

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 2018 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,

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4-H Grows—

Attention 1st Year Members in 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 10 from 11:30 AM—1:30 PM at the Beaver Twp Community Center in Morocco. Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 7 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

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 price 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 20.

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Dog Obedience Trainings to Begin



Dog Obedience Orientation trainings are being planned as enrollment comes to a close and 20 members are ready to start! If you haven't already received your orientation packet, please contact Kelly Klingerman at 219-992-9243. Training will begin Wednesday, April 18 at 6:00 PM for mini, 1st year members, and Div. 1A, and returning members will begin at 7 PM at the fairgrounds.

Animal Enrollment Process

Again 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, Beef and Dairy Feeder Calf, and Rabbit ID Day will be held tentatively on Thursday, May 3, from 5:30-8:00 PM 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 219-863-2572 or 219-819-5279, with any questions.

Beef and Dairy—All registered heifers and beef and dairy feeder calf steers born after Dec. 31, 2017 need to be present. We will tag all feeder calves at that time. If you have any questions, please contact David Hoaks, Dairy Superintendent at 219-819-2022 or Stu Manchester, Beef Superintendent at 219-863-9273. All animals going to the state fair need DNA samples collected. Envelopes will be available at tagging.

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.

YQCA Certification Required for All Livestock Members

New for 2018 – All youth planning to exhibit Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Poultry and Rabbits (except Mini's) at the Newton County Fair must complete the new Youth for the Quality Care of Animals course. YQCA will be the new quality assurance program that Indiana will be using, and replaces PQA.

Wednesday, March 7

6:00 PM, Annual Swine Barn Meeting
Newton County Government Center, Morocco

Saturday, March 10

9:00 AM, Newton County Government Center, Morocco

Wednesday, May 2

6:00 PM, Newton County Government Center, Morocco

Youth can attend one of three face-to-face trainings, but 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.

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.

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.



4-H Adult Volunteers Needed

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!

Becoming a 4-H Volunteer is easy! It requires a simple application with 3 references, agree to be on your best behavior as set by our behavioral expectations, have a good driving record, and pass a simple background test. Then, you're in!

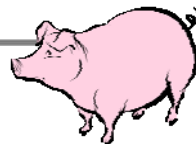
We have several short-term commitment positions, project leader positions, as well as 4-H Council positions, and other committees. If you want to give back to our county's youth, then the 4-H program is the place for you.

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!

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 in early April. A date, time, and location will be announced. 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 7! The Swine Barn will be having its Annual Swine Workshop on Wednesday, March 7 starting at 6:00 PM at the Newton County Government Center. The workshop will include a meal. Danielle will be training youth on the new YQCA certification. It is important that you register at <http://yqca.org> and pay the \$3 training fee before you attend. If you have any questions, contact John Whaley at 219-275-4861 or Kyra Harrington at 219-863-2739.

Mini 4-H Meetings

This year, Mini 4-H members will have the opportunity to attend their own club meetings to learn about 4-H. Mini 4-H is for 2nd grade members in Newton County.

Please mark the following dates on your calendar and plan to attend with your parents. Both dates will be from 5:30-6:30 PM at the Government Center in Morocco:

Tuesday, April 24

Tuesday, May 22

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 6-8 at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, IN.**

The next camp counselor meeting will be held **Thursday, April 26 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, Apr 28: 9AM—4PM CT
Sun, Apr 29: 9AM—4PM CT

Live fire shooting begins Sun, May 6
from 1-3PM CT at the Newton
County Fairgrounds, Kentland

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)

Apply through your 4HOnline account. Call us at the Extension Office for more details!

Contact Us

Interested in learning more
about what we do?

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Volunteer Appreciation Week April 23-29, 2018

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!