

Special points of interest:

- Enrollment Opens October 1st
- 4-H Fair Board Elections
- Volunteers for the new year request
- Rule Change Voting
- Friend of 4-H
- New 4-H Educator

New Adventures Await...

The 2025 - 2026 4-H year is quickly approaching with open enrollment starting on OCTOBER 1st! Hooray! Each year brings an opportunity to explore different interests and/or dive deeper into your current passion projects. Have you started to set new goals for the upcoming year? Don't worry if your answer is no, I will let you in on a secret... there's still time! Remember that there are so many people rooting for you to succeed, so let's take some time to explore the topic of SMART goals on pages 3 & 4 to help prepare you for the upcoming season. May the upcoming year be one of the best yet!

Kirby

STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H |

A look ahead at important dates:

September 1: Extension Office Closed

September 8: 4-H Celebration Social and Annual
4-H Fair Board Meeting (member
election); First Reading of the
Suggested Rule Changes

September 20: Items for Oct. Newsletter Due

September 22-28: Dekalb Co. Free Fall Fair

October 1: New 4-H Year! 4-H Enrollment Opens

October 5-11: National 4-H Week

October 13: Extension Office Closed

October 20: Items for Nov./Dec. Newsletter Due

October 20: Fair Board Meeting; 2nd Reading of the
Suggested Rule Changes and Vote

**OCTOBER 1
4-H ENROLLMENT
OPENS**



Club, Committee, and Board Happenings



Stop, Hold Your Horses!

Please contact 4-H Educator, Kirby Douglass, to confirm your commitment of being a club leader for the 2025-2026 4-H Year!
(Include club meeting information if possible)

douglakj@purdue.edu

Current Club information is as follows:

4-H Bit and Bridle

Meets at the Steuben County Community Center on the first Monday of the month.

Lucky Ducks

Meets at the Steuben County Community Center on the 1st Tuesday of the month

4-H Explorers

Meets at the Steuben County Community Center on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Orland Creative Kids

Meets at the Orland Community Center on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Flint Arrows

Meets at the Salem Center Volunteer Fire Station on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Otsego Go-Getters

Meets at Stoy Farms on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Fremont Ready, Willing and Able

Meets in Fremont at the Perry Family Home on the 2nd or 3rd Sunday of the month.

The Conquerors

Potential club leader starting in the new year... details to come.

Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers

Meets at the Hamilton Town Hall

Tine Clovers, Mini 4-H

Meets at the Steuben County Community Center on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

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.



2025-2026

Fair Board Meetings

9/8/2025

10/20/2025

11/10/2025

12/8/2025

1/12/2026

2/9/2026

3/9/2026

4/13/2026

5/11/2026

6/8/2026

7/13/2026

8/10/2026

9/14/2026 Annual Meeting



SMART GOALS |

Turn your dreams into goals!

INITIAL GOAL

Think of a goal that you would like to meet!

Example: I want to read more!

S Specific

Who? What? When? Where? Give details!

Example: I want to read one chapter book each month until the end of the school year.

M Measurable

How will I track my progress toward my goal?

Something tangible!

Example: I can keep a list of books that I have read.

A Achievable

What skills are needed to achieve this goal?

Do I have the skills needed?

Example: I can calculate the number of pages I need to read each day to stay on track. Definitely achievable!

R Relevant

Why am I setting this goal?

What purpose does this goal serve in my life?

Example: I enjoy reading and my class visits the library 1x a month.

T Time-bound

By what date do I want to complete this goal?

Try to be as specific as possible!

Example: I want to continue this goal until the end of the current school year.

SMART GOAL

What does your goal look like now that you have applied the principles of a SMART goal?

Example: I want to read 1 chapter book each month until the end of the current school year and will track my progress by keeping a list.

SMART GOALS |

*Try
it***INITIAL
GOAL****S** *Specific***M** *Measurable***A** *Achievable***R** *Relevant***T** *Time-bound***SMART
GOAL**

Earning merit ribbons at the Indiana State Fair is a big deal! Here are the merits earned by our non-animal (static) exhibitors:

Anaiah Smith - Garden Education; Vet. Science;
Woodworking; Photography; Foods, Baked

Audrey Grate - Tomato Plate

Carter Bryan - Beekeeping

Caylee Beard - Rabbit Poster

Clarah Smith - Creative Writing

Emily Skelly - Genealogy

Isaac Sanders - Sewing Construction

Isaiah Smith - Construction and Architectural Replica;
Geology; Electric

Jane Singleton - Cake Decorating

Jonah Smith - Photography; Woodworking

Karli Sattison - Child Development

Levi Springar - Forestry

Logan Sattison - Woodworking

Lydia Wilhelm - Sewing Construction

Nadia Cline - Cat Poster

Raegan Wright - Tomato Plate

Sawyer Boszor - Arts and Crafts



All Indiana State Fair results can be found on the Indiana 4-H website at:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/fair/fair-results.html>

If you have not picked up your State Fair project yet, please do so right away. We will hold them until September 15th. After that, we will repurpose or dispose of them!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR INDIANA STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS!

Showing livestock at the Indiana State Fair is a huge undertaking! Check out the results from our livestock exhibitors:

Beef Cattle

Harlee Henney - Reserve Grand Champion Senior Beef
Showman (Supreme Finalist)

Lexi Schworm - 5th Overall Senior Beef Showman

Dairy Cattle

Cade Bachelor - 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 5th, 5th; Champion
Senior Showmanship, Jersey Breed



Champion Showman, Reserve Supreme
Champion Dairy Showman

Dairy Goats

Cam Weible - 2nd, Showmanship participant

Elijah Weible - 2nd, 3rd, 3rd, 7th, Showmanship Participant

Maddy Weible - 12th, 7th Showmanship

Meghan Rice - 4th, Showmanship Participant

Tysen Weible - 1st, 6th, Reserve Champion Jr. Doe,
Showmanship Participant

Sheep

Dana Gardner - 10th, 11th, 17th, Participant

Drake Gardner - 5th, 6th

Corbin Gardner - 12th, 15th

Swine

Corbin Gardener - Participant x2

Jalynn Quaderer - Participant x3

Lexi Schworm - Participant x2

Macy Mortensen - 3rd, 3rd, Participant

Maddox Quaderer - Participant x3

Taylor Schworm - Participant x2

STEBEN
COUNTY
4-H'ERS

JUNE

Save the Date

19-25

2026
STEBEN COUNTY 4-H FAIR

2025 Steuben County Friend of 4-H

Joanna Claudy

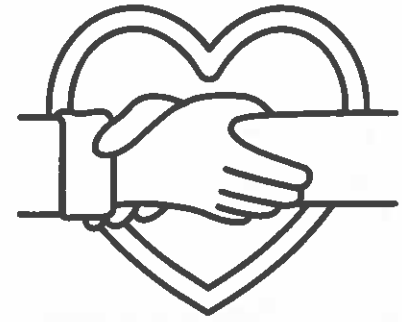
Joanna has been a volunteer in the 4-H Program for 10 years now. Her main passion is being superintendent of the Poultry project, but she is also superintendent of the Cat, Animal Education and Creative Arts projects! Joanna serves on the 4-H Fair Board and maintains the treasurer's position for the board. She also serves on multiple 4-H committees throughout the year.

This past year she worked part-time in the Extension Office to help out and did an excellent job with all the social media before, during, and after the 4-H Fair. Thank you so much to Joanna for all that she does for Steuben County 4-H!

Congratulations!



*Steuben County 4-H
Volunteers Rock!*



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

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
- 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)



Beyond Steuben County...


WILDERNESS SKILLS DAY CAMP

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025
9:00AM-3:00PM


Open to any youth in grades 3-7

Location: Camp Whitley
4305 W Camp Whitley Rd.
Columbia City, IN

COST: \$20

Learn More Here: 

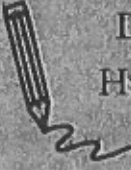
MORE INFORMATION: PURDUE EXTENSION WHITLEY COUNTY (260) 244-7615



OCTOBER 11, 2025
Livestock Skillathon Career Development Event
Register by September 19th!

OCTOBER 18, 2025
Soil Judging Career Development Event
Huntington University

DECEMBER 13, 2025
Entomology, Forestry, & Crops Career Development Event
Boone County Fairgrounds



Don't let fear prevent you from pursuing some amazing opportunities!

Open Beef Show

Saturday, October 11, 2025
12 Noon

Randolph Co. Fairgrounds
Winchester, IN



Judge: Scott Burks



- Entry Fee: \$40 per head
- Prospect Heifers (2025) Shown by breed
- Breeding Heifers (2024) Shown by breed
- Prospect Steers (800 lb. limit) Shown by breed
- Must be 4 of a breed to make a breed class. Less than 4 will be in AOB class.
- Exhibitors tying outside the barn must clean up bedding, no bedding will be provided
- Cattle may arrive anytime beginning Friday, Oct. 10
- Entries close at 9:00 AM Saturday, Oct. 11

**EVERY
Class Winner
\$100**

Class Winner \$100

Grand/Reserve Prospect Heifer \$300/\$200
Grand/Reserve Breeding Heifer \$200/\$100
Grand/Reserve Prospect Steer \$300/\$200

Check out the
*State Line
Smackdown*
October 12th
Van Vert, OH
Just a short drive for a
Sunday show!



Show Information:
Roger Gough – 765-748-5032
Dan Dawson – 765-749-9810
Mark DeHaven – 765-914-4300

Concessions available on grounds.
Randolph Inn and Suites – 765-584-8281

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF...




NAME:

Kirby Douglass



MEET MY FAMILY!

My husband, Ethan,
and I have been
together for 10.5 years!

Last year, we
welcomed the most
precious babe into our
lives, Maeve, our
daughter. 

I have a soft
spot for
animals! $\frac{2}{3}$ of
our animals
showed up one
day and decided
to call us home.



Monte



Sadie



Sophie

LIFELONG 4-H'ER!



10 year member of
Williams County
4-H. I took full

advantage of the 4-H
program! Some of my
favorite activities/projects are
below:

Dairy Goats WLC
Camp Palmer
Ohio State Fair Small Animal
Swine Jr. Fair Board
Cooking/Baking
Photography Food Board
National Congress



EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION

I am starting my 5th year working with Extension!
For the past 4 years, I was the 4-H coordinator
for McDonald County in SW MO! I have also
previously been summer 4-H staff with Ohio 4-H.

Alumna of The University of Findlay!



Animal Science
&
Human Resource Management



RANDOM FACTS !

I grew up in an old school

My first name is
generational. I am #5.

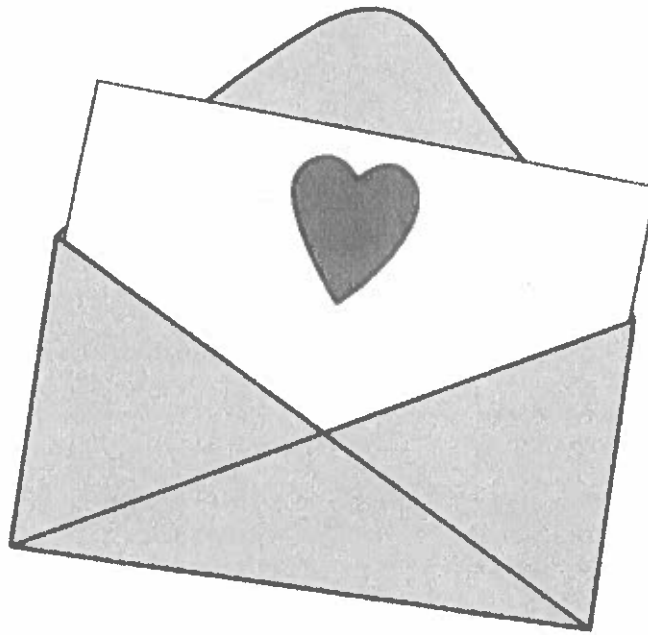
I love to kayak/canoe.

Cooking is my jam!



Lemon is one of my fav. flavors!

LET'S CELEBRATE LINDA



Last day is September 26th!

Shower Linda with well wishes and a card before she retires after 36 years of service! She is one in a million, so let's make her feel that way!



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Enrollment opens October 1st!

**Challenge: Bring/invite at least 1 new friend to your
4-H Club meeting this year!**