



A HEADS UP

LAWRENCE COUNTY 4-H E-NEWSLETTER

FROM THE EDUCATOR

Happy May, Lawrence County 4-H Families! We're entering the a very exciting time of the 4-H year—final project work, club meetings, and countdowns to the fair! As spring events fill the calendar, I encourage you to stay connected by checking 4HOnline, social media, and your emails regularly for updates and reminders.

Thank you to our volunteers, families, and youth who have poured so much effort into making this a successful program year. Whether you're prepping animals, perfecting a poster, or learning something brand new, remember that 4-H is about growth, community, and discovering your spark.

This month brings judging sign-ups, opportunities, and deadlines you won't want to miss. Let's finish strong together!

All members planning to enter an exhibit at the fair should be sure to check out this newsletter for FairEntry reminders, and families of Seniors- we have details inside for you to help us celebrate your graduate.

As always, reach out if you have questions—I'm here to help you succeed.

Best,
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NOW WHAT?

Welcome to Lawrence County 4-H! Be sure to check out our website for new member info.

<http://bit.ly/4HNewMember>

We want to help find the best opportunities for you in our program. Feel free to call (812) 275-4623 or stop by the office to get your questions answered.

2024 Lawrence County 4-H Fair Schedule

Mark your calendars! 4-H Fair week is July 5-13, 2025. You can find a printable schedule (including judging activities the week before) as well as more details on our website at <http://bit.ly/LC4HFair>. We have made changes now that fair details are known, so be sure to check it out!



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REMINDERS & UPDATES MANUALS

Project manuals are full of resources to help you with your 4-H project. The 4-H Council officers these free to our members. IF you have not yet filled out the survey and would like to receive manuals, please complete the survey at <https://bit.ly/4HManuals2025>. **If you want to pick them up from the office, please**

give us 3-4 days notice, so they will be ready when you arrive. Some information on manuals can be found on the projects page of the Indiana 4-H website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/index.html>. Keep in mind that County Only project information will not be available there. Please check the Lawrence County 4-H Handbook for more details (<http://bit.ly/LC4HHandbook>). Be aware that our system does not tell us every time you add or drop a project, so if you feel like you are missing a manual, let us know. We may have pulled manuals for you before you made changes.

Project Supplies

Needing some special supplies for your project? Remember the Extension Office sells appropriately sized boards and plastic sleeves for \$4 per set. We have both regular size and photography salon size. We also have electric kits, entomology boxes, and vials. Just stop by with cash or check.

4-H Academy, Round-Up, & Other State Trips

4-H has many great opportunities outside of the county limits. These life changing opportunities can help you explore your interests and find your sparks. Registration is open until May 23, and Lawrence County youth are encouraged to take a look at these opportunities. 4-H Council sponsors \$100 toward many of these on a first come-first serve basis. Program details are at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/index.html>

- 4-H Academy @ Purdue (grades 9-12, June 12-14)
- 4-H Round Up (grades 7-9, June 24-26)

IMPORTANT DATES

MINI 4-H DAY CAMP

Campers: Kindergarten to 2nd Grade

Get ready for two days of fun, learning, and adventure at the Lawrence County 4-H Mini Day Camp on June 17-18 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the 4-H Fairgrounds! Open to Mini 4-H members, this exciting camp features hands-on activities like arts and crafts, outdoor games, and more—led by our enthusiastic older 4-H members. It's a great way to kick off summer, make new friends, and get excited for the fair! The \$40 registration fee includes meals, a t-shirt, and all supplies. Sign up by June 4 at <https://Mini4HCamp25.4honline.com> or call 812-275-4623 for more info. Spots are limited, so don't wait!



Fair Entry Deadline

This year's FairEntry deadline is June 18th. This is where you tell us which class of each project or species you are planning to participate in for the fair (i.e. Needlecraft, General Arts and Crafts, Showmanship, Breed Classes, and Bred & Owned). Please make sure you have your entries uploaded by this date. If you have any questions or need assistance, you may call the office at (812) 275-4623. Please do not wait until the last minute!

Indiana Quality Livestock Care

All youth (grades 3-12) exhibiting Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, or Swine are required to complete a quality assurance training through Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (in person) or YQCA (online). Upcoming dates and details about the program can be found at <https://bit.ly/4HLivestockCare>

UPCOMING OPEN SHOWS

Wanting to gain more show experience? We post all open shows, about which we are notified, on our website at: https://bit.ly/4HShows_Workshops. Information included is the entirety of what was provided to us. If you are interested in any of these shows, please use the contact information included in the featured flyers.

The Indiana State Fair is August 1-17, 2025! Information on the upcoming 2025 Indiana State Fair is available. Information regarding Competitions and Contests, can be found at <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests>



SENIOR UPDATES

Parents of Seniors: Senior Boards

Please help us honor your senior! A Salon poster board will be provided to you, free of charge, to make a display to celebrate their accomplishments. Please pick up a board in the office and return the decorated board no later than Saturday, July 5 to the Extension Office set up at the Fairgrounds Community Building.



Senior Brunch

The Senior Brunch will be a catered meal at the fairgrounds. We invite all seniors to attend at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 12 in the Expo Hall. RSVPs for seniors and guests are required by July 3. <https://bit.ly/LCSeniors25>

'About You' Information

The 4-H Council wants to celebrate our seniors by creating a presentation featuring you. To do that, they need your help. Please use this link <https://bit.ly/LCSeniors25> to submit your information to us by July 2.

10 Year/Senior Recognition & Awards

Come and join us at the Exhibit Hall Awards Ceremony, Sunday, July 6 at 5:00pm in the Park Tent to receive recognition for your time in 4-H. During the ceremony, 10 Year members and Seniors will be recognized for their commitment to 4-H as well as other awards and scholarships. 10 Year members are still welcome to pick up graduation cords from the Extension Office if they have not yet

4-H Handbook

Getting started or putting the finishing touches on your project? Be sure you have checked all of the requirements in the Lawrence County 4-H Handbook at: <https://bit.ly/LC4HHandbook>

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get Paid to Work at the Indiana State Fair!

Looking for a summer job that's fun, hands-on, and packed with unforgettable memories? The Indiana State Fair is hiring 4-H Exhibit Hall Workers—a perfect opportunity for teens (14+) and college students to gain experience while being part of one of the biggest events in the state! As an Exhibit Hall Worker, you'll help check in non-animal 4-H exhibits, set up displays, assist with events, interact with fair guests, and develop valuable skills in teamwork, customer service, and organization. Plus, you'll stay on-site in dorms and get to be part of an awesome crew working behind the scenes at the fair.

The fair runs August 1-17 (closed Mondays), but workers are needed July 26-August 19. This is a paid, minimum-wage position—and a whole lot more than just a job! Not available the whole time? They can work with your schedule! Apply online now through the 2025 4-H Exhibit Hall Worker Application on 4-H Online. Questions? Email Megan Skiba at skiba0@purdue.edu. Don't wait—spots fill fast!

Earn Purdue Credit for your 4-H Experience

Are you headed to Purdue University for the 2025-26 school year? If you've been involved in 4-H, you may be eligible to receive direct course credit for your experience! Purdue is currently offering credit for:

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

It's a fantastic way to turn your 4-H involvement into a head start on your college education.

Interested? Scan the QR code on the right or contact OCP@Purdue.edu with questions.

Let's spread the word—encourage 4-H members planning to attend Purdue to take advantage of this exciting opportunity!



CLUB LEADERS/VOLUNTEERS

In Search of Volunteers

Club Leaders: As a reminder, please do not schedule any Barn work days or fairgrounds clean-up days June 25-29, as these are the blackout dates for the Rock Club. There should be no members, parents, or volunteers on the Fairgrounds during these dates unless you are attending the Rock Show.

Lawrence County 4-H has some volunteer vacancies coming up as well as some opportunities for growth through the help of volunteers. Below is a list of places we are seeking help. If you or someone you know might be a good fit, please reach out to Lesley and she is happy to discuss these more. For some, we will simply need assistants for them, so do not feel like you have to be an expert. We are also open to other ideas if you have a way you want to contribute that is not on this list.

- Exhibit Hall Awards Ceremony Set-Up (July 6th)
- Fair Judges' Clerks (July 1 & 3)
- Traditional 4-H Club Leader
- Shooting Sports Instructors
- Junior Leader's Food Stand Adult help
- Project Workshop Leaders (any 4-H related topic)
- SPARK Club Leaders (short term club with one focus area, topics unlimited, and Lesley has some curriculums that could be used- anything from cookie decorating to disaster preparedness and beyond.)

Use this link to sign up today!

<https://bit.ly/LCFairVolunteer>

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We Are Hiring!

Our office is looking to hire a temporary Agriculture & Natural Resources (ANR) Program Assistant who will be responsible for working with the Extension Office Staff to support educational programming, preparation, and implementation of agriculture-focused programs in Lawrence County.

This position will also assist with coordinating workshops, supporting the Master Gardener program, and engaging with community members and local ag organizations.

Please reach out to Lesley Lodmell at lodmell@purdue.edu if you are interested.



CALENDAR

Deadlines & Dates to Remember:

- Indiana Quality Livestock Care trainings
 - May 22
 - May 27
 - June 11
 - June 20
- Southern Indiana 4-H Camp: May 30th-June 1st
- Mini 4-H Day Camp: June 17th-18th
- FairEntry deadline: June 18th
- Lawrence County 4-H Fair: July 5-13
- 4-H Club meeting dates can be found on our website: extension.purdue.edu/lawrence
- Club Leaders--Be sure to let us know when you meet, cancel, or change meeting dates!