



# RANDOLPH COUNTY 4-H

February 2023

**Dear 4-H Families, Volunteers, and Supporters,**

**If you want to continue to receive 4-H information you need to sign up as soon as possible and become a 2023 4-H Member! This will be the last newsletter to 4-H families from the 2022 program year. We will be sending a lot of really important information to those that have signed up and we don't want you to miss out.**

**We are here to help you and want everyone to have a wonderful 4-H experience. If you have any questions or need additional information the office is open from 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday and the office number is 765-584-2271.**

**Also, I would like to highlight some of the wonderful activities the 4-H Ambassadors have been involved in over the past couple of months. They will be visiting every elementary school in the county to promote the 4-H program. The Junior Leaders hosted a game night at the local nursing home**

**We have lots of 4-H opportunities coming up in the next few months so please make sure you read the newsletter and don't miss out on the FUN!!!**

**If you have any questions about 4-H enrollment , please do not hesitate to call the Extension office at 765-584-2271 or send me an email at [jelsbury@purdue.edu](mailto:jelsbury@purdue.edu)**

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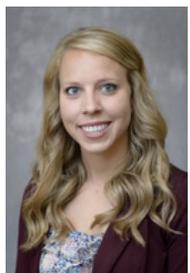
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*Sincerely,*

*Julie Wilom*



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## RANDOLPH COUNTY K-9ER'S MEETINGS

K-9er's Dog Club will have practices every Tuesday at 6pm in the Best Way Disposal Center in Husted Hall at the fairgrounds (as long as weather is permitting). If any school is closed due to weather that means practice is cancelled.

You must bring your completed vet sheet or proof of required vaccinations with you to practice. Also, please join the "Randolph County K9ers" Facebook page to get updates and reminders. No dog practice on March 28th.



## RANDOLPH RIDERS HORSE & PONY

All Horse and Pony meetings will take place on the first Monday of each month starting at 6:30pm in the Best Way Disposal Center in Husted Hall at the fairgrounds. These meetings are for anyone interested in learning more about the Horse & Pony Club and returning members.

- Mini H&P will meet the first Monday on each month at 5:30pm in Husted Hall



## JUNIOR LEADERS

If you are in grades 7-12 and want to be more involved, here is your chance to do just that! The Randolph County Junior Leaders meet each month. Junior Leaders is a group that is open to all 4-Hers in Grade 7 through 12. This lively group has a program planned each month.

### Save the Dates

- March 29th at 6:30-7:30pm. Meeting will take place at Fairgrounds
- April 24th at 6:00-7:30pm at the fairgrounds
- May 22nd at 6:00-7:30pm at the fairgrounds
- June 8th from 8:30am-1:00pm at the fairgrounds. we are hosting the Mini 4-H Mini Fun day from 9-noon on June 8th.
  - Meeting/lunch from 12-1pm
  - Junior Leader shirts will be passed out at this meeting.



Please make sure you sign-up in 4-Honline for Junior Leaders

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## RANDOLPH SOUTHERN 4-H CLUB MEETING

Randolph Southern 4-H Clubs will be hosting a 4-H meeting on March 14th at the school at 7:20am. More information will be sent to 4-H members.

### Pork Chop Dinner/Tack Swap

Randolph County 4-H Horse & Pony  
Sunday, March 5, 2023

The Randolph Riders 4-H Horse and Pony Club will be holding their Annual Pork Chop Dinner/Tack Swap. This event has something for everyone in heated building.

**Pork Chop Dinner** 11am-2pm Dine in or Carry out. Anyone preferring drive thru come to the east dining room door.

**Tack Swap** 10am to 3pm. Free Admission

**Silent Auction** ending at 1:30pm

**Live Auction** 1:30pm Gift Baskets supporting Scholarship Fund and large donated items.

**Booth Space:** Do you have old show clothes or used tack to sell? We will be offering booth space and tables. Businesses 10' x 10' booths \$25.00. Individuals single tables for \$10.00. For more information or to reserve a booth or table contact Shawnda Bond 765-546-0746.

Auction services by Wagner Auctioneering and Real Estate. Andy Wagner AU10200074

Learn more about the club, shows and other events at  
[randolphriders.webs.com](http://randolphriders.webs.com)

#### Location:

**Randolph County Fairgrounds**  
Bestway Disposal Center (Husted Hall)  
1885 US Hwy. 27 S  
Winchester, IN 47394

Proud supporter of  
Randolph Riders!



## YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. Youth Mental Health First Aid is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people.

Randolph County Extension Educators will be hosting a Mental Health First Aid training on May 2nd. Save the date!!!



## Backyard Chickens

### Adults & Youth Sessions

**Session 1 - March 15 6:30-7:30**

Basics of Embryology

Parts of an egg & their function

Safe handling & cooking of eggs



**Session 2 - April 5th 6:30**

During Randolph County Ag Days come eat dinner before class!

Caring for your flock

Watch chickens hatch

**April 10 - Pick up your chicks**

To register call the office 765-584-2271 Cost: \$20

**FAIRBOOKS ARE GOING TO THE PRINTER!!!!**

In a world where you can be anything,

be kind

# 2023 FAIR DATES JULY 14-21

## 4-H SHOOTING SPORT

The first Shooting Sports meeting will be held on April 3rd from 6:30-7:30pm at the Farmland Conservation Club. (1464 N 500 W, Winchester, IN 47394) Please add this important meeting to your calendars.

**Save the Date:** Hunter Education class will be April 4th and 6th 6-8:30pm pm and April 8th 8-5 pm. More details will be mailed out. Make sure you are signed-up in the shooting sports project in 4-Honline. If you have not signed-up you will not be receiving any additional information.

## WHAT IS SHOOTING SPORT

The 4-H shooting sports project teaches safe operation of firearms and archery equipment. Six disciplines are offered: archery, outdoor skills, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle, and shotgun. . Sign-up today!



## COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Extension Office still has many different scholarships available to those graduating high school that have deadlines fast approaching.

- Farmer Achievement - March 6
- Junior Leaders Scholarship - April 1
- Extension Homemaker Scholarship- April 1
- Randolph County Ag Days- May 1
- Randolph County Pork Producers—May 1
- Randolph County Beef Producers—May 15
- Horse & Pony Scholarship - May 15

*Stop by the Extension Office or call to get more information about the scholarships!*

## RANDOLPH COUNTY AG DAYS

April 5-6th at the Randolph County Fairgrounds. Mark your calendars. More information/schedule will be shared in the next newsletter.



### AG DAY 2023

### Mark Your Calendar March 21, 2023

## 4-H FAMILY

## ORIENTATION

This meeting is for any 4-H family (3rd grade & up) that is interested in learning more about the 4-H program and how things work. 4-H has a lot of moving parts and we want to make sure everyone feels comfortable with 4-H projects and 4-H opportunities.

- Date: March 23rd
- Location: Randolph County Fairgrounds
- Time: 7:00-8:00pm
- Office will be open to pick up manuals and to make payment



### Make & Take Floral design workshop

Learn about: cut flower care, floral design & improving arrangement longevity.



Hosted in Randolph County  
June 12, 2023 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Randolph County Fairgrounds  
1885 S. US Hwy 27 Winchester, IN 47394  
Class taught by Abigail Alka of Salt Creek Floral Designs

COST \$20  
Covers Dinner & Program Expenses

To register visit

<https://tinyurl.com/bdedmzc2>  
OR scan the QR code



Questions or special accommodations please contact:  
Amy Alka

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or 765-584-2271

Purdue University is an affirmative action institution.

Interested in the floriculture project! Check out this workshop! The floriculture project will teach youth the basic information and skills needs to grow healthy plants and flowers as well as floral design techniques



# MINI 4-H INFORMATION

## Randolph County Mini 4-H



### Save the Dates

- March 23th at 1 PM or 6pm - New Mini 4-H Family Orientation
- April 24th- 6:30 PM (RSVP Required)
- May 22nd- 6:30 PM (RSVP Required)
- June 8th- 9AM - Mini 4-H Day Camp(RSVP Required)

All Events will take place at the Best Way Disposal Center at the Fairgrounds. (Husted Hall)



### MINI 4-H FAMILY ORIENTATION

Orientation meeting is for any Mini 4-H family (K-2nd) that is interested in learning more about the 4-H program and how things work. 4-H has a lot of moving parts and we want to make sure everyone feels comfortable with 4-H projects and 4-H opportunities.

- **Date:** March 23rd
- **Location:** Randolph County Fairgrounds
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## MINI 4-H HORSE AND PONY MEETING



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### WHAT ARE MINI 4-H PROJECTS?

Members have the opportunity to learn more about a subject matter that they choose to study through completing hands on activities. We refer to these as projects. In order to enroll in a project, members must sign up for them at the time of enrolling in 4-H. Each project has a manual that guides the youth through the learning process as well as a set of guidelines that helps them meet the project requirements. We provide adult volunteers and staff who are knowledgeable on that particular subject who will often times provide workshops to allow youth to learn about that topic in a social environment.

Projects are meant to be worked on over time, providing an educational opportunity for youth outside of the classroom setting. Often times, youth will exhibit and display their project at a local county fair in order to show the community what they have learned.

### MINI RABBITS

Rabbits Workshops will be hosted in April at the Randolph County Fairgrounds in the Best Way Center (Husted Hall). The workshops are open to both Mini and Regular 4-H Members.

- Dates:** April 16 & April 30
- Time:** 2:00-4:00PM
- Location:** Fairgrounds

These 2 workshops will cover the same information

# 2023 STATE 4-H INFORMATION



Please pay extra close attention when working on your 4-H projects for any changes. You can find all the updated changes on the Indiana 4-H Webpage at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects> or pick up a handout from the Extension Office

## 4-H ROUND-UP

4-H Round-Up is an exciting opportunity offered to youth who have completed grades 7, 8, and 9. Attendees have an opportunity to explore a variety of careers by attending classes created just for Round-Up attendees at Purdue University. Participants will get a taste of college life and will live in a Purdue Residence Hall for two nights.

**Save the Dates: 4-H Round-up will be June 24-26**

## 4-H AREA CAMP

May 31-June 2, 2023 at Camp Higher Ground in West Harrison, IN.

- 4-H Camp for 3-5th grade
- 4-H Teen Camp for 6-8th grade

## 4-H ACADEMY

Held at Purdue University specifically designed to offer hands-on, exciting opportunities to learn about a diverse selection of subjects and careers. During this conference previously known as 4-H Science Workshops, participants will meet and learn from professors, graduate students and other experts in their respective fields and participate in interactive activities and experiential learning. Participants stay in a Purdue University Residence Hall for two nights while exploring the Purdue University campus and meeting 4-H members from across Indiana. 4-H Academy @ Purdue is open to all youth grades 9-12. Contact Julie if you are interested!!!!



**2023 4-H  
ACADEMY DATES  
JUNE 7-9**

## CALENDAR OF EXTENSION EVENTS

CR = Conference Room DR = Dining Room HH = Husted Hall

### March

- 3/1 - Sheep and Goat Producers - **7pm CR**
- 3/5 - Horse & Pony Tack Swap/Pork Chop Dinner - see Flyer
- 3/6 - Horse and Pony Meetings - **Husted Hall**
  - Minis at 5:30pm and Regular at 6:30pm
- 3/7 - K-9er's practice at **6pm, Husted Hall**
- 3/9 - Extension Annual Meeting at 6pm - **Husted Hall**
- 3/13 - Sheep/Goat Selection Workshop- **RSVP required**
- 3/14 - Backyard Chicken Program - 7pm **CR, DR, HH**
- 3/14 - K-9er's practice at 6pm, **Husted Hall**
- 3/21 - **K-9er's practice at 6pm, Husted Hall**
- 3/23 - Orientation meeting for Mini 4-H **1pm or 6pm -HH**
- 3/23 - Orientation meeting for 4-H members at **7pm - HH**
- 3/29 - Junior Leader Meeting, **6:30pm DR**
- 3/30- Farmers Achievement **6pm, Husted Hall**

### April

- 4/1 - Beef/ Dairy Beef weigh-in - **9am-12pm, Beef Barn**
- 4/3 - Horse and Pony Meetings -
  - Minis at 5:30pm and Regular at 6:30pm
- 4/4 - Mental Health 101, **6:30-7:30pm, CR**
- 4/5 - Ag Days - **Husted Hall** (open to anyone)
- 4/6 - Ag Days- **Husted Hall** (open to anyone)
- 4/10 - Blood Drive, **Husted Hall**
- 4/11 - K-9er's practice, **Husted Hall**
- 4/17 - 4-H Club Inc., **Husted Hall**
- 4/18 - Livestock Judging and Dairy CDE - Fairgrounds
- 4/18- **K-9er's practice at 6pm, Husted Hall**
- 4/24- Junior Leader Meeting, **6:00pm DR**
- 4/24- Mini 4-H meeting, **6:30-7:30pm, Husted Hall**



# LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

## 4-H BEEF & DAIRY BEEF WEIGH-IN



**APRIL 1**  
**9AM-NOON**

LIVESTOCK ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IN 4-H ONLINE IS MAY 15TH FOR ALL CATTLE.

WEIGH-IN WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE BEEF BARN.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE MAILED OUT.

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**Dates: April 16 & April 30**

**Time: 2:00-4:00PM**

**Location: Fairgrounds**

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## SHEEP/GOAT SELECTION WORKSHOP



SHEEP AND GOAT 4-H MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO THE 1ST PART OF A 4 PART WORKSHOP SERIES.



### WORKSHOP INFO

- DATE: MARCH 13
- TIME: 7:00PM
- LOCATION: RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - BEST WAY CENTER (1885 SOUTH US HWY 27, WINCHESTER, IN 47394)
- TOPICS:
  - HOW TO SELECT YOUR NEXT SHOW LAMB OR GOAT (CORY HERR)
  - PROJECT GUIDELINES (JULIE WILSON)
- RSVP REQUIRED BY MARCH 10TH AT 765-584-2271



Join us for a guest speakers (Cory Herr) on the selection of your next show animal and sheep/goat project guidelines. This is a great opportunity for new and experience 4-H members. RSVP is required.

SAVE THE DATE  
**Sheep and Goat Weigh-in/tagging Date**

**May 5th**



**NEW**

## INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE

Indiana 4-H has developed a new in-person quality care assurance program for 2023. This program will replace the YQCA in-person trainings of years past. All Randolph County 4-H Exhibitors of beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine are REQUIRED to complete an approved quality assurance program. Youth will not be permitted to show at the county fair or state fair without completing one of the following quality assurance programs:

1. NEW in-person Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training will be led by 4-H Extension Educators. This engaging and interactive workshop will introduce best management practices for raising livestock. The content will change each year. The cost of this program is \$3 per person at the door.

or

2. Online YQCA will be accepted for 2023. Youth who have tested out of YQCA or have taken YQCA in the past 12 months can print their certificate and submit that to the Randolph County Extension Office to satisfy their quality assurance requirement. The online course is \$12 per person and can be obtained at [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org).



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