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# VIGO COUNTY

## 4-H Newsletter



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## Extension Office Update

After a good winter storm it seems like spring is on the way! This is a great time to begin working on 4-H projects to be exhibited this summer. Fair planning is underway, even though it's hard to know what all modifications will be needed to celebrate our 4-Her's safely. We hope that more and more in-person events are an option to safely interact with our 4-H members. I hope to add some more 4-H events during Vigo County School's spring break. Be sure you're reading all 4HOnline emails to keep up to date! You can also interact and share 4-H happenings on Facebook and Instagram.



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## We're Hiring!

The 4-H Youth Development Educator position is posted with Purdue University. Visit the job posting at <https://tinyurl.com/ycdolvc3>.



4-H Youth Development Summer Internship, Camp Rave Assistant Director, and Camp Rave Counselors are posted with Vigo County Government. Visit the internship posting at <https://tinyurl.com/yabrqh3m>.



# 4-H Club Meetings



Most 4-H Clubs have meeting dates posted at <https://extension.purdue.edu/Vigo/label/8>.

Other clubs will be finalizing schedules and will be posted soon.

Check out our new calendar featuring all club meetings, events, and deadlines!  
<http://bit.ly/Vigo4HCalendar>

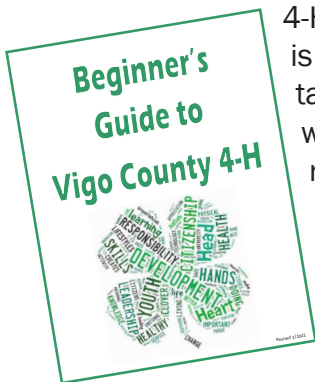
# Join the Jr. Leaders!

**Grades 7-12. Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm**

**\*Next meeting March 9th. Email Sara to get all meeting updates.**



# 4-H Enrollment



4-H enrollment on 4HOnline <https://v2.4honline.com/> is open year round. Thank you that enrolled by our target of January 15th. If you have not enrolled you will not receive any further newsletters via email until reenrolling. If you have questions about 4-H check out our "Beginners Guide to 4-H" on our website at <https://extension.purdue.edu/vigo/article/35955>.

# 4-H Camp Update

At this time, we are planning an in-person camp on June 2-5. Camp capacity has been reduced causing an increase in camper registration fees. More information on camper registration and counselor applications will be made available soon.



# Get Involved with Career Development Events

One of the many opportunities available to 4-H members is competing in Career Development Events (CDEs). We're looking for members interested in joining the Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, and Hippology/Horse Bowl teams! You do not need to be in a particular club, project, or have any previous experience to participate (need to be in grades 3-12). Contact [shaag@purdue.edu](mailto:shaag@purdue.edu) for more information or to sign up! CDE's provide the opportunity to learn life-skills such as acquiring knowledge, communicating, solving problems, relating to others and applying leadership skills.

# More Information on Teams

**Livestock Judging-** Members evaluate classes of beef cattle, swine, sheep, and meat goats with each person giving sets of oral reasons. There is an area contest in April at the Sullivan County Fairgrounds. Teams must qualify at the area contest for the state contest in May. Practices are held weekly. There are also on-farm practices and invitational contests throughout the year. Contact coach, Matt Marion, 812-870-6968 for more details. **Matt will be holding an informational meeting on Tuesday, March 2 at 6:00pm in the Community Center at the Fairgrounds please contact Matt or Sara in advance if you plan to attend.**

**Horse Judging-** Members evaluate classes of equine on halter and performance with each person giving sets of oral reasons. The state contest is in May. Practices are held regularly throughout the winter and spring. Contact coach, Emily Meadows, 812-878-3599 or emeadows1219@gmail.com

**Hippology & Horse Bowl-** The objectives of Hippology are to provide an opportunity for youth to learn and demonstrate their breadth of knowledge and understanding of horse management. The state contest is virtual in 2021. This group meets weekly, contact coach, Karen Farmer, 812-239-0584 for more details.

## Introducing... The Power of Words Book Club

Area V 4-H Educators are hosting a youth book club. The book club meetings will be on Tuesdays: March 16th, March 23rd, and March 30th from 6:30PM - 8:00PM via zoom. There will be breakout sessions for each book during the Zoom.

Grades 6-9 book is "Smack Dab in the Middle of Maybe" by Jo Watson Hackl

Grades 9-12 book is "Turtles All the Way Down" by John Green

(Grade 9 may choose to participate with either group)

Register online by March 1st to order a book. Accepting registrations through March 16.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/PowerofWordsBookClub>



**DON'T MISS OUT!  
SPECIAL GUEST, AUTHOR  
JO HACKL WILL JOIN OUR  
MEETING ON MARCH 16!**

**THE POWER OF WORDS IS OPEN TO 6TH  
THROUGH 12TH GRADERS**

- Participants must enroll in Indiana 4-H at [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com)
- Register for clubs at <https://bit.ly/PowerofWordsBookClub> by March 1, 2021
- Participants may secure their own copy of the book or Area V 4-H can provide for a \$5.00 fee (books cannot be provided for late registrants)
- 9th graders may choose the group where they feel most comfortable
- Turtles All the Way Down is intended for teens but does include some strong language
- Contact your County 4-H Educator with questions

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# Photography Contest

You're invited to show off your photography skills in the Indiana 4-H Winter Photography Contest. Winners will be determined through public voting, and winners from each age division will receive a cash prize! Submissions are open through March 15, and voting will take place March 22-28. The contest is sponsored by the Indiana 4-H Foundation with financial support from an anonymous donor. Learn more, enter, and vote at <https://purdue.ag/4hphotocontest>.



# ATTENTION

## Beef, Dairy Steer, Goat, Sheep & Swine Exhibitors

**Please check your 4HOnline email regarding the 2021 4-H Fair Livestock Auction**



## We're searching for volunteers!



Do you know an adult that has an interest in teaching youth a new skill or serving as a club leader? We currently have Community 4-H Clubs in need of leaders. We are looking to add more SPARK Clubs also. A SPARK club consists of 6 or more hours on a special topic. (ex. Yoga, golfing, sewing, wildlife, almost anything!)