



4-H Connection

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Beef Update

1. 4-H Beef members should make plans to bring their eligible animals to the fairgrounds for Beef Weigh In on Saturday March 14th at 1:00 pm. This is also 4-H Beef Superintendent Jean Ann Knoy's birthday. Wish her well! What animals should come? Beef steers, Beef Crossbred heifers, Beef Registered heifers that need an RFID tag, Dairy Steers. Bucket calves and Cow-Calf Pairs should not attend the weigh in. Be in line by 3:00 pm. Your premise ID is needed at this weigh in. Hint: Save your premise ID in your phone contacts.
2. The decision as to whether the show will be a fit or no-fit show is made by 4-H Beef members through a ballot vote at the check-in meeting during the fair. Accordingly, by a small margin, the 2020 show will be a fit show. The rules have been changed to reflect this. Take time to read the 4-H handbook or at www.extension.purdue.edu/morgan
3. Groomer rules have not changed. You still need to do your own work, with assistance from your family. See the rules in the 4-H handbook for a definition of who can help with grooming during any 4-H livestock show.
4. Beef animals may move in on Thursday July 30th. This is being offered so families with multiple species can save a trip and avoid traffic associated with the Friday concert.
5. Members (not parents) will vote at a 4-H Beef member meeting during the fair to determine if the 2021 4-H Beef show will be a fit or no-fit show.
6. Morgan County Born and Raised Beef will have its own separate show on Sunday following the 4-H Beef Market show. It will be a no-fit show.
7. Registered heifer classes have been better defined in the 4-H Handbook so they match up with the classes in 4honline.
8. Cattle hoof trimming will be done for 4-H members for a reasonable fee on June 20th at the fairgrounds Dairy/Multipurpose Barn beginning at 10:00 am. More details are coming about this event.

Enroll in 4-H!

If you or a friend has missed the January 15th suggested enrollment date, you still have time to sign up at www.4honline.com. Club leaders may be contacted through the list enclosed in this newsletter to determine your club or clubs. Members in animal projects have early deadlines, and are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible to meet the requirements for those projects.

Newbies Night

New 4-H members and their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend Newbies Night on February 5th at the Extension Office Sadler Room beginning at 6:30 pm. We have activities planned to introduce you to the 4-H program, and you will have time to ask questions of leaders and older members. Welcome to Morgan County 4-H, and what better time to get started than in our 100th year? Call us at the Extension Office if you have questions 765 342-1010.

Cat Superintendent Position Opening

Thanks are due to Janelle Lasley, who has served many years as the 4-H Cat Superintendent. In November, Janelle was elected to the role of 4-H Horse & Pony Superintendent, and the need now exists for a new 4-H Cat Superintendent. This position reports to and serves on the 4-H Livestock Committee, and is responsible for 4-H Cat workshops and related events, as well as the county fair show. This might be the purrfect opportunity for you! If interested in this position, contact the Extension Office at 765 342-1010 by February 14th.

Workshop Day Feb. 1 at the 4-H Building on the fairgrounds Register by January 25th.

The long-awaited 4-H Workshop Day will be held at the fairgrounds on Saturday February 1st from 10 am to 2 pm in the Auditorium. Pizza lunch will be served at 12:15 pm. Register by January 25th at the Extension Office at 765 342-1010 or email Morgances@purdue.edu These are some great crafts, everyone! See below:



Workshop Day Feb. 1, 2020 10 am-2 pm Fairgrounds 4-H Building
1749 Hospital Dr. Martinsville, IN 46151; RSVP by Jan. 25th 765 342-1010
Cost: \$20 for projects + \$5 for lunch= \$25 Total (Payable at the door.)
Make checks payable to Morgan County 4-H Adult Leaders

- Ceramics by Shelly for Regular 4-H and Mini 4-H (Projects will differ)
- Barnwood Signs to celebrate 100 Years of 4-H
- Pinecone Wreath (Regular 4-H members) Pinecone Flowers (Mini members)
- Cookie Decorating for you and for residents of The Waters Rehab/Nursing Center

4-H Sportfishing Leader Needed

Let's give Mike McKowen a hand for leading our 4-H Sportfishing club for quite some time. Mike has enjoyed teaching his fishing hobby to our youth, and will be passing this opportunity to someone else. If you are an avid angler and enjoy working with young people, consider applying to be the Sportfishing Superintendent for 4-H. Contact the Extension Office at 765 342-1010 to apply.

Recycle Plastic Caps for a Fairgrounds Bench

Morgan County has accumulated plastic caps since January, 2016 to make 14 very solid benches and two picnic tables for the fairgrounds. Thank you all very much for saving them, and don't stop now. The Hoosier Plow Kids spent a fast-paced evening earlier this fall sorting, bagging and weighing plastic caps. Thanks so much, Hoosier Plow Kids! Rena will be working with Mrs. Anderson's homeroom class this month as they work toward a bench at Eminence High School. Caps (#2, #4 and #5) may be left at the Home and Family Arts Building on the fairgrounds. Do not include metal caps or anything that contains metal. Caps and lids should be smaller than 8" in diameter. Remember that taking the caps and lids off plastic bottles and other containers makes both pieces more valuable when recycled, since they are usually two different types of plastic. In order to participate in this program, the caps must be sorted and bagged by youth, in order that they may learn about the importance of recycling and being responsible stewards of our resources.

Get Your 2020 4-H Handbook

The 4-H handbook gives you all you need to know for exhibition of 4-H projects and animals...and a whole lot more. This is available online at www.extension.purdue.edu/morgan or in a printed format (the 2020 copies are purple in color) for \$3.00. The Mini 4-H Handbook is online also, and printed copies are free. Leaders may want to stock up for your next club meeting.

Welcome Crossroads 4-H Club!

The Indiana Ag and Technical School is starting a 4-H club at their Morgantown farm location, Crossroads 4-H club! Welcome to Morgan County 4-H!



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- January 19—Junior Leaders Lock In at the 4-H Building 7:00 p.m. to midnight
 20—Adult Leaders Meeting at the WKR 6:30 p.m.
 20—Livestock Committee Meeting at the 4-H Building 6:30 p.m.
 20—Council Meeting at the WKR 7:30 p.m.
 28—Sheep & Goat Webinar at the Ext. Office Sadler Rm. 7:00 p.m.
- February 1—Workshop Day at the 4-H Building 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. *RSVP by Jan. 25th*
 5—Newbies Night for new members at the Extension Office Sadler Room 6:30 p.m.
 10—Junior Leaders meeting at the WKR on the fairgrounds 7:00 p.m.
 11—Fair Board meeting at the WKR 7:00 p.m.
 21-23—Teens as Teachers Weekend at Camp Tecumseh
 27—Leaders Night at the Extension Office Sadler Room 6:30 p.m.
 28-29—Ext. Homemakers Garage Sale at 4-H Building (Call 317 682-7062 to get a table.)
- March 1—White Cards, Trips and Ambassadors Applications due to Extension Office
 9—Junior Leaders Meeting at the WKR on the fairgrounds 7:00 p.m.
 10—Fair Board Meeting at the WKR on the fairgrounds 7:00 p.m.
 13—Area Junior Leaders Night at Hamilton County fairgrounds
 14—Beef Weigh In at the fairgrounds 1:00 p.m. Be in line by 3:00 p.m.
 16—Adult Leaders & Livestock Comm. 6:30 p.m.; 4-H Council 7:30 p.m. 4-H Building
 17—Wear your 4-H shirt to school—St. Patrick’s Day
 28—Master Gardeners GardenFest at Hoosier Harvest Church 9:00 a.m.

Morgan County Fair July 31 – August 8, 2020

Indiana State Fair August 7-23, 2020

YQCA DATES AND LOCATIONS

- April 9 Ext. Office Sadler Rm 6:30 p.m.
- May 20 Ext. Office Sadler Rm 6:30 p.m.
- May 28 Monrovia Library 7:00 p.m.
- June 30 Ext. Office Sadler Rm 6:30 p.m.

Registration at yqca.org opens after Feb. 1

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