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- Scholarships
- Important Dates
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- Replacement Workshops
- Quality Livestock Care
- ID Days

It's Enrollment Time!

January is here which means enrollments are coming in at a fast pace as the January 15th target dates closes in. Many of you have learned that January 15th isn't a hard and fast deadline as we have no intentions of locking someone out of the program or denying the opportunity to participate in 4-H, but those opting to enroll after January 15th will likely miss things. We'll keep you on the mailing list for another month or so, but then we'll proceed only with our active members for the remainder of 2025. Get those enrollments in this month at v2.4honline.com. Why...? Because of this stuff...



As an organization, we asked the Indiana 4-H class of 2024 to tell us about the impact 4-H has had on their lives and wow, they delivered! According to over 1,000 responses from across the state,

- 96% developed the ability to make choices and control their own actions
- 93% developed a personal commitment to making ethical and just choices
- 94% connected with others
- 92% have become aware of things bigger than themselves that help shape their thoughts and actions

Amazing and wonderful development happens in 4-H, and we don't want you to miss out! More data points can be found in the graduation tassel section of this newsletter, if interested.

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

Tami 

A look ahead at important dates:

January 15 - Target enrollment date!

January 20 - County Holiday

January 22 - Purdue CARET Legislative Luncheon, Indianapolis

January 25 - Indiana 4-H Scholarships Due

January 27 - Extension Board Meeting

January 28 - Woodworking Workshop, Pre-registration required

February 1 - 4-H Camp Counselor Apps Due

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

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

April 15 - 4-H Trip Applications Due

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 club will meet January 9, 1:30-3 pm. Subsequent meetings will be February 13, March 20, April 10, May 8 & June 12.

Flint Arrows—The club will meet January 19 at 1 pm. Subsequent meetings will be February 16, March 16, April 27, no May meeting, & June 8.

Fremont Ready Willing and Able—We have new volunteer working through the 4-H Volunteer Application process, and we think you're going to love her! The club will meet 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 Tami! The club will not meet again until a leader is secured.

Lucky Ducks—The next club meeting will be January 14 at 6:30 pm in the Community Center. We will elect officers, decide our winter activity, and sign up for Mini 4-H meetings as our service project.

Orland Creative Kids—The club will meet at Holden's Home (5365 W Bachelor Rd) this year. Our first meeting will be January 12 at 4 pm. Subsequent meetings will be 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 January 27 at 6 pm at the Steuben

Community Center. Subsequent meetings will be February 24, 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 Tami! The club will not meet until a leader is secured.

Tiny Clovers Mini 4-H—We will meet January 27, 5:30-7 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Subsequent meetings will be February 24, March 17, April 28, and May 19.

Jr. Leaders—We will meet on January 21, 6:30-8 pm. Everyone in grades 6-12 is welcome to attend!

4-H Fair Board—The next meeting will take place January 13 at 7 PM in the Board Room. The subsequent meeting will be February 10.

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.

=Welcome=



**WE'RE SO EXCITED TO WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!
JOIN US FEBRUARY 18TH AT 6:30 PM FOR OUR NEW
MEMBER WORKSHOP. NEW AND SORT-OF-NEW (2ND
AND 3RD YEAR) MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE
WELCOME TO ATTEND. BRING YOUR QUESTIONS!**

January 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Extension Office Closed	2	3	4
5	6 QLC, 9:30am, Hamilton Town Hall Bit and Bridle Club 7pm, Board Room	7	8 Fremont Ready, Willing & Able 5 pm, Fremont Library	9 4-H Explorers 1:30pm, Board Room	10
11					
12 Orland Creative Kids 4pm, Hold- en's Home	13 Vision Commit- tee 6pm, Board Room 4-H Fair Board 7pm, Board Room	14 Fort Wayne Farm Show Lucky Ducks 6:30pm, Board Room	15 Fort Wayne Farm Show 4-H Enrollment Due at v2.4honline.com	16 Fort Wayne Farm Show	17
18					
19 Flint Arrows 1pm	20 Extension Office Closed	21 QLC 5:30pm, Board Room Jr. Leaders 6:30- 8pm, Board Room	22 State Purdue CARET Legisla- tive Luncheon	23	24
25					25 Indiana 4-H Scholarships Due in 4HOnline (grades 10-12)
26	27 Mini 4-H 5:30- 7pm, Multi- Purpose Room Otsego Go-Getters 6pm, Pillar Room Extension Board 6:30pm, Board Room	28 Woodworking Workshop 5:30- 7:30pm, Board Room	29	30	31
					February 1 4-H Camp Coun- selor Applica- tions Due!



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

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

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.

Mini 4-H Meetings

Mini 4-H is for all youth in grades K-2, and we place a large emphasis on literacy and confidence. 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)



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
- 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



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!

4-H Camp Counselors

It's early, but we love 4-H Camp so much that we don't want to keep you in the dark...4-H Camp Counselor applications are ready! They aren't due until February 1st, but why not show your excitement and apply early for the best week of the year! Applications can be found at: <https://bit.ly/4HCampCounselorApplication>



Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp

June 4-6, 2025 - Epworth Forest

Camp Counselors Needed

Applications

- Available Online
- Due on/before February 1 to your County Extension Office



State Drone/UAV Competition

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

Important Dates for 2025:

May 15, 2025

Animal ID Due (v2.4honline.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

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>

YOU STILL HAVE TIME!

**INDIANA 4-H
SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS
DUE JAN. 25**

LEARN MORE AT bit.ly/4hscholarship





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



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.

- 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!

BEEKEEPING FOR BEGINNERS

9 AM-12 PM

COST OF THE ENTIRE SERIES: \$10/ADULT; FREE TO ALL YOUTH

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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Record Sheet Replacement Workshops

Cattle, Swine, Sheep, or Goats - LaGrange County Livestock Clinic + QLC certification, \$10, January 21, 5-8 pm, LaGrange County 4-H Fairgrounds, pre-registration required

Genealogy - January 22, 6:30 pm, Allen County Main Library's Genealogy Department, RSVP to rcclay@purdue.edu

Woodworking - January 28, 5:30-7:30 pm, Board Room, pre-registration and \$10 required

Swine - Showpig Industry Foreign Animal Disease Tabletop, January 30, 9am-4 pm, Fair Oaks Farm, free with online pre-registration

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

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

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 Tami 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	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
TUES. JAN. 21 5:30 PM Extension Office			

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.



2025 ID DAYS

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

Horse and Pony (vaccination clinic):
TBD

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

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



In Other Extension News:

- Reba Wicker, Ag & Natural Resources/Community Development Extension Educator, has served with us for three years, and her last day is 1/10. We send her with well wishes as she begins employment with the Farm Service Agency in Ohio.
- 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 Ag Women Engage Conference will be held February 12-13, 2025 in Fort Wayne. Register at cvent.me/q5G0dw
- 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.

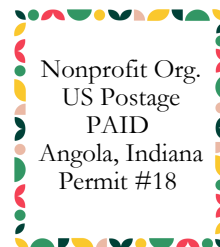




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WOODWORKING WORKSHOP



The Northeast Indiana Woodworkers Association will teach kids how to make their own birdhouse for wrens as youth in grades 3–12 learn to properly use power tools and hand tools in this DIY workshop. There are about 5 species of these little songbirds in Indiana, so let's give them a safe place to land!

Who: Best suited for 3rd grade and up;
adults also welcome!

When: January 28, 2025

Time: 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Where: Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St,
Angola, IN 46703

Cost: \$10 per participant

Registration Closes: January 15, 2025

Register at: <https://bit.ly/woodworking2025>



EA/EOU.

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact mosier@purdue.edu.

**FEEL FREE TO TEST DRIVE ANY CLUB AT ANY TIME!
IF YOUR FRIENDS ARE PART OF A DIFFERENT CLUB
OR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TESTING OUT
ANOTHER ONE, PLEASE DO! WE WANT YOU TO FIND
THE CLUB THAT FEELS LIKE A GOOD FIT FOR YOU!
EACH CLUB IS UNIQUE IN THEIR AMOUNT OF
EDUCATION, SERVICE, AND SOCIAL EVENTS. NOT
SURE WHERE TO START? CALL
TAMI AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE
FOR SOME GUIDANCE ON WHAT
EACH CLUB DOES AND HOW
BIG/SMALL THEY ARE.**



State Fair Livestock Schedules are out!

Find there here:

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