

# LaGrange County

# 4-H NEWS!

*Enrollment is still open!*

If you have not enrolled in 4-H yet, no worries. You can enroll now! Make sure to get enrolled soon so you are up to date on the most recent 4-H news. We are looking forward to a great 4-H Year!

In this newsletter there are updated animal guidelines for the 4-H Fair. These have been approved by the livestock committee and 4-H Association. Please make sure to review the updated dates and requirements.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or comments feel free to reach out to me at 499-6334 or email at [bgilger@purdue.edu](mailto:bgilger@purdue.edu). I enjoy hearing from everyone of you!

*Brittany*

*Upcoming Dates:*

*January:*

- 9: 4-H Association Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 15: Deadline to register for 4-H Day at the Statehouse
- 24: STEAM through the Seasons: Snow Spectacular 4:00 p.m. - Library\*
- 24: Area STEAM: Biology is a Hoot 6:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds \*
- 25: Junior Leaders Meeting 6:00 p.m. Fairgrounds
- 25: Scholarships are due on 4-H Online

*February*

- 1: Camp Counselor Applications are Due to Extension Office
- 8: Extension Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.- Pine Knob Park
- 13: 4-H Day at the Statehouse \*
- 13: 4-H Association Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 14: 4-H Canvas Painting \*
- 29: Junior Leaders Meeting - 6:00 p.m. County Office Building

\*Make sure to register



*TO DO:*

- *Enroll in 4-H Online!!!*
- *Keep Records- Green record books available at the Extension Office!*
- *Pick up REMC Vouchers*

# Important Information

**STEAM**  
Through the Seasons  
**Snow Spectacular**

LaGrange County Public Library  
January 24, 2024 / 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Best suited for grades K - 3rd  
Literacy based STEAM Program

Registration at <https://www.lagrange.lib.in.us/calendar-of-events/>  
or call 260-463-2841







Mini 4-Hers come learn all about blizzards and how meteorologist use tools to forecast weather and help people prepare for severe weather!

**Biology is a Hoot!**

Take flight as we explore the biology behind owls. Join us for a night of owl investigation as we discover what makes owls so unique and physically investigate what owls have eaten.

- Location: LaGrange 4-H Fairgrounds
- Date & Time: January 24, 2024 6-8 p.m.
- Best suited for youth in Grades 3 & up
- Cost: \$10
- Registration closes: January 17, 2024
- Register: <https://bit.ly/biologyteam>





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**Canvas Painting**

Under the sea we go to paint with the elements of art! Join us for a fun Valentine's Day night of painting, and make this undersea adventure. This is open to youth in grades 3-12, but parents are welcome to dive in and paint with their youth.

- Location: LaGrange 4-H Fairgrounds
- Date & Time: February 14, 2024 6-8 p.m.
- Best suited for youth in Grades 3 & up
- Cost: \$15
- Registration closes: February 7
- Register: <https://bit.ly/canvassteam24>




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**Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care**

April 22 6:30-7:30 PM  
May 7 6:30-7:30 PM

LaGrange County  
All trainings will be in the Community Building at the LaGrange 4-H Fairgrounds \$5 per Participant

May 23 6:00-7:00 PM  
May 14 5:30-6:30 PM

Anyone showing a rabbit, poultry, sheep, swine, goat, or cattle must complete either QLC or YQCA training before June 24.


Go ahead and get one of these dates saved for your Quality Livestock Training. **Those showing cattle, swine, goats, sheep, rabbits and poultry will need to have their Quality Assurance training (QLC or YQCA) done by June 24, 2024.** Please note that this date has been moved up from previous years. Registration will open January 1, 2024.

**SAVE THE DATES!**  
**LAGRANGE COUNTY 4-H FAIR**  
**JULY 6-13, 2024!**



We are already planning for the 2024 4-H Fair! We hope you are too! Save these dates as they will be important and some have changed from previous years.

**Animal ID Deadline: May 15**  
**FairEntry Deadline: June 24**  
**QLC / YQCA : June 24**



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Not completing FairEntry by June 24, 2024 will result in no higher than a blue ribbon for Static Projects and being placed in an Exhibition Only class (will not receive a placing) with Livestock Projects.



**Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp**  
June 5-7, 2024 - Epworth Forest

**Camp Counselors Needed**

Applications

- Available Online
- Due on/before February 1 to your County Extension Office



9-12 graders, are you looking for a great leadership experience next summer! We have one for you! Make sure to apply to be a camp counselor! 8th graders are encouraged to apply to be counselors in training. Applications are due Feb 1! Find the application at the QR Code above or call the office for an application!

**Visit the State House**

Tuesday, February 13th  
7-12th grade youth are invited to visit the Statehouse with their Educators! We will be touring the building, meet with our representatives, participate as pages, and watch a live session.

Cost is \$20 to attend. Space is limited. You must either provide your own transportation or work with your educator to arrange for transportation...




Indiana 4-H is excited to invite all 7th-12th grade 4-Hers to Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse! On Tuesday February 13, 2024 participants will learn about their state government through a full day of civic engagement & leadership opportunities! 4-Hers will tour the Indiana Statehouse, meet local representatives and have the opportunity to serve as student pages! Register for this event via 4HOnline: Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse (4HOnline) Registration ends January 15!

**LaGrange County Extension Board Youth Members!**

Purdue Extension- LaGrange is looking for Juniors who would like to serve on the Extension Board.

Members must be able to attend the majority of the Extension Board meetings/events and be able to give youth input to discussions!

If interested you can find the application here, <https://bit.ly/LaGrangeIN4H>

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**Northeast Indiana 4-H CAMP**

Save the Date!  
June 5-7, 2024  
Epworth Forest

Open to Grades 3-6

Registration opening in March!



Make sure to SAVE THE DATE for 4-H Camp! Camp registration will open in March! We cannot wait to see all of the 3rd - 6th graders there!

# Club Meetings

## **Dog Club**

Meetings will start at the first of the year.

FB Page-LaGrange County 4-H Dog Club.

Contact Sharrita 260-336-4211 to be added to the club app and you will get club updates.

## **Junior Leaders**

January 25- 6:00 p.m.  
County Office Building  
Commissioners Room

## **Livestock Club**

More information about meetings to come.

## **Shooting Sports**

More information about meetings to come.

## **Stroh Straight Shooters**

Meetings begin in early 2024  
Barb Howe 260-499-1571  
More information to come.

## **Springfield Sidewinders & Panther Pack**

Debbie Lewis 260-367-1316  
January 9th, 2024, 7 pm  
February 6, 2024, 7 pm  
Prairie Heights High School  
Door 2

## **Stroh Sunny Spotlighters**

They meet the first Tuesday of every Month  
Stroh Church of Christ. Door 5  
Jeff and LeAnn Anders  
260- 350-1535  
260-350-1740

## **Horse & Pony**

More information about meetings to come.

## **Topeka Happy Workers**

Sally Hall 260-350-0856  
New Life Fellowship, SR 5 6:30 pm  
1/23/24      4/16/24  
2/20/24      5/21/24  
3/12/24      6/18/24

## **Wolcottville Can Bees**

Currently not meeting. We will need an adult volunteer to step into a Club Leader role to continue this club. Please contact Bgilger@purdue.edu if interested.



# 2024

# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

## Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

## Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

## Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

**Categories:** Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

**Awards:** A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Visit [bit.ly/4hscholarship](https://bit.ly/4hscholarship) to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.  
Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.

**\$166,725 AWARDED IN 2023**



# 2024 General Rules for Animals Housed at the LaGrange County 4-H Fair

1. All 4-H General Rules apply as well as County and State 4-H Livestock Rules.

2. Quality Assurance Training Requirement: To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and/or rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through a quality assurance training. Youth now have the option to take Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or YQCA.

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program is an in-person quality assurance training. YQCA is the alternative online option for quality assurance training and will not be available in-person. Youth can choose whichever option works best for them. These trainings will be required annually to show the above listed animals. In person training dates will be communicated to all 4-H members and their families through the LaGrange County Extension Office by the newsletter, email, postcards and/or Facebook post. All 4-H members exhibiting the species listed above must be certified in one of the quality assurance trainings by June 24. Youth who choose to take YQCA must present certificates to 4-H Educator or Livestock Superintendent by June 24. YQCA certificate can be emailed to [bgilger@purdue.edu](mailto:bgilger@purdue.edu), at the time of completion. Any member not able to present the required proof of YQCA certification or QLC training by June 24 will not be eligible to show at the 4-H Fair.

3. All animal projects housed at the fair must arrive at the designated time, as determined by the species project committee, pending approval by the 4-H Association by March meeting, for check in for the 4-H fair. All animal projects housed at the fair (beef, swine, etc.) have not gotten 4-H Association approval must be penned by 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. by the first Saturday of fair. With the exemption of horse and pony which can start entering Friday at 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Friday night and resume 6:00 a.m. and will need to be stalled by noon on Saturday. Failure to do so will result in your animals not being able to unload.

4. All exhibition animals must be permanently identified by an acceptable method. Official ear tags are tags approved by the USDA. Official ear tags must bear the US shield to be considered official identification. Official identification acceptable for specific species for livestock exhibited in Indiana are as follows:

- Swine: official 840 ear tag (electronic - RFID or visual tag); NUES tag, plastic or steel; official premises ID number ("PIN") tag; ear notch, if the notch has been recorded in the book of record of a pure bred registry association; or tattoo, if the tattoos registered with a swine registry association.
- Cattle: 840 tags (15 digits, beginning with 840) may or may not be RFID; NUES (brite) tags, steel or plastic; or official USDA program tags, such as orange calf hood vaccination tags.
- Sheep and Goats: scrapie program flock tags; electronic implant (goats only) for breed registered animals only when noted on registration paperwork; tattoo if accompanied by registration papers with tattoo noted; tattoo of scrapie flock ID number along with an individual animal ID number; wethers younger than 18 months of age must bear a unique, permanent ID of any form (not necessarily an official/scrapie tag).

5. Any livestock shown at the 4-H fair (except rabbits and poultry) must be identified in the 4Honline Animal Identification area prior to May 15th, and must include the Premise ID# of the location of the animals. IN BOAH requires premise registration of all sites associated with the sale, purchase, and/or exhibition of cattle, swine, sheep and goats. Rabbits and poultry should be registered with their respective project committees and the Extension Office by the same May 15th deadline. No changes to the animal identification allowed after the May 15th deadline.

6. All animals listed in a family profile may be exhibited by any siblings on that family 4-H Online profile. Animals going to the fair need to be entered FairEntry by June 24. Animals will need to only be entered one time on FairEntry. Animals that are not entered into FairEntry by midnight on June 24 will be shown in an exhibition only class and will not have an opportunity to place in their class, but will receive feedback from the judge. Youth may still have the opportunity to compete fully in showmanship class. Animal will need to be assigned to the specific youth in their family by 3:00 p.m. on day of weigh-in.

7. The 4-H'er is responsible for proper feed, water, and care of their animal(s) on a daily basis at the 4-H fair. If the species project committee finds that neglect is taking place, the following actions may be initiated:

- Step 1: Verbal Warning
- Step 2: Removal of some/all awards received in that animal species.
- Step 3: Ineligibility to participate in current year's 4-H auction.

8. All livestock must be owned by the 4-H member and under the 4-H member's daily care by the livestock identification deadline.

9. During the 4-H fair, all livestock is to stay in provided housing except during the show, exercising, grooming, and other scheduled 4-H activities. The livestock committee will designate all exercise areas and any other needed space.

10. Any exhibitor or family member who abuses an animal will be eliminated from showing and further disciplinary/legal action may be taken.

11. Not abiding by Youth Behavioral Expectations (signed when enrolled in 4-H) will result in being excused by 4-H Educator from all 4-H fair activities for the remainder of the year.

12. Mini 4-H Showmanship: Enrolled Mini 4-H'ers (grades K, 1, and 2) may partner with a 4-H animal mentor (current 4-H animal project members). Mini 4-H'ers will be allowed to exhibit/show in the Mini 4-H Animal Exhibition Classes with their assigned mentor during the LaGrange County 4-H Fair. Mini 4-H'ers will NOT be allowed to bring their own animals to the Fair.

13. All animals must be shown by the 4-H member making the project enrollment, except when a member exhibits more than one animal in a particular class, in which case the additional animal(s) may be shown by another 4-H member (not a Mini 4-Her) enrolled in LaGrange County. Any other exceptions to this rule will be made only by the superintendent.

14. All Exhibitors will show their own animal with no additional help showing or setting up an animal during livestock shows, unless due to extenuating circumstances or disability. Additional help will need to be a current LaGrange 4-H member and will need to be prearranged with livestock species committee before the show begins.

15. Release time: Animal exhibit release time will be 12:00 am on the final Saturday of the fair, until the end of the auction on Saturday morning/afternoon. No animal project of any species shall be released before 12:00 a.m. on the final Saturday (unless otherwise announced/notified by the Livestock Committee Superintendent), of fair unless:

- The animal is determined to be too ill to remain at the fair.
- The animal poses a health risk to other animals at the fair.

Animal health decisions must be made by the species superintendent, the president of the livestock committee, the president of the fair board, and the county 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator. No animal may be removed from the fairgrounds early without the consent of these individuals.

Exemptions have been made for:

Production cows (milking cows) who will do a show and go.

With the exemption of horse and pony and draft horses, 4-H exhibitors that prove state fair show entry, with state fair entry receipt, to their species superintendent at weigh-in, may leave following their show. Trailers are only allowed at the barns from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. the following day. Animals may walk (or carry) to trailers near campground gate (northwest gate) at any time following their show.

16. Per state fair rules, an animal that has been designated "sold" at a county fair, will not be eligible for state fair. The animal that is designated for the auction must stay until the release time of 12:00 a.m. on Saturday (unless otherwise announced/notified by the Livestock Committee Superintendent).

17. If an exhibitor or a representative of the exhibitor removes an animal from the fairgrounds early without the consent of the above listed individuals, the following consequences will be assessed:

- The exhibitor will be removed from the current year's 4-H auction for all species.
- The exhibitor will be prohibited from exhibiting the species in question for the next project year.