



THE CLOVER PATCH 4-H NEWSLETTER



Get Hooked on 4-H

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2011 CLARK COUNTY 4-H FAIR

CONGRATULATIONS to all 4-H members who received ribbons on your exhibits at the 4-H Fair! Good luck to you as you return for another school year. For those of you who sold animals at the 4-H Livestock Auction, please take the time to write a personal thank you note to your buyer. Trophy winners should write their donors a thank you note as well.



THANK YOU all for the help and hard work during the recent 4-H Fair and during the past year! It is through your generous support that we sustain a solid 4-H Program here in Clark County. Our County 4-H leadership continues to provide many youth new opportunities to grow in life experiences. Please keep the focus and feel good about what you are doing for the growth of our young people. Remember Four-H is a community of young people learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

**** TAKE NOTE: 2012 CLARK COUNTY 4-H FAIR DATES WILL BE JULY 13th-21st****

CLARK COUNTY 4-H CORPORATION REORGANIZES

We welcome Anne Cristiani & Tony Barger as new Directors to the Board. Thanks to Paul Graf, Jeff Hall & Amy Burton for rerunning and being elected for another term. Thanks to Robert Curry and Cindy Baird for their past service to the 4-H Corporation Board. At the reorganizational meeting held August 24th Paul Graf and Kathy Jones were re-elected to serve as President and Vice-President, respectively. There are numerous committees that engineer the 4-H Program, which take a multitude of volunteers to function. If you are a 4-H parent or club leader with new ideas and some time to devote, please let it be known that you are willing to support our important mission. Committee Chairpersons will be announced at the September 21st 4-H Corporation Board meeting.

COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

This **VERY IMPORTANT** evening will be held on Monday, Sept. 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building at the 4-H fairgrounds.

Please Note: Trophies for the General 4-H projects will be presented this evening. The rest of the evening will be devoted to 4-H Adult Leader recognition. Four-H'ers who received a Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, or Champion ribbon at the 4-H Fair will need to come this night and pick up your trophy(s) or make



arrangements for someone to pick up your trophy(s).

MEETING NOTICES

Each 4-H family should receive a copy of this newsletter several times per year. **PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH ALL FAMILY MEMBERS.** Please check the dates and information in this newsletter for items of interest to you and your family. **You MAY NOT receive another notice of a particular meeting or event, so mark your calendar now!**



STATE FAIR EXHIBIT PICK-UP

State Fair exhibits have been back since Aug. 22nd and are being kept at the 4-H fairgrounds. If you have an exhibit(s) that went to the State Fair or an exhibit(s) from the County 4-H

Fair that you have not picked up yet, please do so **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. Exhibits not claimed by **SEPT. 26th** may be discarded or used for educational purposes. Please come by the Extension Office to pick up your ribbons and State Fair pin first.

THANK YOUR 4-H LIVESTOCK BUYERS AND TROPHY DONORS

Everyone who received a trophy or sold an animal in the 4-H Livestock Auction this year should be sure to send out a thank you note to the appropriate people. If you need help locating an address, please call the Extension Office (256-4591). Trophies should have a label on the bottom with the sponsors address listed on it. Four-H is constantly seeking donations from area organizations, businesses, and individuals. In order to ensure the continued support of these people it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that 4-H'ers show their appreciation. Also, 4-H members, please take the time to thank your parents and 4-H club leaders for all they do for you!

Please Note: We have a few 4-H'ers who have not picked up their Livestock Auction check. If you have not picked up your check, please make arrangements to do so as soon as possible, they will not be mailed out.

4-H SADDLE CLUB FUTURE MEETINGS FOR 2011

Sun., Oct. 30 – Date for Awards Banquet, 4-H Food Center, 2:00 p.m.; Election of Officers for 2011 year!!
Sun., Dec. 4 – Christmas Party at the 4-H Fairgrounds Food Center at 2:00 p.m., more details to come.

ATTENTION BEEF MEMBERS OHIO COUNTY PREVIEW SHOW

Ohio County 4-H in Rising Sun will conduct a fall show on Sat., October 22nd at 12:00 noon at their fairgrounds. Entry fee is \$20 per head. For more details, please call the Purdue Extension Office-Ohio County at 812-438-3656. Prize money: \$300 for Prospect Steer; \$200-Heifer.



COUNTY LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING

The next County 4-H Livestock Committee meeting is scheduled for Wed., October 5th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Barn Committees are to meet and come to this meeting prepared to discuss any 2011 4-H rule changes. Judge priority lists should also be submitted at this time.

2012 AREA 2 4-H CAMP

The Area 2 Youth Educators are moving forward with plans to conduct next summer's 4-H Camp June 1-3 (tentative) at the popular County Lake Christian Retreat Center. Teen counselor



applications are due December 1st to Bob.

NEXT JUNIOR LEADER MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th, 2:00 P.M.

Four-H members in grades 7-12 are being sent an invitation to join the Junior Leader Organization for the 2011-2012 4-H year. This call-out meeting will be held on Sun., Sept. 4th, with election of officers conducted. If you want to run for an office, but can't attend this meeting, please call Teresa Burgin (812-416-1218) or Bob Allen (256-4591) to get your name on the ballot.



The October meeting will be held on Sun., October 2nd. Both meetings will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Food Center at the 4-H fairgrounds. All 4-H members currently in grades 7-12 are invited to participate.

Please Note: All Junior Leader meetings are held on the 1st Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Food Stand (unless otherwise notified), so mark your calendars now.

CLUB ACTIVITY OPTION: NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY – OCTOBER 5th



The State 4-H Office has provided one kit per county which will allow approximately 15 participants per kit. The activity is "Wired for Wind". First come, first served.

ADULT LEADERS ORGANIZATION

The next meeting of the 4-H Adult Leaders will be held on Thursday, September 15th in the Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. Officer elections will take place, along with finalizing 2011-2012 committees. Please make it a point to have at least one leader from your 4-H club in attendance at this important meeting. These meetings are for **ALL 4-H CLUB LEADERS**, not just the main club leader.

KROGER/JAY C GIFT CARDS



Please remember that the Adult Leaders are selling \$5 gift cards as a fundraiser. The Leaders will receive 4% of the money spent with these cards. **Keep recharging your gift card to earn money for 4-H.**

This is an ongoing fundraiser. You can still buy cards by contacting Missy Stephans at 945-2913.

ATTENTION 4-H RABBIT EXHIBITORS

The Clark Co. Hippity Hop 4-H Rabbit Club will host their annual fall Rabbit Show at the Clark Co. 4-H fairgrounds on Sat., Sept. 24th, entries are due in at 8:00 a.m. with judging starting at 8:30 a.m. Show will be Double Sanctioned All Breed Youth and Open Show (4-H youth may show their rabbits in this show). Cash award and trophy to best in show and reserve. Early entry fee is \$3.00 (received by Sept. 21st), day of show \$3.50. For more information call David Reiger at 256-4114 or e-mail show@hhrabbit.com or go to: www.hhrabbit.com for complete show information and rules.



10th ANNUAL INDIANA 4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON CONTEST

Saturday, September 24th
Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds, Lebanon, Indiana
Contest held in Commercial Building
Registration (8:30 a.m.); Contest (9:00 a.m.)

Individual Classes:

Retail Meat Cut ID	Livestock Feed ID
Livestock Breed ID	Meat Judging Class
Fleece & Hay Judging Class	Livestock Equipment ID
Quality Assurance Exercise	Quiz

Registration is due by **September 16th**. Cost is \$10 per participant. A resource packet is available at the State 4-H website: www.four-h.purdue.edu/cde/index.cfm#.

COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM/ HUNTER EDUCATION

Families with youth interested in this program should consider completing a hunter education course. The next course will be held: Sept. 13, 15, 20 & 22, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. each evening at the Clarksville Bass Pro Shop Movie Theater. You must call Bass Pro Shop at 218-5500 to register. We will also conduct a course in February, 2012. You must attend all sessions and pass the test to be certified. Call Gary Graf at 246-3427 for any other needed information.

SAFETY CONCERNS WHILE HUNTING

This is the time of the year that many fall hunting seasons are underway. Please take every precaution when preparing and actively participating in various events.

Always team up with an adult who is knowledgeable of firearm safety and be sure to ask for landowners permission. Indiana Youth Deer Hunt Weekend is set for September 24-25.

**ALWAYS THINK AND POSITIVELY IDENTIFY
YOUR TARGET BEFORE YOU SHOOT!**



AREA 2 SOILS JUDGING CONTEST

The Area 2 Soils Judging Contest will be held on Tues., October 4th in Washington County. Registration will be from 9:15-9:45 a.m., with the contest starting at 10:00 a.m. Pre-registration is due to the Clark Co. Extension Office no later than **Sept. 27th**.

AREA 2 AG JUDGING & AREA 2 HORSE & PONY MEETINGS

The Area 2 4-H/FFA Ag Judging Committee meeting is scheduled for Tue., Oct. 11th at 5:00 p.m. at the Washington Co. Ext. Office in Salem. This is the annual organizational meeting for all county team coaches. All Area & State Judging Contest rule changes are discussed at this meeting, plus upcoming contest dates are set. The Area 2 Horse & Pony Committee meeting is scheduled for Tue., Oct. 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Co. Ext. Office in Salem.

INDIANA 4-H/YOUTH WEBSITES

There are good sites for 4-H'ers, parents, 4-H club leaders, and even livestock committee members to get up-to-date information about a variety of subjects. State 4-H web address is: www.four-h.purdue.edu or Clark

County web site is: www.clarkcounty4h.com. Bob's e-mail is: rallen1@purdue.edu if you still need guidance.

LEADERS/PARENTS/MEMBERS INPUT

If you have new 4-H Program ideas, please communicate them to your leader or call me at the Extension Office (256-4591). Ultimately, the Adult Leader Organization and the 4-H Corporation Board will review requests and implement changes in the future. We really need to hear from you! If you have workshop contacts, please let the Extension Office know where dates can be set.

2011 MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD

Congratulations to Patrick Baird (10 year 4-H member), the 5th Annual Clark Co. Sheriff's Mental Attitude winner! Sheriff Rodden was on hand to present this award at the Fair.

2011 INDIANA 4-H ADULT/ YOUTH CONGRESS - Sat., Nov. 5th

The 2011 Indiana 4-H Congress will be conducted on Sat., Nov. 5th at the State 4-H Fairgrounds. This program is specifically designed for Junior Leader aged youth. Indiana 4-H Congress starts at 8:45 a.m. and lasts until 4:00 p.m. Four-H Congress is for members in grades 8-12 and provides an excellent leadership development experience. During Congress, members hear a keynote speaker, participate in three breakout seminars, and attend a formal lunch recognizing 4-H scholarship. Cost is \$25.00 per person and must be paid by **Oct. 26th**. Delegates are to wear dressy casual clothing (no jeans or T-shirts) and comfortable walking shoes. ***We will need ADULT CHAPERONES for this day. This will be finalized at the October 2nd Junior Leader meeting.***

**Adult Track also offered! Registration is \$25.00. Four-H Club lesson plans to be shared. All 4-H volunteers are invited to gain these valuable tools. The 4-H Adult Leaders Organization will pay for leaders going. Please call by Oct. 26th to reserve a space.



COUNTY/AREA/STATE ENTOMOLOGY/ FORESTRY JUDGING CONTESTS

Our County Contest will be held on Thrs., Oct. 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Food Center. Qualifiers will compete at the Area Contest on Nov. 17th (reg. at 5:00 p.m., contest starts at 5:30 p.m.). County and place for the contest TBA. Pre-registration is required by Nov. 10th for the Area Contest. Area winners will then compete for State honors at Purdue University on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Please call Joyce Dickson (294-4087) if you are interested in Entomology. She plans to have practice sessions.



4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN NOVEMBER

Numerous scholarships are available to 4-H'ers from 10th-12th grades: State 4-H Club Scholarship; Ind. 4-H Foundation; Ind. 4-H Accomplishment and Plant Science Achievement. Applications will be available in the Extension Office in November.



Deadline for applying is Jan. 15, 2012. (Please call the Extension Office at 256-4591 to see if we have the applications before you make a trip in.)



SAFETY FIRST

With fall harvest approaching, it is very important to practice farm safety. Please be cautious around farm activities that might involve children. Children should be made aware of the dangers surrounding unloading (augers) and flowing grain (suffocation). ***Be careful out there!***

***NEED HOMEWORK HELP?**

Free math and science help from Rose Hulman students by calling 1-877-275-7673 for 6th-12th grade students; www.askrose.org. Hotline hours are 7:00-10:00 p.m. EDT Sunday-Thursday.

SILENT BASKET AUCTION

The Silent Basket Auction held at the 4-H Fair was very successful again! The Leaders made about \$1,540.00 from this fundraiser. Money from the auction is used for Adult Leader trainings and to help send 4-H'ers to camp. The Adult Leaders wish to thank all of you for participating in the 2011 Silent Auction.



INCREDIBLE STATE FAIR RESULTS - BE PROUD!

Clark Co. 4-H should be most proud of the outstanding showing of exhibits at your Indiana State Fair. Twelve members received special merit ribbons and a number of exhibitors had class winners in the livestock & rabbit divisions. Rebekah Dickson (honey) and Crede Garriott (market goats) made the Spotlight Sale with their Best of Show and Megan Brooks and Morganne Miles won showmanship. For complete results go to: www.four-h.purdue.edu and click on State Fair results.

WILDLIFE HABITAT EVALUATION CDE

The Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Career Development Event (invitational) will be held on Sat., Oct. 22nd at Purdue's Wright Center (Martell Forest property). Registrations, with payment (\$12/participant), are due by Sept. 17th. Registration forms are at the 4-H judging website: www.four-h.purdue.edu/cde/. Training materials available at: www.four-h.purdue.edu/whep/. This is an invitational event so any team may enter (4-H, FFA, Open).

NEW 4-H CLUB FORMATION INFORMATION

There are times that it may be more convenient for parents who travel a distance to participate in 4-H to merely form a new club in their area. It only takes five youth from three families to form a club. We are here to work out accommodations which may ultimately serve more youth in the outlying areas. I have enclosed pertinent information, but we would need for new leaders to go through a screening process. I have plenty of resources to help, just call me.

PURDUE EXTENSION - THANK YOU!

We want to thank the following folks for contributing to the Purdue Non-Reverting Fund: *Rachel Seals, Cole & Ethan Ball, Bales Foundation, Ind. Farm Bureau Insurance, Jim O'Neal Ford, Four Quarters, Clark Co. 4-H Adult Leaders Organization, John Woehrl, and special thanks to Sheriff Danny Rodden.* Presently, we have \$9,100 of the \$18,000 needed. If there are other potential donors, please call Bob (256-4591) for details.

FREE RAIN GARDEN & WATER QUALITY WORKSHOP

Come and learn how you can help improve the water quality of our streams and rivers through gardening. Workshop will be held on Sat., Sept. 17th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at the Clarksville Community Center. To register contact the Silver Creek Watershed Improvement Project (812) 256-2330, ext. 110.



****PLEASE TAKE NOTE****

2012 4-H MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FEE

As families start planning for the next 4-H year, please be aware that there will be a new **\$25.00 4-H member enrollment fee**, which will need to be **PAID IN FULL** at the time of sign-up. **Please Note: Mini 4-H & Explorers participants will not be charged.** The 4-H Leaders are asked to collect this fee and turn in with enrollment forms; \$15.00 of this fee will go directly to the State 4-H Youth Dev. Office and \$10.00 will be kept here in Clark Co. These monies will be used to pay insurance, develop and revise new curriculum, develop leadership training for members/leaders, enhance web presence and marketing efforts. Locally the fees will help offset escalating 4-H project manual costs.

MONSANTO "AMERICA'S FARMERS GROW COMMUNITIES" PROGRAM

This is a program offered by the Monsanto Fund again in 2012 that allows farmers an opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite local non-profit organizations. One winner will be drawn for each eligible county. We thank the Kenny Yeager family, selected in 2011, who had nominated the Clark County 4-H program to receive the \$2,500 grant! Farmers must apply by Nov. 30th.

Mark your calendars now:

**2012 Clark County 4-H Fair - July 13th - 21st
July 12-20, 2013 & July 11-19, 2014**

2012 Indiana State Fair - August 3rd - 19th

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