

The Clover Connection

Posey County 4-H

Happy New Year!

Jan./Feb. 2021

Dear 4-H Members & Supporters,

Happy New Year! I hope you are looking forward to a fun-filled 4-H year. Please note the many 4-H updates in this newsletter and feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns about any of them.

Posey County 4-H handbooks will be delivered to 4-H Club Leaders in late February, and if your club does not have a COVID-19 safety plan in place to meet, you will need to make plans to pick up your handbook in the Extension Office sometime after March 1. If you're new to 4-H, please know that you still have plenty of time to decide on your projects. **The annual project drop/add deadline is May 15, with the exception being April 1 for Beef & Dairy Steers.** If you have questions about a project before you receive a current handbook or manual, please contact me or your Club Leaders.

High school aged 4-H'ers, please keep in mind the Posey County 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship application deadline of March 1. Applications may be found online at the county website or in person at the Extension Office. Please contact me if you have questions about the application process, as I would be more than happy to assist you with this opportunity.

Please also note 4-H financial paperwork for all clubs is due February 1 and camp counselor applications are due February 15. Share-the-Fun entries are due April 1, and all entries must be approved by a club's members prior to being submitted to me. This is to ensure that each club sends their best talent to the show and that Club Leaders are not responsible for deciding which acts, club or individual, register for the event.

To our adult volunteers, including but not limited to Club Leaders & Project Superintendents, thank you for your volunteer service to the Posey County 4-H youth development program. If you've not already renewed your volunteer commitment, please do so at the new 4HOnline website: to <http://v2.4honline.com>. If you cannot log in, please email me with your birthdate, as many birthdates are incorrect in the new system. I have to correct that before you can renew your volunteer commitment, which is due annually for insurance purposes.

Take care,

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If you have a disability that requires special assistance for participation in activities, please contact the Purdue- Posey County Extension Service at (812) 838-1331. Purdue University is an equal access/equal opportunity institution.

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Beef Project

Beef tagging will not take place in person this year due to COVID-19. Contact Cheven at maycm@purdue.edu to reserve tags for your animals or if you have questions about this project. If you have not yet enrolled in the 4-H Beef project, please do so in order to make sure you'll receive future project updates.

Spring 4-H Club Leader Meeting

Mark your calendars for an important evening! The Spring 4-H Volunteer Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **February 23**, via Zoom, 7-8 PM. Hopefully we will be able to gather in person later this fall at The Red Wagon in Poseyville!

Attention All 4-H Animal Exhibitors!

4-H Council upholds State Fair entry deadlines for all 4-H animal projects. This means that you must finalize your enrollment in 4HOnline on or before May 15. The exception is if you plan to exhibit a beef steer at this year's 4-H Fair; then you will need to abide by the April 1 State Fair entry deadline for beef steers and have animal ID information entered in 4HOnline by that date. If you have any questions about this policy, please contact Cheven at maycm@purdue.edu.

Trip to College

NOW is the time to start thinking about a college education! A new Indiana-specific, step-by-step resource on planning and paying for college is now available. Visit www.TripToCollege.org to find:

- **Timeline**- steps to help parents and kids of all ages begin preparing for college.
- **Reality Check**- facts, figures and information about prepping and paying for college.
- **Indiana Colleges**- info to help parents and youth find the best college to fit their needs.
- **Paying for College**- financial resources to explore, tailored to your family's situation.

Cancellation Policy

It is the policy of the Posey County 4-H youth development program that if school is cancelled or released early from the regular school day, all 4-H activities and events for that day are also cancelled. Safety first!



4-H Project Changes

4-H project updates will be shared in this year's handbook as well as in future newsletters, so be on the lookout. If you'd like to check out the current project changes statewide, visit: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/default.aspx>. Just click on the "Projects" tab at the top of this link and then click on any projects you'd like to see in detail.

Officer Training

4-H Club Officer Training will be held virtually via Zoom on **Tuesday, March 16**, 7-8 PM. An invitation to this event will be emailed via 4HOnline in March, and 4-H'ers who attend will receive Achievement Points. Adult family members and Club Leaders are also welcome to attend. Jr. Leaders will lead the evening's events, so please plan to attend this fun-filled evening!

4-H Camp

Get ready to head back to Camp Reveal for 4-H Camp this year, **June 3&4**. Check it out at <http://www.evansvillerescuemission.org/ministries/camp-reveal/>. Applications are available on the Purdue Extension-Posey County website and in the Extension Office. Cost is \$70, and you must be an Indiana 4-H member to attend.

Posey County 4-H Drop/Add Policy

All changes in 4-H enrollment, including dropping and adding of projects, must be completed in 4HOnline by midnight on May 15. It is highly recommended not to wait until May 15 to finalize your record, as this day is a busy one and the server sometimes crashes. No changes will be accepted over the phone. All manuals and other project materials must be returned to the Extension Office or paid for by the 4-H member by June 1 of the current year for a project to be considered "dropped" and not count against the 4-H member as an Incomplete for the year.

SWCD to Award \$25 Cash Prizes!

The Posey County Soil & Water Conservation District will award \$25 to those 4-H'ers enrolled in the Forestry and/or SWCD projects who are chosen by the project's judges at the Posey County 4-H Fair to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair level.



NEW PROJECT: VIDEO GAMING & COMPUTER CODING

Both physical and digital exhibits are permitted. Youth are encouraged to use the medium that best suits their learning style. Please put digital submissions on a USB drive for ease of judging in which the exhibit is the only file on the USB drive, and the USB drive is labeled with the exhibitor's name.

All levels (Level 1- CLOVER, Grades 3-5; Level 2- JUNIOR, Grades 6-8; and Level 3- SENIOR, Grades 9-12): Exhibit a piece (i.e., video, animation, presentation, notebook, etc.) that represents a video gaming or computer coding aspect of interest. Youth may consider, but are not limited to, one or more of these suggested topics:

- Video Game Review
- Game System Comparison
- Coding Platform Tutorial
- Collection of Video Game Shortcuts, Passwords, and Secrets
- Benefits of Gaming/Coding
- Video Gaming/Computer Coding Culture
- Video Games as Teaching Tools
- History of Gaming/Coding

All exhibits must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained and giving credit to the original author to complete the exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a physical exhibit or listed as a document on the digital exhibit. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.

Did You Know?

Many businesses have programs in which you may specify where you want your donation to go. We'd like to remind you that the Posey County 4-H Fair Association and the 4-H Council very much appreciate your support, and both have tax-exempt status as 501 (c) (3) organizations. If you have questions about this, please contact the Extension Office. Thanks again for supporting your local Posey County 4-H Youth Development program!

“Share-the-Fun” Talent Show Guidelines

We are hoping to hold this event in person this spring at MVHS, but if that is not possible, entries will be accepted via email, same as last year. Clubs may enter one group act and up to two curtain acts. Each club is responsible for its costumes and props. PA and piano keyboard will be provided, and all participants, except accompanists, must be 4-H members. Types of entertainment range from skits to solos and from acrobatics to theater acts, so grab a pal, plan and practice, and join the fun of performing for your friends and family (Date TBA)!

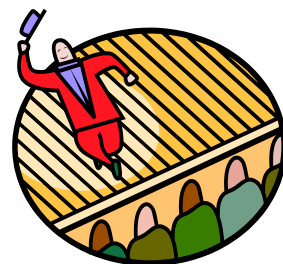
The time requirements for acts are as follows:

Group Acts

5 or more performers
8 minutes MAX per act

Curtain Acts:

Musical or
Non-musical
1-4 performers
5 minutes MAX per act



No live animals, shaving cream, water, straw or hay bales, or other materials which require a great deal of clean-up or are a fire hazard will be allowed. **Also, please keep in mind that you are representing yourself and your club, as well as Posey County 4-H, and the appropriateness of your material should reflect that.** Please remember to make your performance suitable for your audience and perform in a manner that is appropriate for the 4-H Youth Development program.

[Entry deadline for Share-the-Fun is April 1!](#)

4-H Communication Contests

The following verbal communication events and activities are offered to 4-H members as a way to teach presentation and public speaking skills development. While the interactive demonstration is a non-competitive event at the county and State levels, the other events listed are competitive events:

1. **Interactive Demonstration**
2. **Demonstration**
3. **Informative 4-H Presentation**
4. **Professional Persuasive Presentation**
5. **Public Speaking**
6. **Illustrated Talk**

Please note that there are no longer any annual public speaking themes or demonstration categories, but topics must be related to 4-H participation. More information can be found online at www.extension.purdue.edu. Click on the "Youth" tab, then the "Projects" tab, then on "Verbal Communications." This year's contest will be held on Monday, June 7, starting at 6 PM. Whether the event will be held virtually or in person is to be determined.

Mandatory for Most Animal Exhibitors: Youth Quality Care Assurance Certification Process (YQCA)

Just like last year, to exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the YQCA program. This is an important educational opportunity for 4-H livestock members. Making this an exhibition requirement is how we are ensuring that 4-H members learn about quality assurance, but it really has nothing to do with animal exhibition. The reason we are requiring YQCA is for youth to learn best management practices with their animals.

Goals of Requiring YQCA in Indiana 4-H:

- Ensure that Indiana 4-H livestock members are more prepared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture in their role as youth livestock exhibitors
- Ensure animals from the Indiana 4-H livestock program are treated with the utmost care
- Ensure that Indiana 4-H livestock members are contributing to a safe and wholesome food supply



The livestock industry is experiencing significant negative publicity because of animals from youth livestock programs. Are you ready to help the livestock industry take on this challenge by ensuring 4-H youth are learning to ethically raise and exhibit their animals? You can help these perceptions by being a part of the solution. **Training dates are to be determined. Youth need only attend one session, and Mini 4-H exhibitors are exempt at this time.** In-person trainings cost \$3 each and are paid for via a coupon code courtesy of 4-H Council. Please email Cheven at maycm@purdue.edu to obtain a coupon code and directions on how to register for a training via 4HOnline. **Youth must register for and complete YQCA training prior to July 1 in order to participate in this year's Posey County 4-H Fair.** Online training modules are also available. Learn more about them at www.yqca.org.

POSEY COUNTY 4-H "SHARE-THE-FUN" ENTRY FORM

This year's Share-the-Fun 4-H Talent Show will take place at Mt. Vernon High School (Date TBA) and will begin at 7 PM. **Clubs may enter one (1) group act & UP TO two (2) curtain acts.** The curtain acts can be two musicals, two non-musicals, or one of each. 4-H members will receive five (5) achievement points per act in which they take part. **ALL acts must be pre-registered, & ALL registration forms MUST be turned in by April 1.**



Check the appropriate Act:

Curtain Act

Group Act

_____ Musical

_____ Number in Club

_____ Non-Musical

_____ Number in Act

Type of Act (description, name of song, etc.) _____

Name of 4-H'er(s) in Act (if curtain act) _____

4-H Club _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Equipment Needed (microphone, piano, other) _____

Email the above information to Cheven at maycm@purdue.edu or FAX to 812-838-1353. You may also return this form via postal mail to:

Purdue Extension-Posey County Office
126 E. 3rd St. Room 29
Mt. Vernon, IN 47620

******All entries MUST be received in the Extension Office by April 1. ******

RETURN TO:
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126 E. 3RD ST., ROOM 29
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FAX: 812-838-1353

4-H CAMP REGISTRATION DUE MAY 15
GRADES 3-6 ONLY
2021 CAMP DATES: JUNE 3&4
COMPLETED HEALTH & BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS
FORMS ALSO REQUIRED!
MAKE CHECKS TO: PURDUE CES ED FUND-POSEY COUNTY

COST:
\$70

Primary County of 4-H enrollment? Circle POSEY or VANDERBURGH

Have you attended 4-H Camp before? Circle YES or NO

Camper's Name: _____

Camper's Address: _____

Age: _____

Gender: Circle M or F

Current Grade as of May 1 : Circle 3 4 5 or 6

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____

Teammate Preference (if any): _____

Please list any person(s) who are designated to pick up the above-listed camper:

1. _____

2. _____

I verify that I am a current 4-H member in the county circled above, and I have read and will abide by the Indiana 4-H behavioral expectations set by Indiana 4-H.

4-H Member Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Please note you must also submit a completed 2020 4-H Youth Health Form & Youth Behavioral Expectations Form in order for your application to be considered complete.

2020-2021



PCCC= Posey County Community Center on the fairgrounds

- Jan. 7 4-H Expansion & Review Annual Meeting (6-7 PM, Zoom)
Jan. 7 4-H Council Annual Meeting (7-7:30 PM, Zoom)
Jan. 7 4-H Council Monthly Business Meeting (7:30 PM, Zoom)
Jan. 12 4-H Adult Volunteer Training (7-8 PM, Zoom)
Jan. 19 4-H Jr. Leader Business Meeting (7-8 PM, PCCC)
Jan. 21 4-H Adult Volunteer Training (6:30-8 PM, Zoom)
- Feb. 4 4-H Council Monthly Business Meeting (7 PM, Zoom)
Feb. 16 4-H Jr. Leader Business Meeting (7-8 PM, PCCC)
Feb. 23 4-H Adult Volunteer Training (7-8 PM, Zoom)
- Mar. 1 Posey County 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship Application Deadline
Mar. 4 4-H Council Meeting (7 PM, Zoom)
Mar. 16 4-H Club Officer Training/Jr. Leader Meeting (7-8 PM, Zoom)
- Apr. TBA YQCA Animal Exhibitor Mandatory Training
Apr. 1 County & State Fair Beef Steer Entry Deadline
Apr. 1 4-H Council Meeting (7 PM, Zoom)
Apr. 20 Jr. Leader PCCC Clean-Up & Business Meeting (6-8 PM, PCCC)
- May TBA Posey County 4-H Share the Fun (7 PM, MVHS)
May 6 4-H Council Meeting (7 PM, Zoom)
May 11 4-H Adult Volunteer Training (6:30-8 PM, Zoom)
May 15 State & County Enrollment & Animal ID Deadline
May 18 Jr. Leader Business Meeting (7-8 PM, Zoom)
- June 3&4 4-H Camp
June 7 4-H Public Speaking Contest (Reg. 6 PM & Contest 6:30 PM, PCCC)
June 15 Jr. Leader Business Meeting (7-8 PM, PCCC)
June 17 4-H Council Meeting (7 PM, Zoom)
- July TBA 4-H Fashion Revue Judging (4 PM) & Public Show (5 PM), PCCC
July 19-23 Posey County Fair
- Aug. TBA Non-perishable ISF exhibits to Indy (*Kept at fairgrounds after the 4-H Fair!*)
Aug. TBA Perishable ISF exhibits due to Extension Office by Noon!
Aug. 6-22 Indiana State Fair
Aug. 24 State Fair Exhibits Available for Pick-Up (8 AM-4:00 PM, Extension Office)
- Nov. 16 4-H Achievement Banquet (6 PM, PCCC)

4-H Members: Don't Wait to Register Your Premises

Registering your premises is done online, at no charge, and takes only about 5 minutes. Visit the Indiana State Board of Animal Health's (BOAH) website: www.in.gov/boah and click on "Premises Registration".

BOAH staff will issue a premise identification number (also known as a "premiD") within three to five business days after the online form is submitted. If registering by mail with a paper form, allow ten business days for a premiD to be issued.

Do you need to verify your premises identification number? Contact BOAH at: 317-544-2400 or email animalhealth@boah.in.gov. Be sure to note the name and premises' physical address listed on the registration.

All Indiana premises associated with the purchase, sale and/or exhibition of cattle, swine, sheep, goats and farmed cervids must be registered by state law. Registration allows BOAH to be more effective tracing animal movements in a major animal health emergency investigation.

Be sure to allow enough time to receive your premises number before May 15!

2021 Important 4-H Updates

Exhibit Building Project Updates

There is one new project this year: Video Gaming & Computer Coding. Details are found in this newsletter. Amended projects are as follows:

- Beekeeping- Added broader poster exhibit topic choices
- Cake Decorating- Minor changes to the required sizes of the cake boards
- Computer- Completely new exhibit requirements
- Electric- New exhibit requirements, skills card, and skills chart
- Foods/Food Preservation- New food safety policy
- Photography- Cell phone picture option added
- Sewing- Broader exhibit options added
- Verbal Communications Contests- Speech topics must be related to 4-H
- Woodworking- Skills sheet updated

Annual Activities Updates

- Fashion Revue- Tentatively moved to Wednesday, July 21
 - 4 PM Judging (Community Center)
 - 5 PM Public Show (Community Center)
- Tractor Driving Contest
 - Will be held prior to the Area contest in June (TBA)
- Camp is June 3&4
- Project Release (**ALL ENTRIES & ANIMALS**): Friday, July 23, 1-7 PM

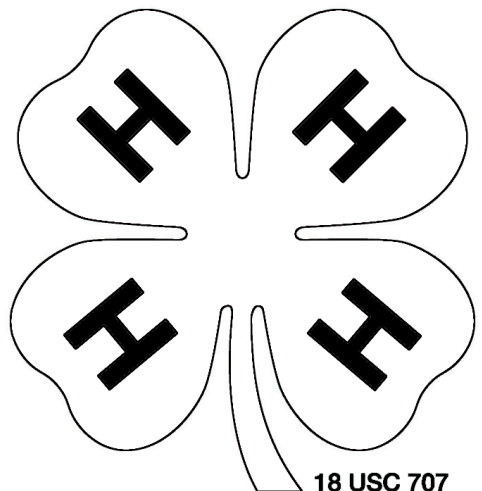
2021 Important 4-H Updates (CONTINUED)

Animal Project Updates

- Animal well check rule (General Animal Project Rules):

4-H'ers are responsible for caring for their animals & keeping their pens & aisle area clean at all times. There will be twice daily well checks made by the Animal Project Superintendents, and those animals found to be without water or that have not been fed will not be allowed to sell at the livestock auction and will receive an Incomplete for the project.

- Animal check-in times have changed (General Animal Project Rules):
 - **Sheep & Goats**- 3-5 PM on Sunday, July 18, at their barn
 - **Beef, Dairy & Swine**- 7-9 AM on Monday, July 19, at their barns
 - **Horses & Ponies**- 7 AM-7 PM on Monday, July 19, at their barn
 - **Poultry**- 7:30-8:00 AM on Tuesday, July 20, at their barn
 - **Cats**- 12:30-1:00 PM on Wednesday, July 21, at the PCCC
 - **Rabbits**- 7:30-8:00 AM on Thursday, July 22, at the Livestock Arena, with the show being held there following check-in. The Project Superintendent will bring animals to stay at the fair, so all exhibitors' rabbits will go home immediately following the show.
- Beef
 - No mulch bedding allowed in cattle barn.
 - Bedding will not be provided.
 - **Beef exhibit numbers changed to align with ISF rules.**
- Goats
 - Each animal must weigh 35# minimum.
 - All 8 milk teeth must be in place in order for a wether to be exhibited.
 - Those not following the above-stated rules will not be allowed to show or sell and must be taken home the same day.
- Supreme Showmanship winners can show in any species' Senior showmanship classes but cannot compete in the county Supreme Showmanship contest if they have won the event in past years.



4HOnline Notice of Changes

Please note that the 4HOnline system will allow you to make changes to your record of enrollment until midnight on May 15. However, the office will not receive notification of any changes you make, so please email maycm@purdue.edu or call 812-838-1331 to let us know if you need additional project materials. Thank you for your cooperation!

2021 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification

The following table lists the different animal species and the respective form of identification that is required for a 4-H member to be eligible to show in the 4-H livestock shows at the 2021 Indiana State Fair. The animal ID information must be entered in the Indiana 4HOnline enrollment system by the respective deadlines. Missing, incomplete or incorrect animal ID information could result in ineligibility for that particular animal.



State Fair Entry Max # & Deadline to Enroll County Entry Only

	State Fair Entry	Max # & Deadline to Enroll	County Entry Only
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 total steers Due May 15	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag
Commercial and Market Heifers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 total heifers Due May 15	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID Tag and Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample	10 total heifers Due May 15	840-RFID Tag and Tattoo
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID Tag and animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number) and DNA Hair Sample	40 total Due May 15	840-RFID Tag
Meat Goat Wethers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	40 total Due May 15	5-digit County Tag or Official Scrapie Tag
Boer Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample		Breed Registry Tattoo
Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample		5-digit County Tag or Official Scrapie Tag
Horses and Pony	Color Picture	20 total due May 15	Color Pictures
Sheep Market Lambs	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	30 total Due May 15	5-digit County Tag or Official Scrapie Tag
Commercial Ewes	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag or Official Scrapie Tag and DNA Hair Sample		5-digit County Tag or Official Scrapie Tag
Registered Ewes	840-RFID Tag and ID that matches Registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample		ID that matches Registration Papers (Could be Official Scrapie Tag or Tattoo)
Swine	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch and DNA Hair Sample	15 Gilts & 15 Barrows Due May 15	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch