



Extension - Dearborn County

December 2023
January 2024

4-H Connection



Dear 4-H Family,

Congratulations to 4-H Volunteers, Members and Families for a great 4-H 2023 Year! Dearborn County 4-H has a lot to be thankful for: Passionate Volunteers, passionate and dedicated members and a very supportive community! Consider sending Christmas Cards to the businesses or individuals that purchased your livestock or sponsored your exhibit hall awards as a way of letting them know you truly appreciate their financial support.

Think about Fair theme ideas and submit to Liz by January 26!!!

It takes a village to keep the 4-H Program alive and well. Please consider joining the Fair Board, or attending Fair Board and 4-H Board Of Director meetings to share your input as our fair evolves this year. We can use your ideas and your help.

As your 4-H Educator, I want to thank each and every volunteer and member for the time, talent and energy you share with the 4-H program. You ARE the program and I am lucky to have you!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Liz Beiersdorfer
4-H Youth Development Educator



Dearborn County 4-H program strives to provide the 4-H experience to all who want to participate, by practicing the 4-H essential element of generosity! If you need accommodations to participate, please contact Liz Beiersdorfer at ebeiers@purdue.edu.



4-H Enrollment

<https://v2.4honline.com>

If you have questions, call the office at 812-926-1189 or email ebeiers@purdue.edu.

If you love 4-H invite a friend to join you this year and enroll!

YOU belong HERE.



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CLOVER CORNER-POPCORN BALLS

Needs adult help.

7 quarts popped popcorn, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup light corn syrup, 1 tsp salt

1 tsp vanilla extract, 4 Tablespoons softened butter

Place popcorn in large bowl with room to mix. In heavy saucepan, combine sugar, corn syrup and salt. Cook over med. Heat until candy thermometer reads 235 degrees F (soft-ball stage). Remove from heat and add vanilla. Immediately pour in a thin stream over popcorn, stirring constantly until evenly coated. Rub thin layer of butter onto clean hands. When mixture is cool enough to handle, but still warm, quickly work handfuls of coated popcorn into ball shapes. Cool completely and wrap individually in plastic wrap. Makes 12-15 adult size fist balls.



Mission: *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.*

The Fair Board is looking for additional members, committee members or helpers of any kind to complete the work of planning and executing fair week. If you are able to volunteer please contact the Extension Office.



Fair Dates 2024
June 17-21

Important Upcoming Dates

- ◆ Don't forget to enroll in 4-H online to keep up to date about 4-H activities and events! **Target enrollment date is January 15.** No need to wait until May to enroll. You can add or drop projects until May 15, 2024.
- ◆ **Officer Training:** January 13, Agner Hall, 9-11:30. Attending Officer training is a great way to learn about what officers do, and how to run a club meeting. Any youth may attend; you do not need to currently be an officer!!!. Snow date January 20.
- ◆ **4-H Day at the Statehouse** is February 13. Register on 4-H online, events, by January 15. \$20. Contact Liz for transportation.
- ◆ **Fair Theme Contest deadline:** All 4-H members/clubs are invited to come up with the Fair Theme for 2024. Please send your Fair theme to Liz at ebeiers@purdue.edu no later than **January 26.**
- ◆ **Sewing group:** January 30-5-6:30 pm Extension Office.
- ◆ **Beef Tagging:** February 17, 1-3 pm, Larry Smith's farm, Snow date is February 24. Same time and place.
- ◆ **Spring ID:** Sheep, Goats, Swine, [contact Dairy Cattle chair for tagging information] April 26, 6-8 pm Fair Grounds.
- ◆ **May 15** is the deadline for all livestock to be enrolled into 4-H online.



Things You Need to Know

- ◆ If you are showing livestock at the county fair, (not rabbit), you must have a **premise ID** from the Indiana Board of Animal Health. For information on how to register, or recover a lost premise ID and more, please visit this site: <https://www.in.gov/boah/traceability-and-premise-id/indiana-premises-registration/>
- ◆ All animal project members [except dog, cat & pocket pets] **must** complete the Quality Livestock Care training this year in order to exhibit at the local and state fair. Training dates: February 18, 2-3 pm Agner Hall; April 27, 12-1 pm, Agner Hall & May 16, 5:30-6:30 pm Extension Office meeting room. YQCA certificates will still be accepted for online completion.
- ◆ Visit the 4-H webpage to review state project guidelines. <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/index.html>. There were a few minor changes to a handful of projects: aerospace, communications, electric, garden, genealogy, photography, woodworking techniques skill card.
- ◆ The Tractor, Lawn and Garden and Zero Turn operator skills contests will no longer require a written test; only parts ID and obstacle course completion.
- ◆ 2024 4-H Handbook coming soon. Will be available as download and also a few hardcopies.
- ◆ Check out the Extension office webpage!! <https://extension.purdue.edu/dearborn>. You can find all the information and forms you need in one place under the 4-H link.
- ◆ If you have any questions, please call the office at 812-926-1189!! We are here to help you.

Quote of the Month-
You can do hard things!
From More than Main
Street

Character Awareness
Caring-showing a genu-
ine concern for others;
being kind; being help-
ful.

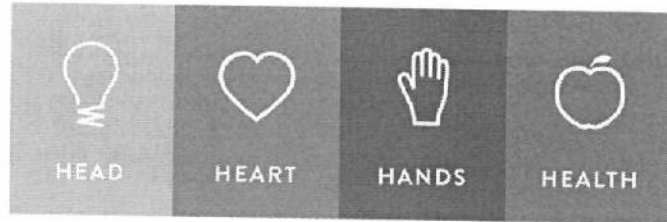
Healthy Living
tip: Try to keep
normal eating, ac-
tivity and sleeping
habits during the
holidays!

Kindness: Pass it
On! You never know
what Light you might
spark in others just
through your Kind-
ness and your Exam-
ple.

Kroger Card can give back to
our 4-H program! Would you
consider helping Dearborn
County 4-H earn money? All
you need to do is link your
Kroger rewards card to Dear-
born County 4-H. Your infor-
mation will never be shared
with anyone. Use your
card to benefit 4-H, organiza-
tion number is JL911.

Volunteers are
the heart of
4-H!

Know an adult
who would be a
great volun-
teer? Share the
love and ask
me to send
them an appli-
cation.



WHAT'S COMING UP?



- ◆ 4-H Enrollment October 1 at:
<https://v2.4honline.com>

Target date for Volunteers and 4-H mem- bers is January 15th!

- ◆ Officer Training, January 13th, 9-11:30 am Agner Hall.
- ◆ 4-H Day at the State House February 13. Registration Deadline on 4-H online is January 15.

Want to help

4-H? Consider
joining the 4-H
Board of Direc-
tors. Contact
ebeiERS@purdue.edu.



Aurora Christmas Tree Lighting Parade!!



The truck and trailer were volunteered by the Probst family. Thank you to 4-H volunteers and members that turned out for the parade and tree lighting.

4-H is calling all doers!

ESPECIALLY FOR VOLUNTEERS

- ◆ Area 1 4-H Educators are offering a **Volunteer Conference on February 24 from 10-2**. Free lunch and giveaways. Check the flyer for more details. Everyone will take something away from this conference, including livestock specie chairs and assistants!
- ◆ If you have not checked out the Clover Call Podcast, made just for 4-H Volunteers, please do so at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/podcasts/clover-call-podcast.html>
- ◆ Get your Officer Training attendees lined up for the January 13th training. This is the first step to Honor club status. Snow date is January 20.
- ◆ Help your 4-H Club members create a Fair Theme submission; due to Liz by January 26.
- ◆ Would you like Liz to come to club meetings to meet your members and answer questions?



Let the Good Times
Grow

Area 1- Southeastern Indiana

4-H Volunteer Conference



February 24, 2024 Hopewell Baptist Church 2319 N County Rd 850 W, Holton, IN

Area 1 4-H Extension Educators aim to enhance the 4-H experience by bringing together volunteers from multiple counties to share best practices and learn from each other. This event is of no charge to 4-H volunteers and includes lunch, door prizes and 4-H curriculum resources. Registration is collected on 4-H Online.

Schedule of Events

10 am
Thrive Session

12 noon
Catered Lunch

11 am
First Session

Choose a topic relevant to your role.

1 pm
Second Session

Choose a topic relevant to your role.



Registration Required on 4-H Online Events by February 19th v2.4honline.com

First Session Options

4-H Camps & Trips

Explore the opportunities in our area and at Purdue for youth to learn on a higher level. Discuss cost offsetting & recruitment.

Back to Basics: Club Recreation

Play games you can bring back to your club meetings.

4-H Electric Project

Specialists discuss how to judge and have a strong project based learning experience.

Second Session Options

Back to Basics: Club Structure

Discuss program planning for club leaders, using social media, resources given by extension and more.

Livestock Leader Panel

Discuss hosting Animal Science Workshops members want to attend, planning shows and best practices from fellow volunteers.

4-H Tractor Project

Explore the new tractor project curriculum, discuss the area contest and meet with area tractor project leaders.

This event is free to all 4-H Volunteers Call (812) 265-8919 or email copelanb@purdue.edu with questions



Extension - 4-H Youth Development



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