



4-H TODAY

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4-H Enrollment Coming to a Close

We are excited for another great year and are preparing for many changes to make our program better than ever. With the changes comes a new online enrollment system. Now, families are able to access the online system to enroll their youth in our 4-H program. The enrollment deadline will be **January 15, 2016. Please DO NOT wait until the last minute. You will not be considered a member until your program fee is paid.**

After January 15, you can enroll through the local Extension Office. **To enroll online, simply go to <https://in.4honline.com>.** From there, you'll create a new family profile. After the profile is created, you'll add youth 4-H members and enroll them into projects. You are able to pay the program fee online or by check. If you have any questions about this process, please contact our office at 219-285-8620 ext. 2800 or email dsands@purdue.edu.

Newton County 4-H is open to all youth in grades 2-12. New members are welcome to join at any time!

4-H Scholarships—Due to 4HOnline January 25

Are you a high school 4-H member getting your post-high school educational plans together? Don't forget about your 4-H experiences...you could be eligible for a number of scholarships!

The following scholarships are available:

1. **4-H Accomplishment.*** Includes an application within a 4-H project area, a cover letter, a resume, and an on-campus interview for those whose applications are selected.
2. **4-H Club.** For seniors enrolling at Purdue in the College of Agriculture or one of the following majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences; Apparel Design and Technology, Dietetics, Developmental and Family Science, Early Childhood Education and Exceptional Needs, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Environmental Health Science, Financial Counseling and Planning, Foods and Nutrition, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Human Services, Nutrition Science, Retail Management, or Selling and Sales Management. Must have your FAFSA application on file by March 1, 2016.
3. **4-H Foundation.*** For seniors enrolled in 4-H, based on 4-H record and application.
4. Locally, **2 Newton County 4-H Council Scholarships** are available: One to a North Newton-area 4-Her and one to a South Newton-area 4-Her.

Please contact the Extension Office for copies of these applications. All applications are to be uploaded to your 4Honline profile by January 25, 2016, except the 4-H Council scholarship, which is due Feb 1.

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**A Beef/Dairy
Workshop will be
held Sunday,**



Jan. 17 from 2 –4 PM CST. This workshop includes identification of meats and breeds. You will also hear about the most up-to-date cattle ID information. This will be fun and interactive! No cattle are necessary at this event. **We strongly suggest that all members attend to experience all that your Beef/Dairy project has to offer you!** Join your Superintendents Stu Manchester and Jen Hayworth at Stu's house, 5766 E 300 S, Rensselaer, 3/4 mi East of Mt. Ayr on 300 S.

2016 Livestock Enrollment Information Updates

As the enrollment process has changed, so has the process for enrolling livestock. All livestock enrollment information will be done through the <https://in.4honline.com> website (except Rabbits and Poultry). Animal registration dates are the same: April 1 for Steer (Beef and Dairy Beef) and May 15 for all other livestock. This is your responsibility as a member to get this information entered. All fields in **bold** are required in order to be eligible for State Fair.

New for 2016—

- All Cattle (Beef and Dairy) will require an RFID tag for exhibition at county and state fair.
- Swine will require an Official ear tag by May 15. More information about this will come at a later date. Swine going to State Fair will require an RFID tag and DNA hair sample.
- Sheep—Wethers younger than 18 months of age do not require a scrapie tag. The Extension Office will not be distributing scrapie tags. You can contact the Indiana BOAH to receive tags for your farm.

Beef/Dairy Weigh-IN and Tagging Workshop

Mark your calendars for the Beef/Dairy Weigh-In and Tagging workshop on Saturday, February 20 from

9-11 AM CT at Manchester Ag, 5766 E 300 S, Rensselaer, 3/4 mi East of Mt. Ayr on 300 S. Scales will be set up to help you get your cattle weighed and tagged and we will give you paperwork necessary to go online and enter the information. Please contact your Superintendents Stu Manchester 219-863-9273 or Jen Hayworth 765-491-5689 if you have any questions prior to the workshop.



SAVE-THE-DATE: Beef and Dairy Barn Dinner, Sat, Feb 27, 2016 from 4:30-7:00 PM CT at the Brook United Methodist Church. Carry out available. Contact Lisa Eilers at 219-275-4693 for tickets and information.

Young Ladies of Agriculture

The Young Ladies of Agriculture is a networking evening to encourage young ladies (grade 8—12) who have an interest in Agriculture through a family operation, course in school, or personal interest! It is NOT required to have a background in agriculture—just an interest in learning more about the industry.

This event will be held Wednesday, February 17 from 3-7 PM at the Clarion Hotel in Columbus, IN at the Midwest Women in Agriculture Conference.

Interested in attending? You MUST RSVP by February 5th by calling our office or going online at ag.purdue.edu/extension/wia. \$10 registration fee due before attending. There are only 40 spots available! Each young lady is welcome to RSVP one (1) adult guest free of charge. Register today!

Area 4-H Officer Training

Are you currently a 4-H Club Officer? Would you like to become a Club Officer some day? Ever wondered what Club Officers are supposed to do?

We are excited to announce information about the 2016 Area 4-H Officer Training to be held **Wednesday, January 27** at the **White County Extension Office** in Reynolds, IN. Registration begins at 5:00 PM CT and the training will begin at 5:30 PM CT. The training will be conducted by Purdue Collegiate 4-H to help you learn more about 4-H Club Officer positions! It also promises to be a fun and interactive environment.

Interested members should RSVP by January 18th to Danielle at the Extension Office or by signing up for the event in 4-H Online. The cost is free to attend so we hope you will join in on the fun! The snow date for the event will be Feb. 3.

4-H Grows KNOWLEDGE—A Workshop for Club Leaders, Jr. Leader, and Judges

The 4-H Bi-State this year is on February 6th at the Knoy Center in Cloverdale, Indiana and will offer a great opportunity for 4-H junior leaders, leaders and even judges to improve their skills and an opportunity to meet and share with others from throughout Indiana. We have speakers coming in from all over Indiana for this national award winning program to train you and offer skill session in topics you should love. We will have sessions on teamwork, citizenship, judging the updated foods curriculum, youth mental health and more!!!

Watch your email for the brochure and registration form or contact Malea Huffman at 812.659.2122 or huffmanm@purdue.edu and she will send it to you directly. In January you should also be able to register using your family profile at <https://in.4honline.com> and print your registration form and mail it in to us. So please mark your calendars and we hope you can join us! Please register by January 31st, 2016.

E-990 Postcard due May 15, 2016

4-H Clubs and Affiliates with less than \$50,000 in gross receipts have filed an IRS Form 9900 e-postcard in the past. Clubs will be required to file the IRS Form 990 e-postcard in 2016. The deadline for this to be completed is May 15, 2016. Please contact the Extension Office if you do not know your EIN number.

Club and Project Leader Meeting

Club and Project Leaders are invited to attend their first meeting for 2016 on Tuesday, February 2 at 6 PM at the Extension Office We will distribute project manuals and club rosters. Please plan to give us a list of your upcoming events and plans for the year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please give our office a minimum of **two (2) weeks notice** if you request a postcard or mailing to your club/project members. That will give us sufficient time to create the mailing and for your members' families to plan for your event.

Since our newsletter is now bi-monthly, we are requesting a schedule of your 4-H events for the upcoming year. Many clubs and projects have already given us their dates. This will be helpful for us to advertise your event sufficiently as well as for families to plan for them.

Club Annual Reports and Financial Info Due Soon

In mid-December, the required annual Club Report and Financial Info forms were mailed to one leader per club or project. The club secretary can complete the Club Report, basically a summary of the year's accomplishments. The Treasurer can help complete the 2-page Financial Report. **All reports MUST be returned to the Extension Office by February 1.**

Calling All 4-H Leaders!

The months of February and March are Calcium Awareness Months. To help celebrate, the Fair Oaks Farms are offering a special to all 4-H Clubs. For a group of at least 10, you can call and schedule a special time for your group to visit the dairy. The admission price will be \$6/person/per adventure or \$10 for both! Each member will have access to over 60 interactive dairy exhibits, the bus tour, the 3D/4D movie, the Birthing Barn at the Dairy Adventure, The Gestation, Farrowing, and Growing Barn at the Pig Adventure, a handbook, and a kiddie cone! **WOW! Call now to schedule your time: 877-536-1194 ext. 322.**



Junior Leader trip to Heifer Global Village

Junior Leaders are invited to attend the Area IX Junior Leader trip to Heifer International in Howell, Michigan on March 12-13, 2016, for an experience that they will never forget! The cost to attend is \$50/person and may be offset by scholarships. Transportation will be provided by Purdue University free of charge.

The Global Challenge programs consist of a Global Tour followed by an intensive overnight in the Village. In the guided walking tour of the Global Village, participants explore the model houses and the lives of people living in the diverse regions of the world where Heifer works. Through role-playing, games, stories, and hands-on artifacts, participants learn how humans, animals, and education can greatly improve the lives of those in need.

After the Global Tour, participants spend a night in the Global Village (with cold-weather options available). Assigned to a house and working with their “family” groups, students experience first-hand the struggles and triumphs of finding and bartering for their dinner, cooking together over an open fire, and sleeping out in one of the Village’s rustic houses. The following morning is spent in an intensive debrief session in which participants develop a deeper understanding of inequalities in the world and come away empowered to make a difference in the lives of those in their own communities and around the world.

Please let Danielle know by Feb. 1 if you are interested in attending. A \$25 deposit is requested to secure your spot. This will be a very rewarding experience!

4-H Project Fair and Open House Saturday, January 9, 9-11 AM CT

Saturday, January 9 from 9-11 AM at the Beaver Twp Community Center in Morocco, the Newton County 4-H program will host its first ever 4-H Project Fair and Open House recruiting event. Current and potential members are invited to find out about 4-H projects, clubs, and activities and learn more about 4-H in Newton County! 4-H Club and Project leaders as well as current members will be on hand to answer questions and computers will be available for you to enroll while you’re there! Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

4-H Trips and Workshop Opportunities— Don’t Miss Out

Some of the perks of 4-H membership are the opportunities to spread your wings and try new experiences with other 4-Hers from across Indiana. Except for International Programs and Citizenship Washington, Newton County 4-H Council will contribute 50% of the event cost to the FIRST 5 4-H members to sign up, and 40% after that. 4-Hers are expected to pay the remainder.

Visit our website for more details www.extension.purdue.edu/newton. Ask your club leader, older 4-H members, or call us at the Extension Office if you have any questions!

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