey o Milking Shorthorn o Dairy Cross 2) 30 Minute Break
- 3) Heifers
 - o Ayrshires o Brown Swiss
 - o Guernsey o Holstein
 - o Jersey o Milking Shorthorn
 - o Dairy Cross
- 4) Female Showmanship (Age as of Jan. 1st)
 - o Seniors: Ages 17-21
 - o Mini: Ages Kindergarten-8
 - o Juniors: Ages 9-12
 - o Intermediate: Ages 13-16
 - o Adult: Ages 22+
- 5) 1 Hour Lunch Break
- 6) Steer Calf (0-499 lbs)
- 7) Light Weight Steer (500-999 lbs)
- 8) Heavy Weight Steer (1000+ lbs)
- 9) Steer Showmanship (Age as of Jan. 1st)
 - o Seniors: Ages 17-21 o Mini: Ages Kindergarten-8
 - o Juniors: Ages 9-12
 - o Intermediate: Ages 13-16
 - o Adult: Ages 22+

OTHER IMPORTANT INFO

- Exhibitors can show o of their own trailer, however, trailer parking inside of the barn will not be permitted.
- No allowance in any of the other livestock barns on the fairgrounds.
- Animals must be stalled in the designated cattle barn.
- Shavings only.
- T-Shirts are available by pre-ordering through the below link or scan the QR

Code. <u>www.shop-good-</u> <u>sports.myshopify.com</u>

