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Happy Holidays to everyone.

2022 was a different year for Allen County 4-H.
Thank you for making it work.

Adult Volunteers for 2023, you need to have your 4-H Online and trainings completed by January 15. Purdue Policy has changed and we are having to follow their rules.

I was asked the other day in my evaluation by our Area Director “Do Allen County families realize that the fair is 5 weeks earlier in 2023?” I responded “I have plugged the dates in the newsletter since August. I can’t drive to everyone’s homes and hang a note on their door.” So please note the fair is JUNE 20-25, 2023 and deadlines have been moved. Please start to plan.

Please have a safe and healthy holiday season.
We're looking forward to seeing everyone in 2023.

All the best,
James & Jean



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Allen County 4-H Board of Directors

The 4-H Board recently held the Allen County 4-H Annual Meeting and the following people will be serving on the 4-H Board for 2023:

Roger Clark, President

Jason Howard, Vice President

Jake Taylor, Treasurer

Amber Hoopengardner, Asst. Treasurer

Ashley Kendall, Secretary

Directors: JT Brown, Liz Chmiel, Marijane Crowe, Marcus DeBolt, Erica Hambleton, Sarah Maloy, Angie Reider, and Tim Smith

Alex Burdick, Drew Dafforn, and Sarah Jane Pettigrew, Youth Representatives

Isaac Kaufeld, Junior Leader Representative

Mari Huelsenbeck, 4-H Volunteer Leader Representative

Thank you to Heather Anderson, Renee Spieth and Sarah Berning, and Gwen Brubaker for their time and service the past few years as a 4-H Board Director.



News for Everyone



4HOnline 2.0 has opened. Visit v2.4honline.com to check it out and get enrolled! Remember, the 2023 fair is in June so deadlines will be moved forward. Do your best to get enrolled and fees paid ASAP to be approved.

Indiana 4-H Scholarships

Youth in grades 10-12 can apply for Indiana 4-H scholarships which are due January 25th. Visit bit.ly/IN4Hscholarships for the applications. You will need to be enrolled, paid and approved before you can submit a scholarship.

Allen County 4-H Fling 2023

Mark February 25, 2023 on your calendar for the 4-H Fling at the Allen County Fairgrounds in the Home & Family Arts Building, 5 pm start time. There will be a chicken dinner, a silent auction, a live auction and always a fun time. We will be looking for new donated items or services for the auction in January.



We are asking for a 72 hour notice for pick up of manuals, poster sleeves, or materials. We do not have access to these storage rooms as freely as we use to. Thank you.

Project Information

Dog Obedience

If you are in grades 3-12 and interested in the 4-H Dog Obedience training project, let jkendall@purdue.edu know, and when information becomes available in early January she will share with you.

Shooting Sports

Winter .22 Rifle and Air Rifle will start up in January 2023. Details attached.

Youth Opportunities

Want to be a 4-H Camp Counselor?

Currently a student in Grades 9-12?

Interested in teaching, leading, & mentoring 4-H youth in grades 3-6 while meeting and getting to know other 4-H members your age from Northeast Indiana?

If so, then consider being a 4-H Camp Counselor!

- Location: 4-H Camp will be at Epworth Forest on Lake Webster this year!
- Applications will be available, contact jkendall@purdue.edu if you did not receive an application in early December.
- Applications will be due to the Purdue Extension Allen County Office by February 1.

Campers, your details will be sent as soon as we get them.



LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

2023 Livestock ID and Workshop Dates

January 14	Beef/Dairy Beef Workshop @ Cedar Creek Meats in LaOtto, 10 am. See Details below
February 11	Beef/Dairy Beef Weigh-in 8-10 am @ FG's (snow date Feb. 18)
March 14	Rabbit Workshop 6:30 pm @ County Extension Office
March 15	Swine Workshop 6:30 pm @ FG's
April 10	Rabbit Workshop 6:30 pm @ County Extension Office
April 15	Dairy Beef Calf Weigh-In 8-10 am @ FG's
April 17	Dairy Workshop 7:30 pm @ County Extension Office
April 20	Goat/Sheep Tagging/ID 6-8 pm @ FG's
May 9	Rabbit Workshop 6:30 pm @ FG's
May 15	Livestock Hair Samples Due @ County Extension Office
May 15	4-H Livestock ID Due in 4honline
May 19	Fair Entry done online (what I am Exhibiting at the County Fair) by 11:59 PM
May 23	Swine Workshop 6:30 pm @ Kneubuhler Farm
May 31	Activity Sheets due to the Extension Office @ 4:30 pm
June 1	Rabbit Tattoo Event 6:30 pm @ FG's
June 12	Swine Workshop 7:00 pm @ FG's

Beef/Dairy Beef will have a workshop on January 14 at 10:00 am at Cedar Creek Meats in LaOtto. Please RSVP to Robert.Wells2987@yahoo.com by January 10. A light luncheon will be available and a head count is needed.

What's Happening with YQCA?

Indiana 4-H is transitioning away from the national YQCA program and creating our own Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program. Early messages from state indicates in-person sessions may begin in January and will cost \$3 per person. National YQCA certificates will still be accepted in Indiana and can be completed online like in the past. More details to come.

News for 4-H Volunteers

Looking for Volunteers to Serve on Committees

Most committees are looking for additional volunteers.
Committees Include: Food Booth, Livestock Auction, Awards, Curriculum/Rules,
4-H Fling, Plant Sale, Livestock Groups,

If you are a current volunteer, sign up when you complete your 4-HOnline Enrollment for 2023.

If you are not a current volunteer, email Jean to get your initial 4-H Volunteer Application to start the process to become a new volunteer.



Official Volunteer Status

Purdue has set protocols to be a 4-H volunteer

Brand New Volunteers must complete a Volunteer Application, available at the office or via email.

1. Turn in Volunteer application.
 2. Include 3 References with complete contact information and a copy of your current government issued id.
- Once we have checked your references, we will contact you to let you know when you may proceed to 4-HOnline and enroll yourself as a volunteer.

Returning Volunteers must complete 4-HOnline volunteer information and complete all minor safety training videos before we can approve you as a volunteer for 2023. All 4-H Volunteers must have all Purdue Volunteer required trainings and 4-Honline complete in the system by January 15 to be considered an Allen County 4-H Volunteer.

JUNIOR LEADERS

Those in grade 6-12 keep your eyes on your email - exciting news about Junior Leaders coming in 2023.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



December 2022

23 & 26 Office Closed - County Holiday

January 2023

- 2 Office Closed-New Year's Holiday
- 3 4-H Board Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
- 14 Beef/Dairy Beef Workshop, 10 am @ Cedar Creek Meats in LaOtto
- 15 **Adult Volunteer enrollments due in 4-H online**
- 15 **4-H Youth Enrollment due in 4-H online**
- 16 Office Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 17 Horse & Pony Volunteer Leaders, 7:15 pm, CEO
- 17-19 Fort Wayne Farm Show @ Coliseum

February 2023

- 6 Swine Committee, 7 pm @ FG's
- 7 4-H Board Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
- 11 Steer Tagging, 8-10 am, FG's (18th snow date)
- 25 4-H Fling Fundraiser @ FG's (Watch for Details)

March 2023

- 2-5 Home & Garden show @ Coliseum
- 6 4-H Board Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
- 14 Rabbit Workshop, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 15 Swine Workshop, 6:30 FG's
- 31 4-H Plant Orders Due 4:30 pm @ CEO

April 2023

- 4 4-H Board Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
- 10 Rabbit Workshop, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 15 Dairy Beef Calf Weigh in, 8-10 am @ FG's
- 17 Dairy Workshop, 7:30 pm @ CEO
- 20 Goat/Sheep Weigh-in/Tagging, 6-8 pm @ FG's

May 2023

- 2 4-H Board Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
- 9 Rabbit Workshop, 6:30 pm @ FG's
- 11 4-H Plant Sale, Unloading and Sorting all day-Help is needed, RSVP to jkendall@purdue.edu
- 11 4-H Plant Sale Pick up 5-8 pm @ FG's
- 12 4-H Plant Sale Pick up 9 am-12 noon @ FG's
- 15 **DNA & Animals due in 4-Honline**
- 19 **Fair Entry Due in computer**
- 23 Swine Workshop, 6:30 pm @ Kneubuhler Farm
- 29 Office Closed - County Holiday
- 31 **Activity Sheets, Consumer Clothing, Creative Writing due 4:30 @ CEO**

June 2023

- 1 4-H Rabbit Workshop/Tattoo Event, 6:30 pm @ FG's
- 6 4-H Board Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
- 12 Swine Workshop, 6 pm @ FG's
- 19 Office Closed - County Holiday
- 20-25 ALLEN COUNTY FAIR**

CEO = County Extension Office

FG's = Fairgrounds

Subject to Change



2023 Allen County June 20-25

**2023 Indiana State Fair
July 28-August 20**