

SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

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Calendar of Events



SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
-	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2 6:30 Ripley Wranglers Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 2:00 Shooting Sports Meeting	22 7:30 4-H Board Meeting	23 7:00 Extension Board Meeting	24	25	26	27 Ripley Wrangler Mum Pick Up
28	29	30				

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



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH



Extension - 4-H Youth
Development



2025 Fair Results

All results from our livestock shows and exhibit hall projects will be put into fair entry after they are judged so that you can go online and see them!



Steps:

1. Go to Purdue Extension - Ripley County Home
2. Scroll down to "4-H results" and click on the link.

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Ripley County Extension Board

The Next Extension board meeting is September 23rd at 7:00Pm in the Extension office conference room.

Due to term limits, the Ripley County Extension board has 2 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 and Shelby Township.

Completion Shirts Available for Purchase

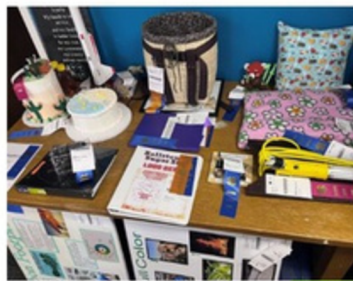
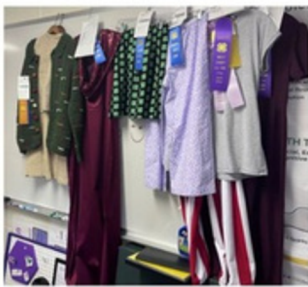
Didn't get your 100% completion shirt? We have plenty more in the office that are \$10 each. Sizes remaining range from size L to 4X! While supplies last.





STATE FAIR PROJECT PICK UP

OUR OFFICE IS OPEN FROM
8AM-4PM, MONDAY - FRIDAY
TO PICK UP ALL PROJECTS!



PLEASE PICKUP ASAP

Projects Pick Up!

We have several State and County fair projects left that are ready to be picked up. The Extension Office is open 8AM-4PM weekdays. Please contact the extension office with questions.



4-H Auction Checks

4-H Auction checks are now available for pick-up at the extension office! **YOU MUST BRING THANK YOU CARDS FOR ALL YOUR BUYERS!** Thank you cards should be stamped and ready to send. Checks are only valid for 120 days from when they are written, so will be void on December 20th. Be sure to pick them up soon!

**AUCTION CHECKS ARE
READY FOR PICK-UP!**

**MAKE SURE TO BRING
THANK YOU CARDS
WITH YOU FOR YOUR
BUYER!**

(we have addresses if needed)



Ripley County 4-H Newsletter

Thank You Letter 101



Our 4-H fair could not happen without the help and support of our sponsors.

We ask that you please take the time to write a thank you note to the people who sponsored your Awards and Banners. In addition you must bring in a thank you note with you to the extension office to pick-up your Auction Check. An email will be sent out when Auction Checks are available for pick-up.

If you're not sure who sponsored one of your awards or who purchased your animal, please contact the extension office, and we can provide you with the name and address.



ANATOMY OF A GOOD THANK YOU LETTER

Why write thank you letters?

- To give buyers recognition for their support of the program.
- To thank them for their support of your project.
- To show you care and are willing to go the extra mile.
- To make a connection even after the show ring.

Make your greeting respectful and personalized.

Dear Mr. Smith,

I would like to thank you for helping to support the Anywhere County 4-H and FFA Livestock Auction and for buying my lamb. Your support means a great deal to me personally and to the 4-H and FFA programs.

Thank them for their support of the program and specifically for their support of your project.

Share a little about yourself and what their support will help with.

I am a junior in high school this year, and the money that I receive from your purchase will go towards purchasing a livestock project for next year, and helping to pay for college.

Thank them again, close with a respectful salutation and sign your first and last name.

Once again, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Bob Johnson

Hand sign the letter!



Other things to remember:

- Use nice stationery or a notecard and handwrite your message.
- Use your best handwriting and proofread for spelling errors.
- Mail the thank you or hand deliver it, but be sure that it is received in a timely manner.

Ripley County 4-H Newsletter

Summer Fun Recap



4-H Round-Up

Ripley county had 4 members attend Round-up, a 3 day camp on Purdue's campus where they met people from across the state and learned about different careers and leadership skills.



SEI 4-H Camp



Ripley county had 45 4-H members attend the Wonderful World of 4-H Camp where the 2025 theme was Disney. 4-H members got to make friends from across SE Indiana, solve puzzles while escaping from Sid's room, learned about a Bug's Life, built a theme park like Phineas and Ferb and so many more fun activities!





Junior Leaders Exchange Trip

This summer, our Jr. Leaders had the exciting opportunity to host delegates from Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, for a week of learning, friendship, and fun here in Indiana. The trip gave youth from both counties an opportunity to experience new places, share traditions, and build lifelong connections.

The week kicked off with a warm welcome fish fry. County Day highlighted the rich history and culture of Ripley County with visits to the Milan 54 Museum, Osgood Museum, and Ripley County Historical Society. The group enjoyed lunch and outdoor activities at Versailles State Park, as well as a presentation from Jason and Mandy Hughes. Later, everyone enjoyed a round of putt-putt golf at Delaware Campground.

The adventure continued with a trip to Holiday World & Splashing Safari. That evening, the group traveled to Marengo Caves, settled into their cabins, and ended the night with a campfire. The next day brought a mix of natural wonder and adventure. After a guided cave tour at Marengo, the group headed out for a kayaking trip.

The week wouldn't be complete without a visit to Indianapolis, featuring stops at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the Indianapolis Children's Museum, and ending with cheering on the Indians at Victory Field.

The exchange trip was a memorable experience filled with new friendships, cultural sharing, and lots of fun. We are grateful to all the families, volunteers, and community partners who helped make the trip possible.



Ripley County 4-H Newsletter

Shooting Sports 2025-2026



Ripley County Shooting Sports



Gun & Archery 2025-2026

Date	Location	Time	
August 10, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
September 21, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
October 5, 2025	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
November	No Meeting	NA	
December	No Meeting	NA	
January 11, 2026	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
February 15, 2026	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
March 8, 2026	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
April 12, 2026	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
May 17, 2026	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns
June 14, 2026	Sunman Fish & Game	2:00-4:00 PM	Archery & Guns

*Contest and Family Fun Day: July 11th, 2026
Time: Noon-4pm @ Coon Hunters Lodge*

Shooting Sports Leaders

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Instagram: @ripleycountypurdueextension

Please tag us or share any photos
and videos from the week with the
extension office!



Make Sure to Check Out Our Website!



Ripley County 4-H Newsletter



RIPLEY WRANGLERS 2025-2026 CLUB CALENDAR

Updates will be added throughout the year to our calendar.

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

*Did you know.. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SHOW A HORSE TO BE IN
THE RIPLEY WRANGLERS 4-H HORSE AND PONY CLUB?
Come see what we have to offer, ALL4-Hers ARE WELCOME!*

September 2, 2025- CLUB MEETING- Horse Barn- Welcome New Members, After Fair Review, Mum Order Recap, Sign up for Demonstrations and Calendar and Paperwork Passed Out.

September 27, 2025- MUM PICK UP: Watch for details to be posted!

October 7, 2025- CLUB MEETING- Horse Barn- Officer Nominations Open Up, 4-H Enrollment Online, Brainstorm ideas for Philanthropy in the Winter. **Demonstrations:**

November 4, 2025- CLUB MEETING- Horse Barn- **FINAL** date for Officer Nominations, Poinsettia Sale and Christmas Party Info, Fair Show Bill Recommendations, Ribbon or Medallions.

December 7, 2025- 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 1, 2026- 4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT ENDS: Please make sure you ENROLL on <http://v2.4honline.com> for this year before the new year! You can add projects through the end of May.

January 6, 2026- CLUB MEETING- Extension Office- Explanation of Folders and Club Paperwork **Demonstrations:**

January 2026- Ripley Wranglers Philanthropy Fundraiser: Details to Come!

February 3, 2026- CLUB MEETING- Extension Office- **Demonstrations:**

March 3, 2026- CLUB MEETING- Extension Office- **Demonstrations:**

April 7, 2026- CLUB MEETING- Horse Barn- Vaccine Clinic TBD **Demonstrations:**

May 5, 2026- CLUB MEETING- Horse Barn- **Work Detail**, Barn/Stall Clean Up, 1st of 3 Safety Meetings **Demonstrations:**

June 3, 2026- CLUB MEETING- Horse Barn 2nd of 3 Safety Meetings, Area 1 4-H Prep, STALL RESERVATION, STALL FEES AND FAIR SHOWBILL DUE! **Demonstrations:**

July 2, 2026 CLUB MEETING- Horse Barn- Pre-Fair Meeting: ENCOURAGED to ATTEND!! Last of 3 Safety Meetings, Fair Week Prep and Job Duty Sign Up. **Demonstrations:**

July 2026- FAIR ENTRY ENROLLMENT: (Watch for dates to be posted) Please make sure you ENROLL ALL OF THE PROJECTS AND CLASSES YOU WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN AT FAIR on www.fairentry.com.

July 17-24, 2026- 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:

Greg Bonfer (812)621.1015, Jason Young 812.212.7662,

Sarah Young 812.212.1405 and Monica Hansen (812)756.0200.

Ripley County HHS Newsletter



YOUTH WORKER CAFÉ

Ripley County

Rooted Resilience: Tools for Burnout Prevention

Sept. 18, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. EST

Southeastern Indiana YMCA
30 IN-129 S
Batesville, IN 47006

Register at iyi.org or
scan the QR Code



MarketReady Producer Training



September 18, 2025 • 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. ET
Purdue Extension - Decatur County office
545 S. County Road 200 W., Greensburg, Indiana
Lunch will be included.
Cost: \$75

MarketReady is a program that helps local food producers prepare for selling to wholesale markets. The program focuses on business skills needed to meet the expectations of potential buyers. Producers will learn about product quality, food safety, insurance/managing risks, marketing and more. The program will include a panel of wholesale buyers.



Secure your spot today! Registration is limited to the first 30 participants.
<https://cvent.me/myAXlr>



If you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out.
Sarah Hanson - sspeedy@purdue.edu or 765-543-1230
Christopher Fogle - foglec@purdue.edu or 812-663-8388

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If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact Sarah Hanson prior to the meeting at 765-543-1230 and sspeedy@purdue.edu by September 9, 2025.



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Adolescent Substance Use: What can parents do?

Date: Monday, September 29, 2025

Time: 6:00PM

Location: Southeastern Indiana YMCA

30 State Road 129, Batesville, IN

Topics Include:

Adolescent Substance Use: Overview and Intervention/Prevention

Adolescent Characteristics and Association with Substance Use

Adolescents' Close Relationships and Associations with Substance Use

Availability of and Access to Substances

Come learn from a program developed by faculty and students in the Biobehavioral Development Laboratory at Purdue University.

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