

JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Events



JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
-	-	-	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 9:00-4:00 Scholarship Help Session	3	4
5 4:00 Pierceville Haypals Meeting 5:00 4-H Pioneers Meeting	6 7:00 County Bees Meeting	7 6:30 Ripley Wranglers Meeting	8	9	10	11
12 2:00 Napoleon Country Club Meeting	13 7:00 Morris Shamrocks Mtg 7:00 Faithful Workers Meeting	14	15 6:00 Junior Leader Meeting	16	17	18 6:30 Ripley Wranglers Work- Out -A- Thon
19	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21	22	23	24	25 4-H Scholarships due
26 1:00 Dream Seekers Meeting	27 7:30 4-H Board Meeting	28	29	30	31	-

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



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Club Meeting Resources:

Song: Hokey Pokey

Put your right arm in, take your right arm out. Put your right arm in, and you shake it all about.
Do the Hokey Pokey and you turn yourself around, that's what it's all about!
Put your left arm in, take your left arm out. Put your left arm in, and you shake it all about.
Do the Hokey Pokey and you turn yourself around, that's what it's all about!
Put your right foot in, take your right foot out. Put your right foot in, and you shake it all about.
Do the Hokey Pokey and you turn yourself around, that's what it's all about!
Put your left foot in, take your left foot out. Put your left foot in, and you shake it all about.
Do the Hokey and Pokey and you turn yourself around, that's what it's all about!
Put your whole self in, take your whole self out. Put your whole self in, and you shake it all about.
Do the Hokey and Pokey and you turn yourself around, that's what it's all about!
Do the Hokey Pokey, Do the Hokey Pokey, Do the Hokey Pokey, that's what it's all about!



Winter Safety in the Car

Driving during the winter can be dangerous especially when it's snowy or icy. Here are some tips to help keep you and your family safe during the winter weather.

- Always be sure to clear your vehicle of snow or ice that may obstruct your view.
- If you need to warm your vehicle up, be sure to remove it from the garage or in closed areas before doing so to avoid the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Wearing bulky clothes or winter coats can prevent seat belts and harnesses from fitting properly. make sure that your seat belt and car seat harnesses are snug.
- If roads are snowy or icy, lower your speed, increase your following distance, and give yourself extra space to stop.



Resources: Safe Kids World Wide

Food for Thought

“You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.”

-Martin Luther King Jr.



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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



Southeastern Indiana REMC

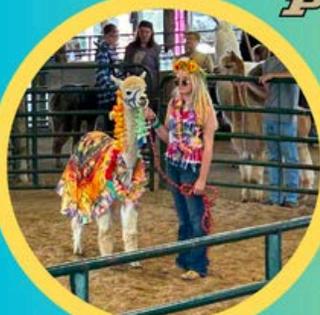


If you're a 4-H member and your electric provider is Southeastern Indiana REMC, be sure to visit www.seiremc.com/4h to get your 4-H enrollment fee reimbursed!

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**2025 Ripley
County
4-H Fair
Dates:
July 20th -
July 26th**



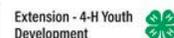
RIPLEY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

**WE'RE
HIRING**
2025 SUMMER INTERN

The Ripley County Extension office is looking for college students who (preferably) have 4-H experience and are looking for summer work. You will gain valuable experience with administration, clerical skills, organizational management, and get to learn more about the 4-H program! *Must be EARN eligible. Contact the Extension Office with questions.

Go to www.workandlearnindiana.com and create an account to see if you are EARN eligible.

Wreaths Across America



EA/EOU



On December 14th several Ripley County 4-H members had the privilege of placing wreaths on the headstones of veteran's who are buried in Ripley County. This community service was done in partnership with the Ripley County Community Foundations Wreaths Across Ripley County to ensure that no service member is forgotten this holiday season. We are grateful to the Ripley County Community Foundation for allowing our community to Remember, Honor and Teach.

Thank you to the 4-H Pioneers, Faithful Workers and Pierceville Haypals for helping assist with this project. *If your 4-H Club would like to help next year, contact the extension office!*





4H Tubing at PNS



Join the Manchester Rowdies on Monday February 3rd for a night of tubing (3-9pm).

Cost is \$32 per person and includes dinner.

*Spectators and pass holders cost is \$5.

**Please bring a food item or drink to share.

MUST RSVP NO LATER THAN JANUARY 30TH!!!

A PNS tubing waiver must be signed in advance.

<https://perfectnorth.com/waivers/>

You do not need to be a 4H member, but a 4H waiver must be signed when picking up tickets.

Please contact the extension office (Brenna) at 812-689-6511 or email bsarring@purdue.edu with questions or information on how to RSVP!

Tubing with Dearborn County 4-H

Ripley County 4-Hers and their families have been invited to go tubing with Dearborn County 4-H members at Perfect North Slopes! If interested be sure to RSVP before January 30th.

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.

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.

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.



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



PURDUE UNIVERSITY
Extension - 4-H Youth Development

Hosted by:
Purdue Extension
and Indiana 4-H

Life Lessons

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.



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>



Register via 4-H Online before Monday, January 13th!!!!

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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 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!

- January 7, 2025- CLUB MEETING:** Extension Office Explanation of Folders and Club Paperwork, and Discussion over 1st Place Awards for the week of Fair. **Demonstrations:** Adalyn Placke, Chesney Placke, Maddie Miller and Maddie Menchhofer
- January 18, 2025-** Work-Out-A-Thon: 5:30-7:30pm at the Batesville YMCA. Please RSVP by January 7, 2025 to attend! Bring a donation to go towards our Philanthropy Project.
- February 4, 2025- CLUB MEETING** Extension Office Information distributed concerning Open Rides/ Clinics and Vaccine Clinic **Demonstrations:** Rylee Mitchell, Hadley Carfield, Bella Shaver and Ashtyn Peelman
- March 4, 2025- CLUB MEETING** Extension Office **Demonstrations:** Hadley Wagner, Kinley Menchhofer and Sydney Finney
- April 1, 2025- CLUB MEETING** Vaccine Clinic TBD **Demonstrations:**
- May 3-4, 2025** OR **May 10-11, 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	
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

Shooting Sports Leaders

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Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing:

The two-day Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing program is a great skill builder for the beginner or intermediate grant writer. Whatever your skill level, come with an idea and be ready to write. At the end of Day One, you will have a proposal outline and all of the resources you need to expand your outline into a full proposal.

Return on Day Two with your full proposal, and we will put you into the role of a reviewer, teach you strategies for finding funding, and provide you with an opportunity to polish your proposal and send it in for a strong professional review.

When: Tuesday, February 25, and Tuesday, March 25, 2025, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Eastern

Where: Purdue Extension Bartholomew County, 783 S Marr Road, Columbus, IN 47201

Cost: The workshop is \$225.00, which includes all materials and lunch on both days.

Registration: For information on TCTAC sponsorship, contact Kayla Wright at knwright@purdue.edu. To register, please visit <https://cvent.me/d5dAx3>. Please register by February 18, 2025.

A limited number of full registration sponsorships have been made available on a first-come, first-served basis for those who are working on environmental-related projects and planning to submit a TCTAC Intake Form.

Whether your project is big or small, this workshop will give you the information you need to submit proposals confidently.

NOTE: If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, contact Cora Reinbolt at 812-379-1665 or carter34@purdue.edu prior to the workshop.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY | Extension - Bartholomew County

Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing

Build skills in writing grants for your organization. Whether big or small, this workshop will give you the information you need to submit proposals confidently

Two Day Program 9 am - 4:30 pm

Day 1: February 25, 2025
Day 2: March 25, 2025

REGISTER NOW

<https://cvent.me/d5dAx3>

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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:



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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.



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

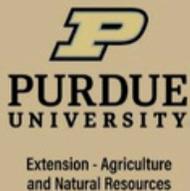
Reduces high risk teenage behaviors like smoking, substance abuse, eating disorders, teenage pregnancy and violence.

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:





Southeastern Indiana Agriculture & Natural Resources

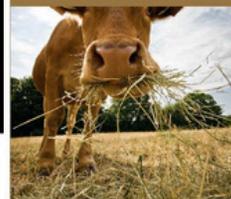
Lunch & Learns

All Sessions take place on zoom at noon. Register for one or all sessions here:

bit.ly/seianrlunchandlearn



January 8
Forage Management



January 15
Growing Bigger
Fish



The Horticulture Business lab, led by Dr. Ariana Torres, is developing an online tool designed to empower leafy green growers with data-driven financial decisions. It streamlines recordkeeping with a TurboTax-like format and enhances financial literacy through workshops and webinars, offering in depth profitability, breakeven, and ROI analyses. The tool helps assess the economic feasibility of adopting integrated pest management strategies, promoting smarter investments. Additionally, it supports growers in setting profitable pricing strategies based on breakeven analyses, boosting market access, and improving long-term financial outcomes for their farms. Interested in joining to our ongoing webinars and workshops? Join our mailing list to access upcoming webinars and workshops! Scan the QR code in the flyer.

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>

