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Purdue Extension - Allen County
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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's September! State Fair is over and school has started so let's all take a deep breath. As we get back into the routines don't forget to start brainstorming new project ideas or the one you started and didn't quite finish for this coming 4-H program year. Make sure you go to a club meeting or join a club to get some fresh ideas. Attending a meeting is a great way to meet like-minded friends and get your questions answered. You are welcome to call the Extension office or visit our websites for information. Make sure to like and follow our Facebook page as well. The Flashback Friday posts are a must see! Thank you Mrs. Bovee, for sharing with us.

We have a couple exciting and new things happening.

*Shooting sports sign-ups are open for Archery and .22 Rifle.

*Enrollment opens on October 1st! The Extension office will be hosting the second annual 4-H Enrollment Kick-off on October 18th from noon to 3pm. We will have computers and staff on-site to help get you enrolled and answer questions. Board members and club leaders will be available as well. Come for the fun and games and get some Nelson's Chicken to take home and support the program. More info on page 7.

*A new 4-H Club for 3rd-12th graders has been added this year at Johnnie Mae Farm. If you're looking for some new things to do and learn this one has you covered. Check out page 8 for more info.

*Sewing Club will be starting in November as well! Classes will be held at the Extension office for 3rd-12th graders. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

If you missed the results for the Indiana State Fair livestock and non-livestock visit:
<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/about/state-fair-results.html>

Have a great September! -The Allen County Staff



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Sept 1,	7pm	4-H Board Meeting @ Extension Office
Sept 11-13		Shooting Sports Volunteer Certification @ Ross Camp, Tippecanoe County
Sept 13	12-5pm	Be a Tourist in your Hometown https://www.visitfortwayne.com/events/be-a-tourist/
Sept 17-Nov 5	5-7pm	4-H Club @ Johnnie Mae Farm 2518 Winter St
Sept 20-Nov 1		Archery Shooting Sports: (Beg 12-1:30/Adv 2-3:30pm) @ Allen Co Fairgrounds
Oct 6	7pm	4-H Board Meeting @ Extension Office
Oct 7-Dec 16		.22 Rifle Shooting Sports (6:30-8:30pm) @ Concordia Lutheran High School
Oct 18	12-3pm	4-H Enrollment Kick-Off @ Extension Office

Club Meetings

Maumee Go Getters Meeting @ 5333 Thimlar Rd New Haven, meets 2nd Tues of each month 7-8pm, 9/8, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8

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

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

Junior Leaders
INDIANA 4-H

SAVE THE DATES:

SEPT 29 6:00 PM	OCT 27 6:00 PM	JAN 26 6:00 PM
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BONUS DATES:

OCT 18 12-3 PM	ENROLLMENT KICK-OFF	FEB 27 TBA	4-H GALA BENEFIT
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PURDUE UNIVERSITY Extension - 4-H Youth Development

Questions?
Reach out to Cheyanne Geideman at cgeidema@purdue.edu or Gary Jones at gjones@purdue.edu

Hey Club Leaders!
Do you have someone or something from a meeting you want mentioned in our newsletter? Send us your pics and details. We look forward to showing off the fun and exciting things you have going on in your clubs.





Sign Up Now For Shooting Sports Workshops!

Archery

Orientation @ Fairgrounds Admin Bldg
Sept 9th, 6-7pm

Workshop Classes: **Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1.**

Beginner 12-1:30pm

Advanced 2-3:30

Where: Allen County Fairgrounds
(outdoors)

Sign up here:
<https://2026allenfallarchery.4honline.com>

All classes are for grades 3-12 at the discretion of the shooting sports instructor. Must enroll through 4-H Online to attend.

.22 Rifle

Workshop Classes: **Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 11, 18, Dec 2, 9, 16**

Time-6:30-8:30pm

Where: Concordia Lutheran High School

Sign up here:
<https://2026fall22rifle.4honline.com>

Get Involved!

Be a Certified Shooting Sports Volunteer!

Support our youth and the shooting sports program by being a certified volunteer and instructor. Help youth develop confidence, self-discipline, and life-long skills through a fun, hands on program. You have the opportunity to learn all disciplines offered.

Trainings are held each spring and fall at Ross Camp in Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

Fees associated with training will be reimbursed by 4-H Board after completion.

To sign up: <https://inhea.com/>

For more information: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/volunteer/resources-and-development/shooting-sports-volunteer-resources.html>



Attention Volunteers! We Can't Do It Without YOU!!

Enrollment opens October 1st! If you are interested in working with any Allen County 4-H Club as an adult volunteer, you must sign up and complete the trainings in 4-H Online **before attending any meetings!** New volunteers need to provide 3 references and

This is required by Purdue University for your protection!

PLEASE Complete your training and submit your references for review !

If you need assistance or have a question please do not hesitate to call the office. We are glad to help!

For returning volunteers, you must be re-enrolled by January 1st and will have 1 training video to watch. These videos rotate every year. If you are enrolling as a new volunteer, select "New Volunteer." When you enroll, you will have to select a volunteer type. There will be a diagram when you get to this step. Please select the type that most describes you. Enroll here: <https://v2.4honline.com> If you have any questions about your enrollment and what is due, please call or email, Stephenie at 260-481-6826 or Wooten6@purdue.edu

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 application and training in 4-H online before November 2nd Thank you.

Be a Tourist in Your Own Hometown and stop by the Extension Office on **September 13th, Noon-5:00pm** and visit the beautifully landscaped display gardens. Master Gardeners will be on-site to answer questions or show you around. Come see the haybale vegetable garden and visit the bee hives!



2026 State Fair– Non-Livestock Results

29 4-H participants received an Orange Merit Award ribbon! For all results go to: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/about/state-fair-results.html>

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



Name	Award	Project
Brynna Alexander	Orange	Cake Decorating
Celine Baumle	Orange	Arts and Crafts
	Orange	Creative Writing
	Orange/Honor	Rabbit Ambassador
Genevieve Baumle	Orange	Rabbit Poster
	Orange	Floriculture
	Orange/Champ/Honor/Top 5	Rabbit Ambassador
Paul Baumle	Orange	Soil and Water
	Orange/Honor	Rabbit Ambassador
Joelle Borchelt	Orange	Wildlife
Adelyn Brown	Orange	Dog Poster
Arya Brown	Orange	Single Vegetable
	Orange	Garden Education
	Orange	Beekeeping
Cullen Brown	Orange	Garden Poster
	Orange	Model Craft
	Orange	Weather and Climate Science
Olivia Brown	Orange	Aerospace
	Orange	Sheep Poster
Violet Brown	Orange	Dog Poster
	Orange	Wearable Sewing Construction
Evan Brubaker	Orange/Sweepstakes	Garden 5 Plate
	Orange/Sweepstakes	Potato
Keaton Coppolino	Orange	Beef Poster
Vivian Emenhiser	Orange	Needle Craft
Clayton Fisher	Orange	Photography-Colo Salon
Clara Hadley	Orange	Non-Wearable Sewing Construction
Shawn Ley	Orange	Baked Foods

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Name	Award	Project
Hadley Love	Orange	Garden Bell Pepper
	Orange	Consumer Clothing
Keshan Miller	Orange	Soil and Water Science
Hallie Paul	Orange	Floriculture Poster
Cash Robinson-Stewart	Orange	Llama Poster
Leighah Shank	Orange	Tractor Safety Poster
Olivia Sliger	Orange	Non-Wearable Sewing Construction
Elizabeth Smuts	Orange	Cake Decoration
Hannah Steinmann	Orange	Photography Black & White
Logan Vlaskamp	Orange	Construction and Arch Replica
Henry Warner	Orange	Fine Arts
Simon Warner	Orange	Baked Food
Logan Wood	Orange	Home Environment
Hunter Workman	Orange	Preserved Foods

Total Exhibit Hall Projects - 1,044

Total Livestock Projects including fun classes and showmanship - 2,489

Total Mini Projects 238

The Top 5 Projects: General Arts and Crafts, Construction, Fine Arts, Photography, and Baked Foods

The Top Livestock Projects: Goat, Beef and Dairy Beef, Horse and Pony, Swine and Llama

Total Animal Education Posters - 80

2026 had 189 approved volunteers, 569 youth members, and 124 mini members!!



Congratulations to the Allen County 4-H Club Award Winners!

Every year, 4-H Clubs have the opportunity to complete an application for the Outstanding Club Award, recognizing the community activities and service projects members participate in throughout the year.

We are excited to congratulate this year's winners!

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



Thank you to all the clubs who participated during the year!
Your dedication to serving your community is something to be proud of!





SUPERSTAR SPOTLIGHT



Celine, Paul, and Genevieve Baumle represented Allen County in the Rabbit Ambassador Contest at the Indiana State Fair. All three placed in the honor group, and Genevieve won the Novice division! Congratulations to the Baumle Family!!



Congratulations to 4th grade Hadley Love who presented a demonstration project at the Indiana State Fair. We are super proud of you.



Keshan Miller earned an additional honor of **State 4-H Leaders Choice Award** for her Arts and Crafts necklace and earrings project. She received this unique ribbon and a special invite to display the project at Purdue University State 4-H Office for the next year. Great job Keshan!



The Perry Boosters Club showed their 4-H support at Hunteertown Heritage Days!!

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the 4-H Program Perry Boosters!



4-H



Come enroll with us! This is a great way to meet one another, ask questions, and get assistance with signing up! Extension staff and board members will be available and eager to assist you!

ENROLLMENT KICK-OFF

Sunday, October 18th

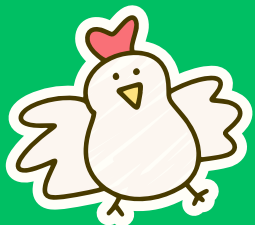
Noon-3pm

Allen County Extension Office

4001 Crescent Ave

Fort Wayne 46815

**Nelson's Chicken
will be available for
purchase**



- ✓ Enroll youth and volunteers
- ✓ Meet Club Leaders
- ✓ Explore 4-H projects
- ✓ Enjoy food, games and meet some animals!



Contact us :
260-481-6826



FREE

4-H CLUB

AT JOHNNIE MAE FARM

2518 Winter St, Fort Wayne, IN 46803

FOOD. FUN. GAMES.

A new eight (8) week 4-H program filled with fun activities, new friends, and exciting experiences!

FUN ACTIVITIES



Cooking



Arts &
Crafts



Sports &
Games



Learning



Team Building
& More!



<https://bit.ly/4HCLUBJMF>
Limit 20 participants

JOIN THE FUN!

REGISTER NOW



SEPT. 17 - NOV. 5, 2026

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

05:00 PM - 07:00 PM

- Grades 3-5 welcome
- Safe & Supervised
- Healthy Foods Included
- Qualified & Friendly Staff

260-481-6430

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