

DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Events



DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 6:30 Ripley Wranglers Meeting	2 7:00 County Bees Meeting	3	4	5	6	7
8 2:00 Napoleon Country Club Meeting 4:00 Pierceville Haypals Meeting 5:00 4-H Pioneers Meeting	9 6:00 Volunteer Trainings 7:00 Morris Shamrocks & Faithful Workers Meetings 7:00 Livestock Leader Meeting	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 7:30 4-H Board Meeting	17	18	19	20	21 3:00 Junior Leader Meeting
22	23	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26	27	28
29	30	31	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2	3	4 JANUARY

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



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

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Club Meeting Resources:

Song: Frosty the Snowman By: Perry Como

Frosty the Snowman
Was a jolly happy soul
With a corncob pipe and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal

Frosty the Snowman
Is a fairytale, they say
He was made of snow
But the children know
How he came to life one day

There must have been some magic in
That old silk hat they found
For when they placed it on his head
He began to dance around

Oh, Frosty, the Snowman
Was alive as he could be
And the children say
He could laugh and play
Just the same as you and me

Frosty, clumsy as he can be
See him lopping along
Off he goes on an icicle spree
With a happy song

Oh, Frosty the Snowman
Knew the sun was hot that day
So he said, "Let's run, and we'll have some fun
Now, before I melt away"

Down to the village
With a broomstick in his hand
Runnin' here and there
All around the square
Sayin', "Catch me if you can"

He led them down the streets of town
Right to the traffic cop
And he only paused a moment

When he heard him holler, "Stop!"

Hmm, Frosty the Snowman
Had to hurry on his way
But he waved goodbye, sayin' "Don't you cry
I'll be back again some day"

Thumpety, thump thump, thumpety, thump thump
Look at Frosty go!
Thumpety, thump thump, thumpety, thump thump
Over the hills of snow!

Winter Weather Safety

As the weather begins to change there are some important things to remember to stay safe when your outside.

When you're outside and frostbite and hypothermia are possible take these steps to protect yourself:

- Be sure to bundle up. Wear a coat, good boots or shoes, a hat and gloves when the weather is extremely cold.
- Try your best to stay dry and out if the wind.
- Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold.
- Stay hydrated by making sure to drink plenty of water. Our bodies can dehydrate in the winter weather just like in the hot summer weather

Resources: National weather Service

Food for Thought

"He who marvels at the beauty of the world in summer will find equal cause for wonder and admiration in winter."

-John Burroughs

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Enrollment is Open!

4-H Enrollment for the 2024-2025 year is now open. Please enroll as soon as possible, you must be enrolled to sign up for events, camps, etc. Once January 15 arrives we will begin only sending information to those of you who have enrolled for the new program year. Below you can find links and QR codes that lead to the step by step 4-H Online help guides to assist you with enrollment.

Once again we will be utilizing 4-H Online as our enrollment platform. You can access your account by visiting v2.4honline.com

If you need further assistance please give us a call or stop by the office, we are happy to help. 812-689-6511 or 525 W Beech St Osgood, IN 47037.



4-H Online Help Guides:

Enrolling in 4-H Online as a **RETURNING** 4-H member or mini 4-H member:

https://extension.purdue.edu/county/ripley/_media/enrolling-in-4-h-online-as-a-returning-youth-member.pdf



Enrolling in 4-H Online as a **NEW** 4-H member or mini 4-H member:

https://extension.purdue.edu/county/ripley/_media/enrolling-in-4-h-online-as-a-new-youth-member-1.pdf

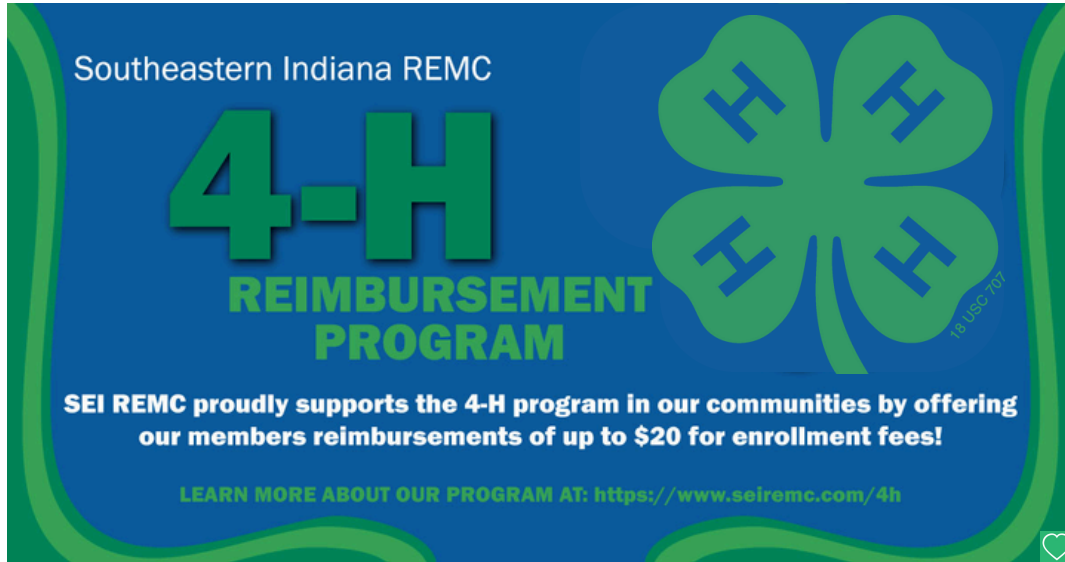


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Southeastern Indiana REMC

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

The Ripley County Extension board will have 4 open positions starting in November. 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.

CPA Wanted

The Ripley County 4-H Corporation Board is in search of a CPA to conduct an audit and review of our accounts. If you or someone you know is interested in assisting with this, please contact the extension office at 812-689-6511.

Poster Boards and Plastic Sleeves

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

Book Orders

For any 4-Her that would like their project books for the 2024-2025 4-H year, please let the office know by January 15th. We may not have certain books available in the office if not requested by that time.





IN-PERSON 4-H ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

This is a chance for volunteers to complete their ANNUALLY REQUIRED 4-H Online volunteer trainings in-person if they have not completed them on 4-H Online already for the 2024-2025 4-H program year.

DECEMBER 9TH, 2024

6:00PM

RIPLEY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

525 W BEECH ST
OSGOOD, IN 47037

**Contact the Extension office with
questions at 812-689-6511.**





Scholarships

All 4-H members who are currently in grades 10-12 are eligible to apply for Indiana 4-H Scholarships sponsored by the Indiana 4-H Foundation. Ripley County 4-H members who apply for the state Senior Year Scholarship or Accomplishment Scholarship will automatically be submitted for the six county scholarships too. Information about Scholarships can be found on the state 4-H website, by contacting the Extension Office or by attending the 4-H Scholarship Help Session. Scholarships are Due through 4-H Online on Saturday, January 25, 2025.



4-H Scholarship Help Sessions



Scholarships due Saturday, January 25, 2025

Thursday, January 2, 2025 9:00AM-4:00PM

This help session is a drop in office hour style, you may come and go as you please.

Use this time to ask questions, work on your scholarships, or get assistance with polishing and editing.

Please bring a laptop or computer with you, or contact the extension office 24 hours before the session so we can make accommodations.

Questions, contact:

Baylee Dwenger
bdwenger@purdue.edu
812-689-6511



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2025 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

Categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

Eligibility: Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

Awards: A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Visit bit.ly/4hscholarship to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.
Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.

\$176,880 AWARDED IN 2024



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State 4-H Opportunities



4-H DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE



7th-12th grade youth are invited to join Indiana 4-H Day At The Statehouse. Youth will tour the building, learn about legislative processes, meet with legislators, and experience Indiana history.



Tuesday February 11th 2025

Cost is \$25

Overnight Accommodations are available for an additional \$25

Space is limited

Register Now!

<https://4HStatehouse2025.4honline.com>



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State 4-H Opportunities



FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY:
PURDUE UNIVERSITY Extension - 4-H Youth Development

Next Chapter

WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

WHEN DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

WHERE DO I FIND SCHOLARSHIPS?

INDIANA 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

HOW DO I APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS?

WRITING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

AND MORE TIPS AND TRICKS!

DECEMBER 12, 2024
6:00 PM
ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT TO REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

REGISTER FOR THIS VIRTUAL WORKSHOP HERE:
[HTTPS://4HSCHOLARSHIPHELP.4HONLINE.COM](https://4hscholarshiphelp.4honline.com)

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Life Lessons



Extension - 4-H Youth Development



Hosted by:
Purdue Extension
and Indiana 4-H

Some Topics Include:

- Budgeting/Finances ●
- Home Care ●
- Self Care ●
- Auto Care ●

SAVE THE DATE

- TUESDAYS JANUARY 14-MARCH 4**
- 7-8 P.M. ET/6-7 P.M. CT**
- ZOOM AND GOOGLE CLASSROOM**
- HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Register via 4-H Online! Opens end of November.
Questions? Contact local Purdue Extension office.

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Area 1 4-H Opportunities



Area 1- Southeastern Indiana

4-H Volunteer Conference



March 8, 2025 Hopewell Baptist Church 2319 N County Rd 850 W, Holton, IN

Area 1 4-H Extension Educators aim to enhance the 4-H experience by bringing together volunteers from multiple counties to share best practices and learn from each other. This event is of no charge to 4-H volunteers and includes lunch, door prizes and 4-H curriculum resources. Registration is collected on 4-H Online.

Schedule of Events

10 am Thrive Session

11 am First Session

Choose a topic relevant to your role.

12 noon Catered Lunch

1 pm Second Session

Choose a topic relevant to your role.



Registration Required on 4-H Online Events by February 28th v2.4honline.com

First Session Options

4-H Camps & State Fair

Explore the opportunities in our area and at Purdue for youth to learn on a higher level.

Engaging 4-H Club Meetings

Play games, learn Parli and get ideas you can bring back to your club meetings.

Area Fair Board Roundtable

Collaborate with area board members to publicize events and share best practices.

Second Session Options

A Year of Club Meetings

Use a template provided in this workshop to schedule your year of club meetings with suggestions for learning, guest speakers, community service and fun.

Livestock Leader Panel

Discuss hosting Animal Science Workshops members want to attend, planning shows and best practices from fellow volunteers.

4-H Judges Panel

Talk with frequently hired 4-H judges about what they are looking for in the exhibit hall and how standards compare to state fair.

This event is free to all 4-H Volunteers Call (812) 689-6511 or email bdwenger@purdue.edu with questions



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RIPLEY WRANGLERS 2024-2025 CLUB CALENDAR

Updates will be added throughout the year to our calendar.
Watch Facebook, Remind and come to meetings to get the latest info!

December 1, 2024- CLUB MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY!

AT THE YOUNGS: 1312 E. Cty. Rd. 1300 N., Batesville, IN 47006.

Meeting Starts at 2pm with the party after! Approve Fair Show Bill, approve ribbons/medallions and Officer Elections. Bring a \$15 wrapped gift for a gift exchange and an appetizer to share.

Demonstrations: Macy Young and Addison Young

January 7, 2025- CLUB MEETING: Extension Office **Demonstrations:**

January 2025- Skate a Thon: Details to Come!

February 4, 2025- CLUB MEETING Extension Office **Demonstrations:** Rylee Mitchell

March 4, 2025- CLUB MEETING Extension Office **Demonstrations:** Hadley Wagner

April 1, 2025- CLUB MEETING Vaccine Clinic TBD **Demonstrations:**

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, Spring Spectacular Prep and Sign Up **Demonstrations:**

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

June 3, 2025- CLUB MEETING 2nd of 3 Safety Meetings, Area 1 4-H Prep, STALL RESERVATION, STALL FEES AND FAIR SHOWBILL DUE! **Demonstrations:**

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 Superintendents/Leaders:

Monica Hansen (812)756.0200 and Greg Bonfer (812)621.1015.

2024-2025 Shooting Sports Schedule

Date	Location	Time	
Dec.	No Meeting	NA	
Jan. 12, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
Feb. 16, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
Mar. 9, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
Apr. 6, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
May 18, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
Jun. 8, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns

Contest and Family Fun Day: July 12th, 2025
Time: Noon-4pm @ Coon Hunters Lodge

**PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO
SHOOTING SPORTS MEETINGS IN
DECEMBER!**

Shooting Sports Leaders

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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:

AGES
1-5



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.

AGES
6-12



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.

AGES
13-18



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:



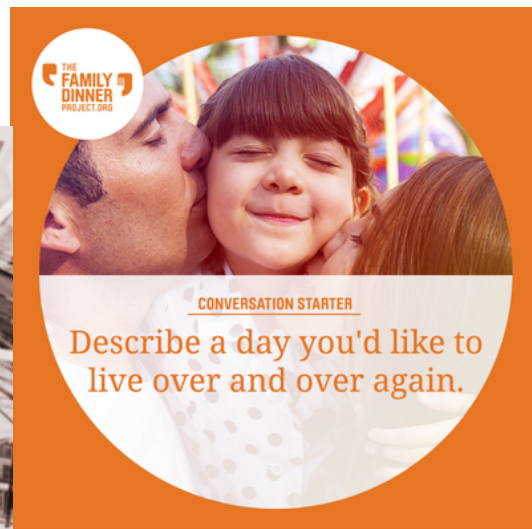
CONVERSATION STARTER

Tell me your favorite story about our family. Why do you like that story in particular?



CONVERSATION STARTER

What is the earliest story you know about one of your ancestors?



CONVERSATION STARTER

Describe a day you'd like to live over and over again.

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Private Applicator Recertification Programs

Ripley County Produce Auction Sale Barn

5994 S US 421, Versailles IN 47042

Tuesday
December 10, 2024

1 PM

Topics

1-2 PM David Osborne – Purdue Extension – PPE's and
State Regulatory Topic

2-3 PM Richard Beckort – Purdue Extension – Management
of common vegetable diseases.

Private Applicators wishing to receive recertification credit must bring \$10 and their PA number to the meeting

Southeast Purdue Ag Center

4425 East 350 North
Butlerville, IN 47223

Monday
December 16, 2024
1-3 PM

Topics

1-2 PM – Fred Whitford, Purdue Extension –
Understanding the Science of Spray Nozzles

2-3 PM – David Osborne, Jeff Hermes – Purdue Extension –
Managing your Chemical Inventory
2024 PESTICIDE REGULATORY UPDATE

Private Applicators wishing to receive recertification credit must bring their PA number to the meeting.

Fee is sponsored by Indiana Corn and Soybean Checkoff.



Commercial Applicator CCH Program

All Category Commercial Applicator CCH Program

Monday, December 16, 2024
8 AM – 12 PM

Southeast Purdue Ag Center

4425 East 350 North
Butlerville, IN 47223

Topics

8:00 – 10:00 AM – Dave Osborne and Jeff Hermes – Purdue Extension
PPE keeping everyone safe during a pesticide application.
Managing your Chemical Inventory
2024 PESTICIDE REGULATORY UPDATE

10:00 – 12:00 AM – Fred Whitford – Purdue Pesticide Programs
Understanding the Science of Spray Nozzles
Keeping your Spray equipment and tools from being stolen.

4 CCH's applied for ALL Commercial Categories (TBD)

Applicators wishing to receive recertification credits must **RSVP** by emailing names to osbornda@purdue.edu or calling 812-689-6511 space limited to first 60 reservations.

Cost for Program is \$40 (checks payable to Ripley County CES Fund).
Pay at the door.

Questions to: David Osborne – 812-689-6511



HortCalculator

A Financial Tool for Leafy Green Farmers



Are you a leafy green farmer seeking innovative solutions to optimize your operations?

The HortCalculator is an online tool that helps you evaluate the economic impact of adopting pest management strategies. The tool provides you with financial indicators including projected profitability, breakeven analysis, and return on investment.

Interested in this project?

Join our mailing list to access upcoming webinars and workshops. Leave your name and email by scanning the QR code or accessing the link below.

<https://bit.ly/PurdueHortCalculator>

