- Ir. Leaders
- State Opportunities
- Scholarships
- Enrollment is Open!
- Volunteer Help Needed
- Monthly Creation Workshops
- Approved Rule Changes
- Quality Livestock Care
- Record Sheet Replacement Workshops



While November should feel pretty relaxing as we prepare to roll from Fall into Winter, sometimes November brings stresses. Elections, upcoming holidays, semester grade reports, winter sports tryouts, and more. We have had a lot going on at the Extension Office, too. While we are thoroughly enjoying all that November and December have to offer in regards to programming, we're also ready for the quiet retreat of time off during the holiday season. Wherever you find yourself this winter, we hope it's relaxing, full of memory-making, and a winter to cherish. Spend time with friends. Enjoy meals with family. Chat with your neighbors before it gets too cold to be outside. Snuggle up to a good movie. Enjoy warm mugs of hot chocolate. Read a good book. Text someone you haven't ran into in a while. Be good to yourself, and be the good in the world.





Enrollment is always open at v2.4honline.com

# A look ahead at important dates:

November 5 - Office Closed, Election Day

November 8 - Pie Baking Workshop, Preregistration required

November 11 - Office Closed, Veterans Day

November 12-21 - Barn Quilt Creation

Workshop Series

**November 14** - State Purdue CARET

Conference, Beck Center

November 18 - Fair Board

November 28-29 - Extension Office Closed

November 29-December 2 - National 4-H

Congress

November 29-December 15 - TSC Paper

Clover Sales

**December 19** - Candy, Candles, and Cards

Workshop, Pre-registration required

December 23-27 - Office Closed for

University Recess

December 31-January 1 - Office Closed, New Year's

January 25 - Indiana 4-H Scholarships Due

January 28 - Woodworking Workshop, Preregistration required

February 8, 15, & 22 - Beekeeping for Beginners

February 11 - Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse

**February 15** - Consumer Decision Making and

Kitchen Skill-a-thon Competitions

February 18 - New Member Workshop

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

March 28-30 - 4-H Teen Leadership Weekend

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

August 1-17, 2025 - Indiana State Fair





## Club, Committee, and Board Happenings



4-H Bit and Bridle—The club schedule will be set at the Council meeting on 11/13. Stay tuned!
4-H Explorers—The club will not meet again until January. Meeting dates have changed to 2nd Thursday, 1:30-3 PM, Jan 9, Feb 13, March 20, April 10, May 8 & June 12.

Flint Arrows—The club will not meet again until January. Meeting dates include Jan 19, Feb 16, March 16, April 27, no May meeting, & June 8.

#### Fremont Ready Willing and

<u>Able</u>—If you know an individual who would make a great 4-H club leader, please contact Tami! The club will not meet again until a leader is secured.

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

<u>Lucky Ducks</u>—The next club meeting will be December 10 at 6:30 pm in the Community Center. We'll be hearing from our local teens who travelled to Alaska during the summer.

Orland Creative Kids—The club will meet at Holden's Home (5365 W Bachelor Rd) this year, Jan 12, Feb 2, March 2, April 6, May 4 & June 1, 4-5 PM. Please text @4689h82 to the number 81010 to begin receiving Remind messages.

Otsego Go-Getters—New Location! Club meeting dates have been set for Jan 27, Feb 24, March 17, April 28 & May 19, 6-7 PM at the Steuben Community Center. We'll be helping with Mini 4-H meetings this year!

The Conquerors—If you know an individual who would make a great 4-H club leader, please contact Tami! The club will not meet again until a leader is secured.

Tiny Clovers Mini 4-H—Dates have been set, but meetings won't begin until enrollment wraps up in January. All K-2nd grade youth are invited to participate!

Jr. Leaders—We will meet on Tuesday, November 19, 6:30-8 pm, in the Board Room to learn about homelessness in our community. On Tuesday, December 3, 5:30-8 pm, we'll do our annual Christmas Adoption Shopping and taco bar. Can't wait! Everyone in grades 6-12 in welcome to attend!

4-H Fair Board—The next 4-H Fair Board Meetings will take place on November 18 and December 9 at 7 PM in the Board Room.

<u>Programs/Publicity Committee</u> - We will meet December 9 at 6 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.



### Spring Job for Current Purdue Students

Do you know a Purdue student who is looking for a job this spring? The Indiana 4-H Office is hiring student interns to assist our state staff with office tasks. The positions will last January-May and will be based out of the State 4-H Office on Purdue's Campus. Additional details will be provided during interviews. If you are passionate about 4-H and are available to work 10 hours per week during the spring semester, then they want to talk to you! If you are interested, please submit a cover letter and resume to Brad Myers at myers114@purdue.edu by December 1, 2024.

### Mini 4-H Meeting Dates Set for 2025!

Miss Elizabeth is already on it for next year! Mini 4-H meetings will take place on the following dates (mostly the 4th Monday of the month, but two are slightly different). We'll meet 5:30-7 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Steuben Community Center (lower level, end of the hall) with all interested youth in K-2nd grade for fun and educational evenings!

- Monday, January 27, 2025
- Monday, February 24, 2025
- Monday, March 17, 2025 (earlier due to Spring Break)
- Monday, April 28, 2025
- Monday, May 19, 2025 (earlier due to Memorial Day)





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 TSC Paper Clover Sales run through December 15! →	2	Jr. Leader Christ- mas Adoption Shopping 5:30- 8pm, Walmart and Extension Office	4	5 Registration closes for Candy, Candles, and Cards Creation Workshop	6	7
8	9 Programs/ Publicity 6pm, Board Room 4-H Fair Board Meeting 7pm, Board Room	10 Lucky Ducks 4- H Club 6:30pm, Board Room	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Candy, Candles, and Cards Crea- tion Workshop 5:30-7:30pm, Board Room	20	21
22	23 Extension Office Closed	24 Extension Office Closed	25 Extension Office Closed	26 Extension Office Closed	27 Extension Office Closed	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.

#### Jr. Leader Spotlight:

In October, the Jr. Leaders capitalized on an Indiana 4-H YES (Youth Engaged in Service) grant where they purchased the supplies and packed 100 birthday bags for Fremont Youth and Community Outreach, a local food pantry, so under-resourced kids could still celebrate without incurring a financial burden. Way to go, crew!





## Tuesday, November 19, 6:30-8 pm, Board Room -

Does Homelessness exist here? Learn about from a local expert!

Tuesday, December 3, 5:30-8 pm, Walmart and Extension Office - Christmas Adoption Shopping and Carry-in Taco Bar; meet at Walmart at 5:30 pm; we'll shop for 45-60 minutes and then head to the office for a taco bar and gift wrapping

**Tuesday, January 21, Board Room** - We'll make plans for the New Member Workshop and more!

**Tuesday, February 18, Board Room** - Brief Meeting and New Member Workshop

Notify Tami if you want to help with Mini 4-H this year. Meetings will be 5:30-7 pm on 1/27, 2/24, 3/17, 4/28, and 5/19 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

## New Trip for Teens: 4-H Teen Leadership Weekend

A new 4-H Teen Leadership Weekend event will occur Friday, March 28 - Sunday, March 30, 2025, at Camp Tecumseh near Brookston. This new event is designed for Junior Leaders and other 4-H teens. This new event will replace the former State 4-H Junior Leader Conference held in June. More information will be forthcoming. In order for this to be a recurring annual event, there must be at least 125 youth and 16 adult chaperone participants. If you think this is for you, block these dates on your calendar.



## State Drone/UAV Competition March 15, 2025

This year's 4-H Statewide Drone/UAV Contest is scheduled for March 15, 2025 and will be held at the Madison County Fairgrounds in Alexandria, IN. Entries from 4-H members in grades 5-12 are welcome. Similar to last year, a small number of "loaner" drones are available. Please contact Tami if you need to borrow one. Before requesting a loaner drone, please make sure that your calendar is clear for the contest date and you have adequate transportation. After you enroll in 4-H for the year, sign up at 2025DroneUAVComp.4honline.com

The first reading of the 2024-2025 rule changes took place September 9th at the Steuben County 4-H Fair Board Meeting. The reading was simply held to check for clarity. Voting for approval or disapproval of the suggestions took place Monday, October 21 at 7 pm as part of the regular business meeting of the 4-H Fair Board.

## <u>APPROVED</u> 4-H Fair Book Rule Improvements/Changes for Steuben County 4-H, 2024-2025

Please note: Some rules and requirements may change in the Fair Book at the request of greater entities, such as the Indiana Board of Animal Health and the Indiana 4-H Staff. Simply reviewing rule changes posted in the newsletter is not sufficient. Each 4-H member is responsible for reading rules that pertain to them when the 2025 Fair Books are posted.

#### Mini 4-H

·Split Goat into Dairy Goat and Meat/Pygmy Goat to align with FairEntry.

#### All Static Projects (per 10/7 email from State 4-H)

·Add: Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be used, with parent permission, when creating this exhibit and is to be documented as a reference. A majority of the work to create this exhibit is to be the 4-H member's original work.

#### Collections

·Add: Include the previous year's collection list, if applicable.

#### **All Animal Projects**

·Add Mini 4-H to the show class orders.

#### Beef

- Page 121, exhibit requirement #2: Update to say, "Registration papers must be presented at 4-H fair livestock check-in.
- ·Update the Show Class Order to reflect that Dairy Beef will show before Beef (Dairy Beef, Dairy Cross Beef, Beef, Showmanship).

#### **Dairy**

·Add: Grade dairy cattle will be shown with registered dairy cattle in their respective breed classes.

#### **Dairy Beef**

- ·Add the Beef Show Class Order to reflect when the Dairy Beef will show and all of the classes that will show between Dairy Beef and the showmanship divisions in which Dairy Beef can participate (Dairy Beef, Dairy Cross Beef, Beef, Showmanship).
- ·Update page 126, exhibit requirement #3: Animals must be purebred.

#### Add Dairy Cross Beef as Project.

·Add the Show Class Order (Dairy Beef, Dairy Cross Beef, if passed, Beef, Showmanship).

Description: The 4-H Dairy Cross Beef project provides youth with a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops skills in nutrition, health care, and animal husbandry. Responsibility, goal setting, record keeping, problem solving, personal safety, disease prevention, and decision making are just a few of the many life skills gained in 4-H animal projects.

State Fair: All animals for State Fair entry must be properly identified and enrolled. State Fair entry runs March 1-July 1 at the lowest cost with increased department fees July 2-July 31 and an additional increase August 1 through the day of show.

#### HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR CATTLE EXHIBITION

- 1.See general requirements for all species.
- 2. Cattle from Indiana do not need a brucellosis test or a tuberculosis test for exhibition in Indiana.
- 3. The following cattle from outside the state must test negative for tuberculosis within 60 days prior to the date of arrival to the exhibition:
- a. Cattle from states that are not designated tuberculosis free by the U.S. Department of Agriculture must meet additional requirements for entry into Indiana. Contact the Indiana Board of Animal Health for specific information.
- b. Cattle from outside the state do not need a brucellosis test as long as the state of origin is classified as brucellosis free by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- c. All cattle, including Indiana cattle, that are to be offered for sale at an exhibition must have necessary testing and other requirements completed within 30 days prior to the sale date.
- 4.No cattle may be exhibited that are showing signs of warts or ringworm.



#### EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS:

- 1.All 4-H general rules and livestock rules apply.
- 2.It is mandatory for all animals to be at the spring ID day on the stated date and time and properly identified via 4HOnline
- (https://v2.4honline.com). Animals will be weighed, ear-tagged, and screened. If necessary, alternate arrangements can be requested in advance.
- 3.Members may enroll 10 steers (beef and dairy combination) and show two dairy cross steers. Classification guidelines:
- a. Animals can be a dairy breed crossed with one of the seven recognized dairy breeds or a dairy breed crossed with a beef breed.
- b. Animals must exhibit dairy breed characteristics of one of the following breeds: Ayrshire, Black and White Holstein, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, and Red and White Holstein.
- 4.Steers must be dehorned.
- 5. Classes will be determined by weight.
- Animals not broke to lead or with questionable behavior will be screened for show at time of Fair weigh-in. Beef and Dairy Beef superintendents will make the final determination of questionable behavior of the animal at the fair.
- 7. Showmanship is not required, but it is highly encouraged. Beef, Dairy Beef, and Dairy Cross Beef members will show against one another in Finished Calf Showmanship Classes.
- 8. Dairy Cross Beef Members must indicate their auction intent to the project superintendent at check-in.
- 9.All pens will be assigned by the superintendent with those members in attendance at pre-fair clean-up and set-up getting first preference.
- 10. During the fair animals are to be double tied with a halter and a neck rope. There are to be no chains around the animal's neck. Animals must be tied short enough that they are not in the walkways.
- 11.Each 4-H member must have divider gate no longer than eight feet to separate their animals from those belonging to others. This is especially important if on an open end and/or near an aisle.
  - The Clean Pen Award will be awarded at the discretion of the superintendent.
- 13. Submit a 4-H Beef Record Sheet to the Extension Office on/before the last business day of May.

#### DAIRY CROSS BEEF RATE-OF-GAIN CONTEST

- 1. Animal must be weighed in at the Spring ID day and shown at the Fair.
- Awards given in this project, if exhibits are deemed worthy by the judge:
- a. Grade ribbons (Honor/Yellow, Blue, Red, White) for all exhibits
- b. 1 Champion ribbon (purple) and 1 Reserve Champion ribbon (pink) for EACH weight division (if there is more than 1 division)
- c. 1 overall Grand Champion award and 1 overall Reserve Grand Champion award for the entire project
- d. 1 Champion ribbon (purple) for Showmanship in EACH division; all other participants should receive a Participation ribbon

#### Feeder Calf

·Update page 130, Exhibit requirement #3: Dairy Feeder Calves must exhibit dairy breed characteristics of one of the following breeds: Ayrshire, Black and White Holstein, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, and Red and White Holstein. Dairy Cross calves can be a dairy breed crossed with one of the seven recognized dairy breeds or a dairy breed crossed with a beef breed.

#### **Poultry**

- Remove #6 under Exhibit Requirements regarding meat pens as it is duplicated in the Meat Production exhibit requirements.
- Move the "Meat Production" section so that it comes before the "Egg Production" section.

#### Large and Small Animal Supreme Showmanship

- Should a tie occur during the Supreme Showmanship Contest, the tie will be broken using the following steps:
- oThe participant ranked in first place in the most number of supreme showmanship species classes during the current year's contest will be the winner.
- oShould there be a tie for the number of first place rankings, the participant ranked in second place in the most number of supreme showmanship species classes during the current year's contest will be the winner.
- oThis ranking strategy will continue with third rankings, fourth rankings, etc. until a single winner is identified.

Additional (first reading was 10/21, second reading will be 11/18):

General Livestock: Livestock discrepancies are subject to review of a committee.



#### Before You Meet with Youth...

or make decisions on behalf of 4-H, you need to be an approved 4-H volunteer! Although you may have been an approved volunteer in 2023-2024, with the opening of 2024-2025 enrollment, we need all volunteers to re-enroll ASAP. This is both for your protection and the protection of the young people with whom you work. This re-enrollment, which includes watching the training videos, also enacts your insurance coverage which will be helpful if you get hurt or injured in your volunteer role.

## Indiana 4-H Scholarships

In partnership with the Indiana 4-H Foundation, the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program annually awards more than \$150,000.00 in scholarships to 4-H members to pursue post-secondary education. Scholarships are awarded to recognize youth participating in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program on their achievements and life skill development resulting from their participation in a variety of 4-H experiences." Youth in grades 10-12 can apply for Indiana 4-H scholarships which are due January 25th in 4HOnline. Consider working on them now before we get too close to the holidays! https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html

## INDIANA 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

# IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START!

**LEARN MORE AT bit.ly/4hscholarship** 





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## Indiana 4-H Enrollment Opened October 1st!

All 4-H members and adult volunteers must re-enroll annually. Go to v2.4honline.com anytime to re-enroll. The Extension Office is happy to help you with the re-enrollment process! Let us know how we can help and/or what projects need further explanation.

## 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**

- Fremont Ready, Willing & Able
- Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers
- Bit & Bridle Assistant
- Lucky Ducks (to take over after Amber finishes)
- Otsego Go-Getters Assistant
- The Conquerors
- Mini 4-H Assistant
- Jr. Leaders

#### **Project Vacancies**

- .22 Rifle, training held in April (to take over Brian Thomas's position in 2026)
- · Air Rifle, training held in April
- Ca
- Genealogy
- Goats (we plan to split Dairy and Meat/Pygmy responsibilities)
- Scrapbooking
- 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



## Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse February 11, 2025

Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse is a civic engagement opportunity during which 7th-12th grade 4-H'ers learn about our state government. Participants will tour the state house, meet representatives, and have the opportunity to serve as student pages. Visit purdue.ag/4hstatehouse to learn more and reach out to Tami at mosier@purdue.edu before registering in 4HOnline (v2.4honline.com, Events tab; or directly at 4HStatehouse2025.4honline.com) so we can make transportation arrangements. Registration and \$25 (day only) or \$50 (if staying overnight) is due on/before January 15th!



## Save the Dates for our 2024-2025 Monthly Creation Workshops!

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, December 19, 5:30-7:30 pm Candy,
   Candles, & Cards, Extension Kitchen and Board Room
- Tuesday, January 28, 5:30-7:30 pm Woodworking, Board Room
- Thursday, February 13, 5:30-7:30 pm Canvas Painting, Board Room
- Thursday, March 13, 5:30-7:30 pm Macrame Wall Hanging, Board Room
- Thursday, April 10, 5:30-7:30 pm Dissection, Board Room
- Thursday, May 8, 5:30-7:30 pm Charcuterie with Mom (or another loved one), Extension Kitchen

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



## Two Contests on Campus: Consumer Decision Making & Kitchen Skill-a-thon

**Grades 9-12:** During the Consumer Decision Making Contest, youth will judge four classes of products (ie. backpacks, sunglasses, etc.) and rank the items 1-4. They will then give reasons on two of those classes to articulate why they chose one backpack over another, for example. This contest not only exposes youth to smart shopping, but it also works to improve their communication skills.

Grades 6-8: The Kitchen Skill-a-thon contest will consist of four identification stations including small appliances, kitchen equipment/tools, herbs/spices, and kitchen hazards/safety; a written test and a skills demonstration. For the Skills Demonstration, participants can practice, and receive feedback from a judge, on an assigned kitchen/cooking type skill (measuring dry/wet ingredients, knife selection, table setting, etc.). All materials will be provided.

Both contests will take place on February 15th at Purdue University. If you know an interested young person, or if you want to help "coach" a team through some smart shopping, please reach out to Tami at mosier@purdue.edu or 260-668-1000 Ext. 1400. Study guides and resources are provided. Tami would love to send a carload of youth to West Lafayette!

https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/career-development-events







## Two Birds, One Stone!

There is no school at MSD, Fremont, and Prairie Heights on 2/17, so join Tami for QLC certification **PLUS** knock out one record sheet by attending an all-species workshop at the Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County! Pick the ONE species of our choice. Bring a snack or pack a lunch. QLC will run 10-11:15ish. The all-species workshop will run 11:45ish-1.

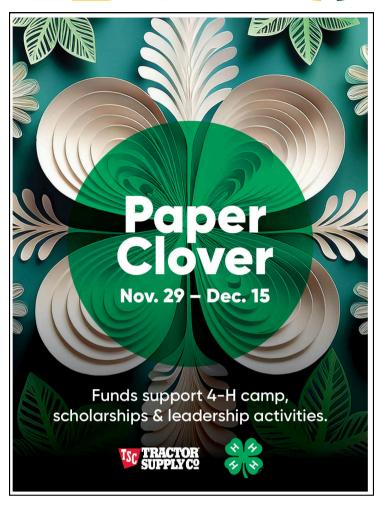
## Record Sheet Replacement Workshops

**Photography** - February 4, 6-7 pm, Board Room **Any ONE specie** - February 17, 11:45ish-1 pm (see QLC above), Public Library in Angola

### 2024 4-H Fair Photos

It looks like all of the 2024 photos have been posted! You can view them by visiting: choicephotography.webmate.me/gallery Choose 2024 Steuben County 4-H Fair. Password: steuben4h2024

**New to 4-H?** Check out what fair week looks like for a lot of kids!



### Make a Small Impact Locally

ANYONE can serve as a Committee Member, so if being on the 4-H Fair Board isn't your tempo yet, we invite you to volunteer on the Grounds Committee, help plan the fair schedule with Programs/Publicity, select the flowers with our Annual Fundraiser Committee, and more! You DO NOT have to be a 4-H Fair Board Member to influence what happens in 4-H locally, in both big and small ways. Apply to be a 4-H volunteer today! You can now apply directly in 4HOnline (v2.4honline.com)!

#### In Other Extension News:

- Save the Date! The Ag Women Engage Conference will be held February 12-13, 2025 in Fort Wayne.
- The National Career Development Association sponsors an annual Poetry and Art Contest for youth and adults. Submit on/before February 20 at https://bit.ly/NCDAcontest2025. Learn more at https://ncda.org/aws/NCDA/pt/sp/ncdmonth
- 2025 Purdue Extension Master Gardener Course scheduled for February 27 through April 10, Thursdays Stay tuned for more details later.



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