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- Monthly Creation Workshops

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Enrollment is Open!

I have no idea how it's October and time to re-enroll, but October is here and 4HOnline is awaiting your enrollment! Summer seemed to pass by a decent cadence for me, but the fall has literally zipped by, flashing before my eyes! This is my favorite time of year with all of the festive changes to the season. I long for more bonfires and sweater weather, so I'm going to hold on to as much fall and Friday night football games as I can. Soon enough, we'll be shivering in the bleachers as we welcome yet another change in the seasons. I hope you are enjoying your Indiana fall!

On a more serious note, we are looking for volunteers to fill several very important roles, and there's a new way to become a new volunteer! Instead of stopping by for paper copies (which is totally still an option), you can actually apply to be a volunteer as you are enrolling your kids in 4HOnline this year. The application is now embedded in the 4HOnline Adult Volunteer profile. Check out the opportunities listed on page 3. You can call to chat about them, email me, stop by, or just apply electronically in 4HOnline. We want this to be easy and meaningful for you so you can foster a meaningful experience for local youth.

Tami ✿

STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H | 
Enrollment is always open at v2.4honline.com

A look ahead at important dates:

October 1 - 4-H Enrollment Opens at v2.4honline.com

October 2 - Area XI Purdue CARET Meeting

October 2-November 5 - Casey's (the gas station) will donate \$1 from every large pizza sold

October 14 - Office Closed, Columbus Day

October 21 - Programs/Publicity Committee Meeting

October 21 - 2nd Reading of the Suggested Rule Changes and 4-H Fair Board Vote\

October 26 - Indiana 4-H Scholarship Luncheon

October 28 - Purdue Extension Board Annual Meeting

November 1-2 - Rooted & Resilient Homesteading Conference, Kendallville

November 5 - Office Closed, Election Day

November 8 - Pie Baking Workshop, Pre-registration required

November 11 - Office Closed, Veterans Day

November 12-21 - Barn Quilt Creation Workshop Series

November 14 - State Purdue CARET Conference, Beck Center

November 28-29 - Extension Office Closed

November 29-December 2 - National 4-H Congress

December 19 - Candy, Candles, and Cards Workshop, Pre-registration required

January 25 - Indiana 4-H Scholarships Due

January 28 - Woodworking Workshop, Pre-registration required

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 will meet October 7th at 7 PM at the Community Center

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—Stay tuned for 2024-2025 meeting dates!

Fremont Ready Willing and Able—Stay tuned for 2024-2025 meeting dates!

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.

Lucky Ducks—The next club meeting will be November 12th at 6:30 pm in the Community Center.

Orland Creative Kids—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 21, Feb 11, March 17, April 21 & May 19, 6-7 PM at the Steuben Community Center.

The Conquerors—Stay tuned for 2024-2025 meeting dates!

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, October 22nd, 6:30-8 pm, in the Board Room to work on our YES! Grant which will allow us to prepare approximately 100 birthday bags for the food pantry. Everyone in grades 6-12 is welcome to attend and help with this service project!

4-H Fair Board—The next 4-H Fair Board Meeting will take place on October 21 at 7 PM in the Board Room. This will include the second reading of the suggest rule changes and voting. Please enroll in 4HOnline before this meeting!

Programs/Publicity Committee - We will meet October 21 at 6 PM in the Board Room to work on the June 2025 fair schedule and delegate tasks.

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.



JUNE

Save the Date

20-26

2025
STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H FAIR

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)



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.

2024 4-H Fair Photos

Although all the photos are not up yet, you can view Friday through Monday of the fair. You can view them by visiting choicephotography.webmate.me/gallery. Choose 2024 Steuben County 4-H Fair. Password: steuben4h2024

Indiana 4-H Scholarships

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>

In Other Extension News:

- On October 18, Reba will be at the YMCA to talk about Fall Garden Clean-up. Call for the exact time.
- A Nutrient Management Workshop for Category 14, PARP, and CCA credits will be offered November 7th, 9am-2pm in the Allen County Extension Office. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by 10/31 by calling 260-481-6826.
- Noble REMC members can request a voucher for 4-H program fees that appears as a credit on your bill. Noble REMC Members can call the co-op to inquire.
- Save the Date! The Ag Women Engage Conference will be held February 12-13, 2025 in Fort Wayne.
- 2025 Purdue Extension Master Gardener Course scheduled for February 27 through April 10, Thursdays. Stay tuned for more details later.

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

- Air Rifle, training held in April
- Cat
- 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



2024 Friend of 4-H

We are very happy to share that Marc and Robbie Nelson were named the 2024 Friend of 4-H! The Nelson's are deeply rooted in Steuben County 4-H and have given their time from the depths of their hearts year after year. Every year they call the office to see what roles have not yet been filled, and they are quick to fill them. They don't wait to be asked to help; they just offer, expecting absolutely nothing in return. We are so grateful for Marc and Robbie, Steuben County residents with hearts of gold!



2024-2025 Rule Changes

Suggested rule changes are published here in this newsletter. The 2nd reading/vote will take place at the October 21st Fair Board meeting at 7 PM as a part of the regular business meeting. All those who submitted a rule change, or a like minded representative, must be present for the rule change to be considered. 4-H Fair Board meetings are open to the public, and we encourage you to attend if you have thoughts or opinions on the rule changes.



**HAPPY FALL,
Y'ALL!**

4-H Fair Board Members

The local 4-H program is governed by a local board, and the members below serve as the directors and officers who provide the order and structure of our program. In Steuben County, we have a 22 member board with 5 representatives, Past President, the 4-H Educator, and 15 elected members. We invite you to reach out to them as needs arise! Each member is listed below with the year in which their term ends. Congrats to Melissa Henney, Fred Hostetler, Ty Knox, Allie Tadsen, and Dylan Weisenfelder, who were just elected last month as new members.

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| • Rick Shipe, County Council Rep. (may change in January) | • Gary Shough, 2025 |
| • Ken Shelton, County Commissioner Rep. (may change in January) | • Sara Smith, 2025 |
| • Jen Betts, 4-H Club Leader/Project Super | • John Wagner, President, 2025 |
| • Liz Gasaway, 4-H Club Leader/Project Super | • Mike Beard, 2026 |
| • Scott Swartz, County Park Super | • Lindsay Clark, 2026 |
| • Tami Mosier, 4-H Educator | • Kyle Stockwell, 2026 |
| • Stacy Bachelor, 2025 | • Jena Stuckey, Secretary, 2026 |
| • Joanna Claudy, Treasurer, 2025 | • Melissa Springar, 2026 |
| | • Melissa Henney, 2027 |
| | • Fred Hostetler, 2027 |
| | • Ty Knox, Vice President, 2027 |
| | • Allie Tadsen, 2027 |
| | • Dylan Weisenfelder, 2027 |

ANYONE can serve as a Committee Member, so if being on the 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. Apply to be a 4-H volunteer today!

Google Grant: AI Teens as Teachers

If you are a teen who is really interested in Artificial Intelligence (AI), consider the upcoming Teens as Teachers opportunity on the West Lafayette campus on November 2nd. We don't have a lot of details yet, but if this piques your interest, be sure to notify Tami of your interest by emailing mosier@purdue.edu.

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 will take place Monday, October 21 at 7 pm as part of the regular business meeting of the 4-H Fair Board. All those submitting a rule change (or a like-minded representative) must be present October 21st in order for the rule change to be considered.

Suggested 4-H Fair Book Rule Improvements/Changes **for Steuben County 4-H, 2024-2025**

Please note: The suggested rules listed below are only suggestions at this point, offered by community individuals. Final rule changes will be posted in the November newsletter. In addition, 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, if passed, 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, if passed, 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 five 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 160, Exhibit requirement #3, first sentence: 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.

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.

General Showmanship

· Add: The top 3 individuals in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior showmanship divisions of each species will be awarded (award TBD). Award ideas include: 2nd and 3rd place rosette ribbons or 8"x10" banners. Donors to be sought in the annual trophy/award sponsorship mailing. If approved, the awards section of each species will need updated.

Large and Small Animal Supreme Showmanship

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

Register by Oct. 21! 

<https://bit.ly/barnquiltcreation2024>



Barn Quilt

CREATION WORKSHOP

Create your own colorful, geometric 2x2' masterpiece to hang on a barn, a home, or a business.

Boards, primer, tape, brushes, and up to 4 paint colors will be available for participants.



Workshop Dates:

Tuesday, November 12: 5:30-7:30 pm (2 hours)
 Thursday, November 14: 5:30-7 pm (1.5 hours)
 Tuesday, November 19: 5:30-7 pm (1.5 hours)
 Thursday, November 21: 5:30-7 pm (1.5 hours)

Workshop Location:

Steuben Community Center
 317 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN



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ROOTED AND RESILIENT:

Homesteading Conference

GATHERING HOMESTEAD SKILLS FOR FAMILIES

NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2024

COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
 401 E DIAMOND STREET, KENDALVILLE, INDIANA

Friday, November 1

Check-in
9AM

Welcome
9:30AM

Hands-on Workshops to include:

- Cooking with Herbs & Spices
- Edible Flowers
- Pressure Canning Chicken and Making Bone Broth
- Intro to Beekeeping
- Farm Equipment and Animal Safety
- Poultry Processing
- Goat Milking and Husbandry
- Manure Utilization
- Farm Stress
- Farm to Yarn: Fiber and Natural Dyes
- Seed Saving and Storage
- Chainsaw Safety and Tree Felling
- Maple Syrup
- Ergonomic Tools with Agability
- Tree Pruning

Saturday, November 2

Check-in
7:45AM

Welcome
8AM

Hands-on Workshops to include:

- Kids' Trek
- Animal Dissection, Archery, Art with Natural Dyes,
- Dairy Foods and Ice Cream Making,
- Livestock Husbandry and Harvesting
- Homesteading 101: The Gateway Topics
- Homestead Security and Preparedness Foods
- Sourdough Baking and Benefits, Dehydration,
- Making Pies from Scratch
- Animal Science
- Large & Small Ruminant Livestock Management
- Livestock Necropsy & Health Problems,
- Hay and Forages, Swine Management,
- Best Practices for Poultry Management
- Gardening/Soil Science
- Gardening 101, Soil Sciences in the Garden,
- Starting Raised Beds from Scratch, Invasive Species,
- Tower Gardening, Composting/Organic Production,
- Small Fruit Production of Blackberries/Strawberries,
- Business/Economics
- Bookkeeping/Finance Tracking, Insurance,
- Organic Labeling, Zoning/Land Planning Panel
- NRCS Programs for Beginning Farmers
- Farmers Market - Value Added
- Upcycled Denim
- Veteran Farmer Panel



SESSION DETAILS &
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<https://bit.ly/rootedconference2024>

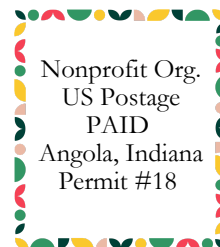
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Sugar, Spice, & Everything PIE!

Calling all young bakers! Join us for a deliciously fun workshop where we'll whip up pies from scratch. Learn how to make flaky crusts, tasty fillings, and get creative with pie decorations! All ingredients provided—just bring your love for baking! Space is limited, so don't miss your chance to join the pie-making fun!

Who: Best suited for 3rd grade and up
When: November 8th, 2024
Where: Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola
Cost: \$10 per participant
Registration Closes: November 1st
Call 260-668-1000 Ext. 1400 to register!



Extension
If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Tami Mosier prior to the workshop at 260-668-1000 Ext. 1400 or mosier@purdue.edu.

EA/EOU

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.

- Friday, November 8, 5-7 pm - Pie Baking, Extension Kitchen
- 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!

