

Friday 4-H Nugget



Dear 4-H Community,

Can you believe that it is September already?! A lot has happened this year and it is important to always reflect. There have been a lot of curves but some good has come out of all of that. Take a moment and think about this past year.

On that road we are excited to announce our vacant 4-H Extension Educator position has been filled and Anna Balas has joined our team on August 31, 2020. Be sure to read her introduction below. Anna will be a great team member and is looking forward to working with you.

We will also be having a Fall Scarecrow contest! Goshen health is having a community event from October 16-18 and has invited us to participate. Be sure to check more details below. If you have any questions or need assistance please be sure to reach out to our staff.

All the best,

Robert Kelly, Sthele Greybar, & Anna Balas
Extension Educators



Welcome Anna!

We are excited that Anna has joined our office on August 31 as our newest 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator. Anna grew up in Troy, Michigan and graduated in 2019 from Duke University. Her degree focused on environmental education, and Anna spent the last year serving in an AmeriCorps program centered around youth nutrition and garden education in Metro Detroit. Anna is passionate about empowering youth and their communities and is excited to get started in Elkhart County. Outside of work, Anna can be found cooking, running, visiting Lake Michigan, and watching college basketball. Her email address is: abalas@purdue.edu

4-H Milk Quality and Products Team Call out

Did you know that you can learn more about dairy science, cheese, and products without having to be a member of our dairy project? Be sure to check out our Milk Quality and Products Career Development team! Practices will start on September 8. This is open to any interested youth in grades 3-12. Contact Robert to sign up today.



[Team Flyer](#)



Project Change Suggestions

We are seeking suggestions for project changes and suggestions for the 2021 4-H year. These suggestions can be emailed to Sthele Greybar, sgreybar@purdue.edu and are due by September 18, 2020 so that the committee can review them. Please be sure to be as detailed as possible on your suggestions.

COVID Planning Form

COVID plans will need to be completed for all 4-H club events before they can happen. Here are a couple of tips for you when completing them.

1. Forms need to be sent to Robert Kelly, kelly115@purdue.edu
2. Complete them 3 weeks prior to the event.
3. Forms need to be typed out, not hand-written.
4. If you are hosting club meetings and using the same rooms each month, you only need to fill out one form with all dates listed.
5. Food for events should be pre-packaged.
6. Make sure you are flexible when working with the fair office.



Download the most current COVID planning form [here](#).
(Updated on 9/3/2020)

Leader Banquet Update

Good News! We are planning on a 4-H Leaders Banquet for Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Be sure to save the date. An official invite will be coming in the mail once we have them printed and plans are approved. Reservations will be taken over the phone and attendance will be capped



due to restrictions.

If you are going to be retiring as a volunteer this year please also let us know so that we can plan for the event. Retiring volunteers are recognized at this event.

October Scarecrow Contest

Every year we look forward to seeing all of the scarecrows that our clubs make during the fair. This year Goshen Health is having a community wide event and is looking for us for assistance. We will be having our 2021 Scarecrow contest in conjunction with this event! The theme will be 4-H Healthy Living. Your Scarecrow can focus on any type of healthy lifestyle from exercise, mental health, or even a nurse or doctor. If you or your club is interested contact Robert Kelly by September 12 to register. The Scarecrows will be on display from October 16-18th at the Fairgrounds.

[Contest Rules](#)



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