



RANDOLPH COUNTY 4-H

January 2024

Dear 4-H Families, Volunteers, and Supporters,

Happy New Year! Hard to believe that January is half over. Time is flying by and it is time to sign-up for the 2024 4-H program year. We are going to be switching over to the 2024 4-H mailing list on February 1st.

- **Sign-up at v2.4honline.com**

If you WANT to continue to receive 4-H information you need to sign up as soon as possible and become a 2024 4-H Member! This will be the last newsletter to 4-H families from the 2023 program year. We will be sending a lot of really important information about livestock weigh-in dates and project workshop in the coming months 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.

The 4-H Ambassadors will be visiting every elementary school in the county to promote the 4-H program in the next month. We will be sending home enrollment forms and information with students so be on the look out.

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 or 4-H projects, please do not hesitate to call the Extension office at 765-584-2271 or send me an email at jelsbury@purdue.edu



Sincerely,

Julie Wilson



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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 due to Spring Break.



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.



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. Be sure to mark your calendars for January 29. We are making tie-blankets to donate.



Save the Dates

- February 13 at 7pm
- March 21 at 6:30pm
- April 22 from 6:00-7:30pm at the fairgrounds
- May 2 - Time TDB
- May 13 from 6:00-7:30pm at the fairgrounds
- June 26 from 8:30am-1:00pm at the fairgrounds. we are hosting the Mini 4-H Mini Fun day from 9-noon on June 26.
 - Meeting/lunch from 12-1pm
 - Junior Leader shirts will be passed out at this meeting.



T-shirt designs are due January 29th (Please submit your design via email to jelsbury@purdue.edu or bring to the meeting)

UPCOMING EVENTS

BEEF WEIGH-IN



Beef, Dairy Beef and Dairy feeder calf weigh-in will be April 13th from 9-noon at the fairgrounds in the beef barn. Please mark your calendars. More detailed information will be sent out to all the 4-H members that have signed up for those projects.



State 4-H Poultry Workshop

Saturday, February 17th, 2024

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Community Building

Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds, Columbus, Indiana

Location: 750 S 200 West Columbus, IN

On Hwy 11 South, about 3 miles from Exit #68, I-65

Go to www.bartholomewcountyfair.com for directions.



Food and Drinks available for purchase throughout the workshop
Exhibition type birds and standard-bred chicks will be available for purchase.



Check-in begins at 9:30, please use the link below to register. For questions or more information contact: Matt John – 812.603.7722 or mjohn2@ivytech.edu



Workshop Topics

Exhibiting Poultry from a Judges Perspective

*Hands on experience for 4-H members – **Do not bring your own poultry**

Nutrition and Feeding for Exhibition Poultry

Protecting Your Poultry

Parent/Leader/Superintendent Round table discussion

Have you wanted to learn more about your poultry livestock? This State 4-H Poultry Workshop is a marvelous opportunity to learn more about the many needs of your poultry! This event is on February 17th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Please register at

<https://2024state4-hpoultryworkshop.4honline.com/>

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by February 16th.

Randolph County Ag Days Festival Save the Date!



Open to the Public!!!



New this year:

- Scheduled Talks & Demonstrations
- Educational interactive displays for ALL ages
- Agriculture related vendors

April 3rd & 4th
2024

Two full days!

Randolph County Fairgrounds
1885 S. US Hwy 27
Winchester, IN 47394

Watch our Facebook page for updates!

For more information contact the Randolph County Extension Office
765-584-2271 or alka@purdue.edu



Save The Date

Farmers' Achievement Banquet
& 4-H Awards Night!

Feb 1st, 2024

CANCELLATION POLICY



All 4-H meetings and activities will be cancelled if a Randolph County School is closed due to bad weather. If in doubt, watch/listen to TV and radio outlets.



Project Spotlight

The 4-H woodworking project provides youth with educational information about wood and how it can be used to construct items. The woodworking project develops project skills (i.e., safe practices, using hand tools, using power tools, making specialized wood cuts) and life skills (i.e., decision-making, using science and technology, developing communication skills).



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. The disciplines offered in any county will depend on the availability of certified 4-H shooting sports instructors to teach the classes, ranges, and equipment.

Sign-up today!



IMPORTANT UPDATED STATE 4-H POLICIES

4-H project exhibitions occur through a variety of methods: county fairs, career development events, and other statewide competitive events. The following statewide deadlines will be followed by all county programs annually:

- May 15 – **All animals** requiring 4-H Animal Identification must be identified in 4-HOnline
- July 1 - **FairEntry Deadline.** This is the system where you will enter your classes you plan to exhibit (**ALL** Livestock, Horse/Pony and Husted Hall Project)
- 4-H'ers exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits must complete Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or Youth for the Quality Care for Animals (YQCA) by July 1, 2024.
- **ALL exhibits (livestock, Horse/Pony, Husted Hall) must be entered into FairEntry due July 1st for the county of exhibition. This serves as the “drop/add” deadline for 4-H projects.**

- Livestock projects must identify classes of exhibition. Those **MISSING** this deadline may exhibit and will have opportunities to receive feedback from the judge. Youth may still participate fully in showmanship classes.
- Non-livestock projects must identify classes of exhibition. Those missing the deadline may compete and the highest placing is “blue.”
- Counties should correct mistakes in classes in FairEntry when mistakes are made by 4-H members.
- The intent for this deadline is for individuals who make no attempt to complete FairEntry by the county’s selected date. Counties may use their discretion as to the attempt made by individuals.



2024 FAIR DATES JULY 19-26



4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT HELP

Need help enrolling or entering livestock on 4-HOnline? Don't have a computer at home? Internet too slow to log on? We can help! Our office will have an extra laptop set up throughout enrollment for any families needing assistance!



NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for new volunteers to lead 4-H project workshops. If you are interested in helping youth in Randolph County learn about a specific project please contact the office at 765-584-2271.



COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS

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

- Junior Leaders Scholarship - April 1
- Extension Homemaker Scholarship- April 1
- Randolph County Ag Days- April 15
- 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!

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.



INDIANA 4-H 2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW DUE JAN. 25

LEARN MORE AT bit.ly/4hscholarship



Clower Chef



March 26 & 27 from 12-4pm

RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Space is Limited to the first 10 students. (5th grade & up) Cost is \$10, payment due at time of registration. Save the date. More information will be sent out.



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CALLING ALL 4-H PROJECT AND CLUB LEADERS!

4-H families are asking for workshops! They can be conducted virtually or in person at the fairgrounds or another location. If you are planning to schedule a workshop at the 4-H Fairgrounds, please do so soon as dates book up fast. We are so thankful for the support of our volunteers and cannot wait for this new 4-H season! Please contact Julie with your scheduling dates, questions, and if you need assistance setting up a Zoom meeting by emailing her at jelsbury@purdue.edu or calling 765-584-2271



2024 FAIR DATES

JULY
19-26

AG WOMEN 2024
ENGAGE
CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 22, 2024
GRAND WAYNE CONVENTION CENTER
FORT WAYNE, IN
9:30-3:30 PM EST

Join us in Fort Wayne, IN on February 22nd as we learn how to better manage risk, enhance our farms and agribusiness operations, and network with other Ag women throughout Indiana.

This conference is designed to educate and uplift women involved in any aspect of the agricultural industry.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
AMANDA RADKE

Amanda Radke, a fifth-generation rancher from South Dakota who will be sharing "Plant & Prune the Family Ag Business to Reap a Bountiful Harvest." Together we will navigate dynamics of multi-generational family agriculture businesses.

TO REGISTER OR FIND MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

<https://ag.purdue.edu/departments/extension/wia/conference.html>



COME JOIN US!



NETWORKING

Share stories and chat with other women involved throughout the agriculture industry in Indiana and connecting states!



16 EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Experts will share information throughout the day in 4 breakout session tracks. Livestock, Agribusiness, Finances, Mental Health, and other great topics are featured.



2 GREAT PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Learn how to Transfer Your Farm's Legacy or Farm Accounting with Quicken in one of our Pre-Conference Sessions on February 21.

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Jenna Nees at (765) 853-8411 or smith535@purdue.edu by February 13, 2024.

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$100

REGISTER BY:

FEBRUARY 13, 2024



Women in Agriculture
<https://ag.purdue.edu/departments/extension/wia/>

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JUNIOR LEADER OFFICERS FOR 2024

- President - Sarabeth Hargarten
- Vice President - Addison Shandy
- Secretary- Paige Clott
- Treasurer - Payton Clott
- Team Building - Zoie Hood
- Board Reps - Andi Watson & Clay Smith
- Sale Committee - Clay Smith & Rylan Glunt
- Social Media - Erica Grubbs & Mariah Manning
- Mini 4-H - Lane Timmerman, Deborah Poling & Jonathan Edwards



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Emergency Preparedness for Rural Families

This series offers the chance to learn preventive practices, set up a plan to deal with emergencies before they occur, and be more comfortable reacting to emergencies.

March 5, 2024 5:30-8:30 Farm Emergency Management

- Weather Ready Farms
- Starting a Farm Emergency Management Plan

March 7, 2024 5:30-8:30 First Aid

- First Responder Presentation
- Basic First Aid

March 12, 2024 5:30-8:30 Fire Protection

- Fire Fighter Presentation

March 14, 2024 5:30-8:30 HAZMAT

- AgriSafe

Register at: <https://purdue.link/empprepared24>

Register by Feb. 20th \$50.00 per person After Feb.20 \$60.00 per person

For additional information contact Amy Aika - 765-584-2271 aalka@purdue.edu

Participants should plan to attend each session. Dinner is included at the start of every workshop.

Classes will be held at the Randolph County Fairgrounds Husted Hall
1885 South US HWY 27, Winchester, IN 47394

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Thanks to our sponsor Reid Health for paying for fire extinguishers and first aid kits!



Randolph County Ag Days Hay/Straw Bale Decorating Contest

Open to all Randolph County Residents, Businesses, Organizations, Civic Groups & Schools.

- You are responsible for delivering and removing your bale entry.
- Entry form deadline is March 20, 2024 Forms may be picked up at the extension office, found on our Facebook page or email aalka@purdue.edu.
- Entries are due on April 2, 2024 between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm
- Entries must be picked up by Friday, April 5, 2024 at 3:30 pm
- All entry decorations must be complete prior to arrival other than basic setup. Entry space size not to exceed 10X10 ft. Bales may not be stacked more than 3 high.
- All entries must be agriculture related, preferably relating to agriculture in Randolph County.
 - No political party signs of any kind are allowed.
 - No vulgar or suggestive decorations will be allowed.
- Standard square bale size only. Bales must be easily moved by one person. A maximum of 6 bales will be allowed.
- Entries will be displayed in the commercial building during Ag Days.

SAVE THE DATE

Chicken Embryology and Backyard Chicken Program will take place on March 13 and March 21. Program will start at 6:30pm and will be hosted at the Randolph County Fairgrounds. More information will be shared in the February Newsletter.



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