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## *Trips and Fundraisers*

This is the monthly newsletter with forms... trip application form and fundraiser forms. It's an opportunity to look ahead to warmer weather with flowers and summer camps. We hope you're excited about it as one helps the other! The fundraisers help offset trips and 4-H fair expenses, so every tomato you buy and every t-shirt you purchase is a direct investment in our 4-H kids! We ask that these be turned into us by April 15th with monies.

Middle School and High School trip applications are due April 15th also. 4-H Camp, for 4-H'ers grades 3-6, is open and registration takes place in 4HOnline, due May 1st.

If you have any questions regarding either one of these things, please give the office a call at 668-1000 x1400 and we will be happy to help you.

## STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H |

### *A look ahead at important dates:*

**March 6** - 4-H Camp Counselor Training

**March 8** - Steuben County 4-H Horse & Pony Tack Auction

**March 8** - Northeast Indiana Youth Art Gala

**March 8** - Indiana 4-H STEM Showcase at the Indiana State Museum

**March 10** - Quality Livestock Care Class

**March 12** - Buffalo Wild Wings Fund Raiser

**March 13** - Jr Leader Etiquette Dinner

**March 28-30** - 4-H Teen Leadership Weekend

**April 1** - Cultural Immersion & Teen Teaching Applications for Bethel, Alaska, Due

**April 13** - Beef, Dairy Beef, and Dairy Cross Beef ID, 1-3 PM

**April 15** - 4-H Trip Applications Due

**April 15** - Fundraiser Packets & Sponsorship Due

**April 15** - 4-H Camp Counselor Training

**April 27** - Horse and Pony Vaccination Clinic & Measurement, 1-3 pm

**May 1** - 4-H Camp Registration Due in 4HOnline

**May 4** - Sheep, Goat, and Feeder Calf ID

**May 15** - Animal ID Due in 4HOnline

**May 19** - 4-H Camp Counselor Training

**May 30** - 4-H Record Sheets Due

**June 4** - FairEntry Due for All Projects, Showmanship Classes, and Auction Intents

**June 4-6** - Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp

**June 11-13** - 4-H Academy at Purdue

**June 20-26** - Steuben County 4-H Fair

**June 22-24** - 4-H Band/Chorus at Purdue

**June 23-25** - 4-H Round-up at Purdue

**August 1-17** - Indiana State Fair

## *Think Spring - March 20th*



## Club, Committee, and Board Happenings



**4-H Bit and Bridle**—The club will meet on March 3 at 7 pm. Subsequent indoor meetings will be April 7, and November 3. May, June, September & October will be at the fairgrounds.

**4-H Explorers**—The next club meeting will be March 20, at 1:30 PM at the Extension Office. Other meetings will be April 10, May 8 and June 12.

**Flint Arrows**—The next club meeting will meet March 16 at the Salem Fire Station at 1 PM. Subsequent meetings will be April 27 and June 8 (no May meeting).

### **Fremont Ready Willing and**

**Able**—The next meeting will be on March 5 at 5 pm at the Fremont Public Library. Subsequent meetings will be April 2 and May 7.

**Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers**—If you know an individual who would make a great 4-H club leader, please contact the office. *The club will not meet again until a leader is secured.*

**Lucky Ducks**—The next club meeting will be March 11 at 6:30 pm in the Community Center. Subsequent meetings will be April 8, May 13 and June 10.

**Orland Creative Kids**—The club will meet at Holden's Home (5365 W Bachelor Rd) this year. Meetings start at 4 pm on March 2, April 6, May 4 and June 1. Please text @4689h82 to the number 81010 to receive reminder messages.

**Otsego Go-Getters**—The club will meet March 17 at 6 pm at the Steuben Community Center. Subsequent meetings will be on April 28 and May 19. We'll be helping with Mini 4-H meetings this year!

**The Conquerors**—If you know an individual who would make a great club leader, please contact the office. *The club will not meet until a leader is secured.*

**Tiny Clovers Mini 4-H**—We will meet on March 17 from 5:30-7 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room. Subsequent meetings will be April 28 and May 19.

**Jr. Leaders**—Dress-up Etiquette Dinner at Caruso's - March 13, 6 PM, Caruso's Restaurant. RSVP to Katie

**4-H Fair Board**—The next meeting will take place March 10 at 7 PM in the Board Room.

### **This is Us**

Steuben County 4-H is committed to creating a diverse, equitable, and accessible environment for all members, past, present, and future.

### **Special Accommodations**

If you are in need of special accommodations for any and all 4-H or Purdue Extension programs and events, please call the Extension Office to give reasonable notices of the accommodations needed.



## Steuben County 4H

**Wednesday, March 12**

**5-9PM**

**Dine-in & Carryout**

Angola Buffalo Wild Wings® will donate 10% of food sales back to your organization.  
(Not valid on web or third-party delivery orders.  
Not including tax, gratuity, alcohol or promotional discounts).



**BUFFALO  
WILD  
WINGS**



# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Orland Creative Kids, 4 PM, Holden Home	3 Bit and Bridle Club 7pm, Board Room Barn Quilts, 5:30 PM, MP Room	4 Barn Quilts, 5:30 PM, MP Room	5 Fremont RW&A 5 PM, Fremont Library	6 4-H Poultry Wksp, 6 PM, Board Room 4-H Camp Counselor Training, 5:30 PM, Allen County FG	7	8 Tack Auction, Set up 1 PM, Auction 3:30 PM Event Center
9	10 QLC, 5:30 PM, Ext Office Fair Board, 7 PM, Ext Office	11 Lucky Ducks, 6:30 PM, Board Room	12 Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser, 5-9 PM	13 Jr Leaders, 6 PM, Caruso's Macrame Wall Hanging, 5:30, DeKalb or LaGrange	14	15
16 Flint Arrows 1 PM, Salem Fire Station	17 Mini 4-H, 5:30 PM, MP Room Otsego Go-Getters, 6 PM, Pillar Room	18	19	20 4-H Explorers 1:30 PM, Board Room	21	22
23	24 Const & Architectural Replica Wksp, 5:30 PM, Board Room	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					





## Jr. Leaders: Grades 6-12

All middle school and high school youth can join this great group of kids who seek opportunities beyond normal club work. This group does community service, leadership activities, and plans 4-H events that benefit the rest of the membership. Jr. Leaders meet once per month.

**March** - Dress-up etiquette dinner at Caruso's - March 13 at 6 PM. RSVP to Katie

**April** - need to coordinate with another county about bowling together

**May** - sign up for Pork Stand shifts and identify 4-H Faceoff ideas

**August** - were considering a cultural trip to Indy or Chicago

If you want to help with Mini 4-H this year, just show up! Meetings are 5:30-7 pm on 3/17, 4/28, and 5/19 in the Multi-Purpose Room.



## Best Wishes, Scholarship Applicants!

These teens applied for Indiana 4-H Scholarships. Review and potential interviews will happen this spring!

- Nadia Cline - Accomplishment in Civic Engagement
- Laken Mosier - Accomplishment in Premier Achievement, Premier Civic Engagement, and Premier Leadership
- Emily Skinner, Accomplishment in Civic Engagement

## Help Needed!

While many volunteers stay with us for years, when a volunteer signs on, they are only making a one year commitment that can be renewed or declined each year. Some volunteers don't even volunteer for a year...they volunteer in an "episodic" role where they help with a one-time project or a few weeks max. The volunteer year aligns with the youth program year, so each fall/winter, we ask volunteers to re-enroll in 4-H. If you haven't given 4-H volunteerism a try, consider these opportunities below. If after a year (or your episodic experience), you decide the role isn't for you, that's okay!

### Club Leader Vacancies

- Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers
- Bit & Bridle Assistant
- Otsego Go-Getters Assistant
- The Conquerors

### Project Vacancies

- .22 Rifle, training held April 4-6 and/or Sept. 5-7, 2025 (to take over Brian Thomas's position in 2026)
- 4-H Resume
- Air Rifle, training held in April
- Communications
- Genealogy (Pending)
- Small Engines
- Woodworking

### One Time or "Episodic" Needs

- Record Sheet replacement workshops related to 4-H projects
- 4-H Camp Chaperones - one night or multiple
- 4-H Academy Chaperones - 2 nights
- 4-H Round-up Chaperones - 2 nights
- Pork Stand Help (during the fair)
- 4-H Fair Office Help (during the fair)

## Want to be a part of a once-in-a-lifetime trip?

Travel 3,300 miles from home to explore the tundra of Bethel and the majesty of Anchorage in Alaska. The team is looking for enthusiastic teen teachers (curriculum provided) and cultural embracers. Only 3-4 DeKalb and Steuben County 4-H members get to go.

Applications are due in the Extension Office on/before ~~May 1, 2025~~.

April 1, 2025  
due to airline prices!



**Dates:** July 27-August 3, 2025

**Grades:** 9-12

**Cost:** \$600



Purdue University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.



## Important Dates for 2025:

April 13, 2025, 1-3 pm, County Park  
Beef and Dairy Beef ID

April 27, 2025, 1-3 pm, County Park  
Horse & Pony Vaccination Clinic and Measurement

May 4, 2025, times vary, County Park  
Feeder Calf, Sheep, and Goat ID

May 15, 2025  
Animal ID Due (v2.4online.com)

May 30, 2025  
Record Sheets Due  
(drop off at the Extension Office or email)

June 4, 2025  
Project Add/Drop Due (by phone or email)  
IN 4-H Quality Livestock Care (or online YQCA) Due  
FairEntry Selections Due  
(steubencountyindiana.fairentry.com)

June 20-26, 2025  
Steuben County 4-H Fair

August 1-17, 2025  
Indiana State Fair



**NORTHEAST INDIANA YOUTH ART GALA**  
HOSTED BY PURDUE EXTENSION

**MARCH 8  
1:00-4:00 PM  
CHECK-IN AT NOON**

Whether you are new to art, an amateur artist, or aim to be a professional artist, a great way to build your portfolio is to exhibit art to your peers and professionals in the industry. Our goal is to give youth the skills and knowledge on how to pursue a career in the art world successfully!

**GROUP REGISTRATION**  
<https://bit.ly/GroupNEINArtGala>

**INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION**  
<https://bit.ly/IndNEINArtGala>

**PRIZES FOR WINNERS**  
GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES  
LOCATION: PURDUE UNIV. FORT WAYNE  
REGISTER BY MARCH 3

PURDUE UNIVERSITY Extension - 4-H Youth Development EA/EQU.

## Monthly Creation Workshops Offered In DeKalb and LaGrange Counties

Open to 4-H members and non-members alike, these monthly workshops can serve as interest builders, date nights for parents, and ways to meet other kids in our community around a unique content area.

- Thursday, March 13, 5:30-7:30 pm - Macrame Wall Hanging, Auburn or LaGrange, register at <https://bit.ly/MacrameSTEAM25> by March 6
- Thursday, April 10, 5:30-7:30 pm - Dissection, Auburn or LaGrange, register at <https://bit.ly/Fish2025> by April 3
- Thursday, May 8, 5:30-7:30 pm - Charcuterie with Mom (or another loved one), Auburn or LaGrange, register at <https://bit.ly/charcuterie25> by April 25

Pre-registration and a registration fee will accompany each workshop so that we can secure supplies for all participants.



**April 16**  
4-H Consumer Clothing & Sewing Workshop  
6-7 PM  
Community Center  
Will Serve as Record Sheet Replacement





## Congrats to these Steuben County 4-H Camp Counselors

Emmy Cline, Dana Gardener, Bo Hurraw, Jagger Hurraw, Shelby Kasten, Caleb McMullen, Laken Mosier, Katie Ridenour, Addison Shough, Emily Skinner, Jacob Thrush, Tyler Thrush, and Harlee Wise

## STAR Bank Scholarship

STAR Financial Bank is investing in the “future of agriculture” through five \$1,000 college scholarships. This opportunity is available to juniors, seniors, and current college students who will attend school next year. Apply on/before April 21 with a 250 (or less) word essay at <https://www.starfinancial.com/star-future-of-agriculture-scholarship>



## 4-H Tassels for 2025 Graduates

Soon-to-be 4-H grads, Indiana 4-H wants to hear about your 4-H experience! Please complete a survey to capture the culmination and impact of your 4-H activities. Information from your survey will be used to feature you as a 4-H graduating member for the county via newsletters, bulletin boards, social media posts, etc. Those who complete the survey will receive a 4-H graduation tassel. [Tassels are for caps. The cords for gowns will be coming later!]

4-H helps young people get involved in their communities, mentor others, and develop character traits that will serve them in all they do. According to the Indiana 4-H class of 2024,

- 93% have the ability and desire to give back to others
- 96% try to live up to the values of respect, responsibility, honesty, kindness, and generosity
- 94% believe they are on their way to a happy and healthy future







## Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program, Required for Many

Those exhibiting **cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine** must complete an annual animal care certification. In-person Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care sessions cost \$3 per person. Online national Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certificates (\$12) will also be accepted. Please send Linda a copy of your online certificate upon completion. Youth are welcome to attend one of the courses below OR you may complete YQCA online. Both will be honored and accepted at the Steuben County 4-H Fair as well as the Indiana State Fair. RSVP for in-person Steuben County certifications at <https://2025SteubenQLC.4honline.com>. If you are unable to take the certification course in Steuben County and do not wish to take the YQCA training online, you may attend in any county. Classes in other counties (LaGrange and DeKalb) can be viewed in the Events tab in 4HOnline as they become available.

**INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE**  
<https://2025SteubenQLC.4honline.com>  
*in Steuben County*

Day	Date	Time	Location
MON.	JAN. 6	9:30 AM	Hamilton Town Hall
TUES.	JAN. 21	5:30 PM	Extension Office
MON.	FEB. 10	5:30 PM	Extension Office
MON.	FEB. 17	10 AM	Angola Library, Lower Level
MON.	MAR. 10	5:30 PM	Extension Office

**2025 ID DAYS**

**Beef Cattle and Dairy Beef:**  
Sunday, April 13, 1-3 pm

**Horse and Pony (vaccination clinic + measurement):** Sunday, April 27, 1-3 pm

**Feeder Calves:** Sunday, May 4, 1-3 pm

**Sheep/Goats:** Sunday, May 4, 2-4 pm

## Animal ID Letters Mid March

All of our Animal ID letters have been prepped. We're just waiting on a few volunteers to finish up their 4HOnline enrollment, then they will be ready to mail! Our plan is to mail them in mid-March. If you're curious about the Animal ID requirements for 2025, visit the 4-H Landing Page (<https://bit.ly/4hlandingpage>) to download the chart. Swine ear tags are ready for pick-up anytime!

## State Fair Livestock Schedules are out!

Find there here:

<https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/livestock/livestock-show-schedule>

**Save The Date**

**STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY TACK AUCTION**

TACK +  
LIVE AUCTION +  
SILENT AUCTION +  
DELICIOUS CONCESSIONS +

**March 8, 2025**

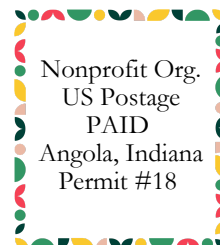
DOORS OPEN AT 3:30 PM  
AUCTION TO START AT 4:30 PM

STEUBEN COUNTY EVENT CENTER  
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Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service  
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STEUBEN COUNTY  
4-H**

**ORDERS DUE BY  
APRIL 15TH**



## STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H FUND\*RAISER

Sell a combined  
total of any **10 items**  
listed below, and  
your 4-H program  
fees will be  
reimbursed!



- \* any soap sale product \*
- \* planter/hanging basket \*
- \* flower flat \* t-shirt \*