

LAPORTE COUNTY

4-H Thursday Tidbit

LaPorte County 4-H

Quick links to helpful resources:



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES



Things happening in March:

- March 6th | Swine & Vet Science Workshop
- March 8th | Camp Counselor Training
- March 13th | 4-H Council Meeting
- March 15th | Financial Reports due to the Extension Office
- March 18th | LaPorte County Extension Annual Meeting
- March 20th | 4-H & Fair Board Livestock Super Meeting
- March 22nd to 23rd | H&P Tack Sale
- March 24th | Mini Monday - Wildlife & Forestry

Save the Dates:

- April 1st | 4-H Camp Registration Opens
 - Any interested adults that want to chaperone must also register in 4-H Online.
- April 5th | Workshop-a-Thon
- April 26th | Feeder Calf Tagging | 8 AM to 10 AM
- May 3rd | Sheep, Swine, Goat Tagging
- May 15th | Livestock ID Deadline
- June 13th | Fair Entry Deadline
- July 5th - 12th | LaPorte County Fair

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



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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

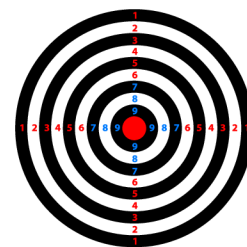
ARCHERY WORKSHOP

MARCH 6TH: PROJECT OPEN TO ALL GRADES @ 6:00 PM

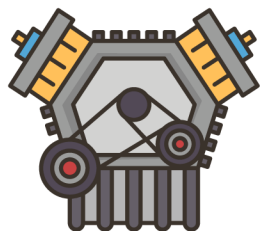
MARCH 8TH: SHOOT- OPEN TO ALL 9:00 AM - NOON

MARCH 20TH: PROJECT OPEN TO ALL GRADES @ 6:00 PM

SMALL PROJECTS BUILDING - LAPORTE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



You can find the sign-up page for Archery here: <https://signup.com/go/SVCwHiC>



SMALL ENGINES WORKSHOP

MARCH 12TH, 19TH & 26TH @ 6:30 PM

SEYMOUR SALES & SERVICE, 101 S. FORRESTER ROAD, LAPORTE

TRACTOR WORKSHOP

MARCH 6TH @ 6:00 PM

POINTON FARMS, LAPORTE, IN



Don't miss this hands-on learning opportunity to help the 4-H members learn more about tractors and their engine operation, electrical & hydraulic systems along safe operation skills. Other workshop dates are March 13th (Seymour Sales & Service), 20th (Tuholski Farms) and 27th (Baltes Farms).

RABBIT WORKSHOP

MARCH 12TH @ 6:30 PM

SMALL PROJECT BUILDING

*PLEASE PARK IN THE MAIN LOT



GOAT WORKSHOP

MARCH 29TH @ 1:00 PM

SMALL PROJECT BUILDING

SEWING WORKSHOP

MARCH 10TH @ 6:00 PM

EXTENSION OFFICE - CONFERENCE ROOM



Join us for a 4-H Sewing Meeting where we'll dive into the exciting workshop calendar and explore the key skills for every sewing level. Whether you're just starting out or tackling advanced projects, this meeting is the perfect chance to connect, learn, and gear up for success in your sewing journey.



COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP

MARCH 27TH @ 6:00 PM

LAPORTE COUNTY LIBRARY EXCHANGE

In this session, we will receive training on how to utilize the Visual Studio at the Library Exchange. Our aim is to provide you with the skills necessary to record yourself delivering a speech or presenting your written work. Following the recording, you'll have the opportunity to review your video for personal reflection, allowing you to recognize your strengths and identify areas of growth.

A FOND FAREWELL

Some of you may have been told or heard, now I guess it's time I let the entire 4-H family in on my news. After a lot of thought, I've decided to take a new job and I'll be leaving 4-H and Purdue Extension on March 14th.

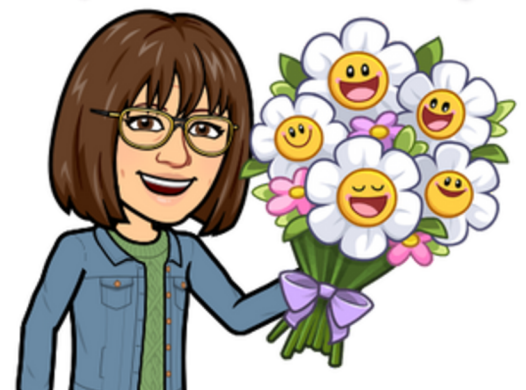
Looking back on my time, it is hard to believe it's been 4 years. I have learned so much being your 4-H Administrative Assistant. If you had told me five years ago that I would know various breeds of swine, beef, or sheep or that I can name the majority of our Static projects by memory, I would have never believed it. I have learned so many things that I will take with me and remember always.

I have enjoyed my time at the Extension office and will miss the volunteers and families that showed me patience and understanding while I learned the ropes of the program as an "outsider".

I can only hope that I made a small difference in your 4-H experience while in my role, and I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the past four years.

Kelly

THANK YOU!



CONGRATULATIONS!!!



We want to send a huge congratulations to our amazing 4-H Archery Instructors Gary Alexander and Mark Koch, as well as one of our 4-H'ers Landen M. They competed at the IFAA tournament in Richmond, IN in February and did a great job showcasing their talents:

Mark Koch- 3rd place, Crossbow Class

Landen M.- 1st place, Youth Male Bowhunter Freestyle class

Gary Alexander- 1st place, Master Senior Male Freestyle Limited Recurve class

GOOD LUCK!

We want to wish good luck to our very first LaPorte County 4-H Robotics Teams! Our junior and senior teams will be competing this Saturday, March 8th, at the Indiana State Museum against 4-H teams from across the state! A special thanks goes out to Rob and Andrea Trusty for coaching these teams and to Howmet Aerospace for the grant funding to make our robotics program possible!

IMPORTANT

CLUB LEADERS

Your financial reports are due to the Extension Office by March 15th! You should have received a letter in the mail in addition to an email. Please get these turned in at your earliest convenience.

Punch cards are back! A fun way to earn 4-H prizes for attending club meetings and County or State level activities..... Stop by the office and pick up your punch card for the 2024/2025 year!

FAIR THEME

This year's fair theme is
"Making Waves in 2025"

MINI LIVESTOCK MENTORS

We are looking for 4-H Members that are willing to mentor Mini 4-Hers for fair this year. Mini members are being asked to find animals prior to fair and some of them need some assistance! If you are willing to help please fill out the [Google Form](#).

LIVESTOCK GROOMING UPDATE

The 4-H member may obtain clipping and grooming assistance, if needed, by family members (defined as father, mother, step-parents, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparents, legal guardian), any 4-H livestock committee members (current year approved volunteers), current LaPorte County 4-H members, any LaPorte County 4-H parent. **Exhibitors shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of their own animals entered into the Indiana State Fair. An exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the Indiana State Fair, provided that the assistance shall be limited to explanation or demonstration and that the exhibitor is involved in the preparation.**

There will not be a grooming assistance program this year. The State Office has went away with maintaining that list thus it will not be offered.

MINI 4-H CORNER

MINI MONDAY - MARCH

The March 24th Mini Monday will be all about Wildlife/Forestry! Registration will open on February 24th so make sure to register to join in on the fun!

Registration closes March 20th so we can have a headcount. Follow the link: <https://Marchminimonday.4honline.com>



MINI PEDAL PULL

The mini pedal pull date has been updated on the fair schedule. It will take place Wednesday, July 9th around 5:00 PM (if the swine show is running long, it will be after the swine show but should take place about 5:00 PM).

MINI LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Mini 4-H'ers must borrow an animal owned by another 4-H member (except poultry & rabbits) **AND** find an older 4-H member to work with the day of show. We are currently compiling a list of 4-Hers that would be willing to help out our mini members! If you need help finding a mentor please reach out to Kelsey (ksajdera@purdue.edu).

INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE DATES

April 5: 10 AM | Workshop-a-thon

April 5: 1 PM | Workshop-a-thon

April 14: 5:30 PM | LaPorte County Extension Office

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May 13: 6 PM | LaPorte County Extension Office

June 2: 6 PM | Small Projects Building

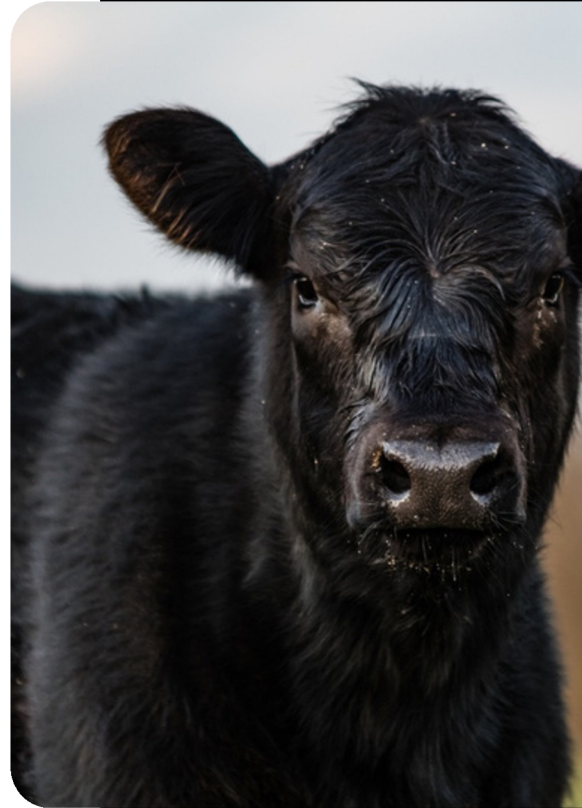


Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care needs to be completed by June 13. *YQCA can be completely online, we recommend it be completed by June 13.*

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

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Kelsey Guadarrama prior to the meeting at 219-324-9407 or ksajdera@purdue.edu at least one week prior to the session you plan on attending.

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WORKSHOP-A-THON

APRIL 5, 2025

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM CST

LaPorte County Fairground
Community & Small Projects Buildings

The Workshop-a-thon is a multi-session multi-workshop to help 4-H'ers with their current projects. Learn tips and tricks from Project Superintendents to help elevate your projects for the 2025 LaPorte County Fair! Workshops will be held in both the Community Building and Small Projects building. Please park in the main lot.

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- **Register in 4-H Online**

7TH - 11TH GRADERS, JOIN US!

4-H NEXT CHAPTER

**MONDAYS @
7:00 PM ET,
6:00 PM CT**

VIRTUAL

**MAR
24**

MY PERSONAL AND CAREER GOALS

WHO do YOU want to be in your future?

**VISION
BOARD**

DISCOVERING CAREERS FOR ME

Check out hot careers including some you have never imagined!

**GUEST
SPEAKER**

**MAR
31**

**APR
7**

NETWORKING SKILLS

Like they say, it's who you know!

**GUEST
SPEAKER**

SERVICE LEARNING

Serving others and building employability skills.

**PLAN AN IN PERSON
PROJECT**

**APR
14**



REGISTER:

<https://Chapter1.4honline.com>

Fulton County



presents

3rd Annual

4-H GOAT CLINIC

Fulton Co. Fairgrounds

1009 W. 3rd St. Rochester, IN 46975

**SATURDAY
MARCH 8, 2025
9 AM - 2 PM EST**

**FREE WILL DONATION
AT THE DOOR**



REGISTER TODAY!

8:30 AM - Doors Open *Breakfast Available On Site
8:30 AM - Silent Auction / Vendor Booths Open
9:00 AM - Welcome (C.B. A)
9:10 - 10:00 (C.B. A) - Emergency Goat Medicine / Parasite Management Dr. Clint Shireman, DVM
10:00 - 10:50 (C.B. A) - Feeding & Supplementing Show Goats - Chris Muegge, Ruminant Nutritionist
10:50 - 11:30 (C.B. B) - Selection & Judging Market Goats - Ryan Long, BlueJay Livestock
10:50 - 11:30 (C.B. A) - Selection & Judging Meat Breeding Does - Evan Trent
10:50 - 11:30 (E.S.) - Selection & Judging Dairy Goats - Sarah Correll, ADGA Judge
11:30 - 12:00 - LUNCH BREAK *Lunch Available On Site
12:00 - 1:00 (E.S.) - Dairy Goat Clipping & Show Prep - Nikki & Jordan Laffoon, Winds of Wea Dairy Goats
12:00 - 1:00 (C.B. B) - Market Goat Clipping & Show Prep - IBGA Ambassadors
12:00 - 1:00 (C.B. A) - Meat Breeding Doe Clipping & Show Prep - IBGA Ambassadors
1:00 - 2:00 (E.S.) - Dairy Goat Showmanship - Nikki & Jordan Laffoon, Winds of Wea Dairy Goats
1:00 - 2:00 (C.B. A) - Market Goat Showmanship - IBGA Ambassadors
1:00 - 2:00 (C.B. B) - Meat Breeding Doe Showmanship - IBGA Ambassadors
1:45 - Silent Auction Close / Pick Up

C.B. A - Community Building "A"
C.B. B - Community Building "B"
E.S. - Everett Smith Building

Contact Kristin 574-835-8535 or Tina 574-952-2998 for info.
VENDORS TO INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS SELLING TACK/EQUIPMENT/CLOTHING, FEED REPS,
EQUIPMENT DEALERS, BREEDERS, LIVESTOCK RELATED CRAFTS/GIFTS, AND MORE!



LaPorte County 4-H Presents

TALENT SHOW & COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

APRIL 24 | 06:00 PM

@ South Central School

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