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4-H Newsletter

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February 2021

Extension Office Update

We are pleased to announce that Natalie Korniak has accepted the position of 4-H Educator! We are looking forward to Natalie joining our team and working with our 4-H family here in Clay County. In addition to Natalie's hiring, we have also hired Arvana Edwards as our Office Manager. Please join our staff in welcoming both Natalie and Arvana to Clay County!

-Jay Christiansen, County Extension Director (interim)

Club Meeting Update

Meeting schedules and other information for club meetings can be found at www.extension.purdue.edu/clay/article/26226. In the future, if Clay County is designated red on the state's COVID-19 map, we will not have club meetings. Prior to club meetings, a copy of the club's approved safety plan will be emailed to participating families. Please review the safety plan prior to attending club meetings. Virtual options are available, please contact the office if you have any questions.

4-H Enrollment

4-H enrollment is still open! To enroll, go to <https://v2.4honline.com/>. If you have not already enrolled and need help, please contact the Extension Office.

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Upcoming Events

- 4-H Grows Knowledge February 22-25. Plant the seeds for new skills at our kickoff on February 22 at 7:00 pm., including our Spring book club launch. Then, join each evening, February 23, 24, and 25 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm for interactive sessions that will help you make your club meetings and events bloom. To register, go to bit.ly/4HGrows
- March 6th Cattle Tag Day 9-12pm. Beef and Dairy Cattle families should be receiving a letter in the mail soon.
- 2021 Area 5 Livestock CDE has been scheduled for Friday, April 30th at the Sullivan County Fairgrounds. For more information, contact Christie Jacobs at the Parke County Extension office jacobc@purdue.edu.
- 2021 Spring Horse Career Development events:
 - ◆ Hippology April 22, 2021 8-9am 3-12 grades (virtual) \$10
 - ◆ Horse Bowl April 27 (junior & intermediate) & April 28 (senior) \$10
 - ◆ Horse Communication week of June 7 (virtual)
 - ◆ 4-H & FFA State Horse Judging Contest—Hendricks Fairgrounds May 8
 - ◆ Registration information for this events will be sent on the weeks of March 1 and April 1

4-H PROJECT ADD/ DROP DATE

If you would like to add or drop a 4-H project, you may do so until June 1st. However, please remember various deadlines such as animal enrollment supersedes the May 15th deadline. To add/drop projects, please call the Extension Office.



4-H PROGRAM FEES

If you chose the check or cash option during your 4-H enrollment, please remember to bring in or mail your program fee to the Extension Office. Your 4-H membership is not complete or approved until you have paid the fee.

Volunteers Needed

Do you know an adult that has an interest in teaching youth a new skill or would like to serve as a club leader? We are currently in need of volunteers to assist with projects, community clubs, and spark clubs. For more information, contact the Extension Office.



SAVE THE DATE!



The Clay County Fair will July 17-24, 2021

2021 4-H Fair

Indiana 4-H intends to hold face-to-face county fairs in 2021. Last year, we demonstrated our ability to safely conduct in-person fair with appropriate guidelines to keep everyone safe. After guidance and information is shared to us from the State 4-H office, we will then share that information with you all.



4-H members exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry, and rabbits **MUST** be certified to exhibit at the county and state fair. This is an annual education program that can be completed either in-person (\$3) or online modules (\$12). In-person training dates will be released in the next couple of weeks. For more information, including how to complete the training online, visit www.yqca.org. For other questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Beekeeping Essay Contest

Youth are encouraged to participate in the 2021 National 4-H Essay Contest sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees. Information can be found on the 4-H Beekeeping web page at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/project.aspx?proj=46>. This year's topic is "Immunity: Threats to Bee Colonies and Methods to Defend Against the Threats".

Farmhouse Scholarship

Farmhouse Fraternity Foundation provides a scholarship annually to an Indiana 4-H member planning to attend Purdue University. The application and information can be found on the state scholarship web page at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/scholarships.aspx>.

Hoosier Hampshire Swine Breeders Association, Inc. Junior Scholarship

Up to 5 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each but no more than half the applicants will be awarded every year to junior swine exhibitors (unless there is not a qualified applicant) which have shown a Hampshire pig at least 5 years at the Indiana State Fair during their 4-H or FFA



career and who wish to continue their education after graduation from High School. Applicants must be of good character and in good standing with the Hoosier Hampshire Swine Association and the 4-H/FFA Organizations. Applications are due July 15. Find the application [here](#).



4-H Club Dates

4-Ever Achievers

Location: Staunton Community Center

Time: 6:00 p.m.

- ◇ February 16
- ◇ March 16
- ◇ April 20
- ◇ May 18
- ◇ June 15

Busy Bees

Location: Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

Time: 6:30 p.m.

- ◇ March 4
- ◇ April 1
- ◇ May 7
- ◇ June 3
- ◇ July 1

Cattle Club

Location: Fairgrounds Cattle Barn

- ◇ March 6—Tag Day for all Beef/ Dairy steers & Registered Heifers
- ◇ April 24—Open Beef Show
- ◇ May 1—Tag Day for feeder calves

Clever Clovers

Location: Clay City United Methodist Fellowship Hall

Time: 7:00 p.m.

- ◇ March 4
- ◇ April 1
- ◇ May 6
- ◇ June 3
- ◇ July 1

Horse & Pony

Location: Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

Time: 7:00 p.m.

- ◇ March 18
- ◇ April 15
- ◇ May 20
- ◇ June 17
- ◇ August 19
- ◇ September 16

Van Buren Hustlers

Location: Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

Time: 7:00 p.m.

- ◇ March 2
- ◇ April 6
- ◇ May 2
- ◇ June 27
- ◇ July 11

Poultry Club

Location: Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

Time: 6:00 p.m.

- ◇ April 13
- ◇ May 11
- ◇ June 8
- ◇ June 12 (Blood Testing)

Rabbit Club

Location: Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

Time: 5:00 p.m.

- ◇ March 21
- ◇ April 18
- ◇ May 16

Swine Club

Location: Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

Time: 4:00 p.m.

- ◇ March 28
- ◇ April 18
- ◇ May 23
- ◇ June 27
- ◇ July 11

Top Shots

Location: Lost Creek Conservation Club

Time: 4:00 p.m.

- ◇ February 20 - Air Rifle 12:30
- ◇ March 20 - Air Rifle 12:30
- ◇ April 14—Shotgun 6:00
- ◇ April 17 -Air Rifle & Rifle 12:30
- ◇ May 13—Rifle
- ◇ May 19—Shotgun 6:00
- ◇ June 10— Rifle 6:00
- ◇ June 16—Shotgun 6:00
- ◇ July 11

Jr. Leaders

Location: Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

Time: 7:00 p.m.

- ◇ April 19
- ◇ May 17
- ◇ June 21

