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Well Done, Everyone!

There are many ways to measure the success of a fair. Some might consider the finances and whether or not we broke even. Some might consider the weather and the number of downpours we encountered. Some might consider the number of purple ribbons they took home. Some might consider how full the grandstands are on rodeo night. I'm sure we all measure the success a little differently, but for me, it usually involves the behind-the-scenes stuff like how many times I get yelled at for things outside of my control (zero this year!), how many grievances are filed (also zero this year!), how many auction mistakes we encountered (there is a "point of no return" in building the auction sale bill, and we always hope to get it right before we hit that magic button), how many kids went missing (only one this year, and quickly found!), how late I stay up working on show bills (sometimes 2 am), how many times I cry (yes, this happens, and if you know me well, it happens almost every year for one reason or another due to the high stress and my ridiculous longing for perfection), and many other factors. This was a REALLY good one for me, and I can even say that after missing 80% of kid's show. That was a disappointment, but the good far outweighed the bad, and once again, I'm proud to share in these amazing experiences with you. We only have 10 months to go until the next one! Please remember to talk to your livestock breeders early and begin strategizing how your family will ensure all worksheets are completed before school is out. We will do our best to pull all of your materials in a timely manner so you can work on them over Christmas Break, Spring Break, or as time allows before the last business day in May!

Tami 🍀

A look ahead at important dates:

September 4—Extension Office closed for Labor Day

September 11—4-H Celebration Social and 4-H Fair Board Annual Meeting

September 25-30—DeKalb County Free Fall Fair, Auburn

October 1—4-H Enrollment Opens

October 1—4-H Rule Change Suggestions Due

October 1-5—National Dairy Conference

October 4—State PCARET Meeting (Zoom)

October 4-15—Fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign; donate \$1+ at the register

October 9—Extension Office closed for Columbus Day

October 16—First Reading of Suggested Rule Changes

October 21—Indiana 4-H Leadership Summit

November 9—State Purdue CARET Conference, West Lafayette

November 13—Second Reading and Vote on Suggested Rule Changes

November 23-24—Extension Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

November 24-28—National 4-H Congress

December 20—Sweet Treats Holiday Candy Workshop

December 25—Extension Office closed for Christmas Holiday

January 1—Extension Office closed for New Year's Holiday

January 9—Purdue CARET Legislative Luncheon, Indianapolis

January 23—Barn Quilt Creation Series Begins

January 24—"Biology is a Hoot!" Workshop

February 1—4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due

June 21-27, 2024—2024 Steuben County 4-H Fair

STEBEN COUNTY 4-H

Clover Connection



Club, Committee, and Board Happenings

4-H Bit and Bridle—The next meeting will be on November 6 at 7 pm in the Community Center.

4-H Explorers—The club will not meet again until January.

Flint Arrows—Good news! We have a potential new leader for you! We're working through the screening process and will let you know when they are an approved volunteer!

Fremont Ready Willing and Able—The club will not meet again until January.

Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers—If you know an individual who would make a great 4-H club leader, please contact Tami! The club will not meet again until a leader is secured.

Lucky Ducks—The next club meeting will be November 7 at 6:30 pm in the Community Center's Board Room.

Orland Creative Kids—Great news! Jennifer Holden is planning to lead your club in 2024! We have another volunteer application in process, and as soon as we wrap that up, we'll share more about your other leader.

Otsego Go-Getters—The club will meet again in January.

The Conquerors—The club will meet again in January.

Tiny Clovers Mini 4-H—The club will not meet again until next year, likely in January.

Jr. Leaders—Thanks for all of your help at the fair! We will likely begin meeting in October. Stay tuned for more details!

4-H Fair Board—The annual meeting will be hosted on September 11 at 6 pm in the Extension Kitchen and Board Room. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The regular business meeting will follow at 7 pm in the Board Room.



This is Us

Steuben County 4-H is committed to creating a diverse, equitable, and accessible environment for all members, past, present, and future.

Special

Accommodations

If you are in need of special accommodations for any and all 4-H or Purdue Extension programs and events, please call the Extension Office to give reasonable notices of the accommodations needed.

Newsletter Deadline

Please submit information you would like placed in the next newsletter by the 20th of the month.

Project Photos Wanted!

Joanna is working on making some videos that highlight 4-H projects on our social media platforms, but she needs some photos! Please send photos of any and all 4-H projects, especially static projects, to jclaudy@purdue.edu.

National 4-H Conference Applications Due 12/1

Youth in grades 10, 11 or 12 can apply to be part of the Indiana delegation for National 4-H Conference hosted in Washington, D.C, April 19-24, 2024. National 4-H Conference is the annual premier national civic engagement opportunity for 4-H members across the country. Delegates will not only learn while at the conference, but will have the opportunity to practice and apply in a real world setting their newly developed and refined skills. Delegates choose an important societal topic and in round table groups prepare a briefing. During the conference, groups present their briefing to federal officials. Applications are due December 1 and must be uploaded through 4HOnline. Members must be in active status to submit their application. Visit: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/national-programs/national-4-h-conference.html> for more info. 2024 applications aren't there yet, but you can still learn about the trip!



September 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Extension Office Closed—Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 4-H Fair Board Annual Meeting 6 pm, Board Room 4-H Fair Board, 7 pm Board Room	12	13	14 H&P Speed Show Setup 6pm, County Park	15 H&P Speed Show, County Park	16 H&P Speed Show, County Park
17 H&P Speed Show Cleanup 8:30 am, County Park	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	<p>4-H Enrollment opens October 1! Grades K-12 Enroll online at v2.4honline.com</p>	
DeKalb County Free Fall Fair						

Rule Change Forms Available

Rule changes to be considered by the Steuben County 4-H Fair Board are being accepted through October 1st. We have forms available in the Extension Office or a simple email to mosier@purdue.edu will suffice. Rule changes should be worded exactly as you wish them to read in the next 4-H Fair Book. If one rule change will affect another, please document that in the email as well.

Suggestions will undergo a first reading on October 16th. After clarifications have been sought, suggestions will be published in the November newsletter. The second reading and vote will take place at the November 13th meeting. All those submitting a rule change must be present November 13th in order for the rule change to be considered. Approved rule changes will be emailed via 4HOnline.



Green Record Books

Green record books and graded record sheets will be returned to you upon enrollment for the 2023-2024 program year. If upperclassmen need them for scholarships, feel free to ask! Otherwise, plan on receiving all of your old materials with all of your new materials after enrollment. Enrollment will open again October 1 at v2.4honline.com.

2023 4-H Fair Photos

Although the photos are not up yet, once they are you can view the 2023 4-H Fair photos by visiting choicephotography.webmate.me/gallery. Choose 2023 Steuben County 4-H Fair. Password: steuben4h2023

Indiana 4-H Enrollment opens October 1st!

All 4-H members and adults volunteers must re-enroll annually. You may visit v2.4honline.com anytime on/after October 1st to re-enroll. We have found that most families re-enroll later in the enrollment window, so detailed instructions will be included in the November or December newsletter. The Extension Office staff are happy to help you with the reenrollment process!

Please join us for the
4-H Fair Board Annual Meeting and Celebration Social

Monday, September 11, 6 PM
Steuben Community Center, Board Room

We will provide an annual report, recognize
volunteers, and elect new board members.
Light meal provided.
Stay for the Fair Board meeting at 7 pm.

Pork Burgers

We still have frozen packages of pork burgers available, \$10 for a pack of 12. Email mosier@purdue.edu to submit your request. Pick up will be at the annual meeting. We also have ketchup and mustard packets and wax paper sheets for sale if you know someone who could use them! Contact dlstanle@purdue.edu if interested.

You're Invited to Vote!

On Monday, September 11th at 6 pm in the Extension Kitchen and Board Room, the 4-H Fair Board will host their Annual Meeting and Board Member Elections. The meeting will be very low-key with quick reports from committees, an overview of the year, volunteer tenure recognition, and board member elections. Per the by-laws, voting rights are open to all in attendance, and those wishing to cast an absentee ballot may do so by visiting the Extension Office in person. **Candidates (at the time of this printing) include: Mike Beard, Jen Betts, Lindsay Clark, Melissa Springar, Kyle Stockwell, and Jena Stuckey**

Congratulations to our Indiana State Fair Exhibitors!

Earning merit ribbons at the Indiana State Fair is a big deal! Here are the merits earned by our non-animal (static) exhibitors:

Macy Ruegsegger—Garden Single Vegetable Kale
 Raegan Wright—Tomato Plate
 Karli Sattison—Cake Decorating
 Karli Sattison—Child Development
 Raegan Wright—Construction and Architectural Replica
 Addison Shough—Foods, Baked
 Isabella Robertson—Foods, Preserved
 Whitlee Duke—Photography, Black and White Salon
 Jonah Smith—Photography, Color Prints
 Paige Snyder—Photography, Color Salon
 Kenzie Eldridge—Woodworking
 Jonah Smith—Woodworking
 Ethan Sanders—Woodworking
 Whitlee Duke—Consumer Clothing Fashion Revue
 Alyssa Brames—Sewing Fashion Revue

All Indiana State Fair results can be found here:
extension.purdue.edu/4-H/fair/fair-results

State Fair exhibits have returned! You may pick them up at your convenience, but we ask that you please try to get them in the next two weeks so that we can reclaim our small conference room for meetings.

Showing livestock at the Indiana State Fair is a big undertaking! Check out how our livestock participants fared:

Horse and Pony

Quinn Counterman—1st, 6th
 Kaylyn Allshouse—Participation (x5)
 Maddison Counterman—9th, Participation
 Karson Shrewsburg—Participation (x3)
 Hallie Shrewsburg—3rd, Participation (x2)

Beef Cattle

Taylor Schworm—6th, Showmanship Participation
 Harlee Henney—Reserve Grand Champion Senior Beef Showman, Champion Heifer, 1st, 4th, Overall Champion Feeder Steer
 Lexie Schworm—7th, Honor Showmanship
 Zachery Clark—3rd, 8th, Showmanship Participation
 Katie Ridenour—6th, Showmanship Participation

Dairy

Cade Bachelor—4th, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 7th, 3rd Senior Showman
 Chase Bachelor—1st, 2nd, 2nd, 4th, 7th, Reserve Champion Senior Showman

Sheep

Dana Gardner—9th, 11th, 12th
 Corbin Gardner—7th, 13th, Showmanship Participation
 Addison Leaders—8th, 8th

Dairy Goats

Elijah Weible—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd, 4th, 4th, 6th, Participation, Showmanship Participation
 Tyson Weible—1st, 3rd, 4th, 4th, 5th, 7th, 10th, Champion Senior Doe, 2nd Intermediate Showman

Poultry

Laken Mosier—1st, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Senior Showman, Participation (x2)



4-H Committees for Youth & Adults

The 4-H program relies on 4-H volunteers to help carry out the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program. In Steuben County, there are 10 committees that stem from the 4-H Fair Board. **You do NOT have to be a Fair Board Member to serve on a committee! Email or call Tami to join one!**

ANNOUNCERS—Help create a consistent announcing presence at 4-H livestock shows. Be willing to announce show classes with a confident voice at the fair.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER—Help choose products and develop the packet for annual fundraiser. Be willing to help with fundraiser item drop off and pick up. Meets approximately 1-2 times a year.

AUCTION—Review the past auction, decide if any changes need to be made, and plan the future auction. Distribute advertisement and assist in performing the auction. Become familiar with the software used for the auction. Meets 1-2 times during the year to plan, during the 4-H Fair, and at least once a few days after the 4-H Fair to enter add-ons, clean computers, print bills, and mail receipts.

AWARDS—Select recipients of 4-H awards and delegates for 4-H trips. Select trophies and special awards and help secure trophy sponsors, if needed. Meets approximately 2-3 times during the year; many items are handled via email.

CAMPING—Help facilitate camping at the 4-H Fair. Set-up camping spaces. Work on future plans for camping at the 4-H Fair. Meets a couple times near fair time.

FINANCE—Develop a funding structure, determine potential donors, and coordinate appropriate communication to/from donors. Consult with memorial fund donors on their funding wishes. Create and maintain a 4-H Fair Board budget.

GROUNDS—Ensure the fairgrounds are in tip-top shape before, during, and after the fair. Attend designated work days to help with various items (painting, raking, repairing bleachers, picking rocks, etc.). Help secure trash removal during and after the 4-H Fair. Secure restroom-cleaners for the week of the 4-H Fair. Move bleachers to the appropriate areas. May meet once, with work being done at various times.

PARKING & GATE—Contact volunteers/organizations to work the entrance gates the week of the 4-H Fair and assist with the parking of vehicles during the large entertainment events. Collect and count funds each day during the fair. May meet once, with everyone assisting with parking during the 4-H Fair.

PORK STAND—Help establish the pork stand as a fundraiser during the 4-H fair for barns and clubs. Develop plans for improvements. Assist with getting stand staffed and supplied. Meets 1-2 times during the off-season, with lots of help needed fair week.

PROGRAMS & PUBLICITY—Establish the activities/programs for the 4-H Fair, including Family Fun Day, evening entertainment, and any other activities that might attract crowds and/or be of public interest. Be present during fair week to assist with the activities/programs. Decide how to advertise the 4-H Fair and accompanying events (billboards, yard signs, radio, newspapers, parades, etc.). Members will make the proper advertisement contacts and distribute the promotional materials when the time arrives. Meets approximately 4-5 times.



Communicating with Us:

Please note: while we use social media to share what's happening in our program for advertisement and promotion, it would be best to **call or email us with project or program specific questions**. Social media is not the best mode for communicating guidelines and answering more complex questions. Although Facebook Messenger and Instagram Chats are one-click-wonders, please don't use them as primary communication with us. We don't check them near as regularly as our phones and email inboxes.

Help Needed!

While many volunteers stay with us for years, when a volunteer signs on, they are only making a one year commitment that can be renewed or declined each year. Some volunteers don't even volunteer for a year...they volunteer in an "episodic" role where they help with a one-time project or a few weeks max. The volunteer year aligns with the youth program year, so each fall/winter, we ask volunteers to re-enroll in 4-H. If you haven't given 4-H volunteerism a try, consider these opportunities below. If after a year (or your episodic experience), you decide the role isn't for you, that's okay!

Club Leader Vacancies

- Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers

Project Vacancies

- Air Rifle, training held in April or September
- Arts and Crafts Co-Superintendent
- Crops
- Genealogy
- Geology
- Scrapbooking
- Vet Science
- Video Gaming and Computer Coding
- Woodworking

Award Thank You's

4-H'ers, did you know that each and every trophy awarded at the 4-H Fair had a sticker on the bottom with important information? The trophy sponsor and their address is listed on the bottom so that it is super convenient for you to write a thank you for the sponsorship of the trophy. Businesses and individuals pay \$25 or more for every trophy and banner. Please send a quick note of thanks!



Host a Workshop!

Youth can attend pre-approved educational workshops in place of completing a record sheet. Superintendents and volunteers, consider holding a workshop! Hands-on learning is a tenant of 4-H and suits many of our projects. Need help with ideas or want to reserve space at the Community Center? Contact us.

With a June Fair on the books for 2024, holding some workshops in the Fall and Winter would help relieve some of that Spring and Summer stress! Please consider it!

Steuben County 4-H Shop and Swap

A new Facebook group managed by a 4-H volunteer has been created. Buy, sell, trade, or pass down tack, 4-H related clothing, and gear to other fellow 4-H members! This is also a great way to create relationships with other 4-Hers and help them in their 4-H journey.



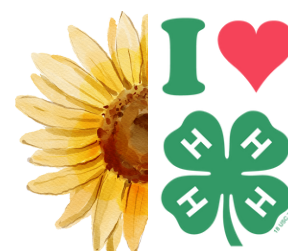


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OCTOBER 4-15
Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.

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JUNE

Save the Dates **21-27**

2024 STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H FAIR

SAVE THE DATE

- DECEMBER 20**
SWEET TREATS: HOLIDAY CANDY MAKING WORKSHOP
Cost: \$5.00-\$10.00 payable via cash, check, or Venmo | Register: <https://bit.ly/sweettreats23>
- JANUARY 24**
BIOLOGY IS A HOOT!: OWL PELLET DISSECTION AND NATURE SCIENCE
Cost: TBD | Register: <https://bit.ly/biologysteam>
- FEBRUARY 14** ❤️
CANVAS PAINTING WORKSHOP
A great date night for parents/guardians!
Cost: TBD | Register: <https://bit.ly/canvassteam24>
Open to youth in grades 3-12
6-8 PM
Steuben Community Center
317 S. Wayne St.
Angola, IN 46703
- MARCH 4**
CIRCUITRY: LEARNING ABOUT ELECTRICITY AND WIRING
Cost: TBD | Register: <https://bit.ly/electric24>
- APRIL 16**
WOODWORKING WORKSHOP
Cost: likely \$10 | Register: <https://bit.ly/woodworkingsteam24>
- MAY ?**
FIRST AID 101: LEARNING FROM MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS
Cost: TBD | Register: <https://bit.ly/firstaidsteam>

Thank you!

Big thanks to our 4-H families, volunteers, donors, sponsors, supporters, government officials, first responders, gate workers, entertainers, staff, and more for a successful 4-H fair season! We appreciate each and every one of you!

Tami 🍀