



4-H TODAY

May/June 2015
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Happy Spring!

What a great year we are having so far! As the fair draws near, we will be planning many project workshops for you to attend. For your convenience, we have listed several project leaders in this newsletter for your reference in case you need to contact them regarding workshops that you'll be attending. We will also list workshop dates on our website as they are scheduled. 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 seeing you at the fair!

Sincerely,

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Thank You to Our Volunteers!

The last few months have been busy! We appreciate our wonderful volunteers. Thank you to all of our 4-H Volunteers for stepping in when needed and continuing to "have the heart" to volunteer their time to the 4-H program in our county!

Project Workshops

Baskets— Jenn Barrett is hosting Basket workshops for members in the month of June. Please call her at 765-376-0668 if you haven't already scheduled a time to meet with her.

Cake Decorating— These workshops are currently being scheduled for the month of June. Please contact project leader, Tammy Dyniewski at 219-345-2839, if you have any questions before then.

Scrapbooking— These workshops are currently being scheduled. Please contact project leader, Anji Strasburger at 219-474-3901, if you have any questions before then.

Shooting Sports— Live fire shooting will begin Sunday, May 3, from 1-3 PM at the Newton County Fairgrounds. The live fire shoots will continue every Sunday until June 28. That's 9 times to learn and practice project skills! Be sure to thank Coordinators/Instructors Paul and Elaine Anderson and Doug Hartman.

Sportfishing— Pond fishing will begin Thursday, May 7 from 5:30-7:30PM at the 4-H pond at Kankakee Sands. Meet at the pond on 500N., 1/4 mile east of US 41, north of the NN High School.

The next meeting dates include:

Wed., May 13, 5:30-7:30PM at Garmong's pond, Northwest of Morocco. Plan to catch some nice bass!

Thurs., May 28, 5:30-7:30 PM, Jay Woodlock's pond. The famous 4-H Fishing sign will be posted to lead you in the right direction.

Sat., June 13, 2:00-7:30PM, Carter's pond in Warren County.

Call John Frischie at 219-474-6483 for directions if you need them. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend all fishing workshops.



New for 2015—we will be doubling up our newsletters. Please keep this one as your reference for May and June 4-H activities and info.

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Animal Barn Clean Up

Dates

Mark the following dates on your calendar for your barn clean up.

Beef/Dairy— Sun., July 5, 4-6 PM

Goat/Sheep— Thurs., July 9, 5 PM

Horse & Pony— Sat., July 4, Time TBA

Rabbit/Poultry— Sat., May 16, 9 AM and Thurs. July 9, 6 PM

Animal Enrollment Process

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

Sheep, Goat, and Beef and Dairy Feeder Calf ID Day will be held tentatively on Thursday, May 7, from 5-8PM at the Newton County Fairgrounds.

Please bring all sheep to be identified and retinal scanned. If you have any questions, please call Randy Smith, Sheep Superintendent at 219-474-9166.

All Dairy and Meat Goat wethers will need to come to the fairgrounds for county tagging. If you plan to go to State Fair, wethers will also need to be retinal scanned. Meat does and Dairy does are not required to come, but for the county level requirement they must have a scrapie ID (scrapie tag or tattoos and registration papers). 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. Please contact Scott or Maureen Deno, Goat Superintendents, at 219-394-2712, with any questions.

All beef and dairy feeder calf steers born after Dec. 31, 2014 need to be present. We will tag all feeder calves at that time. If you have any questions about Dairy, please contact Jen Hayworth, Dairy Superintendent at 765-491-5689.

PQA Certification Classes

Pork Quality Assurance certification is required for all Swine members regardless if going to the State Fair. Classes will be held on **Monday, June 8** and **Monday, June 15**. They will both begin at 6 PM at the Government Center in Morocco. You may contact the Extension Office to find out the status of your current certification. PQA is required in order to sell in some markets. If you do not have current PQA certification, you will be ineligible to sell at the livestock auction at the fair.

Poultry Blood Testing

The Poultry Barn will be having their blood testing day on Saturday, June 13 at 9:00 AM at the Newton County Fairgrounds. Superintendents Paula Knapp and Lisa Kessler will be providing this free of charge for any member who attends the May 16 barn organization day. Otherwise, the cost will be \$1 per bird. Please contact Paula at 219-313-2503 or Lisa at 219-869-7782 if you have any questions.

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.

Drop/Add Deadline AND Livestock Entry Deadline is May 15

If you decide you need to make changes in the projects you signed up for this year, you can still drop or add until May 15. Simply log into your 4HOnline at account at <https://in.4honline.com> to make the change or contact the Extension Office to report the change. The final deadline to drop or add projects is May 15—no exceptions!

Livestock must be entered into the 4HOnline system by May 15 for all animals except Rabbit and Poultry. Animal entry information and worksheets were sent to you in early April. Please do not delay in getting this information entered into the system. Ownership possession forms for ALL ANIMALS, including CATS and DOGS is due on May 15 as well.

Indiana State Fair

The 2015 Indiana State Fair is scheduled for August 7-22. Livestock entries for beef, dairy cattle, sheep, and swine are due June 1. July 1 is the entry deadline for boar goats, dairy goats, meat goats, dogs, cats, llamas, pigeons, poultry, pygmy goats, rabbits, and waterfowl. Enter your animals online at www.indianastatefair.com. There will be no state fair books printed for distribution this year. All information can be found online and printed from there.

4-H Club and Project Meetings

4-H Clubs and Project Clubs are underway for 2015. If you have not yet attended a club or project meeting, you are missing out on a good time as well as lots of information that can help you be successful in 4-H. The more you attend, the more informed and involved you will be! Club leaders distribute Periscopes and project manuals...don't wait until the last minute to participate. Also, don't forget to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the Newton County 4-H Program!

Junior Leader Parents Night

The Junior Leaders have a fun event planned for their annual Parents Night. This year it will be held at the Lake Village Park on Tuesday, May 12 from 6:30-8:00 PM. We will be cooking out and having many obstacle course and teambuilding games. Junior Leaders signed up to bring side dishes and desserts at the April meeting. Watch your mailboxes for more detailed information!

4-H Building Clean Up

It takes many people working together to get the 4-H Building and all of the barns ready for the fair. Helping would be a great 4-H Club service project. All hands are welcome on Wednesday, June 24 from 9:00-11:00 AM to shape up the 4-H Building and the grounds as well. We need to do the usual cleaning and polishing, trimming and weeding. Please bring buckets, brooms, and rags.

Junior Leaders will meet that evening at 6 PM to do some finishing touches.

Dog Obedience Trainings

Training has begun for the 4-H Dog Obedience project. It will continue every Wednesday starting at 6 PM at the Newton County Fairgrounds. Trainings will be held through show day, Friday, July 10 at 7 PM in the Sheep Arena. Please make your best effort to attend as many trainings as you can.



4-H Camp Update

4-H Camp is June 3-5 at Camp Tecumseh. Further information will be sent out shortly to the 4-Hers who will be going to camp regarding what to bring, health forms, arrival and departure times, and a map.

Animal Entry Times

Sewing Workshops Planned

Have you been thinking about what you'll make for your sewing project? Do you have your fabric and thread chosen for your project? Two workshops have been planned to get you going on your project and to answer any questions that you may have. *Please bring your sewing machine and project materials to each workshop.*

Wednesday, May 27, 5:30-7:00 PM

And

Saturday, June 27, 1:00-3:00 PM

Both workshops will be held at the Newton County Government Center in Morocco.

Contact your leader, Samantha Goddard at 219-869-7083, if you have any questions.

SPECIES	DAY	TIME
SWINE	SUNDAY	8 AM - 5 PM
HORSE	SATURDAY	6 PM—8 PM
	SUNDAY	8 AM—12 PM
DAIRY	SUNDAY	8 AM—12 PM
	MONDAY	6 AM—10 AM
BEEF	MONDAY	6 AM—10 AM
RABBIT AND POULTRY	SUNDAY	8 AM—5 PM
SHEEP	SUNDAY	8 AM—5 PM
GOAT	SUNDAY	8 AM—5 PM
LACTATING DAIRY COWS	DAY OF SHOW	7 AM—PRIOR TO SHOW
RELEASE TIME FOR ALL SPECIES WILL BE SATURDAY JULY 18 AT 9 PM.		

All animals must be in good general health and free of any communicable diseases. All animals must be properly identified. It is **state law** that all locations with cattle, sheep, goats, and swine have a premises ID issued from the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. In addition, all sheep and goats must have a flock identification number for the federal scrapie program.

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Newton County Friend of 4-H Award

WHO is the 4-H leader, Council member, or a community 4-H supporter who has had a positive effect on you or your 4-Her? Do you know an adult or business who has made a significant contribution in support of Newton County 4-H? Please take the time to thank this person by nominating him or her for the "Friend of 4-H Award."

Previous winners include:

- 2008—Marcia Carlson
- 2009—Hartley Rowe
- 2010—Janet Sickler
- 2011—Dick & Judy Berenda
- 2012—Frank Terrell and Dr. Kay Boyd
- 2013—Don Hartman, Sr.
- 2014—Don Washburn

The form needs to be completed and returned by July 1. It can be found on our website, www.extension.purdue.edu/newton.