

# The Clover Connection

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**Posey County 4-H**

**It's 4-H Crunch Time!**

**May/June 2020**

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Dear 4-H Members & Supporters,

Well, this newsletter looks a little different than in past years thanks to COVID-19. Regardless, I hope you are well on your way to working on your projects for exhibit at this year's VIRTUAL Posey County 4-H Fair!

In an effort to keep our 4-H families safe and due to liability concerns learned just last week, the Posey County 4-H Council, in partnership with Purdue Extension-Posey County, has elected to hold the 2020 Posey County 4-H Fair virtually. Youth will have the option to exhibit projects virtually via online photo submission, with submission details to be forthcoming.

All 4-H fair-related events are cancelled, but please be sure to join us during Fair Week, July 13-17, on the Purdue Extension-Posey County Facebook page and our Purdue Extension-Posey County website (<http://www.extension.purdue.edu/posey>) to help us celebrate our 4-H youth and their accomplishments in a virtual format.

Animal projects will not be considered complete unless the exhibitor completes YQCA or the online animal ethics modules by July 1, as youth education and animal well-being are priorities of Indiana 4-H youth development programming. For more information on either of these options, please see earlier emails all animal exhibitors should have received via 4HOnline.

In lieu of holding a traditional 4-H livestock auction, donations will be collected to benefit those youth exhibiting auction animals. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause or have questions about this or any other Posey County 4-H matter, please email me at [maycm@purdue.edu](mailto:maycm@purdue.edu).

Thanks for your understanding of these difficult decisions,

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*If you have a disability that requires special assistance for participation in activities, please contact Purdue- Posey County Extension Service at (812) 838-1331. Purdue University is an equal access/equal opportunity institution.*

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## YQCA Training Reminder

To complete and virtually exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry, and rabbits this year, 4-H members must be certified through either the YQCA program or the online Animal Ethics modules so that they can learn best management practices. Please check your emails from 4HOnline for more information on these options. No in-person training will occur this year!

**Remember, if you want to complete and/or virtually show your beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, poultry, or rabbits, you MUST complete the online Animal Ethics modules OR be YQCA-certified by July 1!**

### SWCD to Award \$25 Cash Prizes!

The Posey County Soil & Water Conservation District will award \$25 to 4-H'ers enrolled in the Forestry and/or SWCD projects who are chosen by the projects' judges to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair level.

### Poultry Blood Testing Update

Poultry blood testing will not take place this year, due to the show being a virtual event.

### 4-H'er of the Month

Please email Cheven all submissions for 4-H'er of the Month award before the first Thursday of each month, from January through September. Application forms are available from your 4-H Club Leader, the Extension Office, and on the homepage of 4HOnline ([www.4honline.com](http://www.4honline.com)). This award is for any deserving 4-H member, so please nominate those 4-H members who have recently made special contributions to their club this year!

## Share-the-Fun News

Congratulations to all who participated in the first-ever virtual 4-H Share-the-Fun earlier this year! All of the acts were excellent, and everyone who participated showed a lot of talent and effort! If you participated in Share-the-Fun and did not receive a ribbon but would like to have one, please email Cheven.

Congratulations to this year's Posey County 4-H Share-the-Fun winners:

### Curtain Act (Non-musical)

1<sup>st</sup> place: "End of the Line" by Audrey Fisher and Amelia Wolsiefer of the Hoosier Boosters

2<sup>nd</sup> place: "It's Hard to be a Diva" by Eliana Lupfer of the Country Bumpkins

### Curtain Act (Musical)

1<sup>st</sup> place: "Hot Cross Buns" Saxophone Solo by Max Sallee of the Country Bumpkins

2<sup>nd</sup> place: "Lost Boy" Solo by Olivia Woods and Laney Owens (on piano) of the Boosier Boosters

### Group Act

1<sup>st</sup> place: "Going on a Fair Hunt!" by the Country Bumpkins!

## Ribbons and Awards

All 4-H'ers exhibiting virtually this year will have ribbons and tenure awards available for pick up in the Extension Office the week of July 20, pending finalization of virtual judging during Fair Week. Ribbons and awards **MUST** be picked up by July 31, or you will forfeit all winnings per Posey County 4-H Council policy.

#### 4-H Animal Exhibitors: PLEASE READ!

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (IN BOAH), in accordance with the USDA, requires **anyone** selling livestock to have a Premise Identification Number. This means even 4-H members selling one animal per year are required to have a Premise Identification Number. In addition, 4HOnline requires this information for each animal record. The application and more information may be obtained online at: <http://www.in.gov/boah/2642.htm>.

#### Poster Requirements for All 4-H Exhibits

- Any color poster board is acceptable.
- A label no larger than 3" tall by 4" wide & consisting of your name, division & 4-H Club name must be placed in the lower right hand corner of your poster.
- **ALL 4-H POSTERS MUST BE:**
  - Displayed horizontally.
  - Mounted on a 22" by 28" plywood or other stiff, unbendable material.
  - **Covering is NOT required this year, as the glare from the plastic cover will not do well to show off your hard work in a virtual format. Please do NOT submit photos virtually of posters that have a plastic covering on them! Thanks!**

***Posters not following the above-listed requirements will receive a green ribbon & will not be judged.***

#### Fair Royalty Contests Cancelled

Due to COVID-19, this year's royalty pageants are cancelled.



#### Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

Whether you are graduating this year from kindergarten, elementary school, middle school or high school, congratulations to all of our graduates! Graduates, please take time to take a break this summer before you continue making the best better!



#### 4-H Handbooks

If your family did not receive a Posey County 4-H Handbook, please stop by the Extension Office and get one. We order ONE book per family per year!

#### Project Materials for Sale

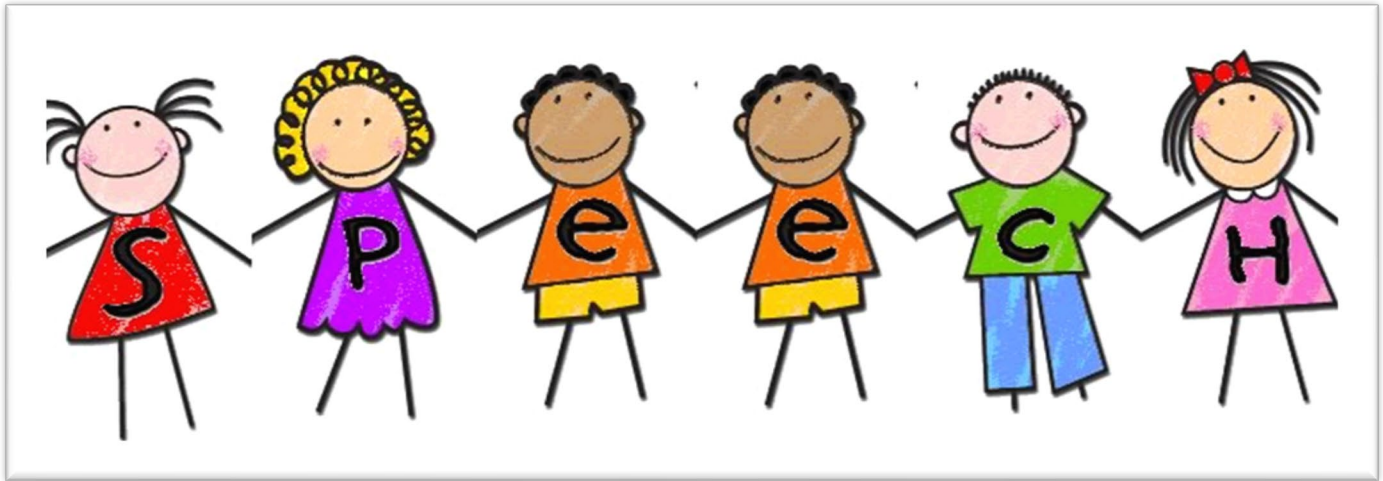
Cake Decorating Wilton Manual	\$20
Electric Circuit Board Kit	\$8
Flashlight Kit	\$15
Extension Cord Kit	\$22
Trouble Light Kit	\$33
Forestry <i>Fifty Trees of Indiana</i>	\$5
Home Environment Manual (4-H 1012)	\$15
Photography Salon Print Sleeve	\$1
Digital Photography Guide	\$6.50
Posters Poster Sleeve	\$1
Poster Backing	\$3

#### Green Book Instructions

Please add all of your records for this year to the **BACK** of your Green Book. This way you will be able to add records annually and keep track of your achievement points each year. If you have a question about completing your Green Record Book, please contact the Extension Office or ask your Club Leader. 4HOnline is supposed to be coming out with a section for reporting annual achievement points, and when that arrives, you will receive notice. Until then, it is the responsibility of each 4-H member to keep their green record book accurate and up to date.

#### Project Manuals Fair Time Reminder

Please note that when a difference exists between a project manual and the 4-H Handbook, you should **ALWAYS** follow the handbook. The handbook is updated annually, while many manuals do not get revised for years at a time. When in doubt, please ask your Club Leader or call Cheven at the Extension Office (812-838-1331) for verification. Thanks in advance for taking the time to make sure you are turning in a quality exhibit!



## Verbal Communications Contests

The annual Posey County 4-H Verbal Communication (formerly Public Speaking) Contests will be held virtually this year. Categories and requirements remain the same:

- ❖ Clover (Grades 3-5) 3-5 minutes
- ❖ Junior (Grades 6-8) 5-7 minutes
- ❖ Senior (Grades 9-12) 5-10 minutes

More details on this opportunity may be found online at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/Posey>.

Clovers may participate at the county level only.

To participate, email a link to your video presentation by June 15 to [maycm@purdue.edu](mailto:maycm@purdue.edu).

Contest categories are:

1. Interactive Demonstration
2. Demonstration
3. Informative 4-H Presentation
4. Professional Persuasive Presentation
5. Public Speaking
6. Illustrated Talk