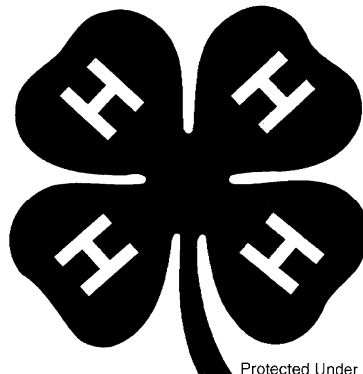


# Dubois County 4-H Family Guide



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in Dubois County 4-H! This booklet is designed with **YOU** in mind to help you learn more about 4-H, what we do and who we are. Regardless of whether you live on a farm or in a town, have one hobby or many, like doing things by yourself or with others, 4-H has something to offer.

The Dubois County Extension Office is located in the lower level of the Executive East Office Building at 1482 Executive Blvd. in Jasper.

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## What Is 4-H?

4-H is an extracurricular, volunteer led, family-oriented program.

4-H is for boys and girls in grades 3 through grade 12.

We offer Exploring 4-H for youth in Kindergarten - grade 2.

4-H is for urban as well as rural youth.

4-H helps young people develop life skills. A life skill is an ability that one can use in everyday life.

The basic life skills are:

Building self-confidence

Developing an inquiring mind

Setting goals and making decisions

Relating to other people

Developing a concern for the community

Developing leadership skills

### 4-H Club Motto

"To Make the Best Better"

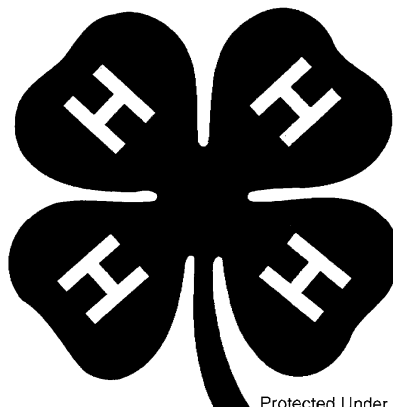
### 4-H Club Slogan

"Learn By Doing"

### 4-H Club Emblem

The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf.

The four "Hs" stand for: Head, Heart, Hands and Health.



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## **4-H Colors**

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature's most common color. Green represents life, springtime, and youth. While white symbolizes purity.

## **The 4-H Pledge**

### **I pledge**

My **Head** to clearer thinking  
My **Heart** to greater loyalty  
My **Hands** to larger service, and  
My **Health** to better living  
For my club, my community,  
My country, and my world.

## **4-H Club Membership**

More than 6 million boys and girls are 4-H members throughout the United States. In Indiana, there are over 298,000 boys and girls who are 4-H members. Dubois County currently has a 4-H enrollment of over 1,200 youth.

## **4-H Year**

A new 4-H year starts October 1 of each year and ends September 31 of the following year.

## **School Grades Eligible For 4-H Club Membership**

4-H membership is open to all youth in Dubois County who are in Kindergarten through grade 12. All youth in Kindergarten, first and second grades may participate in the Exploring 4-H program. This program allows younger children to participate in special activities until they reach the traditional 4-H age. Some clubs offer an Exploring 4-H Club that meets at the same time as the traditional 4-H Club. Youth in grades 3 through 12 are eligible for 4-H Club membership in the traditional 4-H Club program.

## **4-H Point System**

During a member's 4-H career, points are awarded for participation in county 4-H activities, projects, ribbons, etc. These points are the basis for the awarding of certain trips and awards. The points also help youth apply for scholarships. The complete 4-H point system is explained in the 4-H Handbook.

## Who's Who In 4-H?

4-H member	Any youth currently in grade 3 through grade 12 who fills out an enrollment form and meets the club requirements. Youth in Kindergarten - grade 2 may be in Exploring 4-H.
4-H Club Leader	An adult volunteer who is responsible for the organizational aspects of a 4-H club
Project Superintendent	This person is an adult volunteer with special expertise in particular subject areas. They are very helpful with project judging at the 4-H Fair.
4-H Junior Leader	4-H members in grades 7 through 12 who want to be involved with leading the county 4-H program. This group has monthly meetings, performs community service projects, is very active at the 4-H Fair and assists with various events.
Parents	Important to the success of the child in 4-H. Parents are ENCOURAGED to attend club meetings as well as county-wide events with their children.

### County Level

4-H Council	This is the short name for the Dubois County 4-H Council, Inc. The 4-H Council meets monthly and is the policy-making organization for Dubois County 4-H. There are 15 people on this council. They are representatives from the county townships elected to three-year terms.
Extension Educators	They are professionals who help to carry out the 4-H program and other programs and serve as a source of research-based information on behalf of Purdue University. Our county has three educators: 4-H Youth Development Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator and Consumer Family Science Educator.
Extension Office	The Extension Office is located at 1482 Executive Blvd. in Jasper. The telephone number is 482-1782. Office hours are 8 am to Noon and 1 to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. We also have an outside drop box for your convenience. Some 4-H project supplies are also available here at cost (poster supplies, poster covering, electric kits, etc.). A map to help you find the Extension Office is in the back of this booklet.
4-H Fairgrounds	Located six miles south of Jasper on Highway 162 South, the 4-H Fairgrounds are the center of many county 4-H events and home of the Dubois County 4-H Fair. A map to help you find the fairgrounds is in the back of this booklet.

## **State Level**

Purdue University	Purdue is a land grant university that has the responsibility for taking education to the people of the state. The 4-H program is part of that directive in the Youth Development and Agricultural Education Department.
State 4-H Program Leader	The State 4-H Program Leader has the responsibility for 4-H programming at the State Level.
State Specialist	State Specialists have responsibility for the 4-H program on a statewide basis. Each one has a specific part of the total 4-H program. They are based at Purdue University and are under the direction of the State 4-H Program Leader.
Indiana 4-H Foundation	This non-profit organization works to provide additional resources for the 4-H program. They sponsor scholarships, funding for county and state programs, finance the State 4-H Leaders recognition, trips for outstanding youth to National 4-H Congress, as well as underwrite the cost of many trips taken on the state level. Forms for donation are available at the County Extension Office. They also sponsor the 4-H license plate program. Anyone may choose to support 4-H by choosing a 4-H license plate at any BMV license branch.

## **Joining A 4-H Club**

4-Hers may belong to any 4-H Club in the county. Residence does not restrict club membership. However, most 4-Hers belong to the club closest to where they live. Many clubs have yearly dues which vary by club. Youth may reside in other counties and still be a member of Dubois County 4-H. However, youth must be a 4-H Club member in only one county.

4-H members may change membership to another club if they wish. It is important to notify the Extension Office (482-1782) and the leaders of both clubs (the one you are leaving and the one you are going to).

Each club elects officers from the club membership. The officers conduct the business portion of the club meeting.

## **Independent Study**

Youth who would like to enroll in 4-H on an independent study basis may do so without joining a 4-H Club. These individuals and their parents are responsible for remaining in contact with the Extension Office, getting materials and being familiar with deadlines as they have no direct guidance from an adult volunteer leader.

# DUBOIS COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

## **Celestine Area 4-H Clubs**

All Stars, Joyce Gessner, 389-2594  
Leaders of Tomorrow, Lisa Verkamp, 678-5432 or Susan Hoffman, 634-1513

## **Dubois Area 4-H Clubs**

Happy Go Lucky, Melinda Beyke, 678-4092  
Ramblers, Steve Sander, 678-3405

## **Ferdinand Area 4-H Clubs**

Crusaders, Rachel Welp, 367-1918  
Country Stars, Dave Rogier, 367-2523  
Country Guys and Gals, Darla Laake, 367-2582 or Tonja Blackgrove, 367-1974  
Rangers, Darlene Boeglin, 367-2238 or Shirley Demuth, 367-2205 or Kathy Welp, 367-1673  
Little Rangers, (Exploring 4-H Club for grades K-2) Darlene Boeglin, 367-2238  
Talent Seekers, Rhonda Knust, 326-2741

## **Holland Area 4-H Clubs**

Dutch Workers, Melissa Hopf, 683-3924  
St. Henry Saints A, Emily Meyer, 367-2450  
St. Henry Saints B, Sam Schwoeppe, 683-4795

## **Huntingburg Area 4-H Clubs**

Young Hoosiers, Judy Hohler, 683-2955  
Blue Ribbon, Rose Hopf, 683-4001  
The Clover Conspirators, Judy Jochem-Nino, 683-2307  
Exploring Cool (Exploring 4-H Club for grades K-2), Janet Haase, 683-2275

## **Ireland Area 4-H Clubs**

Young Achievers, Sandy Schepers, 634-2251 or Mack Krohn, 634-2434  
Fighting Irish, Bonnie Bowlin, 481-9411 or Scott Reckelhoff, 634-2963  
Lucky Irish, Treva Heise, 634-2773 or Holly Reckelhoff, 634-2963  
Blue Ribbon, Rose Hopf, 683-4001

## **Jasper Area 4-H Clubs**

Lucky Shamrocks, Carolyn Hilsmeier, 482-5232  
Millennium 4-H Club, Mary Sue Boeglin, 482-9473  
Holy Family Young Hopefuls, Suzanne Knies, 482-2485 or John Sonderman, 482-5284  
Life Explorers, Jennifer Erwin, 482-3950  
Little Life Explorers (Exploring 4-H Club for grades K-2), Cindy Steltenpohl, 634-1334

## **Schnellville Area 4-H Clubs**

Talent Seekers, Rhonda Knust, 326-2741  
Busy Bees, Theresa Gutgsell, 389-2787  
Gavel, Jack Welp, 326-2086 or Dave Scheutter, 389-2306  
The Explorers (Exploring 4-H Club for grades K-2) Amy Mitchell, 389-1312

## **County Wide Schools/Clubs**

Wranglers (4-H Horse & Pony), Rhonda Helming, 482-4501 or Laura Whitsitt, 630-3837  
4-H Shooting Sports, John Beckman, 482-1590  
Dubois County 4-H Country Cloggers, Teresa Humbert, 678-4672  
Hoppers (4-H Rabbit Club), David Boeglin, 482-9473  
Junior Leaders—Kendall Martin, 482-1782

## **4-H Clover Chronicles**

A monthly 4-H newsletter is sent to every 4-H family in Dubois County. It is called the **4-H Clover Chronicles**. Read your **4-H Clover Chronicles** to find out about meetings, events, project workshops and other timely 4-H news!

## **4-H Projects**

The 4-H project is a learning experience for the 4-H member. 4-H members must take at least one project each year and complete the records for that project. A member is encouraged to exhibit at the 4-H Fair as part of their project completion.

Some projects are divided by level/grade, others by the number of years in that project. Grade is determined by the grade the member was in at the time of enrollment, or the school year preceding the Fair.

4-H members may add or drop projects until May 31. To add or drop a project, call the Extension Office at 482-1782.

## **4-H Handbook**

Each 4-H family will receive a 4-H Handbook from their Club Leader. The 4-H Handbook is also posted on the 4-H website at [www.extension.purdue.edu/dubois](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/dubois) for your convenience. The 4-H Handbook has the information members need to know about what their 4-H Fair exhibit should include as well as other important 4-H information.

## **4-H Project Manuals And Record Sheets**

Most 4-H projects have manuals that give in-depth information for that project. There is a record sheet for each project. The 4-H Council provides 4-H project manuals at no cost to the 4-H member. 4-H members must pay for manuals that are lost or need to be replaced. Project manuals and record sheets are distributed by the 4-H Club Leaders.

## **Trips And Awards**

Some 4-H members are eligible to apply for trips taken the following summer. Most of the trips take place between June and July. The trip application is mailed to all 4-H members in the January issue of **4-H Clover Chronicles**. Eligibility information is included in the trip application packet.

Awards and premiums are given to 4-H members at the local achievement meetings held in the fall. Pins are presented to all members upon completion of a 4-H year.

The 4-H Council also provides savings bonds to tenured 4-H members based on the number of years 4-H project work was completed.

Each year all 4-H members and adult 4-H volunteer leaders receive a free 4-H t-shirt featuring the theme and logo.

## **4-H Project Selection**

In choosing a project, a member will consult the 4-H Handbook with his or her parents and 4-H Leader(s). The 4-H Handbook is updated yearly with a complete listing of project requirements and exhibit options. After considering all the projects available, and the requirements of each, he or she should select projects based on:

1. Interest, needs, and capabilities
2. Family situation
3. Suitability of the area in which he or she lives

Members enrolling for the first time will take a minimum of one project. As a member gains knowledge and experience, the size of the project may be increased and additional projects selected.

Early in their 4-H career, a member needs to consider developing a tentative project plan to guide him or her until they are past 4-H age. Some projects should be continued each year, with increases in the difficulty of the project when possible. Members should also try to enroll in additional projects, which are related to his or her other project work. For example, an electric project member may want to also enroll in home improvement, woodworking, or other related projects.

The 4-H project is the core of the 4-H member's experience. The 4-H project is the center of many activities in which members will find satisfaction in expanding his or her project work. The learning experiences one obtains through his or her project could even lead to career/vocation possibilities.

The 4-H Freestyle project is also a 4-H project option. If an area of interest is not found in the 4-H project choices or if a 4-H member wants to create a project that does not fit a project requirement, 4-H Freestyle offers the opportunity for them to create their own project.

## **4-H Fair Judging**

Projects exhibited at the 4-H Fair will be judged. Non-livestock exhibits will be checked in on the Friday immediately prior to the 4-H Fair. Check-in stations are located at the doors of the Exhibit Buildings.

Foods, Sewing, Consumer Clothing, Cake Decorating, Small Pets, Aquatic Science, Microwave Cooking and Floriculture 4-H projects will be "community judged" prior to the 4-H Fair. Members will receive a schedule of when to bring these projects to the 4-H Fairgrounds.

Community judging means that your 4-H Fair exhibits will be judged in your presence, as you check in. Here are some questions that you may be asked in a conference judging setting.

- How much time did you spend on this project?
- Name 3 things that you learned in this project this year.
- Why did you choose to take this project?
- Tell me something about this exhibit that you want me to know.
- What did you like best (or least) about this project?
- Did you do this exhibit at school or was it in a workshop setting?
- Did you have any difficulty with this exhibit?
- Do you have any questions that I may be able to answer?

## Ribbons

4-H uses the Danish system of ribbon awards. In this system, the ribbon placings are as follows:

- Purple - Grand Champion:** Top Prize - Best overall exhibit in the project
- Lavender- Reserve Grand Champion:** Second best overall exhibit in the project
- Purple - Champion:** Best exhibit in the level
- Lavender - Reserve Champion:** Second best exhibit in the level
- State Fair:** Exhibit was selected to go to Indiana State Fair
- Green:** Exhibit did not meet project requirements. Additional color stickers indicate work quality.
- Purple/Lavender:** Outstanding work
- Blue:** Above the average of the group
- Red:** Average of the group
- White:** Below the average of the group
- Gold: State Fair Merit:** Selected by a State Fair judge as one of the best exhibits in the state.

## Premium Money

4-H members receive \$1 cash for each completed project exhibited at the 4-H Fair. The money is distributed by the 4-H Club Leader after the 4-H Fair along with project records at a fall achievement meeting or event.

## 4-H Activities And Events

Each club will have special activities for their club throughout the year. In addition, there are many county-wide events in which a 4-H member may participate. Some of these include:

### Project Workshops

A variety of workshops in different project areas are offered each year. Be sure to read your monthly **4-H Clover Chronicles** to know what workshops are offered.

### Style Show

4-H sewing project members model their clothing item during a style show at the 4-H Fair.

### **Share-the-Fun**

An event of fun and learning centered around the talents of 4-H Clubs as well as individual 4-H members. This contest is in a talent variety show format held at the Jasper Arts Center.

### **4-H Camp**

This three day, two night camp takes place each summer and is open to 4-H members in grades 3-6 (grade just completed). The 4-H members participate in many outdoor activities as they learn by doing. We camp at Santa Claus Methodist Campground with 4-H members from Daviess, Perry and Spencer Counties. 4-H members in grades 8 and above may apply to be 4-H Camp Counselors.

### **Speech and Demonstration Contest**

4-H members prepare a speech around an assigned topic/title or a demonstration of a project area of their choosing and present them to earn ribbons and points.

### **Judging Teams**

We currently have teams that explore and study specific areas of interest and compete on judging teams. Adult volunteers with interest and expertise in these areas serve as coaches for our teams. These judging teams include: Livestock, Dairy, Horse and Pony, Hippology, Forestry and Soil.

### **Tractor Operator Contest**

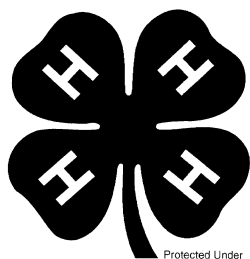
4-H Tractor project members may complete their 4-H project by competing in the Tractor Operator Contest. 4-H members must be enrolled in the tractor project in order to participate in this contest.

### **Action Demonstrations**

4-H members may choose to complete any project by presenting an Action Demonstration at the 4-H Fair. This is especially helpful when circumstances prevent the 4-H member from completing the project requirements in the 4-H handbook.

### **Exploring 4-H Day Camp**

This active day camp is held at the 4-H Fairgrounds. It is designed to introduce 4-H activities and projects to students in Kindergarten - grade 2 (grade just completed). Crafts, games, snacks and guest speakers make this a great learning opportunity for youth who are considering joining a 4-H Club. This program is led by Summer Assistants and 4-H Junior Leaders.

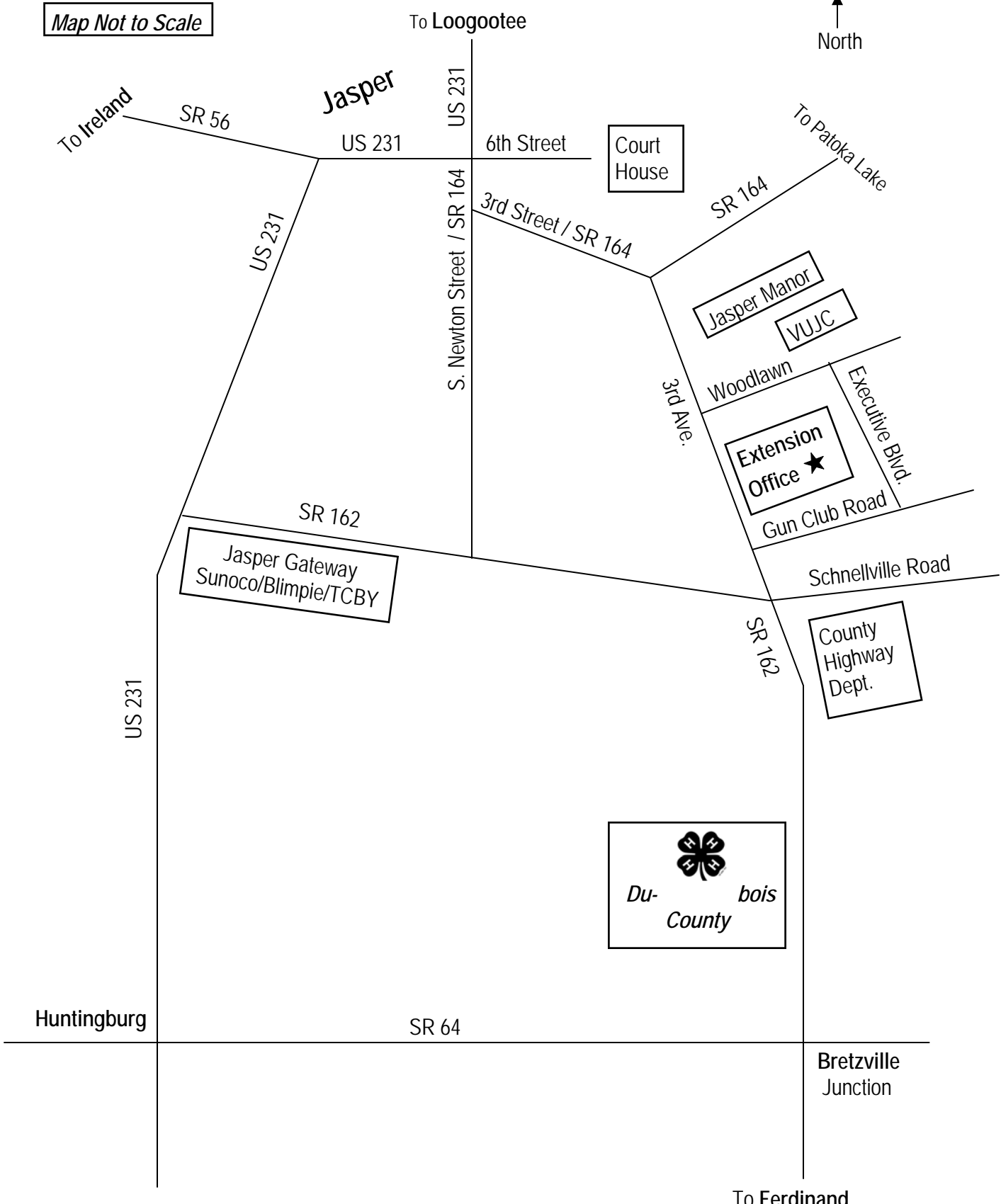


## **Welcome to Dubois County 4-H!**

If we can help you in any way please call us at 482-1782.

# Dubois County Extension Office and 4-H Fairgrounds

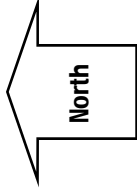
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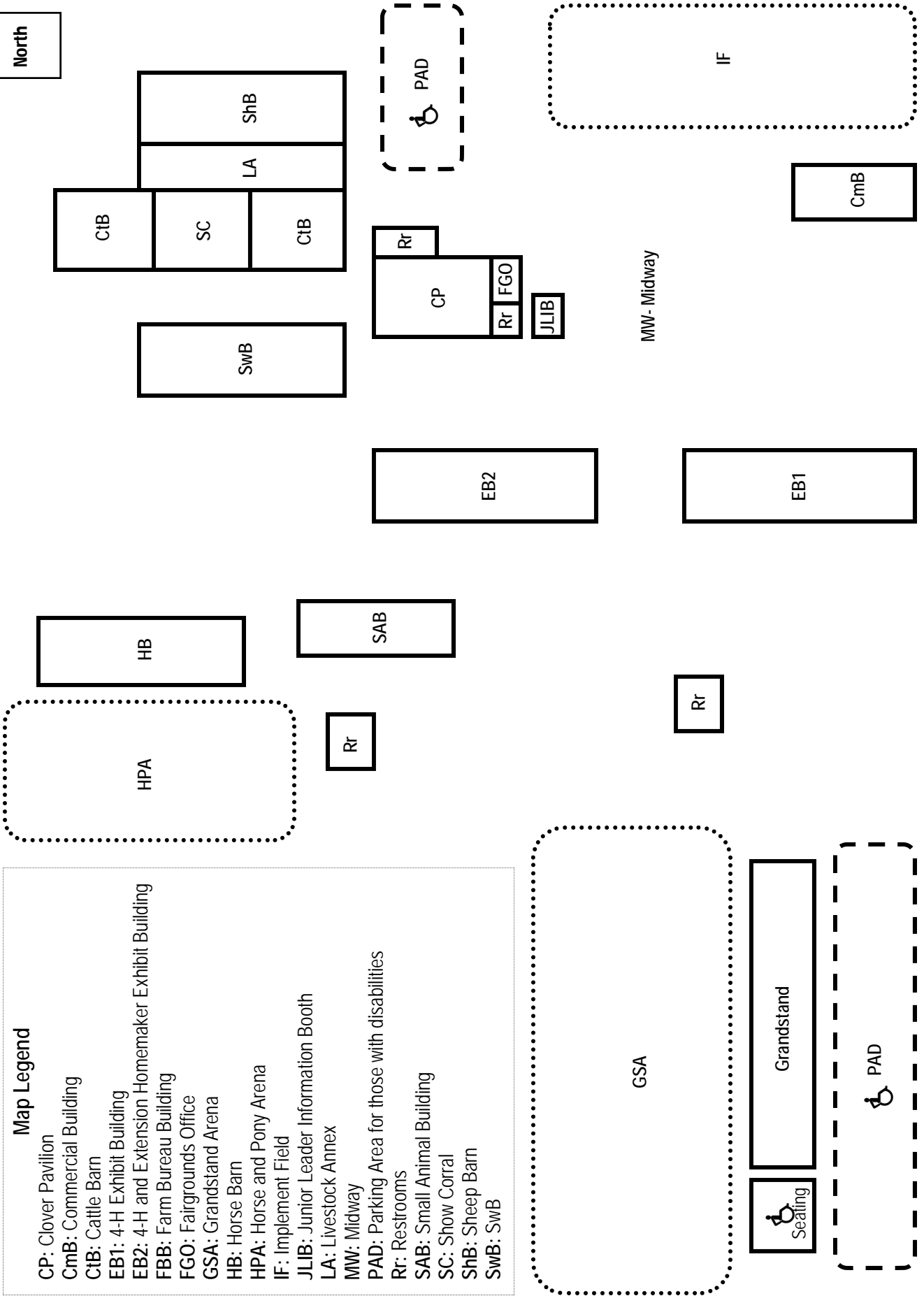


# Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds (six miles south of Jasper, Indiana on Highway 162)



**Map Legend**

- CP: Clover Pavilion
- CmB: Commercial Building
- CtB: Cattle Barn
- EB1: 4-H Exhibit Building
- EB2: 4-H and Extension Homemaker Exhibit Building
- FBB: Farm Bureau Building
- FGO: Fairgrounds Office
- GSA: Grandstand Arena
- HB: Horse Barn
- HPA: Horse and Pony Arena
- IF: Implement Field
- JLIB: Junior Leader Information Booth
- LA: Livestock Annex
- MW: Midway
- PAD: Parking Area for those with disabilities
- Rr: Restrooms
- SAB: Small Animal Building
- SC: Show Corral
- ShB: Sheep Barn
- SwB: SwB



## ***The 4-H Club Creed***

*I believe in 4-H work  
for the opportunity it will give me  
to become a useful citizen.*

*I believe in the training of my Head  
for the power it will give me  
to think, plan and reason.*

*I believe in the training of my Heart  
for the nobleness it will give me  
to become kind, sympathetic and true.*

*I believe in the training of my Hands  
for the ability it will give me  
to be helpful, useful and skillful.*

*I believe in the training of my Health  
for the strength it will give me to enjoy life,  
to resist disease and to work efficiently.*

*I believe in my country, my state, my community  
and in my responsibility for their development.*

*In all these things, I believe,  
and I am willing to dedicate my efforts  
to their fulfillment*