



MAKING THE BEST BETTER

4-H Youth Development Newsletter

Springing into Action: March Brings Exciting Opportunities for Wayne County 4-H!

As March rolls in, so does the promise of new adventures, fresh opportunities, and fun-filled activities for the Wayne County 4-H program! Whether you're looking forward to expanding your skills, meeting new friends, or exploring hands-on projects, this month is packed with exciting events that will get everyone ready for the season ahead.

First up, March is filled with club meetings as well as the start of our shooting sports. Plus, the countdown to the 2025 Wayne County 4-H Fair has begun! We are looking forward to all the interactive activities, contests, and competitions to showcase the talents and creativity of our members.

So, whether you're a seasoned 4-H'er or new to the program, March is the perfect time to get involved, learn something new, and have a blast with the entire 4-H family. Keep reading for all the exciting details on what's happening this month!

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CONTACT THE EDITOR

Have questions about the newsletter or its contents? Want to highlight your 4-H club or 4-H'er for the awesome work they are doing? We'd love to hear from you!
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WHAT'S THE SCOOP

4HONLINE ENROLLMENT

As of March 10, 2025, we have **646 members** enrolled in the 2024-2025 Wayne County 4-H Program!! Thank you for all your efforts to get your own 4-H'ers enrolled while also promoting the program to your family, friends, neighbors and teammates.

There's still time to join 4-H! Please continue to encourage others to enroll in this amazing program. We'd love to have them!

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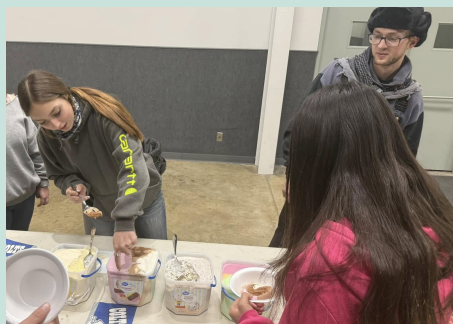
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For February, our Junior Leader program's community service project was collecting kid-friendly, non-perishable food items. These amazing 4-H'ers collected over 140 items! All items were donated to Hibberd Program Building's student pantry, ran by Mindy Wampler. I got to chat with Mindy a little on the great impact this donation will make to their pantry. Some of her students helped carry items inside and they all shared thier excitement for the awesome snacks that they can take home.

I had the pleasure of attending two of our clubs' meetings last month.

First Friends club voted on officer positions and they created multiple tie blankets that they will donate to the local warming shelters.



Outlaws Horse & Pony club enjoyed ice cream sundaes and held a member and family discussion with me on various topic including their favorite parts of 4-H and fair, along with any feedback they had.

Thank you to both clubs and leaders for inviting me join in on the fun!

Club Highlight: Wayne County Tractor Club

Members are in the process of tearing apart two tractors, learning about parts and internal workings as they get hands-on experience. They are also working on problem solving and learning how engines work as they tear apart various lawn mowers.

Shoutout to those club members who are jumping in to assist with these projects and being engaged at meetings by asking questions! Keep up the great work, 4-H'ers!



Extension - Indiana 4-H

**INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE**

Last month we hosted our first Quality Livestock Care session and we had 46 livestock exhibitors attend! If you couldn't make it, that's okay! We still have TWO more sessions available, one being this month on the 25th.





In our efforts to remain transparent and keep our 4-H families informed leading up to fair, I wanted to include a page about Animal Release at the fair.

This includes Late Entry, Early Release, Regular Release.

I have included the portion from our handbook that cover these topics.

Our Board of Directors, Barn Superintendents, and myself all want ALL Wayne County members to have the opportunity to exhibit their animals at fair. I encourage you to take extra time looking over the "Failure to follow the regular release policy" section.

Late Entry / Early Release

Late Entry - 4-H exhibitors who wish to make late entries because of participation in district, state, or national shows must submit request to the Wayne County 4-H Board of Directors via the Wayne County 4-H Livestock Late Entry/Early Release Form, annually. In all cases, late entry animal(s), including heifers, must be entered prior to weigh-in time scheduled for that species. Barn superintendents will be responsible for checking late entries against the submitted Wayne County 4-H Livestock Late Entry/Early Release Form.

Early Release - 4-H exhibitors who wish to request early release of entries because of participation in district, state, or national shows must submit request to the Wayne County 4-H Board of Directors via the Wayne County 4-H Livestock Late Entry/Early Release Form, annually. In all cases, early release animal(s), must check with the Barn superintendents before exiting the barn. The Barn Superintendent will be responsible for checking early release entries against the submitted Wayne County 4-H Livestock Late Entry/Early Release Form.

Regular Release of animals during fair

Animals (except dogs, cats, pets, and horses/ponies) will be released on Thursday, following the conclusion of the Supreme Showmanship Show. And then following the conclusion of the Livestock Auction on Friday.

Failure to follow the regular release policy - Any 4-H member who chooses to take his/her 4-H animal(s) off of the Wayne County Fairgrounds prior to the designated livestock release time without following the above stated rule, will incur the following penalty:

The 4-H member will not be allowed to participate in the 4-H livestock auction of the **current fair** and will not be allowed to exhibit in the project at **the following year's Wayne County 4-H Fair**. However, the 4-H member will be allowed to enroll in the project and complete his/her record sheet and/or educational poster/display.

The Wayne County 4-H Board of Directors, livestock project superintendents, and 4-H Extension Educators are desirous of giving every opportunity to youth to complete their project(s) and exhibit at the fair. In those instances when fair dates conflict with personal schedules and the intended exhibit is an animal, exhibitors should contact their species project superintendent to obtain information regarding possible alternative methods of exhibiting or completing the project year.





Quality Livestock Care

REQUIRED ANNUALLY FOR ALL REGULAR 4-H EXHIBITORS

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To exhibit BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, POULTRY, and RABBITS, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training OR the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA).

- Members must attend ONE training session listed on this flyer OR complete the online YQCA training.
- Members must be registered on 4-HOnline BEFORE attending a session.
- Mini 4-H'ers don't need to complete QLC certification
- Those planning to be certified through the YQCA program will register at www.yqcaprogram.org and will present their completion certificate to Kendell via email.



Session 2: Tuesday, March 25th 7:00-8:00pm

<https://WayneCountyQualityLivestockCareSession2.4honline.com>

Session 3: Saturday, April 26th 10:00-11:00am

<https://WayneCountyQualityLivestockCareSession3.4honline.com>

All sessions located in the Kuhlman Building lobby
NO COST - compliments of the Wayne Co. 4-H Livestock Committee





2025 Camp Counselor Training

SEE YOU THERE.

9 AM - 3 PM

Saturday, April 12th

Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp

3823 E County Rd 225 N

Rushville, IN 46173

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<https://areaviicampco25.4honline.com>



It's time to start thinking about 4-H Camp! We are looking for high school-aged members who are responsible, enjoy leading, and working with kids to be 4-H Camp Counselors/4-H Teen Camp Counselors.

This is a fun 4-H experience where you can meet other 4-H members outside of your county while also growing your leadership, communication, and interview skills. To become eligible to apply for a camp counselor position, you must attend the training on April 12th, 9 AM-3 PM at Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp in Rushville, IN.

Applications are due online by March 31, 2025, at <https://areaviicampco25.4honline.com>.

We are looking forward to another great year of camp!





This is a great opportunity to get your 4-H'er Beyond Ready for life after high school! It focuses on engaging topics aligned to Indiana's Employability Skills Continuum, such as transferable skills, competencies they've learned through 4H projects, leadership, and community engagement.

7TH - 11TH GRADERS, JOIN US!

4-H NEXT CHAPTER

**MONDAYS @
7:00 PM ET,
6:00 PM CT****VIRTUAL****MAR
24**

MY PERSONAL AND CAREER GOALS

WHO do YOU want to be in your future?

**VISION
BOARD**

DISCOVERING CAREERS FOR ME

Check out hot careers including some you have never imagined!

**GUEST
SPEAKER****MAR
31****APR
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NETWORKING SKILLS

Like they say, it's who you know!

**GUEST
SPEAKER**

SERVICE LEARNING

Serving others and building employability skills.

**PLAN AN IN PERSON
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14****REGISTER:**<https://Chapter1.4honline.com>

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SAVE THE DATES

- March 2: Tailwaggers practice, 2:00pm, Wayne County Fairgrounds
- March 5: Centerville Barnyard Busters club meeting, 6:00pm, Kuhlman Building
- March 5: Boots & Saddles club business meeting, 6:00pm, Kuhlman Building
- March 6: Horse & Pony Committee meeting, 7:00pm, Kuhlman Building
- March 8: Loyal Haymakers club meeting, 10:00am, contact for location
- March 6: Central Cardinals club meeting, 6:00pm, Milton Christian Church
- March 9: Franklin Fliers club meeting, 2:00pm, Kuhlman Building
- March 9: Tailwaggers practice, 2:00pm, Wayne County Fairgrounds
- March 10: Udder Kaos, 6:00pm, Kuhlman Building
- March 10: Outlaws club business meeting, 6:30pm, Kuhlman Building kitchen
- March 11: Color Guard club business meeting, 6:30pm, Kuhlman Building
- March 11: Harrison Farmers club meeting, 7:00pm, Jacksonburg Christian Church
- March 12: Rough Riders club business meeting, 6:00pm, New Testament Church Hagerstown
- March 12: Wayne County Tractor Club meeting, 7:00pm, Wayne County Fairgrounds
- March 13: Webster Wonder Workers club meeting, 6:30pm, Webster Firehouse
- March 16: Tailwaggers practice, 2:00pm, Wayne County Fairgrounds
- March 16: Friendly Workers club meeting, 5:00pm, Carole Robbins house
- March 17: Junior Leaders, 5:30-6:45pm, Expo Building
- March 17: 4-H Shamrocks club meeting, 2:00pm, Kuhlman Building
- March 19: Milton Huskies club meeting, 6:30pm, Lincoln High School Ag Room
- March 20: Hoosier Horsemen club business meeting, 7:00pm, Wayne County Fairgrounds
- March 20: Tiger Tribe club meeting, 7:00pm, Hagerstown Elementary Cafeteria
- March 23: Tailwaggers practice, 2:00pm, Wayne County Fairgrounds
- March 23: 4 Leaf Stars club meeting, 2:00pm, Wayne County Fairgrounds
- March 24: Outlaws club business meeting, 6:30pm, Kuhlman Building kitchen
- March 28: Wayne County Rabbit Club meeting, 6:30pm, Expo Building
- March 30: Tailwaggers practice, 2:00pm, Wayne County Fairgrounds
- March 30: Boston Clever Clovers club meeting, 2:00pm, Boston Methodist Church
- March 31: First Friends club meeting, 6:00pm, Wayne County Fairgrounds

