

CLOVER CHRONICLE

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Thoughts from the 4-H Team

I PLEDGE

my **HEAD**
to clearer thinking,
my **HEART**
to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS**
to larger services,
and
my **HEALTH**
to better living,
for my club,
my community,
my country
and my world.

It Takes a Team

A successful 4-H program doesn't happen by chance—it happens because of the dedication of our club leaders, the enthusiasm of our 4-H members, and the unwavering support of our parents and families.

Our club leaders go above and beyond by planning meetings, organizing activities, mentoring youth, and creating opportunities for members to learn and grow. They generously volunteer their time and talents to help make the 4-H experience meaningful for every member.

Our 4-H members deserve recognition as well. Their willingness to try new things, take on leadership roles, work toward their goals, and support one another is what makes our program so special. Their hard work and determination are evident throughout the year, from club meetings to community service projects and fair activities.

We also want to thank our patient and supportive parents. From providing transportation and helping with projects to volunteering at events and cheering from the sidelines, parents play an essential role in the success of our 4-H program. Their encouragement and commitment make it possible for our members to take advantage of the many opportunities 4-H has to offer.

To every board member, club leader, volunteer, and parent—thank you for the time, energy, and dedication you invest in 4-H. Your willingness to work together creates a positive environment where young people can learn, grow, and develop the skills that will serve them for years to come. We truly appreciate all you do to make our 4-H program a success.

Sincerely,

Allen County 4-H Staff

2026 State Fair- August 7th-23rd



STATE FAIR SELECTED PROJECTS

Projects have been selected to go to state fair. If you would like us to take your project to the state fair, please drop them off to the extension office between **July 27th-31st, 8am-4:30pm**.

We cannot accommodate exhibits larger than 2 x 2, heavy, or very fragile exhibits, we will ask you to transport these yourself. Posters are still welcome. Make sure to properly secure project in box, or container, etc. for transport. All projects (except food and garden) are due **August 3rd** at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

FOOD AND GARDEN PROJECTS, the vehicle will be leaving the extension office **August 10th at 8:30am**. Canned, frozen, and preserved items can be dropped off **August 6th & 7th, 8am-4:30pm**. Fresh products may be dropped off **August 10th, 7:30-8:30am**. Garden projects need category placing information included. All garden and food items are due **August 10th** at the Indiana State fairgrounds. (If your item(s) require a cooler and/or dry ice, please provide it)

GARDEN PROJECTS: Please email which projects you will be presenting by **July 25th**. We are required to provide this information to fair officials prior to arriving. Contact wooten6@purdue.edu

STATE FAIR TICKETS

We have received state fair tickets in the office. Youth will have priority and will receive 1 ticket if they have a state fair entry. All approved adult volunteers are eligible for 1 ticket. Tickets can be picked up at the Extension Office during business hours. **If there are extra tickets available we will make an announcement via email and Facebook.

THANK YOUR SPONSORS!

Please be sure to thank your sponsors and let them know you truly appreciate their support. If you lost the sticker with the donor, please reach out. We do expect a thank you note for each award you received during fair. Thank you!



4-H Board Members Needed

If you are interested in running for a position on the 4-H board during the Fall Annual Meeting in December, please contact the Extension Office to indicate your interest.

The 4-H Board consists of 18 Members, with 3 of those being appointed Youth, who meet 12 times a year to oversee the 4-H program in Allen County. We are looking for adults and youth to join the board as there will be numerous openings. Please note that you need to be an approved 4-H volunteer to serve on the board.

For current members: To be a voting member for 2026-2027 you need to complete your training on 4-H online before November 2nd Thank you.



LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

State Fair Entry Books and Information

The 2026 Indiana State Fair Entry Books have been posted here: <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/livestock-new/4-h-competitions-entry-information> Please refer to the book for information regarding participation at the state fair.

Please make sure you take a physical copy of your QLC or YQCA certificate to check in. If you need another copy of your QLC certificate, please email the office: emcbain@purdue.edu or kflaugh@purdue.edu

2026 Allen County Livestock Executive Committees

Listed below are your executive committee members for each specie. If you feel that someone was missed please reach out at wooten6@purdue.edu. If you would still like to be on a committee, except swine, please email and we will send an application to you. Thank you.

Beef

- Ryan Ott

Dairy

- Cindy Berning

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Dairy Beef

- Dylan Paul
- Olivia Clark
- Steve Clark

Dairy Goat

- Beth Wood

Horse

- Lisa Didion
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Dog

- Peggy Nicola
- Sarah Kuntz
- Melissa Christeson
- Lance Yoder

Meat Goat

- Roger Clark
- LJ Freed

Llama

- Deb Roth
- Youth-Cash Robinson Stewart

Swine

- Liz Chaffee
- Amy DeBolt
- Greg Kneubuhler
- Amber Foote

Rabbit

- Jennifer Malcolm
- Heather Brown

Sheep

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Poultry

- JT Brown



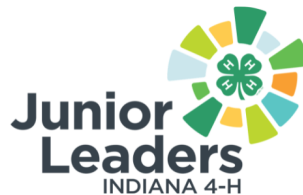


MARK YOUR CALENDAR



July 27-31,	8-4:30	State Fair Non Foods or Garden Project Drop Off
Aug 4,		<u>NO</u> 4-H Board Meeting
Aug 6 & 7,	8-4:30pm	Preserved Food Drop Off @ Extension Office 8a-4:30p
Aug 10,	7-8:30am	Fresh Food Drop Off @ Extension Office
Aug 7-23,		INDIANA STATE FAIR
Aug 25-31,	8-4:30	State Fair Project Pick Up @ Extension Office

MARCH 31
APRIL 28
MAY 26
AUGUST 25
SEPTEMBER 29
OCTOBER 27
NOVEMBER TBD



MEETING DATES

ALL MEETINGS ARE FROM 6:00 - 7:30 PM AT THE ALLEN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE.

ANY CHANGES TO LOCATION OR TIME WILL BE PROMOTED THROUGH THE NEWSLETTER, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND EMAIL PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE.

FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO CHEYANNE GEIDEMAN AT CGEIDEMA@PURDUE.EDU

Club Meetings

Maumee Go Getters Meeting @ 5333 Thimlar Rd New Haven, meets 2nd Tues of each month 7-8pm, **(NO MTG JULY & AUG)** 9/8, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8

Perry Boosters Club Meeting @ FG, 6:30-8pm, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15 (tentative) 11/19, 12/17

Horse & Pony Club Leader Meeting @ Ext Office 7-9pm, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15

**OUTSTANDING
CLUB AWARD
WINNERS!!**

- **Marion BG's**
- **Maumee Go-Getters**
- **Clover Rovers**
- **Blue Ribbons**
- **New Haven Clover Rovers**

SAVE THE DATE!!

**Annual 4-H Enrollment Kick-off is
October 18, 2026!**

Join us at the Extension Office and enroll as a member or volunteer, meet clubs and livestock leaders, explore 4-H projects, see some animals, play games and win prizes!

NEW THIS YEAR!!! We will have Nelson's Chicken available that day. Bring the family out for the fun and grab lunch!

Club and committee leaders interested in reserving a table or area,
Contact Stephenie

CONGRATULATIONS SHOWMAN OF SHOWMEN



**Holly Howard
Kyleigh Cripps
Kreigh Emenhiser
Hailey King
Catelynn Hockemeyer
Hallie Paul
Adelyn Brown
Evan Brubaker
Ellie Short**



Special Recognition Spotlight

The 4-H Board and Extension Office want to extend a HUGE shoutout to the Carroll High School FFA for coming to fair clean up day! Not only did they help tear down the exhibit hall but they cleaned up the livestock barns, gathered benches and put away picnic tables, they also cleaned UNDER the show barn bleachers! Thank You FFA!!



Well
DONE



ROCK
'ON'



The Food Booth volunteers were REALLY popular!! Especially on Chick-fil-A Day! Thank You for all your hard work!



Junior Leaders did a great job leading the 4-H Duck Hunt, Fun Night and Dance! Thank you, Junior Leaders!