

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

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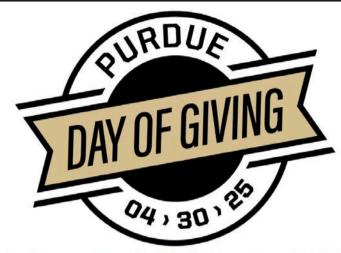
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Join us April 30th for the 2025 Purdue Day of Giving!

Check out our social media pages on April 30th for the Ripley County
Extension Donation Link.

All donations made through the Ripley County link will directly impact our community through programs like the ones you see here...



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Calendar of Events



APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6:30 Ripley Wranglers Mtg	2	3	4	5
6 Club meetings: 11:00 Napoleon Country Club 2:00 Shooting Sports 4:00 Pierceville Haypals 5:00 4-H Pioneers	Beec Meeting	8 7:00 New member Dog Practice, SEE PAGE 7	9	10	11	12
13	14 7:00 Morris Shamrocks Mtg 7:00 Faithful Workers Meeting	15	16 6:00 Junior Leader Meeting	17	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19
20	21 7:00 Hopewell Cloverbees Mtg	22 6:30 Tractor Meeting	23	24	25	26
27 1:00 Dream Seekers Meeting	28 7:30 4-H Board Meeting	29	30			

Can you find the four H's hidden in the newsletter?









Club Meeting Resources:

Song: The Bear Song

Repeat after me song:

The other day I met a bear Out in the woods Away out there He looked at me I looked at him He sized up me I sized up him

He said to me Why don't you run I see you ain't Got any gun

And so I ran Away from there

But right behind me

Was that bear

And then I see

Ahead of me

A great big tree

Oh, glory me

And so I jumped

Into the air

But I missed that branch

Away up there

Now don't you fret

And don't you frown

I caught that branch

On the way back down

That's all there is

There ain't no more

Unless I see

That bear once more







Food for Thought

To Daffodils | By Robert Herrick

Fair Daffodils, we weep to see

You haste away so soon;

As yet the early-rising sun

Has not attain'd his noon.

Stay, stay,

Until the hasting day

Has run

But to the even-song;

And, having pray'd together, we

Will go with you along.

We have short time to stay, as you,

We have as short a spring;

As quick a growth to meet decay,

As you, or anything.

We die

As your hours do, and dry

Away,

Like to the summer's rain;

Or as the pearls of morning's dew,

Ne'er to be found again.

Health & Safety

Brush & Floss Your Teeth

Why?

Oral hygiene is important because we need our teeth to eat food.

When?

You should brush your teeth twice a day and floss at least once a day. Try to visit the dentist for a check up every 6 months.

How?

Start by adding tooth paste to your tooth brush. Place your brush into your mouth at a 45 degree angle to your gums. Then gently move your brush back and forth over each tooth. Be sure to cover the outer surface, inner surface, and the chewing surface of the teeth.

Source: Community Safety Net Health Safety Smart Choices for Life!



Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Classes



INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE

To exhibit BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, POULTRY, and RABBITS, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training OR the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA).

- 1. This certification must be done an annual basis
- 2. Members must be registered **BEFORE** attending a training
- 3. Members may attend any training dates listed on this flyer
 - **OR** a training in another county
 - OR complete the online YQCA training (Proof of YQCA

completion must be submitted to the Extension Office by July 12!)

Training Dates

Training Locations

May 3, 2025 10:00am - Extension Office

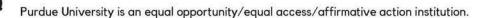
June 21, 2025 1:00pm - Extension Office

July 12, 2025 11:00am - Homemaker Building

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please use v2.4honline.com, look for the events tab, Event name: Ripley County Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care 2025.

Those planning to be certified through the YQCA program, will register at www.yqcaprogram.org and will present their completion certificate to their 4-H Educator.

If you need to request special accommodations, please contact the Extension office







4-H Online Animal Deadline

All livestock being exhibited at the fair must be registered in 4-H Online by May 15th. Not doing so will result in a violation of Indiana State 4-H Policy and the Ripley County 4-H Handbook which may result in the ineligibility to show these animals at the fair. If you need assistance with this process contact the Extension Office. DO NOT wait until last minute in case you have issues!



*Indiana State Fair DNA is also due to the office no later than May 15th at 4PM.

Premise ID Requirements

If you are exhibiting livestock at the Fair make sure you know your Premise ID! You <u>cannot</u> exhibit animals without it. This is also required when entering animals on 4-H Online and will be checked to make sure it is correct.

Not sure what your premise ID is or if you have one? Contact BOAH and they will be happy to help. If you have questions about what a Premise ID is, you can call our office at 812-689-6511.



STATE REQUIREMENTS

Premises ID Number

- Premises ID is required
- Easy to obtain through BOAH (Request online at: www.in.gov/boah/2642.htm email animalid@boah.in.gov or call 317-544-2400)
- Please note that a Premises ID number is required to enroll livestock in a 4-H fair

SEI 4-H Camp

All 4-H Members in grades 3-7 are invited to 4-H Camp! Details are listed here:

If you have questions or concerns about 4-H Camp please reach out to Baylee at bdwenger@purdue.edu or call the office at 812-689-6511

The Wonderful World of



When: June 3rd thru June 6th 2025 Where: Camp Higher Ground

Who: 4-H Campers are Youth in 3rd-7th grade

Register via 4-H Online: v2.4honline.com

Event name: 2025 Southeastern Indiana 4-H Camp

Registration Due May 1st









Swine Tags

Swine Tags are available to pick up at the Extension office. The first 2 tags per 4-H member are free, any additional tags after that are \$3.



Grain Show Results

Thank you to all who submitted Grain! These along with your ribbons can now be picked back up from the extension office.



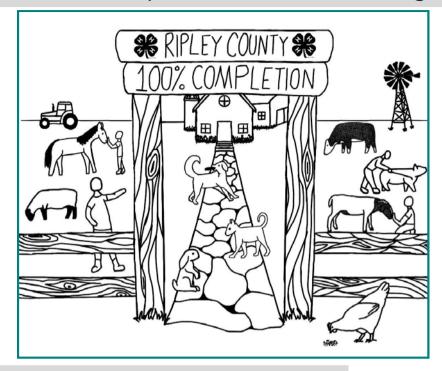
Grand Champion Corn - Greg Stratton
Reserve Grand Champion Corn - Dakota Siebert
Grand Champion Soybeans - Sterling Rohls
Reserve Grand Champion Soybean - Dakota Siebert





2025 Completion T-Shirt Design Winner





Congratulation to Nora Witte for designing our 2025 Completion T-shirt!

Thank you to all the 4-Hers who entered their amazing artwork!



Beef Handbook Update:

A beef market heifer class is being added to the beef market classes of the Ripley County Handbook. Beef market heifers can still be added into 4-H Online until the May 15th deadline. Please contact the Extension Office to arrange ID with a Beef Leader.

Dog Meeting for New Members:

The first dog practice for 1st and 2nd year 4-Hers in the dog project ONLY will be April 8th from 6-7PM. Bring your dogs, vaccine paperwork, treats and a smile. Practice is at the Ripley County Fairgrounds in the livestock arena. Meeting dates for all dog members will be announced at a later date.



Open Position on Ripley County 4-H Board:

The Ripley County 4-H Corporation Board has an At-Large position open. This position will be filled by appointing a member to complete the remainder of the open position term. Anyone interested in this position is asked to submit a letter of interest to the extension office and complete the volunteer enrollment application and trainings by April 17th. Those who have not completed the enrollment process will not be considered. Please call the extension office with any additional questions.

- RIPLEY COUNTY JUNIOR LEADERS

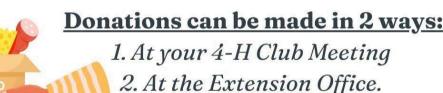
GOLDEN CAN 4-H CLUB FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE

April 1st to June 18th

A friendly competition between clubs:

The club with the greatest weight in total donations will receive the Golden Can Traveling Trophy and a pizza party sponsored by the Junior Leaders

The 2024 Golden Can Winner was the 4-H Pioneers!





Donations will go towards the Fight the Hunger Stock the Trailer Food Drive during fair week. Donations stay in Ripley County to help our local community!









Use the QR code to view the handbook on our website!



4-H Project Volunteers

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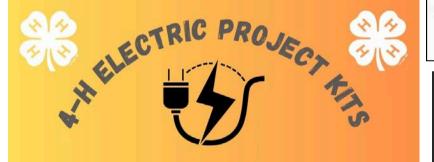


- Aerospace
- Animal Education
- Cake Decorating
- Collections
- Computer Science
- Construction & Architectural Replica
- Consumer Clothing
- Entomology
- Forestry

- Garden
- Giftwrapping
- Leadership
- · Llama & Alpaca Craft
- · Recycling
- · Soil & Water Science
- · Weather & Climate
- Weeds
- · Wildlife
- · Woodworking



Ripley County 4-H is always welcoming new volunteers! If you have any question or are interested in starting the process of becoming a new volunteer, please contact the Extension Office. The 4-H program would not be such a success without the help of all our wonderful 4-H volunteers!



We have a very limited supply of electric kits in the office. What is left is on a "first-come, first served" basis. Available in office:

Division I Circuit Board Kit: 25 available @ \$10 Division III Trouble Light: 1 available @\$45 Division III Extension Cord: 6 available @\$55









These and other kits can also be found on eeinabox.com ("Shop our products", bottom of left column "4-H Project Ideas")

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JUDGE: JEREMY JONES - ONE RING ONLY

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

IJLA SANCTIONED SHOW ALL COMMITTEE DECISIONS ARE FINAL

GRAND - \$500 RESERVE - \$250 3RD OVERALL - \$150 4TH OVERALL- \$75 5TH OVERALL- \$50

Poster Boards and Plastic Sleeves:

Unfortunately the price of poster boards have gone up for this year. Effective November 1st, 2024 poster boards will be \$5 each, sleeves will still be \$2 each, or a set will be \$7.

2025 Fair Dates:

Mark your calendar if you haven't already, the 2025 Ripley County Fair will be:

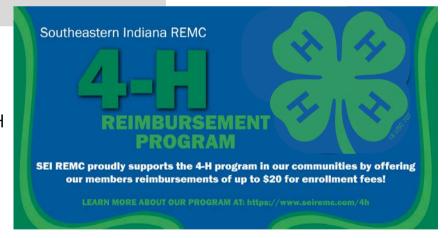
July 20th -July 26th

Photo Credit: Rich Fowler, Brush & Palette, 2023



REMC Reimbursement:

If you're a 4-H member and your electric provider is Southeastern Indiana REMC, be sure to visit www.seiremc.com/4h to get your 4-H enrollment fee reimbursed!



Ripley County Extension Board

Due to term limits, the Ripley County Extension board has 4 positions open. If you are interested or have any questions about the Extension Board please contact Dave Osborne, osbornda@purdue.edu, or call the office at 812-689-6511. Open positions include Brown Township Center Township, Shelby Township and an At - Large position.



Ripley Wranglers 2025 Club Calenda:

Updates will be added throughout the year to our calendar.

Watch Facebook, Remind and come to meetings to get the latest info!

April 1, 2025 - CLUB MEETING Vaccine Clinic: Dr. Kelli Cobler will be at the meeting to administer Vaccines needed to show at fair, to all who are interested. Please get a Vaccine Form from leaders to turn in before the clinic to participate!

Demonstrations: Emma Peetz, Tinley and Teagan Enneking

May 3-4, 2025 SHOW CLINIC/OVERNIGHT LOCK IN Horse Barn and Arena at the

Fairgrounds: Details to come.

May 6, 2025 - CLUB MEETING Work Detail, Stall/Barn Clean Up, 1st of 3 Safety Meetings, Barn

Prep and Clean Work Detail Demonstrations:

May 23, 2024 CLINIC/OPEN RIDE: 4-7pm Horse Arena at Fairgrounds

June 3, 2025 - CLUB MEETING 2nd of 3 Safety Meetings, Area 14-H Prep, STALL

RESERVATION, STALL FEES AND FAIR SHOWBILL DUE! Demonstations:

June 9, 2025 CLINIC/OPEN RIDE: 6-8pm Horse Arena at Fairgrounds

June 28, 2025 CLINIC/OPEN RIDE: 10-4pm Horse Arena at Fairgrounds

July 1, 2025- CLUB MEETING Pre-Fair Meeting: ENCOURAGED to ATTEND!! Last of 3 Safety

Meetings, Fair Week Prep and Job Duty Sign Up. Demonstrations:

July 7, 2025 CLINIC/OPEN RIDE: 6-8pm Horse Arena at Fairgrounds

July 12, 2024 CLINIC/OPEN RIDE: 9am-4pm Horse Arena at Fairgrounds

July 18-25, 2025 - RIPLEY COUNTY 4-H FAIR Horses are at the Fairgrounds starting

Friday July 18th evening through Friday July 25th.

Feel free to reach out with any questions to the Club Superintendent/Leaders: Greg Bonfer (812)621.1015) or Sarah Young (812)212.1405

Tractor Schedule 2025:





April 22nd - 6:30PM @ 6694 S Co RD 480 E, Greensburg

June 21st - 9:00AM Fun Day and driving practice @ Ripley County Fairgrounds

June 28th - 7:30AM County Tractor Contest @ Ripley County Fairgrounds

July 26th - 8:00AM Area Contest @ Decatur County Fairgrounds

Call the Extension office at 812-689-6511 or a Tractor leader with questions.

Shooting Sports Schedule 2025:





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Bill Jordan Marksmanship 317-525-1102 whjordan333@gmail.com

facebook.com/RipCoShootingSports

State Shooting Sports Archery Results:

17 Ripley County 4-H Members attended the State Shooting Sports Archery competition on March 15th. A job well done to all these 4-Hers at the event!

Top Placing Individuals:

1st Senior Open individual - Clay Miller 1st Senior Genesis individual - Lilian Eckstein 2nd Senior Genesis individual - Quinten Sarringhaus 3rd Senior Genesis individual - Zoey Griffith 2nd Junior Genesis individual - Payten Sarringhaus

GREAT JOB RIPLEY COUNTY SHOOTERS!



Gunner & Clay

Top Placing Teams:

1st Senior Open Team - Clay Miller, Ayden Schneider & Gunner Nuhring

1st Senior Genesis Team - Quinten Sarringhaus, Lilian Eckstein & Zoey Griffith

2nd Senior Genesis Team - Brooklyn Ludwig, Sophie Riehle & Luke Hendren

1st Junior Genesis Team - Payten Sarringhaus, Eli Eckstein, Maxie Amberger & Weston Schneider

3rd Junior Genesis Team - Liam Hendren, Hannah Eckstein, Makenna Hartman & Aubree Ludwig



Eli, Payten & Maxie



Luke



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2025 Important Animal Dates



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Animal	ID Day	4-H Online Due	Check-In	Show	Release
Poultry	None	None	Saturday, July 19, 2025 2pm – 5pm	Sunday, July 20, 2025 3pm	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Beef Set-Up will be Friday, March 7 @ 5pm	Saturday, March 8, 2025 9am - 11am (Beef Feeders: May 3, 2025 8-11am)	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Wednesday, July 23, 2025 10am	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Dairy	None	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Monday, July 21, 2025 9am	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Dairy Feeder	Saturday, May 3, 2025 8am – 11am	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Monday, July 21, 2025 11am (or following Dairy)	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Goats	Saturday, May 3, 2025 8am – 11am	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Thursday, July 24, 2025 Dairy- 9am Meat- 1pm Pygmy- 5pm	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Llama & Alpaca	None	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Tuesday, July 22, 2025 9am	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Horse & Pony	None	May 15, 2025	Friday, July 18, 2025 6pm-8pm	See H&P Leaders	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Pocket Pets	None	May 15, 2025 (Form w/ Picture must be turned into Office.)	At Show	Saturday, July 12, 2025 2pm	After Show
Rabbit	All Rabbits: Saturday, May 3, 2025 8am – 11am Meat Pen Only: Friday, July 11, 2025 6:30 – 8:00 pm	May 15, 2025 (for adult rabbits, meat pen due after July ID day)	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Wednesday, July 23, 2025 5pm	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Sheep	Saturday, May 3, 2025 8am – 11am	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2025 6am – 2pm	Monday, July 21, 2025 6pm	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Swine	None	May 15, 2025	Sunday, July 20, 2024 6am – 2pm Barrow weigh in Tues, July 22, 2025 8am-10am	Tuesday, July 22, 2025 Gilt- 1pm Barrow- 5pm	Friday, July 25, 2025 8pm*
Cat	None	Bring Form to Show	At Show	Monday, July 21, 2025 3pm	After Show
Dog	None	Bring Form to Show	At Show	Saturday, June 14, 2025 12pm	After Show

Barn Set-Up will be Saturday, July 12, 2025 @ 8:00 AM

Clean Up will be Saturday, July 26, 2025 @ 8:00 AM

State 4-H Opportunities







4-H Academy Key Points:

- Grades 9-12
- 14 different workshop pathways
- Registration Open March 15-May 8
- \$250 deposit due to extension office: County 4-H Board covers registration fee, deposit will be returned upon member attendance. Late registration fees will be at cost of 4-H member (May 9-16th fee is \$25, May 17-23 fee is \$50)

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4-H Round-up Key Points:

- Grades 7-9
- Youth will attend 3 different career exploration classes out of 26 that are being offered.
- Registration Open March 15-May 8
- \$250 deposit due to extension office: County 4-H Board covers registration fee, deposit will be returned upon member attendance. Late registration fees will be at cost of 4-H member (May 9-16th fee is \$25, May 17-23 fee is \$50)

Club Volunteer Opportunity





F.A.R.M. Club of Southeastern IN

Dear 4-H President & Leaders,

I hope you're doing well! I wanted to take a moment to introduce the F.A.R.M. Club of Southeastern Indiana, a nonprofit organization focused on preserving the rich history of Farming & Antique Related Machinery in our area. Our biggest event, the Annual F.A.R.M Show, takes place every year during the last full weekend of June at the Ripley County Fairgrounds in Osgood, Indiana.

We are seeking volunteers to assist at the execution of our Annual F.A.R.M. Show. Here, they can gain hands-on experience in agriculture by assisting with event setup, guiding visitors, managing vendor booths, trash pick up, and helping with activities and events. Each volunteer will receive free admission to the event, and groups that collectively contribute 40 volunteer hours will qualify for monetary donation on behalf of the F.A.R.M. Club of Southeastern Indiana. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our local agricultural heritage, develop new skills, and connect with community leaders.

If you're interested in having your members get involved, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at https://www.farmclubonline.com/get-involved to sign up for our volunteer mailing list.

We appreciate your consideration of this exciting opportunity!

Warm regards, Chad Elliott President, F.A.R.M. Club of Southeastern Indiana

Volunteers who are under the age of 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at reach-grain.com



Spring Video Series:





Extension - Health an

Southeastern Indiana Purdue Extension Educators present a short series of educational videos to help you prepare for Summer.

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APRIL 7

Storm Ready: Weather Safety

APRIL 14

Snack Smart: Delicious & Healthy Bites

APRIL 21

Getaway at Home: Staycation Ideas

APRIL 28

Safety in the Sunshine

MAY 5

Unplug & Play: Alternatives to Screen Time

MAY 12

Home Alone, How to Stay Safe

MAY 19

Splish Splash Pool Safety















Follow along with our spring quick tip video series by joining our Facebook Group: Southeastern Indiana Purdue Extension Health & Human Science

Ripley County Health Fair:

HEALTH SCREENINGS, COMMUNITY RESOURCES, VACCINES, GIVEAWAYS AND MORE!



First 50 people will receive a free hygiene kit (minimum value \$25), a pair of socks and a \$10 gas card

Ripley County Community
HEALTH FAIR

Tuesday, April 8 3:30 – 6:30 pm

Tyson Activity Center 100 N. High St. Versailles, IN 47042









Family Dinner Projects:

Purdue Extension is partnering with The Family Dinner Project to help bring awareness to the importance of family dinners for youth development. Frequently having dinner as a family can be very important at all ages. Check out this list of benefits that family dinners have on youth:

Below you will find fun conversation starters or games you can use at your next family dinner!

If you would like more information or more resources reach out to Baylee Dwenger by email or phone: 812-689-6511 bdwenger@purdue.edu

Benefits of Family Dinner:





Conversation at the dinner table is even better than reading to children in boosting their vocabulary, and helping them to read.

Kids who start eating dinners now are less likely to be overweight later.

New parents who develop a dinnertime ritual feel more satisfied with marriages.





Strong link between family dinners and academic performance, even stronger than doing homework, sports, or art.

Increased intake of fruits, vegetables and micronutrients, and fewer fried foods, trans fats and sodas.

Children feel more connected to siblings and parents.



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Teens who eat regular family dinners are more likely to get A's in school.

Reduces high risk teenage behaviors like smoking substance abuse, eating disorders, teenage pregnancy and violence.

Reduces depression and anxiety and increases self-esteem.

Opportunity to check in with kids to find out how they're doing.

Dinner Time Conversation Starters:







Ripley County ANR Newsletter



April 21-23, 2025





ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

CERTIFICATION SCHOOL

About This Course:

Purdue Extension is partnering with Select Sires to hold an Artificial Insemination (AI) class for beef and dairy producers interested in learning about:
Anatomy/Physiology, AI Technique, Semen Handling, Estrus Detection/Timing and Estrus Synchronization program into their herd.
The cost for the certification is \$450.

Location & Info:

Cox Livestock 1014 W County Rd 150 N Osgood IN 47037



Register now at: https://cvent.me/arR7kP

