

# CLOVER CHRONICLE



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As we finish up the 2024 fair season I want to say thank you to all of the parents and volunteers. You have truly made this year great for the kids through your support. To all of the 4-Hers, be proud of all of your accomplishments this year! I hope to make the upcoming program year just as great as this year.

As a reminder, open enrollment for the 2024-2025 year begins October 1st. You will have to re-enroll your child through 4-H online and pay the \$15 annual state enrollment fee. Please make sure you do this before participating in any club meetings or events. We want to make sure that you are insured in the event of injury. If you are a volunteer, please make sure you are re-enrolling beginning October 1st. You will have to complete the required trainings on 4-H online before you can work with youth.

We have a lot of programs scheduled for the rest of the year! Check out the next few pages for more details. Most of the programs are best suited for grades 3-12, but if you have a mini that is very interested please let me know and I can accommodate them. We will have some programs this year just for the minis! If you ever have suggestions for programs let me know. Junior leaders will meet the last Tuesday of every month and is open to grades 6-12. We will begin again in September. For all of my livestock 4-Hers, we will start offering QLC workshops in February.

Hope everyone has a great month! Reach out if you need anything and please do not forget to pick up your state fair project, ribbons, and score cards if applicable. Thank you!

# State Fair Results 2024

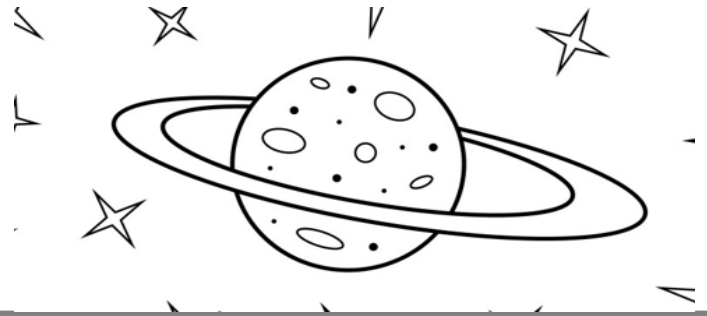
One-hundred and thirty-five Allen County 4-Her's participated at the State-Fair. Twenty-two people received an Orange Merit Award ribbon and one sweepstakes rosette.

## Congratulations to all ALLEN COUNTY 4-Her's

Name	Award	Project
Celine Baule	Orange	Creative Writing
	Orange	Needlecraft
	Orange	Rabbit Poster
Abram Brown	Orange	Wildlife
Olivia Brown	Orange	Llama-Alpaca Craft
Violet Brown	Orange	Dog Poster
Evan Brubaker	Sweepstakes	Potato Box
	Orange	Garden Collection
	Orange	Single Vegetable
Jonah Case	Orange	Model Craft
Laura Dimberio	Orange	Foods-Baked
Ashleigh Hadley	Orange	Foods - Preserved
Benson Kaufman	Orange	Computer
Birdie Kaufman	Orange	Child Development
Ryan Ley	Orange	Foods – Baked
Evah Maloy	Orange	Photography
Gabe Meyer	Orange	Woodworking
Keshan Miller	Orange	Health
Stephanie Onion	Orange	Poultry Poster/Display
Cash Robinson-Stewart	Orange	Llama-Alpaca Craft
Elizabeth Smuts	Orange	Needlecraft
Thomas Smuts	Orange	Tractor Safety Education
Cassidy Summers	Orange	Aerospace
Lucas Wilson	Orange	Computer

**For all results go to:** <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/fair/fair-results.html>

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS



## Multi-session Programs

### **Grow Your Green Thumb:**

Sept. 18 and 25, and Oct. 2, 9, 16, and 23  
4-5 pm at Johnnie Mae Farm

Join us for fun free youth activities centered around stem and agriculture.

Grow your own plant, cook a recipe, and much more!  
Participants will receive a coupon for produce at the end of each session.

### **Junior Leaders:**

Sept. 24 and Oct. 29

6:30-8 pm at Extension Office

Youth in grades 6-12 meet the last Tuesday of the month and complete team building and leadership activities.

The October meeting will be a Halloween themed open house with snacks and games. Costumes optional.

### **Mission to Mars Stem Challenge:**

Oct. 3, 10, 24, and 30

6-8 pm at Extension Office

Oct. 10 and 24 will end at 7pm

The race to land humans on Mars is on! This challenge will explore sending a mission to Mars while teaching youth STEM skills such as mechanical engineering, physics, computer science, and agriculture. Please plan to attend all sessions to complete the full challenge.

*All programs require registration.*

*If you need accommodations to participate in a program, more information on specific programs, or to register: email [rcclay@purdue.edu](mailto:rcclay@purdue.edu) or*

## Mini's - Stars and Space

Nov. 7 from 6-7pm @ Extension Office

Youth in grades K-2 join us as we learn about stars through hands on activities and make your own constellation.

### Location Address:

#### Extension Office:

4001 Crescent Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46815

#### Johnnie Mae Farm

2518 Winter Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46803

#### New Haven Community Center

7500 IN-930, Fort Wayne, IN 46803

## Up Coming Programs for Youth through December 2024

### **Weather and Climate Science Workshop:**

Sept. 12 from 6-7:30 pm @Extension Office

Unlock the mysteries of the atmosphere with WANE 15's Meteorologist, Nathan Gidley, and explore a career as a meteorologist followed by a hands-on-activity.

### **Stem Circuits:**

Sept. 30 from 6-7pm @New Haven Community Center

Join us for an electrifying experience where youth will explore the fundamentals of electricity through interactive experiments and activities.

**Cost: \$2**

Registration required: [Newhaven.in.gov](http://Newhaven.in.gov)

### **Cupcake Creations:**

Oct. 7 from 6-7 pm @New Haven Community Center

Unleash your inner creativity in this workshop where youth will learn basic piping techniques to transform basic cupcakes into works of art.

**Cost \$4**

Registration required: [Newhaven.in.gov](http://Newhaven.in.gov)

### **Pie Perfection: The Ultimate Pie-Baking Class:**

Nov. 21 from 6-8pm @Extension Office

Craft your own homemade pie through step-by-step instructions.

By the end of the workshop, you'll leave with a tasty and visually stunning pie and pie dish.

**Cost \$10**

### **Gingerbread Cookie Creations:**

Dec. 11 from 6-8@Extension Office

Create festive, handcrafted gingerbread creations while learning the science behind baking the perfect cooking.

**Cost \$5**

### **Gift Wrapping Basics:**

Dec. 12 from 6-7:30pm@Extension Office

Master the art of gift wrapping to turn every present into a beautifully wrapped masterpiece.

**Cost \$3**

# News for 4-H Volunteers

Happy September 4-H Volunteers! The 4-H year end is quickly approaching and soon it will be time to sign up to be an Adult Volunteer for the 2024-2025 year. As you should know, Purdue has made the Volunteer trainings mandatory to work with 4-H youth. There are 3 required trainings, Orientation, Program Staff Training for Youth Protection Policies and Increasing Cultural Awareness and Equity in Extension Programs.

These trainings will be available in 4-H Online at this link, <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/membership-join-a-club.html> beginning October 1st. We are asking that everyone who wishes to be a 4-H Volunteer complete this training by January 1, 2025. We be offering an in-person training on October 9, at the Extension office starting at 6pm. The trainings will take approximately 1 hour to complete.

We understand that everyone's time is valuable, but our main goal is keeping our 4-H Youth safe.

Along with your training, you must sign a Role Agreement. We have these available in the office or we can email you a copy for completion. This will give us a better idea of the capacity of volunteers. Our goal is to unite the 4-H Volunteers so that we can share ideas and information with every youth, club, and adult volunteer involved with Allen County 4-H. (The role description might be looped into 4-H online enrollment)

Awards and Curriculum

Committee Meeting

September 5, 6-7:30 pm at

County Extension Office

Anyone is welcome to attend. We will discuss changes to take to the 4-H board



## County Fair entry numbers for 2024

Total Exhibit Hall Projects—1031 and Total Livestock Projects—313

We also had 86 Mini Projects!

The Top 5 Projects for 2024 were: Arts & Crafts—88. Photography—84, Construction Replication—62, Fine Arts—61 and Baked Foods-49.

Horses had the most participants with 48 total 4-Her's, followed by Swine-47, rabbits-39, beef/dairy beef—37, and llamas-36.

We are going to work on boosting some of the projects with lower numbers so expect to see some events this coming year to hopefully to raise in interest.

# 4-H Information

## Club or Individual Volunteer Opportunity

Join Allen County Extension on Friday, September 27, 10-3 or Saturday, September 28, 10-5 at Salomon Farms Harvest Festival.

Allen County 4-H will have a table and will be doing crafts with kids, talking to people about 4-H, and giving away swag

This would be a great way to promote your club!

If you would like to volunteer, call or email Rebecca.



Visit the Extension Office on

September 8 from 12 to 5 for

Be Tourist in Your Hometown!

There will be games and give-a-ways!

Participate in a fun youth activity and explore the stunning gardens surrounding the building.

## SIGN UP FOR ARCHERY!

ORIENTATION IS ON SEPTEMBER 12: 6-7 pm @FAIRGROUNDS (McComb Building).

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, 09/15, 09/22, 09/29, 10/06, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27. FROM NOON –2PM.

TO REGISTER EMAIL: RCCLAY@PURDUE.EDU OR CALL 260-481-6826.

## OPEN ENROLLMENT

FOR 4-H MEMBERS

AND VOLUNTEERS

BEGINS OCTOBER 1ST.

Don't forget to complete!



## FIND ALLEN COUNTY 4-H

at the New Haven Fall Market

September 25, 5-7:30 pm

Schnelker Park,

956 Park Ave. New Haven IN 46774

If you would like to volunteer email Rebecca



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## September 2024

- 2- Labor Day- Office closed
- 3- 4-H Board Meeting 7pm@CEO
- 5-Curriculum and Awards Committee Meeting 6pm@CEO (All adults welcome)
- 8-Be A Tourist In Your Home Town 12-4pm, @CEO
- 12-Weather & Climate Science Workshop 6-7:30pm@CEO
- 12-Archery Orientation 6-7pm@FG
- 17- Horse & Pony Leaders meeting 7pm@CEO
- 15, 22, 29-Archery Noon-2pm@FG
- 18-Grow Your Green Thumb 4-5pm@Johnny Mae Farm
- 24- JR Leader Meeting 6:30pm@CEO
- 25-New Haven Fall Market 5-7:30@ Schnelker Park
- 30 Electric Workshop 6pm-7pm@New Haven Community Center (registration required through New Haven)

## October 2024

- 1- 4-H Board Meeting 7pm@CEO (Rule change meeting)
- 1- 4-H Online open for Volunteer training
- 2-Grow Your Green Thumb 4-5pm@JMF
- 3-Mission To Mars first session 6-8pm@CEO
- 4, 11, 18, 27-Archery Noon—2pm@FG
- 7-Cupcake Creations 6-7pm@New Haven Community Center (registration required through New Haven)
- 9-Grow Your Green Thumb 4-5pm@JMF
- 9- Volunteer Signup/Training Session 6pm@CEO
- 10-Mission to Mars second session 6-7pm@CEO
- 15- Horse & Pony Leaders Meeting 7pm@CEO
- 16-Grow Your Green Thumb 4-5pm@JMF
- 23-Grow Your Green Thumb 4-5pm@JMF
- 24-Mission to Mars third session 6-7@CEO
- 29-JR Leaders Meeting 6:30-8pm@CEO
- 30-Mission to Mars final session 6-8pm@CEO

CEO - County Extension Office

JMF-Johnny Mae Fanny 2518 Winter St. Fort Wayne, IN 46803

New Haven Community Center 7500 IN-930 E, Fort Wayne, IN 46803



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**Allen County 4-H Fair**

**June 17-22, 2025**

## November 2024

- 1-4-H Board Meeting 7pm@CEO
- 7-Stars and Space for Minis6-7pm@CEO
- 27-29-Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed

## December 2024

- 11-Gingerbread Cookies 6-8pm@CEO
- 12-Gift Wrapping Basic 6-7:30pm@CEO
- 18- Candles, Cards, and Candy STEAM workshop 6-8 pm @CEO
- 24-25 Christmas Holiday, Office Closed

## January 2025

- 1-New Year's Day-Office Closed

We invite you to visit with us as we highlight our work from the last year.

Purdue Extension provides practical solutions to today's toughest challenges. Our staff works to provide transformative education, foster growth, and build collaboration. Let's discuss ways to collaborate in providing lasting impact in the community to build a better Allen County together.

**Sept. 11, 2024**

**4-5:30 pm**

**Omni Room, Citizens Square**

**200 E Berry Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802**

Refreshments will be provided.

This event is free but RSVP is preferred at <https://bit.ly/4bWAXGO> Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.

If you require accommodations to attend this event or have any questions about this event, please email James Wolff at [jmwoff@purdue.edu](mailto:jmwoff@purdue.edu) or call 260-481-6826.