

LaPorte County 4-H Thursday Tidbit

MARCH 21, 2024



Educator Notes



We had a great time at Ag Days!

It's finally spring, even if the weather hasn't caught on just yet! We have been having so much fun working with our amazing volunteer community to plan new workshop opportunities and experiences for the youth in our program this month. It is wonderful to have so many unique opportunities for our 4-Hers, and it is part of what makes 4-H such an amazing youth organization.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make events this month a success, we are excited to keep the momentum going as we move closer to fair with activities like our Washington Park Zoo programs and Workshop-a-Thon. Please join us for all the amazing things our volunteers have planned! Workshops can be a great way to learn about a new project and see if you might want to complete it this year.

If you haven't already, make sure you are listing your projects in 4-H Online to receive project specific emails and check our Facebook page and tidbit for all the latest flyers about the many exciting things happening. We know you have many options when it comes to after-school activities, and we appreciate you making 4-H a part of your day!

"Spring is the time of plans and projects."- Leo Tolstoy

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EDUCATOR PROGRAMMING

Wednesday, April 2 | 6-7:30 PM | Volunteer Series- 4-HOnline | Extension Office

4-H Zoo Program

- April 13th 3rd to 5th grade - focus on wildlife
- April 20th 6th to 8th grade - focus on wildlife
- May 11th 9th to 12th grade - focus on vet science
- All Grades Invited to science fair June 15th from 11 AM - 2 PM, 11-Noon we will have supplies for you to add finishing touches to your poster with food. Then 1 PM - 2 PM you will be able to showcase what you have learned.

All days are from 1 to 3 pm at the Washington Park Zoo in Michigan City. Parents if you choose to stay you will have to pay the admissions fee. Parking will be free! Sign up now as space is limited to 20 people per session.

COMING SOON! Junk Bucket Challenge! Stay tuned for details.

Spring Break Program

Kelsey, Lauren, and Chrissie (our HHS Educator) will be collaborating to host several spring break opportunities for kids in grades K-8. All spring break camps will provide learning opportunities in the areas of healthy living/cooking and STEM experiences. You must be enrolled in 4-H to attend. High School students interested in helping can email Kelsey or Lauren for more information.

4th-8th Grade Youth can join us for 3 full days (8:30am-3:30pm) at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds

- March 25th-27th or April 1st-3rd, Cost: \$45
- <https://lpcspringbreak24.4honline.com>

K-3rd Grade Youth can join us for 2 half days (8:30am-Noon) at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds

- March 28th-29th or April 4th-5th, Cost: \$15
- <https://lpcitsybitsyspringbreak24.4honline.com>

FARM SERVICE AGENCY LOANS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes operating loans of up to \$5,000 to eligible individual youths ages 10 to 20 to finance income-producing, agriculture-related projects. The project must be of modest size, educational, and initiated, developed, and carried out by youths participating in 4-H clubs, FFA, tribal youth organizations, or similar agricultural-affiliated groups.

For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov/farmloans or farmers.gov. Find your local USDA Service Center at farmers.gov/service-locator.

SENIOR BIOS

Attention all Seniors! Information has been sent out requesting your Bios for the Showcase of 10 year members and Seniors in the Small Projects Building at Fair. Make sure to fill out the google form: <https://bit.ly/10yrform>

You also received information about a State survey just for seniors. Take a minute to complete and receive a 4-H tassell!



Indiana State Fair Entry Books are now live!

For Livestock Visit: <https://bit.ly/41andm5>

For Exhibit Hall Visit: <https://bit.ly/4HISFEH>

For General Information about State Fair [click here](#)

STATE FAIR

August 2 - 18, 2024

CREDIT FOR 4-H EXPERIENCE

If you are a high school seniors and you have not enrolled, please do so now. There is an upcoming opportunity to earn Purdue credit based on their 4-H experience. For now, a limited selection of course credits will be available. I will share that list as soon as it is available. Students must be admitted to Purdue University for Fall 2024. Credit will be offered through evaluation by exam OR portfolio OR interview OR a combination of these. Successful applicants will be awarded credit upon enrollment at Purdue.

FAIR READINESS

It's never too early to start getting ready for Fair! In order to get 4-Hers ready for fair the office now has a self serve cabinet for all the paperwork you will need for Fair.

- General & Project Specific Record Sheets
- Skills sheets
- Recipe Cards
- Arts & Craft information cards
- Extra copies of animal ID worksheets and coming soon.....
- Pen Reservation Forms

If you need help determining what paperwork you need, do not hesitate to reach out to the Extension Office.



The office now offers a poster making kit that includes the 22 x 28 foamboard & sleeve for only \$6.00. Don't need the kit, we still carry the 22 x 28 for \$1.00 and the 16 x 20 (salon print size) for .50.

BOAH

(INDIANA STATE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH)

Animal Identification Premises registration is required for all Indiana sites associated with cattle, swine, goats, sheep, and farmed cervids. Individual identification is required for all exhibition livestock.

- Do not remove official identification tags already on exhibition animals.
 - Keep a record of official ID for all exhibited animals.
 - Obtain a premises ID number from BOAH as early as possible. Application is available online at: <https://www.in.gov/boah/traceability-and-premise-id/indiana-premises-registration>
- For all animal updates visit their website: <https://www.in.gov/boah/>.

4-H VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The office would like to be included on all emails that are being sent out to club members. Just add woznia11@purdue.edu to your list please.

4-H Restore & Revive Volunteer Series

Join the Educators for our 3rd session that will focus on 4HOnline and running reports. We will also be joined by our New Volunteer Specialist at the State Office, Jamie Morris. Mark your calendars for **April 2nd at 6:00 pm** at the Extension Office.

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.

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 June 14th! Sign up in 4-H Online for Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care.

- March 28th: 1 PM at the LaPorte County Extension Office
- March 29th: 9 AM at the LaPorte County Extension Office
- April 4th: 1 PM at the LaPorte County Extension Office
- April 5th: 9 AM at the LaPorte County Extension Office
- April 18th: 6 PM at the LaPorte County Extension Office
- April 27th multiple times during the Workshop-a-thon
- May 13th: 6 PM LaPorte County Extension Office

If completing YQCA, please note that it is your responsibility to get your completion certificate to the office. Email a copy to woznia11@purdue.edu

STATE / TRIP OPPORTUNITIES



4-H Academy @ Purdue University June 12-14, 2024

At 4-H Academy, high school students visit Purdue University to interact with faculty and industry professionals and meet new friends from across Indiana.

Contact your county's Purdue Extension 4-H Educator before May 15 to register.

To learn more, visit bit.ly/in4hacademy

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more!



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4-H members in grades 7th - 12th should have received an email about the upcoming 4-H trips that are available. The completed [trip application](#) registration fee of \$50.00 per trip will need to be submitted by April 19th. Once your application and fee are received, the LaPorte County 4-H Staff will initiate your registration for you in 4HOnline and send instructions on how to complete the registration for your youth member. This [link](#) will take you to all that is available.

4-H Statewide Drone/UAV Competition

Test Your Skills
and Knowledge!



Madison County
Fairgrounds
Alexandria, IN
May 4, 2024
12:00 PM--3:00 PM

- Free Event for 4-H Members
 - Junior Division (Grades 6-8)
 - Senior Division (Grades 9-12)
- Obstacle Course, FAA Regulations Test, Drone Robotic Programming
- Enroll Here: <https://drone-uav-comp-2024.4honline.com>
- For More Information, Contact: Bill Decker at wdecker@purdue.edu

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Photo & statement due
11:59 p.m. CST on
May 1, 2024



"Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H Photo Contest

Register at: <https://z.umn.edu/BestShotPhotoContest>

Info: <https://extension.umn.edu/event/hit-me-your-best-shot-4-h-photo-contest>

Questions? Email: fourphoto@umn.edu



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION

MINI 4-H CORNER



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: SEWING

Learn basic skills for sewing. Begin putting together the equipment needed for doing easy home sewing and repair work. Exhibit one of the following:

- A sewing kit using an old shoe box covered in fabric or paper.
- A pin cushion, your finished project should be no bigger than 4"x5".
- A hand puppet and "dress" your puppet however you like.
- An apron.

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.

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

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

Please remember that Mini 4-H is a non-competitive program so they will not be judged but they will be displayed for the week. For their hard work, all members will receive a ribbon.



Some of our Mini's showing off their Legos from March's Mini Monday

MINI 4-H MONDAYS

It's hard to believe that we only have 3 left:

April 15th - Registration is closed; to capacity

June 17th - Outdoor Pursuits

May 20th - Dog Club & Dog Toys

Remember that registration opens the Tuesday following the Mini Monday and is done in the event tab of 4HOnline.

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:

<https://laporte.librarycalendar.com/events/upcoming>

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

EX-Classroom, LPCPL Exchange

Saturday, March 23 2:00-4:00pm (Register here: <https://www.laportelibrary.org/event/make-it-turn-mechanical-pencil-lathe-teen-edition-8354>)

Curious Kids Innovation Camp

Library Exchange Classroom

March 28th 1:00pm-4:00pm (Register here: <https://www.laportelibrary.org/event/curious-kids-innovation-camp-7613>)

*** OR ***

April 4th 1:00pm-4:00pm (Register here: <https://www.laportelibrary.org/event/curious-kids-innovation-camp-7614>)



LAPORTE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

Coffee & Climate

Wednesday, April 17th @ 9:00 am

Foresters, including IDNR, Purdue, Consulting, and Industry Foresters, depending on the month, will be available for conversation and questions. Everyone is welcome - no reservations needed, just walk in sometime during that 1.5 hours and join us. No charge other than paying for whatever breakfast you order. Find more information on their [Facebook Page](#).

LAPORTE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

April 2nd

The museum will be holding a pop-up Exhibit about the history of Rolling Prairie.

Did you know the museum offers guided tours every Saturday at 2 pm!

LAPORTE COUNTY FAIR

Fair Dates: July 6th - 13th

Don't forget to get your campground reservations in and your golf cart permits. Information can be found at: <https://lpfair.com/campground>

Follow [LaPorte County Fair on Facebook](#) for more events and updates!

THANK YOU!

TO THIS MONTH SPONSORS

Kankakee Valley RMEC

Visit Michigan City La Porte

ROBOTICS SPARK CLUB



Upcoming Meetings

Mon Mar. 25
Tues Apr. 2



Available to all 3rd-12th graders

Meet @ the Exchange classroom
from 6:30PM - 7:30PM

For any questions, please contact the Extension
Office at 219.324.9407

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

AREA 9 LIVESTOCK JUDGING INVITATIONAL

APRIL 11TH
TIPPECANOE COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS

REGISTRATION
9:00AM-10:00AM EST
CONTEST START TIME
10:00 AM EST



Extension - Indiana 4-H

Register by
March 28th using
the QR Code below
Registration fee of
\$15/ participant.



Want more
information?
Contact Ashlee Davis
davi1730@purdue.edu

AREA X 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

General Information

Date:

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Where:

St. Joseph County Fairgrounds
5117 S Ironwood Dr
South Bend, IN 46614

Registration begins at 9 am EST with contest beginning at 9:30 am EST.

Registration Information:

Cost: \$15 per contestant

Entry Deadline: April 2, 2024

Register by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera below:



Registration Fee **DOUBLES** after April 2nd.

Reminders and Questions

- Registration will begin at 9 am EST/ 8 am CST.
- Checks made payable to Area X 4-H Fund.
 - Dress accordingly for weather.
 - Lunch is NOT provided.
- 3 Sets of Reasonings and Questions
- 7 Classes of Livestock to Evaluate

INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

- 1 Checks your internet speed
purd.purdue.edu/speedtest
- 2 Validates it on the FCC website
broadbandmap.fcc.gov
- 3 Share what they've done with others
- 4 Reports work in the Broadband Influencers event in 4-H Online



Once you have completed all 4, you will receive your Broadband Influencer Pin and be eligible to win an iPad!

Why should I be an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

There are a lot of different ways to connect to the internet. Some of them are very fast, and some of them are very slow. We would like everyone in the state of Indiana to be able to use the internet at fast speeds. While it might help you play games and watch videos more easily, it also can help people who are looking for jobs or trying to communicate, do business, or do schoolwork.

The FCC, or Federal Communication Commission, can't help everyone get fast internet unless they know all the places the internet is installed and how fast it is in each location.

I have more questions!

For more information contact your county extension 4-H educator OR email:
state4hleader@purdue.edu



*Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencers will be asked to write a short essay about their experience. The Broadband Influencer Program is a Purdue Broadband Team initiative.



THRIVE

GROW



WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU 

4-H Summer Student Intern Positions Available. Apply Now!

Are you looking for a job this summer? The Purdue State 4-H Office is hiring student interns to assist our state specialists with clerical tasks, educational program support, and working the State Fair.

The positions will last May - August and will be based out of the State 4-H Office on Purdue's Campus as well as the State Fairgrounds during the fair. You will need to live near West Lafayette or be willing to commute daily. Additional details will be provided during interviews.

If you are passionate about 4-H and available to work 40 hours per week this summer- then we want to talk to you!

If you are interested, please submit a cover letter and resume to Brad Myers, myers114@purdue.edu, by April 1, 2024.



Extension - 4-H Youth
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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

ALASKA



TWO RINGS, DOUBLE THE POINTS

RING A JUDGE: GARBIT SPROULL

RING B JUDGE: GARRETT LOWES

ENTRY

**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**

**24
12
5**

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

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TANNER MAHONEY 812.701.6698
BRENT GRAY 812.599.5296**

Personal Finance Challenge



→ 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
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