



RANDOLPH COUNTY 4-H

February/March 2025

Happy Spring! 🌸 We're welcoming this beautiful season with open arms and lots of excitement for everything ahead in 4-H! Whether you're just starting your journey with 4-H or your family has been involved for generations, we're thrilled to have you with us. Our office is here to help you every step of the way—don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, and we'll make sure to point you in the right direction! The 2025 Randolph County Fairbooks are available for pick-up at the office.

Stay connected with us and keep up with all the latest 4-H news by following our Randolph County Extension Office on social media. It's the perfect way to stay in the loop and get inspired for the upcoming events. Also, make sure your email is up-to-date in 4-HOnline so you never miss out on important updates! We're gearing up for a fun-filled summer! Be sure to mark your calendars—the Randolph County 4-H Fair will be happening from July 18-25. You won't want to miss the new and exciting activities we have in store this year!

Please keep an eye on your mailbox for important details about your 4-H projects and livestock weigh/tagging days. Don't forget, May 15th is the deadline to enter livestock for both the county and state fairs. Information about entering your livestock will be coming your way through the mail and v2.4HOnline.com

If you have any questions about 4-H enrollment or need help, please give us a call at 765-584-2271 or shoot me an email at jelsbury@purdue.edu. We're looking forward to a fantastic season ahead, and we're here to support you all the way!

Sincerely,



Julie Wilson



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HORSE AND PONY

SAVE!
THE DATE

Upcoming 4-H Club Meetings Dates

- March 10th at 6:30pm -Husted Hall Fairgrounds
- March 15th @9am - Randolph Riders Vaccination Clinic
 - RSVP is required. Paperwork was mailed to all 4-H HP members.
- April 14th at 6:30pm - Location TBD
- April - Pending weather. Open Ride Nights will start in April
- May 2025 - Pending weather Jumping practices will start.



4-H DOG OBEDIENCE

Did you know that Randolph County offers an outstanding Dog program. The 4-H Dog Project provides youth a fun and hands-on learning experience that develops life skills, as well as teaches valuable information about properly caring for their animal and training their animal.



Mark your calendars for dog practices!!! Dog practice will be on every Tuesday at 6pm at the fairgrounds in Husted Hall.



RECYCLING

Project Night

13 MAY AT 6PM

Come learn how to be good protectors of our Earth- We'll learn about our Landfill by making an edible treat!

Call Randolph Co. Recycling District to sign up: 584-9816

Backyard Chickens Adults & Youth Sessions

Session 1 - March 11 6:30-7:30

Basics of Embryology Parts of an egg & their function
Safe handling & cooking of eggs

Session 2 - March 18 6:30-7:30

Participants will set eggs in incubator I have chicks now what?!

Preparations for taking your chicks home.

Special Guest - Jean Wilson, Indiana State Board of Animal Health, Poultry, Hobby & Exhibition will be here to share information and answer questions!

April 10th - Pick up your chicks!

To register call the office 765-584-2271

Cost: \$25 per family



THE RECYCLING 4-H PROJECT IS ALL ABOUT LEARNING MORE ABOUT WHAT TO RECYCLE, WHERE TO RECYCLE, AND HOW TO RECYCLE. USE YOUR SKILLS TO CREATE AN ITEM OUT OF RECYCLED MATERIALS OR TEACH THOSE AROUND YOU WHAT YOU LEARN ABOUT RECYCLING.

SIGN UP TODAY



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



Randolph County Ag Days have postponed until September 2025. Specific dates and details have not yet been determined. We will share more information as soon as the committee establishes the specifics.

RANDOLPH COUNTY FALL BEEF SHOW

SPONSORSHIPS
NEEDED

Contact
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SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

JUNIOR LEADERS

March 19th from 5-6pm at Pine Knoll Nursing home. We are having a game night.


Upcoming dates

- **April 13 - Hosting Community Easter Egg Hunt**
- **May 14 from 6-7:30pm at the fairgrounds**
- **June 12 from 9am-1pm for Mini 4-H Fun Day**

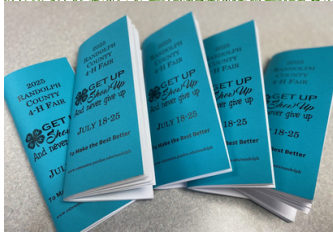
RANDOLPH COUNTY 4-H FAIR

JULY 18-25, 2025

4-H CAMP AND TEEN CAMP

 **May 28-30, 2025**

**FAIRBOOKS ARE
AVAILABLE**



IMPORTANT OFFICE DATES

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- Opening at 9am - March 24
- Opening at 9am - March 26
- Opening at 9am- March 28
- Closed- March 31
- Closed - May 26


**SORRY! WE'RE
CLOSED**

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

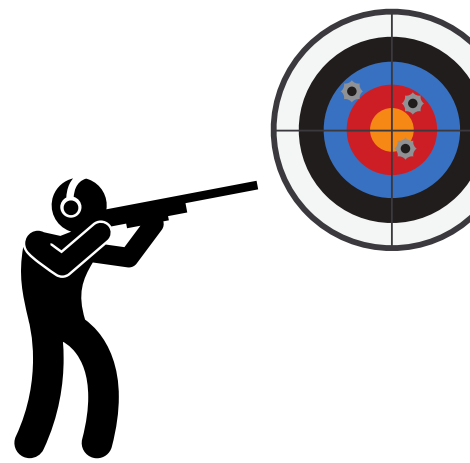


The 4-H Shooting Sports Club will host an organizational meeting on March 31 at 7:00 PM at the Randolph County Fairgrounds. This meeting is open to all 4-H members interested in joining the 4-H Shooting Sports Project. The program focuses on the safe operation of firearms and archery equipment. Certified volunteer instructors lead the classes, having completed certification at a specialized workshop. At the county level, six disciplines are offered: archery, outdoor skills, muzzleloading, pistol, rifle, and shotgun.

Hunter Education sign-ups link: <https://www.registered.com/events/view/223454>

Shooting Sports Dates

- March 31st Organizational Meeting (Extension Office)
- April 7th, 9th, and 12th - Spring Hunter Ed
- April 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, May 1 - Pistol/Muzzleloader
- May 5, 8, 12, 15, 20, 22 - Rifle
- June 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 - Shotgun/Archery
- April 16th, May 14th, June 4th, June 18th - Outdoor Skills
- June 28th - Extravaganza



ANIMAL SCIENCE DAY CAMP

Randolph County is hosting an Animal Science Day Camp in Wayne County on June 10th. The camp is for any youth in grades 3-8th. Please watch for more information

soon.



DEERFIELD TRAILBLAZERS

We are kicking off the year on March 16th from 2:30 – 4 pm in the conference room at the fairgrounds. We are going to make tie-blankets for a community service project. Please plan to attend.

BEEF & DAIRY BEEF

Weigh-in/tagging day is scheduled for April 5th from 9am-noon at the fairgrounds. More info will be sent out.

SHEEP AND GOAT

Weigh-in/tagging day is scheduled for May 2nd from 6-8pm at the fairgrounds. More info will be sent out.

2025 FAIR CHANGES

GOATS

- Market Doe Goats and Market Goats (wethers & does) must be dropped after September 1 of previous year and show their goat teeth

POULTRY

- New Class list has been mailed to every poultry member.

BEEF AND DAIRY BEEF

- On show day, it will be considered a Blow and Go Show. This shall be defined as: Cattle can only be washed, combed, clipped and/or blow dried for judging. Absolutely no GLUE or PAINT products will be allowed on animal show day or individuals will not be able to show their beef project. Your beef animal will be checked before the show and if you have glue or paint on your beef animal you will be disqualified. (**NEW:** Daily hair care products are allowed.)

MONDAY, July 21 -SCHEDULE CHANGE

- Dairy Show starts at 10am
- Dairy Beef show starts at 1pm
- Beef Show starts at 3pm

MARKET BEEF CLASS (shown on Wednesday, July 23 at 7pm)

1. Open to all 4-H Beef and Dairy Beef Exhibitors
2. Classes will be offered for Steers and Market Heifers
3. Qualifying animals must have a minimum weight of 900 pounds to enter
4. On show day, it will be considered a Blow and Go Show. This shall be defined as: Cattle can only be washed, combed, clipped and/or blow dried for judging. Absolutely no GLUE or PAINT products will be allowed on animal show day or individuals will not be able to show their beef project. Your beef animal will be checked before the show and if you have glue or paint on your beef animal you will be disqualified. (Daily hair care products are allowed.)
5. All animals entered must show in the regular beef or dairy beef show
6. All entries must be entered into 4-H Fairentry by July 1st and confirmed during fair weigh in
7. Ribbons and trophies will be awarded
8. No entry limit per 4-H Exhibitor
9. Breeding heifers will not show in the market class

DAIRY BEEF STEERS

- Dairy Beef Cross Steers will go together with the Dairy Beef Steers for Overall (like the beef show).
- A committee of 3 will be appointed for the breed sift of the Dairy Beef Steers (Saturday at 9 AM)

SWINE

- No blowers in the hog barns.

GENERAL RULES FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

- No Livestock in the Camper Area.
- No prep pens in the Camper Area.

RABBITS

- Showmanship at the stage will start at 5:30pm.

SHEEP

- Muzzles are Prohibited.
- Market Lambs and Ewe lambs must be dropped after September 1 of previous year and show their lamb teeth.



2025 FAIR CHANGES

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

- All livestock and horse & pony members are eligible to participate in their respective showmanship contests. (Breakdown listed below)
- Classes: **(For all Livestock and Horse/Pony)**
 - a. GRADE 3 – Can only participate one year.
 - b. JUNIOR – Grades 4, 5
 - c. INTERMEDIATE – Grades 6-8
 - c. SENIOR – Grades 9, 10, 11, 12.



HORSE AND PONY (Updated for 2025)

- All Horses and Ponies must be enrolled online through the State Animal ID system by May 15th of each year. (Per 4-H-661 state publication)
- To be properly identified and eligible for the Randolph County and/or Indiana State Fair, all horses and ponies must be completely and correctly identified by a color picture that shows all four feet and faces by May 15 of each year. (Per 4-H-661 state publication)
- Lease agreement for all horses and ponies must be in place and a copy of the lease should be on file in the Purdue Extension Office in your county of 4-H enrollment or uploaded in the 4-H Online by the deadline of May 15th each year. (Per 4-H-661 state publication)
- Vaccinations being required for 4-H Exhibition: Eastern & Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, Rhinopneumonitis/EHV type 1 & 4, Equine Influenza, Tetanus, West Nile Virus, and Rabies. ALL members will be required to show proof that the animals being shown received these vaccinations. (Per 4-H-661 state publication) Vaccinations are to be given no later than July 1st of each year to be shown at Randolph County Fair. Members MUST have their current Certification of Completion of Indiana 4-H requirements for the Exhibition of 4-H Horse and Pony (4-H-1031-W) prior to entering the barn. (Required shot record signed by a veterinarian) Veterinarian will fill out the body score section on this form.
- To qualify for performance or contest classes, all equine must be shown in a halter or showmanship class by the Randolph County 4-H Horse and Pony Member. Any horse or pony excused from the arena by the judge for safety and handling reason will not be able to participate in the performance or contesting classes. If two equines must be shown in the same class or another species class conflicts with the halter class, another Randolph County 4-H Horse and Pony member may show the equine. No other member may show your equine in showmanship classes.
- Horse and ponies exhibited at the Randolph County Fair can only be shown by one 4-H member. Any exceptions have to be made by 4-H Superintendent and 4-H Club, Inc.
- Mare and foal will be considered one equine if showing in the mare and foal class.
- A committee of two will measure all ponies at a set time and location during the fair.
- All equine shown be kept in the designated Horse & Pony area unless otherwise directed for the safety of all spectators, exhibitors and/or equine.
- Record sheets must be turned in before horses can be stalled for the fair.
- The stall fee is \$10 which will be fully returned once the stalls are cleaned and your stall card is singed off by the superintendent or designated leader.
- Randolph County 4-H Horse and Pony has a \$5 club fee.
- If available, open stalls may be used for tack, equipment, coolers, etc. Horse barn aisles must stay clean and free of obstructions.

2025 FAIR CHANGES

HORSE AND PONY

Showmanship

- All member are eligible to participate in their respective showmanship contests.
- A member is eligible to show in only one showmanship class that he or she exhibits. *If you win 1st Year Showmanship you can move up and show in the Junior Division that same day. If you win Junior Showmanship, you can move up and show in the Intermediate Division that same day (this is an option, not required). The winner of the division automatically moves to the final drive of the next division unless there is only one class, then you will show in that class. Once you win a division, you must move to the next division the following year, unless in the Senior Division where you will stay. In the Senior Division a Top 3 Overall will be picked
- Contestants must use their own animals.

Showmanship Classes:

- Grade 3 – Can only participate one year,
- Junior – Grades 4 & 5 (Winner competes in Intermediate contest following year.
- Intermediate – Grades 6, 7 & 8 (Winner competes in Senior contest the following year.)
- Senior – Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12
- The barn will be closed at 11 pm and the night watch will be from 11 pm-6 am as directed by project superintendent. All horses should be cared for and stalled prior to that. Exceptions would be horses having illnesses or behavioral issues.
- A 911 Committee will handle any issues that are time sensitive. It will consist of 3 members (4-H Inc. Member, 4-H Leader and 4-H Extension Educator).
- Any situation not covered by these rules shall be acted on by the 4-H Club, Inc. Board of Directors.
- The Randolph County 4-H Horse and Pony show will be following the rules for the 2024 State Horse and Pony Handbook.

MINI 4-H HORSE AND PONY

Mini 4-H Horse and Pony meetings will start on April 14th at 6:00pm at the Randolph County Fairgrounds. Please mark your calendar.

MINI 4-H DATES

THIS YEAR WE ARE GOING TO BE HAVING MINI 4-H MEETINGS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. THESE MEETINGS WILL CONSIST OF GENERAL INFORMATION, PROJECT HELP, FUN ACTIVITIES, SHORT LESSONS AND 4-H NEWS. THESE MEETINGS WERE CREATED WITH THE PURPOSE OF GIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO NEW FAMILIES AND MINI 4-H MEMBERS. WE ARE HOPING THIS WILL HELP 4-HER'S LEARN ABOUT THE 4-H PROGRAM AND ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS IT HAS TO OFFER. THIS WILL GIVE YOU A CHANCE AS PARENTS TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT TO EXPECT FROM 4-H. DATES ARE LISTED BELOW.

ALL WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN THE BEST WAY CENTER. (1885 SOUTH US HWY 27, WINCHESTER, IN 47394

Meeting dates

April 21st at 6:00pm (Welcome Meeting)
May 14th at 6:30pm (Make & Take Workshop)
June 12th at 9-noon (Mini 4-H Fun Day Camp)





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