

# 4-H TODAY

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## Welcome Families!

Welcome to the Newton County 4-H Program! We are excited and geared up for a great 2016 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 starting this year. 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](http://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,

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## Clover to Clover— Attention 1st Year Members

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 *Clover to Clover*. The Jr. Leaders will explain the ins and outs of being successful in 4-H, you’ll play a few games, get to know other first year members, and much more!!

**We hope you and your parents can join us!**

**Thursday, March 17 from 6:00-7:30 PM in the large conference room at the Newton County Government Center, Morocco.**

**Please RSVP by Friday, March 11 so we can prepare enough materials for this fun-filled event!**



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](http://www.facebook.com/newtoncountyextension)

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## Spring’s Coming—Time to Sell Geraniums!

It’s time to find last year’s customer list or think of people you know who might enjoy adding beautiful, healthy Newton County-grown red, white, pink, or violet geraniums to their yards this year. 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. Members should note that there is a prices list on the back of the order form to make multiple sales easy to figure. If you’re new to 4-H and geranium sales, talk to an older member in your club for some pointers!

**Geraniums are \$1.25 each. Turn in your orders with payment to your leader by April 18.**



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## Dog Obedience to Begin

Dog Obedience Orientation is being planned as enrollment comes to a close and 20 members and mini members are ready to start! We're excited and ready for the year! **The Orientation will be held Wednesday, March 16 from 6:30-7:30 PM at the Newton County Government Center.** All members and their parents should come to learn what's involved in this project and when training will begin. Dogs should stay home at this time! Project materials will be distributed at the Orientation. This is an important meeting for everyone enrolled in Dog Obedience—please make arrangements to attend. Training will begin Wednesday, April 13 at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds.



## 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, Calf, and Rabbit ID

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

**Sheep**—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.

**Goats**—**Only** wethers and market does **MUST** come to Tagging Night to get a county 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.

If you plan to go to State Fair, wethers will also need to be retinal scanned. 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.

**Beef and Dairy**—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.

**Rabbit**—Any rabbits needing tattoos will need to come to the ID event. Heather Fulk, Rabbit Supt., will be on hand to help you tattoo your animals. If you have any questions, please call her at 219-730-4685.

## New Market Doe Goat Class

Your Goat Committee has been working to offer more show classes. New in 2016 will be a Market Doe Class. The purpose of the class is to have them judged as a Market animal ready for Slaughter. Please read through the following guidelines for this new class:

1. Meat type goats only eligible for this class.
2. Females must be under one year of age.
3. They may be Horned or De-budded.
4. You **MUST** bring your market doe to the May tagging to receive a county tag.
5. Does enrolled as a market doe **WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE** to show in the Breed Show nor will Does shown in the Breeding class be allowed to show as a Market Doe. You must specify when enrolling your animals
6. Market Does must be Washed and Clipped from the hocks up (Full Body Clip just as we do the Wethers).
7. They will be shown with the standard Meat Goat collar.
8. Classes to be determined by Weight as follows: Light Weight, Medium Weight, Heavy weight
9. Champion and Reserve of Each Division, Grand and Reserve Grand Market Doe
10. Class size and Weight breaks to be determined by Superintendents.
11. **AT THIS POINT MARKET DOES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE AUCTION.**

Please contact Goat Superintendents, Scott and Maureen Deno for more information.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## 4-H Sportfishing Workshop—March 5

The Sportfishing Project will be hosting a very important introduction and training program for Sportfishing members. It will be held **Saturday, March 5, from 8:30 am until 12 pm at the Beaver Twp. Community Center in Morocco. Please bring your fishing rod.** Sportfishing members will:

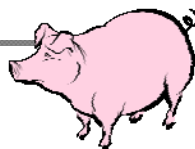
1. Meet other Club members
2. Share a fish story
3. Learn about 4-H Sportfishing
4. Learn to tie strong fishing knots
5. Select fishing lures and equipment
6. Get new line for your reel
7. Practice how to cast
8. Learn the science of fishing
9. Get some freebies
10. See examples of good projects and posters
11. Get the fishing schedule for the year.

This workshop will replace the two evening meetings we have held in the past and count toward your participation in our club. See you on March 5th!

## 4-H Has Talent— Performing Arts Contest



4-Her's, get your chance to shine! Perform a dance routine, belt out a tune, create your own act, put on a skit, play an instrument! Ideas are endless. The Area IX Performing Arts contest will be held Thursday, April 7, at 5:30 PM CST/6:30 PM EST at the Upper Room Fellowship Church, 2234 Indian Trail Drive, West Lafayette. Contact the Extension Office for a registration form. It must be returned by April 1 to participate.



## SWINE WORKSHOP

Swine members mark your calendars for March 14! The Swine Barn will be having its Annual Swine Workshop on Monday, March 14 starting at 6:00 PM at the Newton County Government Center. The workshop will include a meal and a speaker. You will get information on ID requirements and how to enroll your animals. You will also receive information about the Area IX PQA Training that will be happening at Purdue. If you have any questions, contact John Whaley at 219-275-4861 or Kyra Harrington at 219-285-2250.

## Upcoming Junior Leader Meetings

Junior Leaders will meet on Wednesday, Feb 24 from 6-7:30 PM at the Newton County Government Center to plan Clover to Clover. The March meeting will be Thursday, March 17 from 6-7:30 at the Clover to Clover event at the Government Center. Please start thinking about what you'd like to do in April, as our meeting date is not finalized at this time.

## 4-H Camp Update



4-H Camp applications will be mailed to arrive by April 1. 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 8-10 at Camp Tecumseh in Delphi, IN.**

The next camp counselor meeting will be held **Thursday, April 14 at 5:00PM CST/6:00PM EST at Camp Tecumseh.**

## **Shooting Sports:**

*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 session on Saturday. To get your Hunter Education Card, you must attend both days. *Parents should attend with their child to reinforce safety.*

These sessions will be held at the  
**Izaak Walton League in  
Shelby, Indiana.**

Sat, Mar 19: 9AM—4PM CT  
Sun, Mar 20: 9AM—4PM CT

Live fire shooting begins Sun, May 1  
from 1-3PM CT at the Newton  
County Fairgrounds, Kentland

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## **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. Here's a list of some of the things you can do:

- \* Citizenship Washington Focus (deadline March 15)
- \* State 4-H Band (deadline April 1)
- \* State 4-H Chorus (deadline April 1)
- \* State Fair Exhibit Hall Workers (deadline April 15)
- \* National 4-H Congress (deadline May 1)
- \* 4-H Round-Up (deadline May 15)
- \* 4-H Academy @ Purdue (formerly Science Workshops) (deadline May 15)
- \* State 4-H Junior Leader Conference (deadline May 15)
- \* State Fair Youth Leadership Conference (deadline July 1)

*An application may be required.* Ask your club leader, older 4-H members, or call us at the Extension Office for more details!

## **4-H Spark Clubs are Firing Up!**

I'm hoping by now you have been introduced to the term "4-H Spark Club." These clubs are noncompetitive special interest groups that get together for a certain topic. So far, we have some exciting clubs to offer to you! If any of these interest you, please contact our office ASAP so we can sign you up and get meeting dates to you.

4-H Spark Hiking Club—sign up by March 31 as the first hike is April 9!

4-H Spark Kayaking/Canoeing Club—Sign up by April 30 for the first float in May!

4-H Spark Dog Agility Club

4-H Spark Drone Club

The Clubs are free to current 4-H members. Non 4-H members will pay a \$20 program fee.

## **Volunteer Appreciation Week April 10-16, 2016**

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 over 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!