

LAPORTE COUNTY

4-H Thursday Tidbit



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES



Things happening in April:

- May 3rd | Sheep, Swine, Goat Tagging
- May 6th | Camp Counselor Training - Pinney Purdue
- May 10th | Shotgun Practice
- May 15th | Livestock ID Deadline
- May 19th | Mini Monday - Animal Education
- May 21st | Livestock Committee Meeting
- May 22nd | Swine Committee Meeting
- May 24th | Shotgun Practice

Save the Dates:

- June 10th - 12th | 4-H Camp (Counselors only on the 9th)
- June 13th | Fair Entry Deadline
- July 5th - 12th | LaPorte County Fair
- August 1st - 17th | Indiana State Fair

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

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

DOG CLINICS

MAY 1ST, 6TH, 8TH, 13TH, 15TH, 20TH, 22ND, 27TH, AND 29TH AT 6:00 PM
LAPORTE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - OUTSIDE BY THE NEW SHOW ARENA



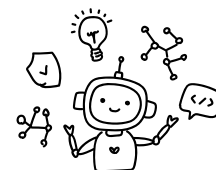
SHOOTING SPORTS

SHOTGUN | MAY 10TH & 24TH | STILLWELL @ 5PM
ARCHERY | MAY 8TH & MAY 22ND | SMALL PROJECTS @ 6PM
RECURVE TOURNAMENT | MAY 10TH | SMALL PROJECTS @ 10 AM



ROBOTICS

MAY 5TH, 14TH, 30TH @ 5:30 PM
EXTENSION OFFICE



LAWN & GARDEN COURSE PRACTICE
MAY 17TH @ 2PM
SEYMOUR SALES & SERVICE, LLC

CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING
MAY 6TH @ 6PM
PINNEY PURDUE

AMERICAN HERITAGE

MAY 18TH @ 3 PM
SMALL PROJECTS BUILDING

FAIR SCHEDULE

There have been some updates to the [fair schedule](#) including the SLAM Session. Make sure to check it out.

IMPORTANT

LIVESTOCK NEWS & WORKSHOPS

Sheep ID | May 2nd @ 6 PM | LaPorte County Fairgrounds - Draft Horse Barn
ID Day | May 3rd @ Sheep 7 AM, Goat 8 AM, Swine 8 AM | LaPorte County Fairgrounds
Dairy Workshop | May 4th @ Noon | LaPorte County Fairgrounds Livestock Arena
Mini Equine Clinic | May 4th, 18th, & 24th @ 5 PM | Mini Equine Arena
Poultry - Roaster Pick Up | May 7th @ 2 PM | TSC
Poultry Workshop | May 8th @ 6 PM | Small Projects Building
Rabbit Workshop | May 14th | LaPorte County Fairgrounds
Poultry Turkey Wing Banding | May 15th @ 5 PM | Poultry Barn
Sheep Showmanship Workshop | May 17th | LaPorte County Fairgrounds
Goat Workshop | May 17th | LaPorte County Fairgrounds Show Arena
Poultry Broiler Pick Up | May 21st @ 2 PM | TSC
Poultry Workshop Fair Entry Help | May 29th @ 6 PM | Purdue Extension Office
Horse and Pony Camp | May 30th to June 1st | Horse and Pony Arena

4-H CAMP

4-H Camp registration is now open! Please log into 4-H Online, go to the event tab and register there. We are looking for adult chaperones. You must register in 4-H Online as well. Those spots are on a first come, first serve basis. Please make your payment to the office promptly. <https://llpscampers25.4honline.com>

INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE

- May 13: 6 PM | LOCATION CHANGE: Small Projects Building
- June 2: 6 PM | Small Projects Building

You do not need to pay in advance, \$3 at the door is fine with us. 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**.



ANIMAL ID DEADLINE - MAY 15TH

The animal ID deadline is quickly approaching. If you already have your animals and they are tagged, you can ID them in 4-H Online now. If your horse, pony, mini equine, pygmy goats, or draft horse was entered last year you will need to REACTIVATE your animal. ALL animals except for poultry, dogs, and cats need to be entered in 4-H Online to be eligible to show at the LaPorte County Fair and Indiana State Fair. They must be showing ACTIVE in 4-H Online.

If you need help putting your animals in the office is happy to help but we will not put them in for you. We are happy to assist, if you cannot make it during regular business hours, reach out to the office as we are occasionally here late or may have a meeting in the evening that we can help before or after.

Again the deadline to ID your animals is **MAY 15th!**

What animals need to be ID'ed or reactivated?

- Beef, Dairy Cattle, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, Pygmy Goats (ID or reactivated), Rabbits, Sheep, Swine, Horse & Pony (ID or reactivated), Miniature Equine ((ID or reactivated), Draft Horses (if attending State Fair)

TERRY CLIFFORD MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Indiana State Fair Foundation, and the Clifford family, are proud to offer the Terry Clifford Memorial Leadership Award. The award was created in memory of Terry Clifford, past President of the Indiana State Fair Board, who passed away in August 2022. Terry was a lifelong supporter of the Indiana State Fair, Indiana 4-H and FFA. Terry's passion for youth in Indiana was on display every day of his life. This award will continue Terry's legacy by recognizing Indiana youth who exemplify leadership and service to their communities. This is a Leadership Award, not a scholarship. The recipient will not be required to use the proceeds for future educational expenses, but rather for whatever purpose that will allow them to continue to grow as leaders in the community. The deadline for applying is June 1, 2025. Learn more by visiting this [Indiana 4-H web page](#).

MINI 4-H CORNER

MINI MONDAY - MAY

The May 19th Mini Monday will be based on Animal Education with special guests! Come join the fun and meet some critters and learn about what they eat and how to show them. Registration will open on April 29th so make sure to register to join in on the fun!

Registration closes May 16th so we can have a headcount. Follow the link: <https://1mayminimondays4honline.com>



MINI 4-H BIKE RODEO

Mini Bike Rodeo will run concurrently with Mini Monday on May 19th.

If you sign up for the 5:30 session of Mini Monday you can join the fun at bike at 6:30 or if you sign up for the 6:30 session you can come early and join bike at 5:30! Not coming to mini Monday, that is okay you are still welcome to join us. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED TO RIDE!**



IMPORTANT

MINI LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Mini 4-H'ers must borrow an animal owned by another 4-H member (except poultry & rabbits). This year the mini 4-Her will need to find an older 4-H member to work with prior to the day of show. The Extension Office has a list of older 4-Hers that are willing to help or lend an animal so if you need help finding an animal to use please reach out to Kelsey (ksajdera@purdue.edu)! This is really important, please do not wait until last minute to find an animal, we are trying to have more organization during the fair with the mini 4-H shows.

Upcoming **SHOTGUN WORKSHOPS**

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**[AT] STILLWELL
GUN CLUB**


**May 10 &
May 24, 2025**

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact the Extension Office prior to the meeting at 219-324-9407 or laporteces@purdue.edu by one week prior to event.

If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact the Extension Office prior to the meeting at 219-324-9407 or laporteces@purdue.edu one week prior to event.

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BECOME A 2025-26 4-H STATE AMBASSADOR



The Indiana 4-H Ambassador program aims to empower teen leaders within the 4-H community by equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and aspirations needed to become effective advocates for Indiana 4-H Youth Development.

Our goal is to enhance and build upon the current leadership capabilities of 4-H Ambassadors, enabling them to serve as positive role models for younger members. They will foster meaningful partnerships with other 4-H teens, adults, professionals, and community partners, while also promoting the 4-H mission throughout Indiana.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN INDIANA 4-H AMBASSADOR?

- Advocate for 4-H among potential members, parents, and the public
- Assist in organizing statewide 4-H events
- Coordinate promotional activities for 4-H
- Act as a public relations representative for 4-H with community partners and sponsors
- Cultivate personal leadership skills and self-confidence
- Develop or enhance leadership skills in areas such as conflict resolution, facilitation, teamwork, decision-making, respect, and communication
- Embrace constructive criticism to improve skills
- Explore and implement various civic engagement concepts
- Educate others, lead discussions, and speak publicly

Eligible candidates are youth in grades 9-11 who have been 4-H members for a minimum of two years. Applications must be submitted by May 15th.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Youth will submit a short application and video to apply.

A list of questions on the application can be found [HERE](#).

Once you've looked over the questions, submit your application and introductions video [HERE](#).

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CLASSIC



JUDGE: JEREMY JONES - ONE RING ONLY

ENTRY

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

CHECK IN

MAY 11TH 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**

IJLA SANCTIONED SHOW

**ALL COMMITTEE DECISIONS
ARE FINAL**

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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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RUSH COUNTY OPEN SHEEP & GOAT SHOW

JUNE 28, 2025

Rush County Fairgrounds, Rushville, Indiana
Pioneer Livestock Pavilion

Check in: 12-2 PM
Show Starts: 3 PM
Entry Fee: \$20/head
Judge: Cole Ellerbrock

Payouts and Banners for
Top 5 Market and Breeding and
Top 2 Showmanship

Show Order
Breeding Does
Market Goats
Goat Showmanship
Breeding Ewes
Market Lambs
Sheep Showmanship

Showmanship grade as of January 15, 2024.

Peewee (2nd grade and under), Junior: Grades 3-5, Intermediate: Grades 6-8, Senior: Grades 9-12.

Market goats will show by weight and may be does or wethers, slicked.

Breeding does will show by weight and may be slicked or haired.

Market lambs will show by breed and weight (3 or more to qualify as a breed otherwise AOB).

Market lambs may be ewes or wethers. Breeding ewes will show by breed and age/weight (3 or more to qualify as a breed otherwise AOB). Yearling ewe and ewe lamb breeding classes offered.

Declared weights (scales on site).

Show Contact: Trent Grey (260) 223-8899

4-H NEXT CHAPTER: SUMMER EXPERIENCE



**JULY
23 -24,
2025**

JOIN US FOR A UNIQUE 2-DAY EXPERIENCE!

Visit four locations via charter bus: Purdue West Lafayette, Vincennes University, VU Ag Center, and the Aviation Technology Center Indianapolis.

\$100 per youth. Contact us, jlabrell@purdue.edu, for scholarship availability. Includes meals, snacks, transportation between sites, lodging, and all activities.

- ➔ See yourself in a college atmosphere.
- ➔ Learn about admissions and program requirements.
- ➔ Sleep in a university residence hall.
- ➔ Try out college food.
- ➔ Enjoy college recreational facilities and activities. And more!



Questions:
jlabrell@purdue.edu

REGISTER NOW! <https://NCSummer.4honline.com>



Extension - 4-H Youth Development

Next Chapter

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