

44-H Camp  
June 3-5, 2020

Starke County Fair dates:  
July 11-17, 2020

Indiana State Fair dates:  
7-23, 2020

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# The Clover Connection

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Thoughts from your educator:

The 2020 4-H year is off to a great start here in Starke County! 4-H Clubs are meeting, Beef ID is March 7th, and we are looking forward to 4-H workshops and summer trips!

This newsletter contains important information about animal identification, trips, 4-H project Spotlight, and the 4-H Flower fundraising information. There is an additional option of selling hanging baskets this year! If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office. We are here to help!

*Julia K. Miller*

## Important Dates

### March

2nd	4-H Junior Leaders	6:30 pm Knox High School Cafeteria
5th	YQCA Training	6:00 p.m. Knox High School Cafeteria
7th	Beef ID Day	8:00-10:00 am Fairgrounds
17th	YQCA Training	6:30 p.m. Knox High School Cafeteria
18th	4-H Council	7:00 pm Starke County Extension Office
19th	Fairboard	5:30 pm Starke County Extension Office
20th	Trip Applications Due	by 4:00 pm Extension Office

### April

1st	Beef Identification	Entered in 4HOnline system
9th	Fairboard	
10th	Good Friday	Starke County Extension Office Closed
13th	4-H Junior Leaders	6:30 pm Kid's Closet, North Judson
15th	4-H Council	7:00 pm Starke County Extension Office
23rd	4-H Club Leaders	6:00 pm Starke County Extension Office
23rd	Livestock Committee	7:00 pm Starke County Extension Office
26th	Livestock Workshop	1:00-3:00 pm Fairgrounds
28th	YQCA Training	6:30 p.m. Knox High School Cafeteria

### May

2nd	Sheep, Goat, Starter Calf, Swine ID Day	8-10 am Fairgrounds
4th	4-H Junior Leaders	6:30 pm Knox High School Cafeteria
5th	Primary Election Day	Starke County Extension Office Closed
6th	Geranium Pick-up	10:00 a.m.-6:00 pm at the Fairgrounds
14th	Fairboard	Starke County Fairgrounds

Project Workshops, 4-H club meetings, Camp Counselor Trainings, and other meetings are on the calendar on our website at: [extension.purdue.edu/starke](http://extension.purdue.edu/starke)



## 4-H Flower Fundraiser

Spring is almost here...and that means it is time to sell flowers! The annual flower sale is a wonderful fundraiser for the Starke County 4-H Council. The money raised by the flower sale helps pay for 4-H camp, trips and workshops for both members and leaders, ribbons, judges, and project manuals.

- **NEW for 2020, hanging baskets will be available to sell and buy! 10-inch Petunia Wave and 10-inch Boston Fern hanging baskets will be \$15.00 per basket.**
- Geraniums are \$1.50 per plant, with red, salmon, and violet colors still being offered. There will be less overall totals for the geraniums.
- It is **very important** that you call your orders into the Extension Office on a regular basis.
- Payment for all flower orders is due at the time of pick-up.
- We will take orders up to Tuesday, May 5th at which time any leftover plants will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.
- Any plants not picked up on May 6th will be left at the Starke County Fairgrounds.
- Included with this newsletter is an order form for you to record the flowers you sell.
- 4-H clubs receive 20 cents for each geranium sold and \$2.00 for each hanging basket sold!

Pick-up time: **Wednesday, May 6th**

**10:00 am to 6:00 pm**

### Swine Identification for 2020

The Swine Tagging Day will be Saturday, May 2nd at the Starke County Fairgrounds. May 2nd is also the Sheep, Goat, and Starter Calf ID day.

Youth are to put their animals' tag numbers in 4HOnline when they identify the animals at [in.4honline.com](http://in.4honline.com) by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Ear notches are still the required as a form of identification at the county level. When identifying the animals in 4HOnline by May 15th, the RFID tag information needs to be completed. With having the tag numbers entered in 4HOnline early, any discrepancies or issues with ear notches will hopefully be minimized.

Be on the lookout for a letter with more details and information.

### Sheep, Goat & Starter Calf Identification Day

Saturday, May 2nd will be the identification day for the goat, sheep, and starter calf projects from 8:00-10:00 AM CT at the Fairgrounds. All market sheep and goats must be brought to the ID day, as well as any registered ewes who will be shown at the Indiana State Fair. All starter calves must be off the cow and brought to ID day. More detailed information will be sent to all 4-H members enrolled in these projects

## Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

YQCA is a national multi-specie Quality Assurance. Program. This an annual program can be completed via online modules, in-person trainings, or online test out option. In-person trainings in Starke County are March 5, March 17, and April 28. Letters with detailed information were provided to all 4-H members who need to complete and livestock superintendents This is a great educational opportunity for all our 4-H livestock members. Training needs to be completed by July 1, 2020.

How do I complete the YQCA program and what does it cost?

There are three ways to complete:

- Online—\$12.00
- In-Person Training—\$3/00
- **Test-Out Option (See information below)**
- The cost of these trainings will need to be **paid online** (for online training or an instructor led training) to the YQCA Company. The fee covers the cost of training materials.
- All Starke County 4-H members can complete the in-person training (\$3) for free. Coupons are provided by the Starke County 4-H Council.

Contact Julia at the Extension Office at 574-772-9141 or email [jwickert@purdue.edu](mailto:jwickert@purdue.edu) to receive your coupon code needed when registering for an in-person training. Each coupon code is unique

Those individuals wishing to test out must meet the following criteria:

- This is only available to youth in the first year of intermediate (age 12) and senior (age 15). There is no test-out option for juniors. At the bottom of the “Course List” page are the test-out options for these age levels.
- The test consists of 50 questions and requires a pass rate of 80% or better for certification.
- If passed, the certification will last through the end of a user’s age level.
- The intermediate test-out course will cost \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification) and the senior test-out course will cost \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification.) If passed, users will receive access to online modules that correspond with the age levels indicated above, found on the user’s “My Library” page.
- Users will have one chance to take the test-out option. If they fail, they will not be provided another opportunity for that level of certification. If the youth passes, payment for the completed test out course will be required after the completion of the test. No payment is required to attempt the test.
- Participants attempting and not passing will be prompted to take the instructor-led training or web-based training annually.

## **Livestock Identification**

- **4-H Beef members need to enter their Beef and Dairy Beef animal’s information online by April 1st.**
- Goat and Sheep worksheets will be completed at ID Day on May 2nd. 4-H members will be provided the information worksheet and are responsible to identify their animals on 4HOnline at in.4honline.com.
- Information will be sent to Swine members at a later date explaining the process to identify your animals on 4HOnline. The process is the same as in previous years through 4HOnline.
- **Beef Heifers, Sheep, Swine, Horse & Pony, Goat, and Starter Calf members will need to enter their animal’s information online by May 15th.** All livestock enrollment deadlines will be enforced.

Premise ID numbers are **required** on all livestock enrollment forms. The Board of Animal Health handles the processing of these numbers. Please contact BOAH at (317)544-2381 to obtain a premise ID number or complete the registration form online at: [www.in.gov/boah/2700.htm](http://www.in.gov/boah/2700.htm)

**4-H Mission:** The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop youth people who positively impact their community and world.

**4-H Vision:** Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.

## 4-H Volunteer Information

- The next 4-H Club Leader meeting will be Monday, April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.
- Congratulations to the 2020 4-H Club leader Officers:  
President—Beverly Albright  
Vice-President—Sharon Richie  
Secretary—Amie Minix  
Council Representative—  
Mandy Peters

## 4-H Project Reminders

- Youth who are in pending status in 4HOnline still need to pay the 4-H Program Enrollment Fee. Current year 4-H Project Manuals and Record Sheets will be available in the Extension Office once the Enrollment Fee is paid.
- 4-H Project Manuals and Books are to be retrieved from your 4-H Club Leader. The Project Manuals and record sheets are distributed to 4-H Club Leaders in February. Each 4-H Club pays for 4-H Project Manuals for their Club Members. If your book becomes lost, replacements are available in the Extension Office for \$5. Make sure to check with you 4-H Club Leader before picking up project manuals and record sheets from the Extension Office.
- Reminder that 4-H projects exhibited at the Starke County Fair need to be created or made since the last project entry date of the county fair, July 2019 (unless stated in project requirements). Your exhibited projects are a way for you to demonstrate the knowledge gained during this 4-H year.

## 4-H Junior Leader News

### Next Meetings

- ◇ **Monday, March 2, 2020 in the Knox High School Cafeteria from 6:30 pm—7:45 pm.**
- ◇ **Monday, April 13, 2020 at Kid's Closet, 4735 W St Rd 10, North Judson, IN from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm.**
- ◇ **Monday, May 4, 2020 in the Knox High School Cafeteria from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm**

The Starke County 4-H Junior Leaders will be collecting items for Kid's Closet in North Judson and deliver on April 13th. Be on the lookout for the items needed!

4-H Junior Leaders is recognized as a 4-H project to encourage older 4-H members to learn leadership skills, participate in community service, and support 4-H leaders at the local and county level. Some of the activities Jr. Leaders participate in are: community service activities opportunities to work at the Fair with project check-in or judging, the Dairy Barn, or in the Pork Booth.

For up to date Junior Leader news, check out the Junior Leader page on our website: [extension.purdue.edu/starke](http://extension.purdue.edu/starke)

## Adding/Dropping Projects

4-H members have until May 15, 2020 to add or drop any 4-H projects. To add or drop a project, please call the Extension Office at 574-772-9141 and we will assist you!



## 4-H Camp—June 3rd-5th

Mark your calendars: 4-H Camp will be held at Camp Adventure from June 3rd through June 5th!

Campers arrive on Wednesday, June 3rd from 12:00-12:30 pm CT. Departure, Friday, June 5th at 12:30 pm.

Camp Adventure is located near Syracuse, IN in Kosciusko County. Any 4-H member in grades 3-6 may attend camp.

This year we will be camping with 4-H members from Fulton and Kosciusko Counties.

Information will be sent at the end of March to all 4-H members who are eligible to attend camp.

- ◇ 4-H Yard signs are available again this year. Please contact the Extension Office if you would like to have a sign in your yard to advertise our 4-H Program.
- ◇ You can show your support for Indiana 4-H by purchasing an Indiana 4-H Foundation Specialty License Plate. Plate fees support programs for young people state-wide, and a portion of the money from each plate that is sold goes right back to 4-H in the county there the plate is purchase!



## 4-H Trips

There are many opportunities for 4-H members to attend 4-H trips: from 4-H Camp to 4-H Band and Chorus, 4-H Round-Up, and a national trip Citizenship Washington Focus.

The 4-H Trips letter and application was mailed on in February! Be on the lookout for some awesome trip opportunities for 4-H members. The trip applications are due Friday, March 20. You can visit the State 4-H website at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/workshops.aspx> to learn more about State and National 4-H Trips.

## **Poster Projects**

Plastic sleeves for your posters and salon prints are available for purchase in the Extension Office. The salon size is \$1.00 and the 22" X 28" poster size is \$2.00. Again this year, we are also selling poster size foam core board to be used as a stiff backing on your poster projects. These will be sold for \$3.00 a piece. We would like to encourage you to use the foam boards instead of heavier materials, as this will help with moving and transporting the posters.

### **All Posters Notebooks and Display Boards**

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might light include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of the notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.

## 4-H Project Spotlight

In each newsletter, different 4-H projects will be spotlighted. This month we are highlighting:

### Tractor (Agriculture & Garden)

4-H members are encouraged to participate in the county contest, and the area and state contest if they qualify. Levels for the driving contest are:

Junior—Grades 3-7      Senior—Grades 8-12

A non-driving option has been added to these two projects. The 4-H member can participate in the driving contest and/or exhibit a poster, notebook report, or display board. See General Hints for Your Exhibit on page 14 for project guidelines. All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit.

Members are encouraged to attend project meetings for Agricultural Tractor and Lawn & Garden Tractor.

#### **Agricultural Tractor**

**Level A (Grades 3 & 4)** May exhibit one of the following:

Poster , OR Notebook report OR

Display board—Display boards differ from a poster in that real objects are normally used rather than drawings or pictures.

Three-dimensional items are attached to the board.

Note: The subject matter content for the exhibit must correspond to the subject matter content found in the Level A manual.

**Level B (Grades 5 & 6)** May exhibit one of the following:

Poster OR Notebook report OR

Display board—Display boards differ from a poster in that real objects are normally used rather than drawings or pictures.

Three-dimensional items are attached to the board.

Note: The subject matter content for the exhibit must correspond to the subject matter content found in the Level A or B manuals.

**Level C (Grades 7—9)** May exhibit one of the following:

Poster OR Notebook report OR

Display board—Display boards differ from a poster in that real objects are normally used rather than drawings or pictures.

Three-dimensional items are attached to the board.

The subject matter content for the exhibit must correspond to the subject matter content found in the Level A, B, or C manuals.

**Level D (Grades 10—12)** May exhibit one of the following:

Poster OR Notebook report OR

Display board—Display boards differ from a poster in that real objects are normally used rather than drawings or pictures.

Three-dimensional items are attached to the board.

Note: The subject matter content for the exhibit must correspond to the subject matter content found in the Level A, B, C, or D manuals.

#### **Lawn and Garden/Zero-Radius Safety Education**

**Level A (Grades 3 & 4)**

Note: The subject matter content for the exhibit must correspond to the subject matter content found in the Level A manual.

May exhibit one of the following:

Poster OR Notebook report OR

Display board—Display boards differ from a poster in that real objects are normally used rather than drawings or pictures.

Three-dimensional items are attached to the board.

**Level B (Grades 5 & 6)**

Note: The subject matter content for the exhibit must correspond to the subject matter content found in the Level A or B manuals.

May exhibit one of the following:

Poster OR Notebook report OR

Display board—Display boards differ from a poster in that real objects are normally used rather than drawings or pictures.

Three-dimensional items are attached to the board.

**Level C (Grades 7—9)**

Note: The subject matter content for the exhibit must correspond to the subject matter content found in the Level A, B, or C manuals.

May exhibit one of the following:

Poster OR Notebook report OR

Display board—Display boards differ from a poster in that real objects are normally used rather than drawings or pictures.

Three-dimensional items are attached to the board.

**Level D (Grades 10—12)**

Note: The subject matter content for the exhibit must correspond to the subject matter content found in the Level A, B, C, or D manuals. May exhibit one of the following:

Poster OR Notebook report OR

Display board—Display boards differ from a poster in that real objects are normally used rather than drawings or pictures.

Three-dimensional items are attached to the board.