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Warren County 4-H News

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.

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Dear 4-Hers,

Before you know it the 2026 Warren County 4-H Fair will be here! Make sure to identify your animals by **MAY 15th** in 4HOnline. If you add any projects, please let us know so we can get a manual to you if needed.

Below are a few reminders as we get closer to fair:

1. Please review the updated 2026 Warren County 4-H Handbook on our website.
2. If you show Beef, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and/or Swine, sign up for IN 4-H Quality Livestock Care at 2026QLC.4honline.com or for YQCA at yqcaprogram.org. Page 2 has more information.
3. Identify animals in 4HOnline by **May 15** (each animal much say "Active" to qualify)
4. Poultry, Cat & Dog members will need to turn in paper enrollment forms for their animals. Forms will be sent in the mail soon!
5. Lease Agreements and Vaccination Forms are due May 15.
6. DNA Envelopes for Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep and Swine showing at the Indiana State Fair are due May 15th.

We are so excited for this year's fair! Let us know if you have any questions!

Best,

Emily Ade, 4-H Youth Development Educator

We encourage you to stay connected by visiting our website,
www.extension.purdue.edu/warren
and/or our Facebook page,
Purdue Extension Warren County

IMPORTANT DATES FOR VOLUNTEERS

April 9 - 4-H Council Meeting 6:30 pm, Purdue Extension Office Meeting Room

April 14 - 4-H Fair Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Purdue Extension Office Meeting Room

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access university.

INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE PROGRAM

This is a requirement for those exhibiting Beef, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine.

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care will be held in person on the dates listed below. If you cannot make it to one of these dates AND/OR will be showing at a national show where YQCA is required, you may take the YQCA course ONLINE. **You must show me a copy of your YQCA certificate or send me your YQCA certificate by June 1, 2026 so I can mark you as completed for this year.**

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please go to *2026QLC.4honline.com* or log in to your 4-H Online account, go to the Events tab & register for Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care. **(Please do not add anything under the Trainings tab, we will delete it.)** It will ask you which date you will be attending. **The cost of this class is $3 and must be paid via cash or check at the door on the day of your chosen training.** You will not receive your certificate until this fee is paid. The online YQCA class is $12. In order to show at county and state fair, you must have a certificate from either YQCA or the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program. You will not be able to exhibit your animal(s) at the county and/or state fair without one of these certifications.

This year, we will be offering 8 training dates in collaboration with Benton, Fountain & Tippecanoe counties. **Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training dates and locations are below. All trainings will run from 6-7pm.**

1. Tuesday, April 14th at Tippecanoe Co Ext Office.
2. Monday, April 20th at Benton Co Annex.
3. Monday, May 4th at Fountain Co Fairgrounds.
4. Tuesday, May 19th at Warren Co Ext Office.
5. Thursday, May 21st at Tippecanoe Co Ext Office.
6. Thursday, May 28th at Benton Co Annex.
7. Monday, June 1st at Warren Co Ext Office.
8. Thursday, June 4th at Fountain Co Fairgrounds.

LIVESTOCK TRAILERS FOR 2026 WARREN COUNTY FAIR

Livestock trailers will **not** be allowed to park at the Fairgrounds during the 2026 Warren County 4-H Fair. Parking for trailers will be available at the Williamsport Elementary School parking lot on the West side of the building, 206 E Monroe St., Williamsport, IN.

DOG MEMBERS

Meetings will be on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the Coliseum through June 11th. Please be sure to complete the 2026 Dog Vaccination form as soon as possible. The form can be found on the Indiana 4-H website or picked up at the Extension office.

Please Note:
All animal members will be getting an important Animal Newsletter in the mail in April - be on the look out! Your animals will need to be enrolled online by **May 15th! You can enroll your animals at 4Honline.com.** Call the Project Superintendents or the office if you have any questions.

DNA Envelopes are available in the office for Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep and Swine going to the Indiana State Fair. DNA Envelopes are due back to the office by May 15th.

BEEF

Beef ID and weigh in is set for Saturday, April 25th from 8:30 - 10:30am at Greenwood's Vet Clinic. The Beef Newsletter will be sent later this month.

GOAT & SHEEP ID & WEIGH IN

Mark your calendar Saturday, April 25th from 9-11am at the Fairgrounds to get your animals identified and weighed.

SWINE MEMBERS

RFID Tags and Taggers are available at the office for your animals.

This year, we will only have one crossbred gilt & barrow eligible for the Grand Drive instead of having both a lightweight and a heavyweight. The Overall Champion Crossbred gilt and barrow will be selected from champion light and heavy weight crossbreds.

HORSE & PONY MEMBERS

H&P Club meeting and open ride dates:

May 6, May 18, & June 6; all meetings will be held at the Fairgrounds starting at 6 pm and will include a short meeting then open ride.

All H&P animals showing at the fair are required to attend at least 1 open ride for evaluation. All H&P animals must be fully vaccinated per the 4-H guidelines before attending any open ride. You may find the vaccination form on the Extension website listed on page 1 of this newsletter.

POULTRY

All meetings are at 6:30pm at the Purdue Extension Warren County office. March 11th, April 8th, May 13th & June 3rd. NPIP Testing is May 21st at 6pm in the Coliseum.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

LIVESTOCK SET-UP THURSDAY, JUNE 11!

Livestock barn set-up/Fair set-up will be held on Thursday, June 11 starting at 5pm.

4-H PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE

4-H Performing Arts Showcase is a great event designed to allow 4-H members to exhibit their talent in a fun way. Categories include musical, non-musical, and group. Examples of a 4-H Performing Arts act include singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, and performing a funny skit to name a few. A limited number of performances will be invited to perform at 4-H Round –Up and Academy. Participation is open to any 4-H member. Mini 4-H members may be a part of a group act.

Video entries are due by April 29th. Send the link to your unlisted YouTube video to: jlabrell@purdue.edu

4-H DAY CAMP

Do you like making crafts or being out in nature, camping and hiking? You should plan to attend 4-H Camp at Pine Creek. Join 4-Hers from Benton, Fountain, and Tippecanoe counties for a fun filled 3 days before the fair. You should have gotten a camp invite in the mail and via email, go to 4HOnline to register. Registration closes on May 1st.

4-H Camp will look different this year. We have a new location and it will be a day camp where 4-Hers are dropped off each morning and picked up each evening. 4-H Camp will be June 8-10 at Pine Creek Camp. 4-H Camp is open to any student currently in grades 3-6.

The Warren County 4-H Council is offering full or partial scholarships to attend, please contact Emily Ade for an application. Scholarship Applications for Camp are due as soon as possible.

MISS WARREN COUNTY QUEEN

The county queen program provides an incredible opportunity for young women to enhance communication skills they can utilize throughout their lifetime, including interview techniques, gaining confidence in public speaking, and organizing philanthropic activities within the community.

Miss Warren County responsibilities include reigning over fair events, being involved in community service activities throughout the year, and representing Warren County at the Miss Indiana State Fair pageant in January.

To compete, a contestant must be at least 17 years of age by June 1, 2026 and cannot have had her 22nd birthday before June 1, 2026. Each contestant must be a member of at least one worthy organization in her community (4-H, church youth group, Girl Scouts, etc.).

To enter to compete for the title of Miss Warren County Pageant 2026 ask for an application through the Miss Warren County Facebook page or contact Mindy Shoults with any questions, 765-491-6688. **The first meeting is scheduled for May 9th.** Please scan the QR code for more information.

Queen Contest date is set for Monday, June 15th at 7:30pm at the Fairgrounds in the Coliseum.

4-H ACADEMY

4-H Academy @ Purdue is a program held at Purdue University specifically designed to offer hands-on, exciting opportunities to learn about a diverse selection of subjects and careers. During this conference participants will meet and learn from professors, graduate students and other experts in their respective fields and participate in interactive activities and experiential learning. Participants stay in a Purdue University Residence Hall for two nights while exploring the Purdue University campus and meeting 4-H members from across Indiana. 4-H Academy @ Purdue is open to all youth grades 9-12.

- Date: June 10-12, 2026
- Expected workshops (subject to change):
  - Animal Science: Animal Health
  - Unlock the Future with Artificial Intelligence
  - Heroes of Change: Level up your Leadership
  - Food Science
  - Creative Arts: Create your Career
  - Introduction to EMS
  - Natural Resources
  - Plant Sciences: Living Landscapes—Grow, Design, Sustain
  - Show Me the Money
  - The Science of Flight
  - Hack the Dark: Microelectronics Mission

Contact our office for registration assistance.
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4-H ROUND–UP

June 10-12, 2026. Registration now open and is due May 8, contact Emily Ade for registration assistance.

4-H Round-Up is an exciting opportunity offered to youth exiting grades 7 and 8. Attendees have an opportunity to explore a variety of careers by attending classes created just for Round-Up attendees at Purdue University. Participants will get a taste of college life and will live in a Purdue Residence Hall for two nights. Youth have an opportunity to meet others from across the state and further develop their leadership skills. Recreation events are planned in the evenings and blocks of free time allow attendees the opportunity to build friendships on their own. Cost is $250 if registered by May 8th.

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CAKE MIXERS SPARK CLUB

Students in grades 3-6 are invited to join us to learn all about Cake Decorating! We will meet on the following Wednesdays—April 22, April 29 and May 6th from 5-7pm at the Extension Office. Watch your email for more information! You must register to attend through 4HOnline under Events or go to *2026CakeMixers.4honline.com.*

Beef Weigh in & ID
April 25 from 8:30-10:30am
@ Greenwood's Vet Clinic

Sheep & Goat Weigh in & ID
April 25 from 9-11am
@ Fairgrounds

Fairgrounds Clean Up Day
May 3 @ 1 pm
Help the Fair Board complete numerous projects and clean up before the fair!

Primary Election—Office CLOSED
May 5

Animal Enrollment Deadline
May 15

Memorial Day—Office CLOSED
May 25

4-H Day Camp
June 8-10
Grades 3-6
Registration open in 4HOnline!

Livestock Set-up
June 11 @ 5pm

Pre-Fair
June 13

2026 Warren County 4-H Fair
June 15-20

2026 IN State Fair
August 7-23
Closed Mondays

Upcoming 4-H Club Meetings

ALL CLUBS: If your club is not listed, please contact your club leaders for more information.

ADAMS PINE VILLAGERS: Manuals are available for pick up at the Extension Office.

HORSE & PONY CLUB: All meetings are at the Fairgrounds starting at 6pm and will include a short meeting then open ride. Wednesday, May 6, Monday, May 18, & Saturday, June 6.

JR LEADER CLUB: The Jr. Leaders have been busy this winter and spring. Our last meeting in early March we learned to play Euchre with Alan Clark, Jr. Leader Alumni. Mid-March Liam Beheler coordinated a group of Jr. Leaders and Warren Voyagers members in developing a trail and picking up trash at Cicott Park in Independence.

The officers will be meeting soon to plan our May meetings and activities. Be on the watch for more details coming in email.

The Completion Trip is planned for Mammoth Cave & White-Water Rafting July 10-12. Signup is early this year and will be completed thru 4honline at *2026JrLdrTrip.4honline.com*. The total cost for completed Jr. Leader to attend is $75. A deposit of $25 will need to be made by May 1 and the final payment of $50 will be due June 24.
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LIBERTY: Monday, April 13th at the Purdue Extension office at 6:30pm.

MINI 4-H CLUB: Club meetings are at the Extension Office from 6-7:30pm—Monday, April 27 (we will be doing a fun cookie decorating activity!) and Monday, May 18. Save the date for Mini 4-H Day, June 4th!

POULTRY CLUB: All meetings are at 6:30pm at the Purdue Extension Warren County office. March 11th, April 8th, May 13th & June 3rd. NPIP Testing is May 21st at 6pm in the Coliseum.

SHOOTING SPORTS: Range Opportunity dates are in the works, watch your email for more info!

WEST SIDE SIX: West Side Six will have meetings the first Tuesday of the month at the West Lebanon Library from 6-7pm. April 7th, May 5th and June 2nd.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please check out our website to stay current and see our available volunteer opportunities.

- Shooting Sports Instructor (need more volunteers in all specialties)
- Computer Superintendent
- 4-H Council Member
- 4-H Fair Board Member
- Washington Whizzes Club Leader
- Achievement Record Superintendent
- Rabbit Superintendent
- Foods Superintendent