



THE CLOVER PATCH 4-H NEWSLETTER



Get Hooked on 4-H

November/December/January

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Dear 4-H Members & Parents:

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments this past year and for taking an active part in the Clark County 4-H Program. **Please each family take it upon yourself to write a thank you note to your 4-H Fair/Recognition Night trophy sponsor and/or Fair Auction Buyer. If this is not done, expect changes in trophy and Auction donations.** I hope your 4-H experiences were good ones and that you will continue your participation in 2012. I urge you to invite a friend to your next 4-H club meeting. Please share this newsletter with all members of your family, because there is information here that will assist you when questions arise about the County 4-H Program.

The upcoming holiday season is a great time to do community service projects for needy/lonely community citizens. Please support efforts, such as the Salvation Army Angel Tree program or just get your group together to visit/sing at nursing homes. Enjoy the Holiday Season!!

2012 4-H FAIR DATES: JULY 13th-21st

Program Fee for Joining 4-H in 2011-2012 Year-BIG CHANGE IS REALITY

For the first time in State history, there will be a program fee for joining 4-H which will be implemented throughout Indiana. Clark County's program fee will be \$25 per member in grades 3-12. Explorers/Mini 4-H members still no cost. The max any one family (capped at 3) will pay will be \$75.

Let me explain, over the past decade state line items and federal funding have remained unchanged. This has not allowed the Indiana 4-H Youth Development program to keep up with inflation and there is no expectation for the trend to change. Ongoing County and State programs has impacted educational programming, curriculum updates, and activities. Project support manuals have cost \$5-7 and continue to rise. These expenses must be assessed in order to maintain high quality resources. This fee is similar to what other youth programs charge and are slightly more than \$2/month. Individual Clubs may still charge additional fees to support their activities so check with your leaders.

Only \$10 will be retained by the county, but the benefits will include coverage for the accidental/medical insurance for the members, revamp curricula, develop more online resources, and sustain and improve current leadership training. Members will continue to not be charged for manuals.

Enrollment procedures will be changed as well. In the near future families will be able to enroll in 4-H and pay the fee online with a credit card. We anticipate that becoming available by December 1st. We will also be accepting the paper enrollment forms but fees must be paid and accompany the form in order to be enrolled. For those individual/families that are unable to financially support these changes, it is recommended that outside entities be contacted to offer support. The Extension office will accept cash/checks but they must be made payable to: Purdue CES Education Fund.

This is a big new transition for you and us! We would ask for your patience as we go through this together. We plan to be passing on to you on-line enrollment assistance as it becomes available.

A co-worker of mine says it best, "take a moment and think about how 4-H has benefited you as a member or you as a parent. Consider the life skills that you have learned and the things you hope your child will gain benefitting them in the next step of life."

Your Purdue Extension Staff is presently working on keeping the Extension office open, and replacing two staff, the ANR position and the Office manager position, with anticipation of those positions filled by Jan 3rd of 2012. Thank you so much, those who have donated to support the "Non-Reverting Fund".



2011-2012 4-H CORPORATION OFFICERS

President: Paul Graf
Vice-President: Kathy Jones
Secretary/Treasurer: Sharon Beal

The Clark County 4-H Corporation Board meets every month (third Wednesday) at 7:00 p.m. in the Extension Office Conference Room.

The 4-H Corporation Board is the governing body for the Clark County 4-H Program. Anytime you have any concerns or suggestions concerning the 4-H Program, please feel free to discuss them with a Board member or the Extension Staff. All meetings are open to the public. Anyone wishing to appear on the agenda should contact the Ext. Office (256-4591) prior to the next meeting.

COUNTY & 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Please note that **Fri., Jan. 13, 2012 by 4:00 p.m. is the deadline for all State 4-H Scholarships.** If you

plan to further your education beyond high school, these are worth checking out. Please come by the Extension Office and pick up at least an Indiana 4-H Foundation Scholarship Form or you can go online to print out the scholarship forms at:

www.four-h.purdue.edu/ext_ed/index.html. Clark County 4-H Scholarships (3 @ \$500) – deadline is also January 13, 2012.



4-H SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

Amy Nierman, Ext. Educator in Washington Co., will be holding a scholarship workshop on Thurs., December 22nd from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Washington County Government Building. This workshop will cover the 4-H Scholarship Packet and will spend the majority of the time working on cover letters and resumes. The workshop is open to anyone in grades 7-12. Reservations are due by Fri., December 16th. Will be handing out the scholarship packet and additional handouts.

AREA 2 CROPS/ENTOMOLOGY FORESTRY JUDGING CONTEST

The Area 2 4-H Crops/Entomology/Forestry Judging Contest will be held on Thurs., Nov. 17th at the Community Learning Center in Paoli. Registration deadline for entry is Nov. 10th. The Area Contest registration will be held at 5:00 p.m., with the contest starting at 5:30 p.m.

State Contest is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th at Purdue University.

4-H CLUB ADULT LEADER MEETINGS

The next Adult Leader meeting will be Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Extension Office Conference Room. Committees need help!

The Adult Leaders will reconvene in January at their meeting on Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m.

2011-12 Adult Leader Organization Officers:

President: Debbie Trotter Secretary: Missy Stephans
Vice-Pres.: Sandy Hostettler Treasurer: Linda Dickson

Pres. Trotter asks that club leaders sign-up for various committees: Projects, Awards, Activities & Open Class.

ATTENTION ALL CLUB LEADERS

*All volunteers must sign a 2012 Adult Behavioral Expectations Form (4-H 785). Also, each club received a mailing recently with a Constitution and authorization agreement to accept becoming joined with the Purdue 4-H GEN#. Those **MUST BE SIGNED AND TURNED IN BY DECEMBER 1st** in order to remain a 4-H Club in 2012. Clubs that haven't applied for an EIN# by filing an SS-4 form with the IRS must do so immediately.*

**Again, ALL 4-H Clubs must comply or the charter will be dropped from State and National 4-H.*

2011 NORTH CENTRAL REGION 4-H VOLUNTEER e-FORUM



Join other 4-H Volunteers in your community to learn cutting edge information from experts across the North Central Region. Gain new knowledge you can share with your 4-H members throughout the year! The three sessions (see below for program dates and session titles) will be held in the Shine Room at the Purdue Technology Center in New Albany (located on Charlestown Road). Each session will be two hours in length, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Program Description:

Positive Youth Development (Mon., November 7th)

- Quality Matters: In Chocolate and 4-H Programs – Brenda Shafer, University of Minnesota.
- The Teen Brain: A Work in Progress – Annette Haas, University of Wisconsin-Extension.

4-H Program Management (Thurs., November 17th)

- Keeping Your Cool While Working With Youth – Pat McGlaughlin, Sheri Seibold, University of Illinois.
- Reducing the Risks of 4-H Club Meetings – Vicki Schwartz, Ohio State University

New & Emerging Curriculum (Tue., November 22nd)

- Get Connected in Your 4-H World – Rachele Vetter, North Dakota State University
- 4-H Science – Dixie Sandborn, Michigan State University.
- Community Service Learning – Steve McKinley, Purdue University

To register for the e-Forum, contact Melissa Merida at: mmerida@purdue.edu or call 812-948-5470 three days prior to event. Cost is \$5.00 per session, payable to Purdue CES ED Fund. Floyd Co. Extension, 3000 Technology Aven., L2110, New Albany, IN 47150.



4-H FAIR TROPHIES/COMPLETION PINS

We still have a few trophies/medallions left over from the 4-H Recognition event that was held on Sept. 26th. If you have not picked up your trophy(s) yet, please do so ASAP. Please check with your 4-H club leader to see if they picked up your trophy(s) for you. We have some 4-H clubs that haven't picked up completion pins for their 4-H members.

TAKE TIME TO THANK YOUR TROPHY SPONSOR

It is not too late to take the time to send your sponsors thank you notes, as well as thanking them in person. Only if they know you, as a 4-H member, appreciate their generosity will they return to support you and your endeavors in 4-H. If you need an address that you can't find online or in the telephone book, please call the Extension Office (256-4591) and we can retrieve it for you. If you participated in the Livestock Auction, be sure to send a thank you note to your buyer and if possible stop by their business and introduce yourself.

POWER UP NIGHT TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th Harrison County Extension Office



Join us for the 1st ever "Power Up Night". Will have fitness activities and a health cooking demonstration for 4-H youth from multiple counties! We will also have leadership building activities and talks about the different faces of social interaction.

Open to any 4-H'ers in grades 7-12. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please register with the Harrison Co. Extension Office at 812-723-7107 or e-mail dolanm@purdue.edu.

JUNIOR LEADER MEETINGS

The next Junior Leader meeting will be held on Sun., November 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the Food Center. We will be discussing committee responsibilities. Any youth in 7th grade-12th grade are invited to join. Junior Leader meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of every month (unless otherwise noted).

**The December meeting will be held on Sunday, December 11th at 2:00 p.m. in the Food Center. Come prepared to make cheese balls for a fundraiser.

2011-2012 Junior Leader Officers:

President: Brett Brooks Treasurer: Rachel Seals
Vice-Pres.: Brooke Abbott Recreation: Chad McKinley
Sec./Reporter: Sarah Trotter and Kaitlyn Schindler

JUNIOR LEADERS SELLING CHEESE BALLS

The Junior Leaders will be making cheese balls again during the holiday season as a fund raiser. Cheese balls can be ordered with or without nuts (\$6.00). They will be made in December (Dec. 11th) in time for the



Christmas season. Please call or text Teresa Burgin at (812) 416-1218 or any Junior Leader with your orders **no later than December 2nd**, so that supplies can be ordered.



**REMEMBER - DONATE PROM DRESSES & JACKETS

The Junior Leaders are collecting old prom attire to donate to needy students. Please call Teresa Burgin at 812-416-1218 if you have something to donate.

LIVESTOCK CHANGES FOR 2012

- ***All State Fair Bound Livestock must follow Indiana State 4-H enrollment procedures. (Options will be explained in the upcoming Jan. livestock mailing.) Read back of 4-H Livestock Enrollment Forms.**
- We will continue to use 5-digit ear tags for market lambs and flock tags for breeding ewes in 2012.
- State Fair animals (goats & sheep) are expected to enroll on separate enrollment forms and **will need to be retinal scanned.**
- Any rule violation will result in 4-H member not showing or auctioning their animal
- Fair animal entry (all livestock) will be on SATURDAY, JULY 14th, from 7:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Rabbits & Poultry will be checked in from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- **Beef Steers will need both RFID and five-digit ear tags.**
- **Show time change:**
 - **4-H Sheep Show – 6:30 P.M., Monday**

More policies are pending – watch for details in upcoming newsletters.

CO. 4-H BEEF/DAIRY ENROLLMENT DAY SET FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012

Please mark your calendars now for **SAT., FEB. 4th** for the 4-H Beef Steer/Market Heifer/Dairy/ID Enrollment day at the 4-H fairgrounds, starting at **9:00 A.M.** and ending at 12:00 Noon. Steers will be weighed and double eartagged. **ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS 12:00 NOON ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4th.** (If you have a major conflict with this day, you must complete the 7-day extension form and turn it into the Extension Office or Kevin Christman prior to February 4th.)
Snowdate will be Saturday, February 11th.



Please Note: NEW 4-H Beef project members must have a 2012 regular County 4-H enrollment form filled out and on file in the Extension Office prior to this February 4th ID date.



SPRING 4-H LIVESTOCK ENROLLMENT DATE SET FOR SAT., MAY 12, 2012

Enrollment deadline for Heifers, Sheep, Swine, Dairy (female), Goats, Poultry and Rabbits will be **SAT., MAY 12, 2012, between 8:00 a.m.-12:00**

Noon at the 4-H fairgrounds. Contact your Barn Chairperson if you have any questions concerning enrollment.

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS 12:00 NOON ON SAT., MAY 12, 2012.

Please Note: Indiana State Fair retinal scans for sheep & goats will be done on May 12th. Cost \$4.00 per animal.

2012 4-H AREA LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST SET FOR APRIL 5th

The 2012 Area Livestock Judging Contest is set for Thursday, April 5th at Little York Stockyards. More information will be sent out later. Lisa Hall is the Clark County 4-H team coach

4-H HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE



The County Shooting Sports Committee has set dates for the 2012 4-H Hunter Education course, which is recommended before joining the County 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Dates are: (Tuesdays), February 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th, plus a range firing

date on Sat., March 3rd. Location will continue to be at Bass Pro Shop in Clarksville, from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Please call Bass Pro Shop (218-5500) to register.

COUNTY LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING

Our next County Livestock Committee meeting will be held on Wed., December 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Ext. Office Conference Room. Final 2012 rule changes must be filed at this meeting.

COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

Lisa Hall, the Clark County 4-H Livestock Judging Team Coach will be scheduling a call-out meeting. Any new youth wanting to participate should plan to attend. Please call Lisa at 293-4875 closer to December if you are interested in participating.

UPCOMING 4-H SADDLE CLUB MEETINGS



Tue., Nov. 1st – McDonald's (Charlestown), Fundraiser, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

The Saddle Club's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 p.m. in the Food Center. Please bring an appetizer to share with everyone.

Monday, January 16th will be the call-out meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Food Center. If you know of any first year 4-H member interested in showing a horse at the 2012 4-H Fair, please let them know about this meeting. Also, have them call the Extension Office (256-4591) so they can be put on the mailing list. Other meeting dates will be listed in the next 4-H newsletter.

Mark your calendars now that the Saddle Club's Chili Supper/Auction is scheduled for Sat., March 3, 2012.



FIRE UP FOR THE 2012 4-H SUMMER CAMP

4-H Camp will be conducted June 1st-3rd at Country Lake. Camp will still be three days and two nights. We will be camping with Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Lawrence, Orange, Scott, and Washington counties. Spread the word to your 4-H friends in Clark and surrounding counties. Camp sign-up information will be mailed in March, 2012. Cost is unchanged.

The 4-H Corporation and 4-H Adult Leaders will be making subsidy decisions this winter.)

**Wanted: 4-H Camp Counselors

The Area 2 4-H Camp group is seeking 4-H Camp Counselors for June 1st-3rd. We are looking for youth in grades 9-12. Previous experience working with youth is desired. Prior leadership, camping, recreation, or singing experience is beneficial. Applications are available from the Extension Office and are due back by **December 1st**. **Training sessions will be required.** Come make camp a great experience for the 4-H members in our area.

Please Note Camp Counselor Training Dates: Jan. 31st, March 6th & April 17th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Salem; and May 29th at Country Lake



4-H LICENSE PLATES

When renewing your auto and light truck license plates, please remember that Indiana 4-H has a special 4-H license plate available. **You DO NOT have to apply to the Indiana 4-H Foundation (as in the past), merely go to the BMV and pick them up.** For a \$25 donation to 4-H you can display your support for 4-H on your vehicle everyday of the year. Also, \$10 of every plate sold (in Clark Co.) comes back to the Clark County 4-H Program.

4-H PARENTS/MEMBERS/LEADERS

If you have access to the internet and have ideas for promoting or strengthening our 4-H Program or just have a question, please feel free to e-mail me at: rallen1@purdue.edu You may, of course, telephone me as well at 256-4591, or please visit.

SAFETY IN THE OUTDOORS

For those of you who hike or hunt in the fall outdoors – various hunting seasons will be open during November and December. Make sure that you wear at least one hat, shirt, or coat made with blaze orange material when going afield. This is a wonderful, but potentially dangerous time of the year. Be aware, careful and ENJOY!



FOLLOW THESE TEN STEPS TO ATV SAFETY



- 1) Always wear a Helmet and Safety goggles.
- 2) Only operate an ATV that is for your age group.
- 3) Maintain a good riding posture.
- 4) Remember, an ATV handles different.
- 5) Do a pre-ride inspection before taking off.
- 6) An ATV rider should be an active rider; when making turns, keep feet on the pegs and lean your upper body into the turn.
- 7) Climbing hills: If you have any questions in your mind, or you think it looks too steep to climb, then it probably is.
- 8) Going down hill: shift your weight to the back of the seat, down shift, and complete your descent.
- 9) Avoid "side hill" situations.
- 10) Do not carry extra riders. ATV's are meant for one rider only.

Another thing to help with the learning process is to sign-up and attend an ATV Rider Safety Course. These are provided by the ATV Safety Institute. To find a course in your area, you can call the ATV Safety Institute toll free at 1-800-887-2887, talk with the representative about your options.

4-H CLUB LEADERS TAKE NOTE ANNUAL 4-H FINANCIAL REPORT

It is time to be starting to fill out the Annual 4-H Club/Unit Financial Report. Reporting year is Jan. 1, 2011-Dec. 31, 2011. The form must be in the Extension Office by **February 1, 2012**. We also need your 4-H Unit Activity Report for the reporting year (this is a list of the meetings/activities your club participated in this past Fair season).

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?



We are always looking for additional volunteers, and now is a great time to express interest. You can help with traditional programs related to the 4-H or you may be more interested in helping with programs at area schools. If you already volunteer in some capacity for a 4-H activity, feel free to consider different assignments. There is not a rule saying you have to do the same thing every year. We realize your life changes and so does your interest in volunteer assignments. Don't hesitate to contact Bob Allen in order to sign up or to get a new assignment.

ANIMAL OWNERSHIP



Are you considering buying and raising any animal(s) for 4-H exhibition? It is critical that you and your family

carefully consider that it is a huge responsibility. Animal wellness is crucially important as well. All domestic animals require plenty of space, food, water, and shelter. Please do your homework on whether you have the ability to feed them daily and can afford the costs. Our 4-H manuals can help you.

4-H ANNUAL HOOSIER CHEER FOR OUR HEROES



Lt. Governor Becky Skillman is once again organizing a holiday letter drive, "Hoosier Cheer For Our Heroes," in support of our military service men and women. Through her partnership with Operation: Military Kids (OMK), she has requested our assistance again this year. Letters may be submitted via e-mail or postal mail by Nov. 19th. You may send an electronic note to: lg@lg.in.gov. You may visit www.in.gov/lgov/ and click on the "Hoosier Cheer For Our Heroes" link to learn more about the campaign and find mailing directions.



Mark your calendars that the 2012 Clark County 4-H Consignment Auction is scheduled for Sat., March 10th.

CLARK COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION

Did you know that the 4-H Program in Clark Co. has its own local foundation established? It is true and perhaps one of the best kept secrets with regard to potential donations and gifts to one of the premier youth education organizations in Clark County. The Clark County 4-H Foundation has been a partner with the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana for several years.

The Clark County 4-H Foundation has been established as a non-profit corporation that is exempt from taxation as a 501 (c)(3) public charity/endowment. Gifts and donations held by the 4-H foundation are placed in a permanent fund, with the principal remaining in its entirety. Only the earnings are used for only the educational endeavors of the 4-H Program in Clark County. Through this arrangement, gifts become perpetual and have the added benefit of assisting 4-H youth for many years into the future.



November/December/January Important Dates:

- Nov. 5-18 – North American Livestock Expo, Lou., KY
- Nov. 6 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov. 11 – EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED, Veteran’s Day Holiday
- Nov. 13 – 4-H Junior Leader Mtg., 2:00 p.m., Food Stand
- Nov. 16 – 4-H Corporation Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Extension Office Conference Room
- Nov. 17 – Area 2 4-H CEF Judging, Community Learning Center, Paoli, 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 17 – Adult Leaders Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Extension Office Conference Room
- Nov. 24-25 – EXT. OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 1 – 4-H Camp Counselor applications Deadline
- Dec. 7 – Co. 4-H Livestock Com. Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Ext. Office Conference Room
- Dec. 11 – 4-H Junior Leaders make cheeseballs, 2:00 p.m., Food Stand
- Dec. 21 – 4-H Corporation Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Extension Office Conference Room
- Dec. 23 & 26 – EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas Holidays
- Jan.2 – EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED for New Year’s Holidays
- Jan. 8 – 4-H Junior Leader Mtg., 2:00 p.m., Food Stand
- Jan. 16 – EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED for Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 18 – 4-H Corporation Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Extension Office Conference Room
- Jan. 19 – 4-H Adult Leaders Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Extension Office Conference Room
- Jan. 31 – Area 4-H Camp Counselor Training, Salem, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 31 – Area 4-H Horse & Pony Committee Mtg., Salem, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.



Happy Holidays!



Sincerely,

Robert C. Allen
 Extension Educator-4-H Youth
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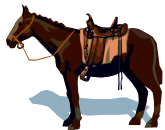
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Extension Office -

www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/clark

then click on Clark County on the Indiana map

CORRECTION ON 4-H SADDLE CLUB CALL-OUT MEETING IN JANUARY



Please mark your calendars that the 4-H Saddle Club’s call-out meeting is **MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012** at 7:00 p.m. in the Food Stand. (It was listed incorrectly on page 3 of this newsletter and also on the January calendar page.

9608 Highway 62, Suite 1, Charlestown, IN 47111-9640
 (812) 256-4591; Fax: (812) 256-4270
 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 (Closed for lunch from 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.)
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