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Farewell, Dear Friends...

As shared via email on 1/30, my last day with Purdue Extension and the Steuben County 4-H Program will be February 14th. It has been an amazing 14 years watching your families grow and develop. I am grateful for every opportunity, and many of your families feel like they have become part of mine.

Linda Bidlack (lbidlack@purdue.edu) will be your main point of contact for 4-H related items, but please recognize that Linda will not be assuming my role as she has her own position requirements to fulfill. The university is working to post my position ASAP. Please be kind to whoever follows me, and please don't expect them to be me. The new 4-H Educator will undoubtedly have different skills, different interests, and a different personality. Please be as gracious with them as you would want someone to be with you. If you want to be helpful during the transition time, consider offering to help fill some of the gaps. Linda has a list of things that will need attention, and several were also listed in my farewell email.

I'm not moving, and my daughter will still be a 4-H member here, so I'll still be within reach. When you see me, please know that inside I'll be feeling like I should hide under a rock but that I'll actually be longing for you to say hello, offer a handshake, or give me a hug. I'm going to miss you far more than you know!

Tami ✿

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

A look ahead at important dates:

February 1 - 4-H Camp Counselor Apps Due

February 8, 15, & 22 - Beekeeping for Beginners

February 10 - Quality Livestock Care Class

February 11 - Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse

February 15 - Consumer Decision Making and Kitchen Skill-a-thon Competitions

February 17 - Quality Livestock Care Class + Record Sheet Replacement Workshop

February 18 - New Member Workshop

February 24 & 25, March 3 & 4 - Barn Quilt Creation Workshop Series

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 28-30 - 4-H Teen Leadership Weekend

April 13 - Beef, Dairy Beef, and Dairy Cross Beef ID, 1-3 pm

April 15 - 4-H Trip Applications Due

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

May 4 - Sheep, Goat, and Feeder Calf ID

May 15 - Animal ID Due in 4HOnline

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





Club, Committee, and Board Happenings



4-H Bit and Bridle—The club will meet on February 3 at 7 pm.

Subsequent indoor meetings will be March 3, April 7, and November 3. May, June, September & October will be at the fairgrounds.

4-H Explorers—The next club meeting will be February 13, 1:30 PM at the Extension Office. Other meetings will be March 20, April 10, May 8 & June 12.

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

Fremont Ready Willing and

Able—Lauren Bryan has completed the volunteer process to become the club's new leader. She plans to meet with the club on February 5th at 5 pm at the Fremont Public Library in the Community Room downstairs. Subsequent meetings will be March 5, 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 February 11 at 6:30 pm in the Community Center. Hope to see you all there.

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

Otsego Go-Getters—The club will meet February 24 at 6 pm at the Steuben Community Center. Subsequent meetings will be March 17, April 28 & 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 February 24, 5:30-7 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Subsequent meetings will be March 17, April 28, and May 19.

Jr. Leaders—We will meet on February 18, 6 PM for the New Member Workshop.

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

Programs/Publicity Committee - We will meet February 10 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.

JUNE

Save the Date

20-26

2025
STEBEN COUNTY 4-H FAIR

Weather Cancellation

Historically, we have followed the schools in regards to cancellation. If one school cancelled, we cancelled. However, with schools offering e-learning days, we think they are quicker to cancel. We certainly care about your safety but want to be mindful that sometimes the fog fades and the snow is cleared by evening. We now use cautious discretion and/or consult with the Sheriff's Department regarding cancellation of Steuben County 4-H programs, activities, events, and meetings.

4-H Fair Food Trucks and Concerts

The 4-H Programs/Publicity Committee is the group that works on the fair schedule and helps coordinate vendors and entertainment. Do you have suggestions for food trucks we should invite? What concerts would you like to hear this year? Please send your suggestions to a 4-H Fair Board Member, or tell your food truck friends and local musicians to reach out! We're open to suggestions and want to host a great fair with delicious food, toe-tapping music, and loads of fun!





February 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Camp Counselor Applications Due
2	3 Bit and Bridle Club 7pm, Board Room	4 Photography Workshop 6-7 pm, Board Room	5	6	7	8 Beekeeping for Beginners 9 am- 12 Noon, Angola Commons Hall
9	10 QLC 5:30 PM, Kitchen 4-H Program/ Publicity 6 pm, Board Room 4-H Fair Board 7pm, Board Room	11 Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse Lucky Ducks 6:30pm, Board Room	12	13 4-H Explorers 1:30pm, Board Room	14	15 Beekeeping for Beginners 9 am- 12 Noon, Angola Commons Hall
16	17 Extension Office Closed QLC 10 am + Livestock Work- shop 11:45 am, Angola Library (pack a lunch)	18 Jr Leaders 6 pm, Board Room New Member Workshop 6:30 pm, Board Room	19	20	21	22 Beekeeping for Beginners 9 am- 12 Noon, Angola Commons Hall
23	24 Mini 4-H 5:30- 7pm, Kitchen Otsego Go-Getters 6pm, Pillar Room Barn Quilts 5:30-8 pm, Multi-Purpose Room	25 Barn Quilts 5:30- 7 pm, Multi- Purpose Room	26	27	28	March 1



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.

Tuesday, February 11, Indy - Several have registered for the Indiana 4-H Statehouse trip. We'll let you know how it went when we return!

Tuesday, February 18, 6-8 pm, Board Room - Arrive at 6 pm to get organized before the 6:30 pm New Member Workshop!

March - need to set date for dress-up etiquette dinner at Caruso's

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 2/24, 3/17, 4/28, and 5/19 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

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

- 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)
- Air Rifle, training held in April
- Cat
- Genealogy
- 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 (2 per county).

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



Dates: July 27-August 3, 2025

Grades: 9-12

Cost: See application

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

Record Sheet Replacement Workshops

Photography - February 4, 6-7 pm, Board Room

Beekeeping - One or all of the "Beekeeping for Beginners" classes, February 8, 15, and 22, Angola Parks Commons Hall, RSVP at bit.ly/BeginnerBees2025

Poultry - State 4-H Poultry Workshop, February 15, 10 am-2 pm, Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds; Pre-register in 4HOnline by 2/14

Any ONE specie - February 17, 11:45ish-1 pm (see QLC above), Public Library in Angola

Sewing/Consumer Clothing - April 16, 6-7 pm, Extension Office



Teen Leadership Weekend

For **only \$50** (and likely less due to Fair Board and/or Jr. Leader sponsorship), you can experience loads of fun and leadership development with fellow youth from around the state. Registration must be initiated by Extension Staff first, so call us to sign up on/before February 28. Teens will have the opportunity to share their voice with leaders in the 4-H program and interact with Indiana 4-H Ambassadors.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Extension - 4-H Youth Development



TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Where: Camp Tecumseh
When: March 28-30
Ages: Grades 7th-12th

Contact your local Purdue Extension Office to learn more and register!

CONFERENCE INFO

The Teen Leadership Weekend is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to build their leadership skills, connect with peers from across the state, and prepare to make a positive impact in their communities. Held annually, this conference is designed for youth in grades 7-12 who are ready to take their leadership journey to the next level. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, interactive team activities, and inspiring sessions led by experienced mentors and fellow 4-H members. With a focus on personal growth, teamwork, and service, the weekend empowers youth to step into leadership roles, develop practical skills, and create lasting memories!



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



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>





BEEKEEPING FOR BEGINNERS

9 AM-12 PM

Experience beekeeping, and learn how to get started with this condensed 3-part series held at the Angola's Commons Hall, 501 S John St, Angola, IN 46703

Youth and Adult Registration:
Visit <https://bit.ly/BeginnerBees2025>




FEBRUARY 8
HISTORY OF BEEKEEPING
WHY KEEP BEES?
BEE VOCABULARY
BEEKEEPING EQUIPMENT
HIVE INHABITANTS
BEEKEEPING OVERVIEW

FEBRUARY 15
HIVE INSTALLATION
SPRING MANAGEMENT
HIVE CHECKS
WHAT IS NORMAL?
PESTS AND DISEASES
SUMMER MANAGEMENT
SWARMS & SUPERS

FEBRUARY 22
LATE SUMMER, FALL, AND WINTER MANAGEMENT
HONEY HARVESTING
HONEY AND BEE PRODUCTS
MARKETING
QUESTIONS AND REVIEW

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Earn Purdue Credit with your 4-H Experience!

*Are you admitted/accepted into Purdue University?
Use your 4-H experience to receive credit for 1st year courses!*

Approved Direct Credit Courses

EDCI 28500 - Multiculturalism and Education (3 Credits)
EDCI 207 - Construction and Textile Lab Management (3 Credits)
HORT 10100 - Fundamentals of Horticulture (3 Credits)

Interested?
Scan here!





Questions? OCP@Purdue.edu | (765)494-2345



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

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

Two Birds, One Stone! ↻

There is no school at MSD, Fremont, and Prairie Heights on 2/17, so join us 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.

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 Coming Soon!

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!

In Other Extension News:

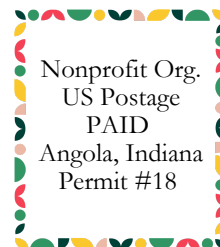
- Dana Stanley will transition to the additional role of Steuben County Extension Director on February 15. You can email her (dlstanle@purdue.edu) or Linda Bidlack (lbidlack@purdue.edu) with Extension programming questions.
- The 2024 Purdue Extension Impact Report is available at extension.purdue.edu/annualreport. Check out how we have collectively improved lives and livelihoods in Indiana.
- 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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**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

Extension - 4-H Youth Development **EA/EOU.**

State Fair Livestock Schedules are out!
Find there here:
<https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/livestock/livestock-show-schedule>

Barn Quilt
CREATION WORKSHOPS

4-SESSION SERIES
STEUBEN COMMUNITY CENTER, 317 S. WAYNE, ANGOLA

Create your own colorful, geometric 2' x 2' 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
Monday, February 24, 5:30-8 pm (2.5 hours)
Tuesday, February 25, 5:30-7 pm (1.5 hours)
Monday, March 3, 5:30-7 pm (1.5 hours)
Tuesday, March 4, 5:30-7 pm (1.5 hours)

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Register at <https://bit.ly/barnquiltcreation2025> on/before February 7, 2025
Registration Fee: \$50