

# SEEING THE WORLD through their eyes



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Morgan County 4-H Rabbit Club members working with the parts poster from a livestock learning kit purchased with Premier Companies grant funds.

Below: Mini-4-Hers and Jr. Leaders participate in a Mini Showmanship Workshop in Washington County.



# Southern Indiana 4-Hers Learn About Ag Careers, Plant and Animal Science

## Grant to the Indiana 4-H Foundation from Premier Companies

After successfully awarding \$50,000 in grants to 15 counties in Southern Indiana in 2021, we are pleased to announce that Premier Companies has committed to funding additional grants to certain counties in 2022.



In 2021, counties used Premier Companies grants to purchase Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training materials and livestock animal learning

kits. Counties also hosted livestock workshops with veterinarians and farmers and Mini-4-H showmanship workshops led by 4-H Jr. Leaders.

**Premier Companies' funding priorities include programming for 4-H youth in the areas of:**

- Agricultural Related Careers**
- Plant Science**
- Animal Science**

Applications for the 2022 Premier Companies grant will be available through the Indiana 4-H Foundation in the fall.

### COUNTIES ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT:

**Bartholomew**  
**Decatur**  
**Johnson**  
**Shelby**  
**Rush**  
**Ripley**  
**Jennings**  
**Washington**

**Harrison**  
**Scott**  
**Jefferson**  
**Clark**  
**Jackson**  
**Franklin**  
**Morgan**

### SAVE THE DATE

## 2021 Scholarship Luncheon

Mark your calendars!

Plans are moving forward to host an in-person Scholarship Luncheon at the annual Indiana 4-H Leadership Summit on Sat., Oct. 23, 2021.

Accomplishment Scholarship winners and donors from 2020 and 2021 will be recognized.

RSVP at [www.in4h.org/2021scholarshipluncheon](http://www.in4h.org/2021scholarshipluncheon)

## YES GRANTS IN ACTION

# What Can Bugs Tell You About Your Water?

*Monroe County 4-H member's entomological research funded by a YES Grant*

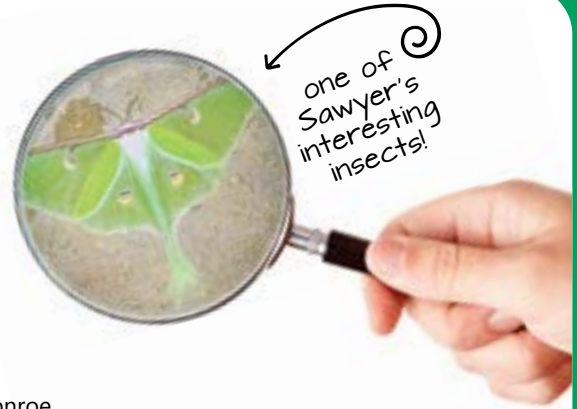
If you're looking for Sawyer Scheid, start near the shores of Lake Monroe. You'll know it's him when you spot the 14-year-old stationed in front of a vapor-lighted sheet strung between two trees. He'll be the one counting bugs.

Sawyer, who's been collecting and studying insects for several years, was recently inspired to devise his own research study.

*"Lots of people seem to think insects are mostly destructive pests or perhaps know only a few of the benefits of insects." — Sawyer Scheid*

His goal is to provide the community with a better understanding of the local environment. According to Sawyer, insect bio-diversity—especially among aquatic insects—is a leading indicator of environmental quality, especially water quality. Insects also supply much of the aquatic food chain.

Thanks to a YES Grant through the Indiana 4-H Foundation, Sawyer's research is well underway. He will share his result with DNR officials at Lake Monroe with the hope of influencing management decisions and possibly sparking future studies. He will also offer educational programming at the State Recreation Area and set up a booth at Bloomington's annual Bug Fest. He hopes to recruit additional researchers through iNaturalist with help from Monroe County Extension.



*Sawyer with a female Io moth that showed up to be counted for his research project.*



Donors for the 2021 YES Grants include the **Nola Gentry Charitable Trust** and **Corteva Agriscience**.



*Mackensi and her dog, Elle, pose at a photobooth fundraiser*

## 4-H Dog Club Member Raises Funds For Community Dog Park

*Morgan County youth says YES to helping furry friends*

What started as a Girl Scouts Gold Award Project for one Morgan County 4-Her has become a community-wide partnership to give dogs and their humans a place to exercise and socialize. Mackensi Schneider has recruited the help of the Morgan County Canine Crusaders 4-H Dog Club and the Morgan County Jr. Leaders to make some significant upgrades to the Jimmy Nash City Park in Martinsville, Ind. A YES Grant from the Indiana 4-H Foundation is helping make that dream a reality.

*For more info about YES Grants, go to [www.in4h.org/grants](http://www.in4h.org/grants)*

Mackensi's plans include adding an agility course, dog water fountain, new benches, landscaping, and drainage improvements to the already fenced dog park area. According to Mackensi, "This would strengthen the community by providing a great place [for dog owners] to socialize and bond not only with their dog but with other dog owners in the community."

# Juntos 4-Hers Work Toward School Success for Latino Youth

**BECAUSE OF DONORS LIKE YOU, INDIANA 4-H IS REACHING NEW FAMILIES.**

For many youth, 4-H offers an opportunity to “learn how to learn” within a trusted support system.

Juntos 4-H is expanding this support system, making it more accessible to youth whom 4-H has not traditionally served.

Juntos 4-H (pronounced “hoon-tohs”), which means “together” in Spanish, is uniting Latino students and their families with Extension educators, school and college officials, and local volunteers, using the core values of 4-H to shape positive academic and social outcomes.

The program, which is currently available in 12 states, encourages cohorts of eighth-grade Latino youth to support each other for three to five years as they enter high school and prepare together for higher education. Using youth-led initiatives, families work together to

gain the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to support their students through high school and beyond to higher education.

Building programs like Juntos 4-H with diverse cultures takes intentionality and flexibility. But according to Xiomara Diaz-Vargas, 4-H state specialist of new audience initiatives, “Taking this program where our youth and families are, and doing it well, is the most significant responsibility we have because talent and youth potential are everywhere, but opportunities are not.”

In Indiana, Juntos 4-H is currently available in Lake, Marion, Dubois, Jackson, and Elkhart Counties thanks to support from local community foundations and individual and corporate donors.



## THANK YOU TO THESE INDIANA JUNTOS 4-H DONORS!

- Farm Credit Mid-America
- Dubois County Community Foundation
- Community Foundation of Elkhart County
- Koch Development Corporation (Holiday World & Splashin' Safari)
- Jasper Rubber
- Farbest Foods
- German American Bank

## HAVE YOU HEARD THE GOOD NEWS?

# Bob Ritchie & Darrel Thomas Chosen for 4-H Hall of Fame

**For years, people asked Bob Ritchie and Darrel Thomas if they were brothers. Now, these longtime friends and dedicated 4-H leaders are among the newest class of National 4-H Hall of Fame inductees.**

The National 4-H Hall of Fame recognizes 4-H volunteers, Extension professionals, staff employees, donors, and others who made a significant impact on the 4-H program.

**Congratulations to these two deserving leaders!** They will be inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame during the ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, at the Kellogg Conference Hotel at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. In addition, the Indiana 4-H Foundation will host a reception in their honor before the scholarship luncheon at the 2021 Leadership Summit on October 23 in Carmel, Indiana.

For more about the 4-H Hall of Fame, go to [www.4-h-hof.com](http://www.4-h-hof.com).



### Bob Ritchie

*“The Indiana 4-H Foundation provides a tremendous boost to uplift new programs, whether that is through new program areas or grants.”*

Bob Ritchie was born and raised in Tippecanoe County, where he participated in 4-H as a youth. After earning a degree in Animal Science from Purdue, Bob served as the Grant County 4-H youth educator and county Extension director for 15 years before joining the state 4-H staff after earning his Ed.D. in Educational Administration. He held this position for 18 years until he retired in 1998. These days, Bob still stays active in Indiana 4-H as a judge at county fairs and the Indiana State Fair.

Today, Bob continues to be a passionate supporter of the Indiana 4-H Foundation’s scholarship program. “The Indiana 4-H Foundation provides a tremendous boost to uplift new programs, whether that is through new program areas or grants.”



### Darrel Thomas

*“[The Indiana 4-H Foundation has] worthy goals and great insight into what it takes to instill leadership and life skills in the youth of Indiana.”*

Darrel Thomas’s family has been involved in Indiana 4-H for more than 50 years. As a 10-year 4-H member in Vigo County, he enjoyed participating in the Electric and Photography projects. Darrel graduated from Indiana State University and joined the Extension staff in Fountain County before serving in the Vietnam War. Upon his return home, he was named 4-H youth educator, and later Extension director, in Putnam County, where he served for 31 years.

Darrel has established scholarships with the Indiana 4-H Foundation in memory of his late wife Diana. He believes that the Indiana 4-H Foundation has “worthy goals and great insight into what it takes to instill leadership and life skills in the youth of Indiana.”



## PLEDGE YOUR HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY

# Join the New Clover Community!

*The gift that keeps on giving is an investment in our future.*

Can you believe another 4-H year has come to an end? You can be proud of our state's 4-H youth, volunteers, and staff. They have risen to the challenge, ensuring that young people across Indiana have access to the 4-H experience.

But let's be honest--they couldn't have done it without you, their community of supporters, who donate to the Indiana 4-H Foundation because you want to see Indiana 4-Hers thrive.

Are you a dedicated 4-H fan looking for a convenient way to support Indiana 4-H? Then we've got just the thing for you! We're inviting you to join our brand-new monthly donor club, the Clover Community.

Pledge your heart to greater loyalty and help 4-H continue to shape our state for generations!

**To join the Clover Community with your monthly donation, return the enclosed card or visit us online at [www.in4h.org/clover-community](http://www.in4h.org/clover-community)**

### Why give monthly?

*"Monthly giving to the Indiana 4-H Foundation makes it easier for me to plan out my yearly giving long-term. I like that it breaks my giving up into smaller portions throughout the year, and that each month's gift happens automatically after the initial set up."*

*"I like being part of a larger community of givers where we all do a little together. It adds up to a more significant impact on the Foundation and the kids in 4-H."*

*"We're not big donors, but we truly believe in 4-H. It's very dear to our hearts. Giving monthly with our credit card is an easy way to give back."*



*Your donations enable the Indiana 4-H Foundation to continue providing enriching educational opportunities for youth across the state.*

### HOW DOES MONTHLY GIVING WORK?

Set your monthly giving amount

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Your credit card or direct debit is processed monthly

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Donating is more cost-effective and environmentally friendly

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You are part of a special community of sustaining donors

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**Kids have access to high-quality 4-H experiences**

## 4-H Alumna Joins Indiana 4-H Foundation Staff



The Indiana 4-H Foundation recently welcomed Jamie Simek as its new director of donor relations. Simek, a 20-year veteran in the nonprofit arena, will expand the Foundation's capacity to better serve donors and provide much-needed funding for 4-H programs across Indiana.

Prior to joining the Indiana 4-H Foundation, Jamie served as grants manager at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, where she secured grants from local, state, and federal funders. Before that, she was a fundraising educator at the Indiana Historical Society. There she managed the Heritage

Support Grants program and traveled across the state teaching grant writing and fundraising techniques to community organization leaders.

Simek is a 4-H alumna from Parke County who holds a bachelor's degree and Master of Science in Education, both from Purdue University. She is the author of *Beyond the Bake Sale: Fundraising for Local History Organizations*, to be released by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers in 2022.

"We are thrilled to have Jamie join the Foundation," said Shelly Bingle, Executive Director of the Indiana 4-H Foundation. "Her experience and her talents will help us continue to build a culture of philanthropy which will ensure support for Indiana 4-H youth well into the future."

# Emerald and Crystal Clovers



*Your contributions make all the difference!*

Emerald Clovers and Crystal Clovers are donors who give at least \$5,000 or \$1,000 in unrestricted funds, respectively, to the Foundation within a calendar year. Unrestricted funding is vital for the Foundation to support lesser-known programs and operations.

As a member of this giving club, you are building the capacity of the Indiana 4-H program to reach new audiences. By joining, you'll receive personal invitations to special events as they're available, and personal communication from the Foundation that allows you to be more informed about what is happening with 4-H across Indiana.

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The Legacy Society is made up of people who have pledged a donation to the 4-H Foundation in the future or at the end of life whether through bequests, life insurance policies, charitable gift annuities, and other methods. Planned gifts help ensure the long-term future of the Indiana 4-H Foundation and its support for Indiana 4-H programs and youth.

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