

4-H TODAY

March/April 2021
Dallas Howard, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth

Welcome Families!

For those who are new, we send you a warm welcome to the Newton County 4-H Program! We are excited and geared up for a great 2021 4-H year! We are happy to have new families and first year members in the 4-H program as well! The 4-H newsletter, 4-H Today, is sent out bi-monthly. Please review this and every edition of 4-H Today for important information about camp, livestock, Jr. Leaders, shooting sports, various other projects, and training and leadership opportunities available to members and their families among a lot of other very important information about 4-H. Be sure to “like” our Facebook page, which can be found at www.facebook.com/newtoncountyextension, to keep up with the most current happenings in Newton County 4-H. We look forward to working, competing and having a fun-filled year with you!

Sincerely,

Dallas Howard, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

Attention 1st Year Members (Grades 3-12)

When you first get started in a new activity like 4-H, it can seem a bit overwhelming. To help **1st year members** and their families feel at home in 4-H, the 4-H Junior Leaders (4-H members in junior high or high school) are sponsoring a special program called *4-H Grows, A 1st Year Member Event*. The Jr. Leaders will explain the ins and outs of being successful in 4-H, you’ll learn about 4-H projects, get to know other first year members, and much more!!



We hope you and your parents can join us!

Saturday, March 6th from 1:00 PM—3:00 PM at the Beaver Township Community Center in Morocco. Face coverings and social distancing will be required.

Please RSVP by Friday, March 5th so we can prepare enough materials for this fun-filled event! RSVP to Dallas Howard at howard0@purdue.edu or 219-285-8620 ext. 2800

Please keep this newsletter as your reference for March and April 4-H activities and info.

Follow us on Facebook to receive updates and current information at

www.facebook.com/newtoncountyextension

Club Meeting Dates

While things may not be back to normal yet, we are excited to be getting back into 4-H activities, including club meetings. Each club leader has to work with the Extension Office to submit safety plans 3 weeks prior to the start of in-person meetings. Additionally, we have had to work to find new meeting locations because some of the venues clubs have used in the past are still not open to groups having meetings. Because of this, we are off to a slower start than normal. If you haven’t heard from your club leader or if you have any questions about meetings or getting your project manuals, please contact the Extension Office so we can help. We thank you for your patience as we work to get everything up and running this year.

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Geranium Sales

Newton County 4-H members are again selling geraniums to raise funds for clubs and 4-H Council-sponsored activities. Newton County 4-H Council members are also taking orders to accommodate people who may not be contacted by a 4-H member.



4-Hers need to attend their local 4-H club meeting to get a geranium order form. We will also be emailing forms out in case your club hasn't met yet. If you're new to 4-H and geranium sales, talk to an older member in your club for some pointers! **Plants will be sold for \$1.25 each. Hanging baskets will be \$15. Turn in your orders with payment to your leader by April 10.**

Animal Enrollment Process

This year, you will register all animals (except Poultry) through the Indiana 4HOnline system: <https://v2.4honline.com>.

This year you will need to register your rabbits in 4HOnline as well.

You will use the same username and password as you did to enroll in 4-H.

Instructional worksheets will be handed out at tagging events. Please adhere to all deadlines and ID requirements as our office will not be required to sign off on your livestock enrollment. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Sheep, Goat, Calf, and Rabbit ID

Sheep, Goat, Beef and Dairy Feeder Calf ID Day will be held tentatively on Thursday, May 6, from 5:30-7:00 PM at the Newton County Fairgrounds.

Sheep—Please bring all sheep to be identified. All market lambs, commercial ewes, and registered ewes going to the state fair must have DNA hair samples collected and turned in to the Extension Office by May 15th. Envelopes will be available at tagging. If you have any questions, please call Josh Hardebeck, Sheep Superintendent at 219-405-3563.

Goats—Only wethers and market does **MUST** come to Tagging Night to get a county tag. **MARKET DOES MUST ALSO HAVE A SCRAPIE TAG.** State law states that all meat and dairy does must have **one** of the following: A. a tattoo accompanied with registration papers dated before May 15 of the show year (It is your responsibility to make sure it has registration papers. Tattoos must be done before May 15 of the show year and must be readable.), **OR**, B. a scrapie tag must be placed in the goat's ear. Scrapie tags may only come from the breeder of your animal or from your own farm. None will be provided at Tagging Night.

Any doe planning to go to the State Fair must be registered and have all proper paperwork. Pygmy goats are not required to come to weigh-in, but will require scrapie tags.

Meat goat wethers, boer goat females (registered), and market goat does (wether dams) going to the state fair must have DNA hair samples collected and turned in to the Extension Office by May 15th. Envelopes will be available at tagging. Please contact Scott or Maureen Deno, Goat Superintendents, at 219-863-2572 or 219-819-5279, with any questions.

Beef and Dairy—All registered heifers and beef and dairy feeder calf steers born after Dec. 31, 2020 need to be present. Any Beef Prospect (steer or heifer) that needs an RFID tag should come as well. We will tag all feeder calves at that time. If you have any questions, please contact Mandi Vanderwall, Dairy Superintendent at 219-616-1521, or Wade Berenda, Beef Superintendent at 219-474-9406 (home) or 765-426-4951 (cell). All beef and dairy steers, registered heifers, commercial heifers, and market heifers going to the state fair must have DNA samples collected and turned in to the Extension Office by May 15th. Envelopes will be available at tagging.

Rabbit—Rabbit tattoo dates are TBA and a postcard will be mailed to members once details are finalized.

YQCA Certification Required for All Livestock Members

All youth planning to exhibit Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Poultry and Rabbits (except Mini's) at the Newton County Fair must complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals course..

In person training dates— Everyone planning to attend will need to register prior to the training at <http://yqca.org> and will need to pay the \$3 fee. These classes will be also listed on the YQCA website.

- March 30th at 6:00pm at the Newton County Government Center
- More dates TBA— We will send out notices once additional dates are set. You can also check the YQCA website.

When registering at <http://yqca.org> please use your 4HOnline login information.

The YQCA Course can also be taken online at <http://yqca.org>. Courses taken online will be \$12. All trainings must be completed prior to exhibition at the Newton County Fair.



Beef and Dairy Check-in Date

The Beef and Dairy check-in date for beef steers, commercial heifers, and dairy market steers will be Saturday, April 10th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Newton County Fairgrounds. If you have any questions, please contact Mandi Vanderwall, Dairy Superintendent at 219-616-1521, or Wade Berenda, Beef Superintendent at 219-474-9406 (home) or 765-426-4951 (cell).

Don't Wait to Register Your Premises

Do you have your livestock premises registered? Registering your premises may be 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". Be sure to allow enough time to receive your premises number before your state or local 4-H deadline.

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.

Shooting Sports Training



The Hunter Education course is not required for your participation in the 4-H Shooting Sports project, but it is encouraged.

To complete the 4-H project and be eligible to participate in live fire events, first year members must attend the safety training session. The dates and times are still being finalized. Be on the lookout for more information to be mailed and emailed out once details are finalized.

Mini 4-H Workshops (Kindergarten & 1st Grade)

The Junior Leaders will be hosting three Mini 4-H Workshops that are open to any Mini 4-Hers in Kindergarten and 1st grade as well as any Kindergarten or 1st graders who would like to learn more about the program or sign up. All three events will be at the Government Center in Morocco and will last approximately an hour. We ask that you RSVP by emailing Dallas Howard at howard0@purdue.edu or by calling the Extension Office at (219) 285-8620 ext. 2800. The dates and projects are:

March 3, 6pm-7pm

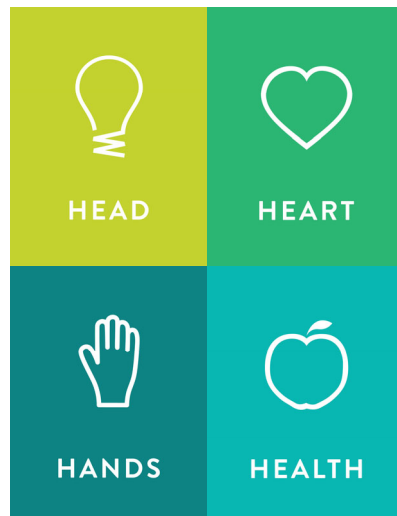
- Mini Bugs & Mini Forestry
- RSVP by March 1

April 7, 6pm-7pm

- Mini Sewing & Mini Collections
- RSVP by April 5

May 5, 6pm-7pm

- Mini Space & Mini Trees
- RSVP by May 3



State Horse and Pony Contests



The registration for the 2021 State Horse and Pony Public Speaking, Demonstration, Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest is now open!

All of the events will be held virtually and have a \$10 registration fee:

Hippology Event– Thursday, April 22 (registration deadline April 16th)

Horse Bowl- Tuesday, April 27th (registration deadline April 16th)

Horse and Pony Public Speaking (individuals only)- Week of June 7th (registration deadline June 3rd)

Horse and Pony Demonstration Event– Week of June 7th (registration deadline June 3rd)

For more information contact the Newton County Extension Office.

Newton County Clover Camera Corps

We are excited to announce a new photography club opportunity.

The first meeting will be **Thursday, March 11th at 6:00pm at the Newton County Government Center in Morocco.** The club will have monthly photography workshops as well as photography competitions with feedback from leaders and volunteers with winners being featured in the Newton County Enterprise newspaper. This is separate from the photography project but you are free to participate in either or both. To learn more and/or register, contact Dallas Howard at 219-285-8620 Ext. 2800 or howard0@purdue.edu.

Contact Us

Interested in learning more about what we do?

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4-H Camp Update

4-H Camp details are still being finalized, but we will let everyone know when we are sending out camper applications. Watch your mailboxes closely for notices on 4-H Camp and other fun and educational youth activities this summer. 4-H Camp is for youth in grades 3-6. This year's camp will be ***June 9-11 at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, IN.***

Meeting dates for Camp Counselors will be March 18 and April 15 with a third date TBA. Please be on the lookout for more information soon.

State 4-H Opportunities

4-H Roundup, Middle School Age (June 21-23, 2021)- Registration Deadline June 1
4-H Band, Grades 9-12 (June 19-21, 2021)- Registration Deadline April 1
4-H Chorus, Grades 9-12 (June 19-22, 2021)- Registration Deadline April 1
State 4-H Junior Leader Conference, Grades 9-12 (June 15-18, 2021)- Registration
Deadline May 15
4-H Academy, Grades 9-11 (June 9-11)- Registration Deadline May 15

For more information on State Events contact the Extension Office or visit:
<https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/pages/events.aspx>

Volunteer Appreciation Week April 18-24, 2021

Each year, thousands of volunteers in Indiana donate their time and energy to make their communities a better place to live. These volunteers will be among the millions across the country who will be spotlighted during National



Volunteer Week. 4-H Program volunteers are just one group of volunteers who are instrumental in carrying out the mission of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service. Volunteers are involved in every aspect of the Extension Service, including determining the needs of the local residents, planning and implementing programs to address these needs, securing resources, and evaluating programs. Newton County has nearly 100 Extension volunteers. We would like to say "THANK YOU!" from the bottom of our hearts. You play an important part in the programming that we provide to the community. Thank a volunteer today!

Have you ever thought about helping with the 4-H program? Does a 4-H project or committee interest you? Would you like to start your own project or club? We are looking for you! Please contact the Extension Office to explore ways you can get involved and fill out the application. We can't wait to hear from you!