

Extension Edge

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From June 3-5, we had 571 campers and 8 Counselors participate in 4-H Camp! We had a blast!
A huge thank you to our Camp Counselors from DeKalb County for doing a fantastic job!

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BEYOND BEEF AND BURGERS:

Exploring Alternative Meats on the Grill and Smoker

Elysia Rodgers-Purdue Extension Ag & Natural Resource Educator

Summer grilling season is in full swing, and while hamburgers, hot dogs, and steaks often take center stage, adventurous cooks may want to consider expanding their menu with alternative meats such as lamb, goat, and rabbit. These meats offer unique flavors, nutritional benefits, and an opportunity to support local livestock producers.

Lamb is perhaps the most familiar of the three alternatives. Known for its rich flavor and tenderness, lamb is excellent on both the grill and smoker. Lamb chops can be grilled similarly to pork chops or steaks, while larger cuts such as leg of lamb or shoulder roast benefit from slow smoking. A simple marinade of olive oil, garlic, rosemary, and lemon can enhance lamb's natural flavor without overpowering it.

Goat meat, often referred to as chevon when harvested from mature animals or cabrito when harvested from younger animals, is one of the most widely consumed meats in the world. Goat is naturally lean and flavorful but contains less fat than beef or lamb. Because of its leanness, low-and-slow cooking methods tend to work best. Smoking a goat shoulder or leg at lower temperatures allows connective tissues to break down, resulting in tender, flavorful meat. Moisture is key, so consider using marinades, injections, or wrapping the meat during part of the cooking process.

Rabbit is another versatile option that is gaining popularity among homesteaders and local food enthusiasts. Rabbit meat is lean, mild in flavor, and often compared to chicken. Because it has very little fat, rabbit can dry out quickly on the grill. Marinating before cooking and grilling over indirect heat can help retain moisture. Rabbit also performs well when smoked at moderate temperatures and finished with a light glaze or barbecue sauce.

Regardless of which alternative meat you choose, food safety remains important. Use a food thermometer to ensure meats reach safe internal temperatures, avoid cross-contamination by keeping raw meats separate from ready-to-eat foods, and allow larger cuts to rest before slicing.

Trying new meats can be a fun way to diversify your summer cookouts while supporting local agriculture. Many small-scale livestock producers raise sheep, goats, and rabbits, creating opportunities to purchase directly from local farms. Not only can these meats provide a new culinary experience, but they also offer a chance to learn more about the diversity of animal agriculture in our communities.

This grilling season, consider stepping outside your comfort zone. Whether it's a rack of smoked lamb, slow-cooked goat, or grilled rabbit, alternative meats may become the unexpected highlight of your next backyard barbecue.

UPCOMING EVENTS ANR IMPORTANT DATES 2026

July 28	Northeast Indiana Kids Conservation Camp at Mongo Trading Post; Contact Steuben SWCD for more details: (260) 665 – 3211, ext. 3
August 22	Invading Invasives Program at Eckhart Public Library at 10 AM
September 15	County Farm Demonstration Field Day with DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District 4-8 PM

Calling all young explorers!

Kids Conservation Camp 2026 is coming July 28th to Mongo, Indiana and we're taking our adventure to the water! Campers ages 8-13 will canoe a stretch of the Pigeon River, discover tiny river critters, and learn all about conservation while having fun outdoors.

\$15 per participant

Lunch provided

45 spots available

Liability waiver required

Camp Date: July 28, 2026

Rain Date: July 29

Start & End Location:

Trading Post Outfitters, Mongo IN

Registration is open now!

Don't wait—spots will fill fast!

<https://www.dekalbcountyswcd.com/.../northeast-indiana...>

kids CONSERVATION camp

Kids ages 8-13

An Adventure on the Pigeon River!

Canoe ★ Explore ★ Discover

Calling all curious kids ages 8-13! Join the Northeast Indiana Conservation Districts for an exciting day paddling down the beautiful Pigeon River! We'll stop along the way to explore aquatic habitats and search for macroinvertebrates, the tiny critters that help us understand river health.

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026

9:00AM - 3:00PM

Cost
\$15

Lunch
Provided

Spots
45

RAIN DATE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026



SAVE THE DATE!

Join Us for an Evening of
LEARNING, FOOD, & COMMUNITY!

COUNTY FARM DEMONSTRATION FIELD DAY

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 | 4 - 8 PM



Location:

Across the road from:
2315 CR 40
Auburn, IN 46706

AGENDA



4:00 - 4:15 PM | **REGISTRATION & WELCOME**



4:15 - 5:15 PM | **DEMONSTRATION PLOT TOURS**
Guided Wagon Ride Tours Through the Demo Plots



5:30 - 6:45 PM | **FREE DINNER & NETWORKING**
Dinner Catered by: *Dutch Heritage*



6:45 - 7:30 PM | **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**
Featuring: *Bret Margraf*
CCA, 4th Generation Farmer, & Nutrient Management Technician



7:30 - 8:00 PM | **PAPR CREDITS SESSION**

RSVP Information with
Additional Details to Come!



**DeKalb County
SOIL & WATER**
Conservation District



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Consider Garden Mums for Fall Color



By: Rosie Lerner, Retired Purdue Horticulture Specialist

While many of summer's perennials are winding down for autumn, you can refresh your garden's color with garden mums. Colors range from many shades of yellow, orange, red, purple, bronze, pink and white. The flowers themselves come in many different forms, from spider types with long, narrow petals to cushion types that have wider, more compact flowers.

Some mums are bred as outdoor garden plants, but many are bred as florist-potted plants, meant to be enjoyed only once and then discarded. Many of these florist types, and even some of the garden types, are not dependably hardy in our area. Florist mums can be planted in the garden to be enjoyed for that growing season, but should not be expected to make a comeback in subsequent years. When buying for the garden, get plants from a garden center or nursery that carries plants grown for the outdoors.

The best planting time is late spring, but fall planting can be successful with a little extra attention to watering and winter protection. Choose a sunny, well-drained location with good air circulation for optimum growth and disease resistance.

Mum plants flower in response to both day length and temperature. Most cultivars begin to develop flower buds when days are less than 12 hours long and generally continue to flower for a period of 6-8 weeks.

Some cultivars are not as responsive to day length and may begin flower development early in the summer in response to heat. Catalogs usually list cultivars as early, mid-season or late types.

Plants purchased this summer and fall have likely been groomed to have a compact habit that is loaded with flower buds. In order to recreate that effect next year, you'll need to do a little pinching in the spring and early summer to promote branching. Remove about one-half-to-1-inch of stem back, making the pinch just above where a leaf is attached. The first pinching should be done when the plants are about 6 inches tall (about mid-June) to induce lateral branches. As soon as these lateral branches become 6 to 8 inches long (about mid-July), pinch their tips again to induce more branching. Removing that much plant growth may seem drastic, but the results will be compact, well-shaped plants that are loaded with flowers.

Garden mums are generally hardy throughout Indiana, but many plants can be lost following extreme winters; this is especially likely on poorly drained soils. Mulching for winter protection can be helpful, especially for newly established plants. The purpose of the mulch is to keep the soil cold after it has become frozen, eliminating alternate freezing and thawing and the resulting soil heaving. Wait until late November or early December after 2 or 3 episodes of temperatures below 20 F.

2026 FALL FAIR TAND WORKERS

SIGN UP TODAY!



Silent Auction

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Food Drive

**13-16
JULY**



SUMMER JUDGING

- And more!

SAUCY SPAGHETTI

PICKLES

CEREALS

MILK

potato CHIPS

Instant Noodle Soup

10-YEAR Member Spotlight

Over the next several months, we will take the opportunity to highlight our 10-year 4-H members. These youth have completed ten consecutive years in the 4-H program. Thank you for your leadership, service and qualities that each of you have added to our 4-H program.

Emalynn Kline

High school: Hamilton High School

Future Plans: Enter the workforce still deciding on a career

Favorite 4h Memory: Would probably be the timed events because it's always a fun day just riding and competing against groups to have the best times.

Advice for current 4h members: Show up and have fun and make new friends while you're at it.



Troy Wallace

High school: Garrett high school

Future Plans: I'm currently working at Bradley door and plan to continue there after I graduate

Favorite 4h Memory: My favorite memory is being with family and showing

Advice for current 4h members:

Advice would be always do your best program and get involved. 4-H is only boring if you make it boring. Take on leadership positions, go on trips, make friends, and do projects or show animals. You will truly enjoy your time if you involve yourself.



Abigail Hyde

High School: Hyde Academy Homeschool

Future Plans: After graduation I plan on taking a gap year while working full time, then attending Ivy Tech in the fall of 2027. Afterward, I plan on transferring to Purdue Fort Wayne to complete my Bachelor's in Music Education.

Favorite 4h Memory: My favorite 4-H memory is showing in Needle Arts. I've enjoyed every embroidery project, but it was almost never easy. It would take me months to complete one embroidery project, especially if I created the design myself. It's taught me lots of patience, dedication, and discipline, and for that I'm grateful. My favorite memory in particular, though, would be showing my embroidery the summer before Junior year. That was the hardest project I've ever done, and it was so fulfilling to win Grand Champion on it.

Advice for current 4h members: My advice for current and future 4-H members would be to simply stick with it. When you're in the middle of making a project for summer judging, it can be hard to keep going, to envision the end project. But it's important to complete your project and do your best, no matter if you end up winning or not.



2026 SUMMER JUDGING CHECK-IN SCHEDULE

PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE SCHEDULE TO KNOW WHEN TO CHECK-IN YOUR PROJECT(S) AND WHEN IT WILL BE JUDGED

SATURDAY, JULY 11

8:00 AM—Check-in for Summer Goat Show (Breeding Goat Does and Pack/Pleasure/Pet Goats)

- 4-H Summer Goat Show will begin promptly at 9:00 AM

1:00 PM - DeKalb Doubletrees 4-H Draft Animal Completion show. Horse Arena

SUNDAY, JULY 12

4:00-6:00 PM —Static Project Check-in/FairEntry Tag Pick-up (If you pick up your tags early, you will not need to check in during July 13-15, just go straight to judging!)

- You will need to bring your completed General Record Sheet with you to pick-up tags/check-in!

- Families will enter from the SOUTH END of the Fairgrounds to help prevent congestion on Union St.
- FairEntry Team will be staged at the North Food Stand with someone checking to make sure your cards and entries are correct.
- Foods, Foods Preservation, and Modern Meals entries will be submitted at the MIDDLEBURY HALL Check-in Station...no one other than volunteers will be allowed in the building.

JULY 13 - JULY 15

8:00 AM to Project Judging Time

- All projects need to be checked in (if you did not pick up tags on Sunday) at the MIDDLEBURY HALL Check-in Station and then go to the judging location.

DON'T FORGET YOUR GENERAL RECORD SHEETS:

The General Record Sheets have been distributed with your 4-H manuals (static projects). If you have lost yours or didn't get one, you can find it on the DeKalb 4-H Hub at bit.ly/DeKalb4HHub

All Summer Judging Project Exhibits and Summer Goats must be entered in FairEntry for Summer Judging by July 1

<http://dekalb4hsummerjudging.fairentry.com>

As a requirement to exhibit your static projects, you **MUST** enter all of your static (non-animal) projects and Summer Goats into FairEntry between June 1 and July 1.

- You will use your 4HOnline login email and password to get into the system and register your exhibit(s) for the project(s) you are enrolled in. Be sure to check the Summer Checklist in the DeKalb 4-H Hub to make sure you are ready! Link: <https://bit.ly/DeKalb4HHub>
- You'll need to plan for the exhibit label when you plan your project.

The exhibit label is 2.8 inches wide by 5.5 inches tall.

- You will receive your label during the appointed Check-In times listed in the Summer Judging

Schedule, so make sure to bring tape or string to affix the label to your project

- You'll be required to provide a description of your project. If you need to change that description when you check in your projects, that's ok. Just give us your best guess what you will be bringing. For posters, please use the title of the poster.

If you have questions, please call the Extension Office at 260-925-2562



2026 4-H IMPORTANT DATES

July 1, 6, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18, & 27	Horse & Pony Club Meeting (Outdoor), 6:00 pm - Arena
July 1 Deadline	Project Add/Drop (Summer and Fall Projects) Fair Entry Deadline for Summer Projects 4HOnline entry for Fall Fair Animals 4HOnline entry for Summer Goats, FairEntry Class Selections for Summer Goats, Worksheets Due for Summer Goats (Extension Office), QLC/YQCA Due for Summer Goats Nomination Forms for Rabbit and Poultry due to the Extension Office TOPS in 4-H and 10-year Display Boards due to the Extension Office
July 3-4	Cut-Ups Annual Elephant Ear Stand Fundraiser at the Garrett Heritage Days
July 3 & 31	Dog Club Meeting , 6:00 pm - Exhibit Hall
July 6	Mini 4-H Meeting and Junior Leaders , 6:00 pm - Exhibit Hall
July 8	Summer Judging Set-up & Nevershirk 4-H Club Meeting , 5:30 pm - Exhibit Hall Mini & Horseless Meeting (tack cleaning), 6:00 pm - Horse Arena 4-H Council Meeting , 7:00 pm - Exhibit Hall
July 9	4-H Power , 8:00 PM Sugar Ridge Farms, 4937 CR 60, St. Joe
July 11	Summer doe Show , check-in starting at 8:00 am and the show starts at 9:00 am - Horse Pavilion Doubletrees Completion Show , 1:00 pm - DeKalb County Fairgrounds
July 12	Mini & Horseless Completion Show , 1:00 pm - Horse Arena Optional Project Check-in/FairEntry Tag Pick-Up , 4:00-6:00 pm - Fairgrounds
July 13-15	Summer Judging (Project Judging)
July 16	TOPS in 4-H and Awards Program , 7:00 pm - Middaugh Hall
July 29	Richland Cornhuskers Meeting , 6:00 PM - Exhibit Hall

ATTENTION 10-YEAR MEMBERS!

Your display boards are due to the Extension Office by July 1. Also, if you have not sent Effie the answers to the Social Media Spotlight questions, please do so as soon as possible. (email to Effie at campb314@purdue.edu)

Spotlight Questions

- **What High School did you attend?**
- **What do you plan to do after graduation?**
- **Favorite 4-H memory**
- **Advice for current 4-H members**
- **Please include a picture of you**



DONATIONS NEEDED!



THE FOOD STAND COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR GENTLY USED KITCHEN TOWELS AND WASH RAGS. PLEASE BRING ANY DONATIONS TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE.



HANDBOOK INFORMATION

The 2026 DeKalb Co.
4-H

Handbook is finished!

Every family will receive a printed copy of the Handbook this year. Handbooks can be picked up the Extension Office or at your next club meeting. Please use the QR code for the online Handbook.



Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program

All 4-H youth enrolled in a LIVESTOCK PROJECT (Beef, Dairy Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine) must be QLC certified or have a YQCA online completion certificate.

If you choose to complete the YQCA option, you will register for the online course at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> Cost of the online YQCA course is \$12.

After completing the course, you must email the 4-H Educator your certificate to receive credit.

If you prefer to take the QLC in person (Instructor-Led), the cost is \$3 per child and will be located at the Exhibit Hall (Fairgrounds); Registration is open now in 4-H Online!

**Quality Livestock Care training sessions are:
Last One: Saturday, August 1, 10:00 AM**

After attending the course or submitting a YQCA online training certificate, you will be marked complete in the DeKalb 4-H Hub (Fall Fair Checklist)

**This certification does NOT replace the workshop/worksheet requirement.*

Clover Hunt Looking for Sponsors for 2026!

The Clover Hunt at Fall Fair is coming back for 2026, Summer Judging also having Hidden Clovers!! Over the last 4 years, over 100 4-H members who found a Hidden Clover at Fall Fair have won free 4-H Enrollment for the next year. Our goal

is 30 Hidden Clovers at Fall Fair and 20 at Summer Judging. If you are interested in sponsoring a Clover for 2026, please contact the Extension Office at 260-925-2562 or email Effie at campb314@purdue.edu



We're Looking for **NEW** Award Sponsors for 4-H Fall Livestock Projects!



If you've never been a 4-H Award Sponsor, please say **"YES"** to an opportunity to join others who are supporting the 4-H youth in our county. Simply complete this form and return it along with your donation to the address below by **Friday, August 28, 2026**

If you were a sponsor in 2025, you should have already received a letter asking your intentions for this year.

Donor's Name _____

Contact Person (If different than Donor) _____

Address _____

Phone # (_____) _____

I/We would like to sponsor the following: (If Available)

____ \$25 Champion / Reserve Champion Awards

____ \$40 Grand or Reserve Grand Banners (large)

____ Use Where Needed

Donation Amount \$ _____ *(Include Payment with Form)*

Make checks payable to: **DEKALB COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

Return form and donation by **Friday, August 28, 2026** to:

DeKalb County 4-H Council
215 E 9th Street, Suite 300
Auburn IN 46706

Donor will receive a statement indicating amount of contribution.

DeKalb County 4-H Summer Fair ICE CREAM SOCIAL & OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, July 16th - 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
DeKalb County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

**FREE WILL
DONATION DINNER**

You can enjoy
a haystack dinner, taco salad,
tacos, homemade desserts &
ICE CREAM!

**SILENT
AUCTION**

Bid on items that have
been donated by our local 4-H
clubs, community businesses,
friends and families



**STOCK THE
TRAILER**

Please bring non-perishable food items to
donate to this event hosted by the
DeKalb County 4-H Junior Leaders &
Farm Credit Mid-America.
Help us reach our goal of 2,000 lbs!

Join us afterwards for
"TOPS IN 4-H", SUMMER AWARDS PROGRAM & LIVE AUCTION
7:00 PM - Middaugh Hall (Just across the parking lot)



DISCOVER HOW 4-H CAN BENEFIT YOUR CHILD!
Learn about opportunities, see projects on display
and explore what 4-H is really about

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

DeKalb County 4-H Council, Inc. - County Office Building - 215 E. 9th Street, Ste. 300, Auburn, IN 46706 - (260)925-2562



DEKALB COUNTY 4-H JUNIOR LEADERS SHIRT

ORDER YOURS TODAY!

The DeKalb County 4-H Junior Leaders have designed a new shirt, and it's now available for anyone who is interested!

The online store will remain open until Monday, July 20th.



Orders can be:

Picked up at **Pulled and Pressed in Garrett**

Shipped directly to your home.

Picked up by Cassie Brown, with a pickup date to be shared soon.



so be sure to place your order before then!

ORDER YOUR SHIRT TODAY:

<https://dekalbcounty4h.itemorder.com/>

Thank you for supporting our Junior Leaders!

POSTER BOARD BACKING FOR SUMMER POSTERS

ATTENTION, ALL SUMMER JUDGING PARTICIPANTS!

Starting this year the Extension Office will be selling the STIFF BACKING needed for posters, along with the SLEEVES.

Each BACKING is \$3.00 and SLEEVES are \$2.00

2026 SUMMER JUDGING SCHEDULE

Please read carefully to know when your project will be judged!

MONDAY, JULY 13

9:00 am – Beekeeping, Genealogy, Veterinary Science – Exhibit Hall

9:00 am – Foods/Foods Preservation – Middaugh Hall

10:00 am – Animal Posters, Electric, Child Development – Exhibit Hall

11:00 am – Construction & Architectural Replica - Exhibit Hall

11:30 am – Garden Check-in - Middaugh Hall

12:00 pm – Garden - Middaugh Hall

12:00 pm – Collections - Exhibit Hall

12:00 pm – Floriculture, Cake Decorating – Middaugh Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 14

9:00 am – Any Other Crafts, Fine Arts, Models, Needlecrafts – Exhibit Hall

9:00 am – Scrapbooking, Woodworking – Middaugh Hall

10:30 am – Aerospace – Exhibit Hall

11:00 am – Gift Wrapping, Home Environment, Health – Exhibit Hall

11:00 am – Modern Meals, Recycling, Self-Determined – Middaugh Hall

11:30 am – ATV Educational Poster, Tractor Poster, Wildlife– Exhibit Hall

12:00 pm – Forestry, Weather, Entomology – Exhibit Hall

12:30 pm – Sport Fishing, Shooting Sports – Exhibit Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

8:30 am – Consumer Clothing Check-in – Middaugh Hall

8:45 am – Consumer Clothing Interviews – Middaugh Hall

9:00 am – Geology, Photography **Level 1** – Exhibit Hall

9:00 am –Photography **Levels 2&3** - Exhibit Hall

9:15 am – Consumer Clothing Modeling/Senior Fashion Revue Check-in – Middaugh Hall

9:45 am – Senior Fashion Revue Judging/Junior Fashion Revue Check-in/Junior Sewing Check-in, Middaugh Hall

10:00 am – Barbecue, Small Pet - Exhibit Hall

10:15 am – Senior Wearable & Non-Wearable Sewing Judging, Junior Fashion Revue – Middaugh Hall

10:30 am –Verbal Communications - Middaugh Hall

11:00 am – Junior Wearable & Non-Wearable Sewing Judging – Middaugh Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 16

4:00 - 6:30 pm – 4-H Open House

Summer Judging Project Display, Exhibit Hall

7:00 pm – “Tops in 4-H” & Summer Awards Program & Live Auction—Middaugh Hall

Remaining Non-State Fair Projects should be picked up

Friday, July 17, 5:30 pm
4-H Horse & Pony Speed Show

Saturday, July 18, 9 am
4-H Horse & Pony Halter & Pleasure Show



Summer Goat Show 4HOnline & FairEntry

Make sure to enter your Summer Goats into FairEntry (for the Summer Goat Doe Show) from June 1 to July 1.

Please note that we are only entering Summer Goats into the system at this time. All other species will open for online registration in August at a different URL.

There are step-by-step instructions available on the DeKalb 4-H Hub <https://bit.ly/DeKalb4HHub>

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the Extension Office at (260) 925-2562.

4-H SUMMER GOAT DOE EXHIBITORS

If you did not attend a Goat Workshop, you will need to complete a worksheet to be eligible to exhibit your animal in the Summer Goat Doe Show.

Worksheets are available on the website (to print out) at <https://bit.ly/DeKalb4HHub> or contact the office at (260) 925-2562 to have one sent to you.

Worksheets are **DUE BY JULY 1** for those exhibiting Goat Does.

SCRAPIES TAGS

If you are showing sheep or goats, the animal you purchase should come with a Scrapies tag, by law.

If your animal does not come with one, or your animal was born on your farm, you'll need to apply for a flock ID through the Board of Animal Health (BOAH) at <https://www.in.gov/boah/2669.htm>



We will NOT be providing Scrapies tags at ID Day.

PREMISE ID NUMBERS

If you are showing cattle, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits or poultry you are required by law to apply for a Premise ID number from the Indiana Board of Animal Health (BOAH). You will need this number to nominate your animals, so get your number at <https://www.in.gov/boah/2700.htm> now!



Swine Tagging Information

SWINE TAGS ARE FREE

To get your pigs tagged:

1. **Schedule a time to have your pigs tagged at your farm by a Swine Committee member.**
 - \$20 per farm visit (All money will be put in the 4-H Council fund).
 - On-farm tagging will take place around June 10–June 25
 - To schedule a time, text or call Kevin Days at 260-243-0266 or another Swine Committee member.

All tagging must be witnessed by a swine committee member and tags are free for 2026.

Pigs must be tagged and photos submitted by July 1st.



WORKSHOPS OR WORKSHEETS?

Be aware of livestock workshops being offered in the coming months!

They are listed under **“IMPORTANT DATES”** on page 8 in **GREEN**. If you need a worksheet, please go to the DeKalb 4-H Hub, <https://bit.ly/dekalb4hhub> or contact the office at 260-925-2562 to pick up a worksheet.

MINI 4-H



BACKYARD WILDLIFE!

COME TO OUR

MONDAY, JULY 6 MEETING

6 PM AT THE EXHIBIT HALL

TO LEARN ABOUT TREES

PRESENTATION BY DEKALB CO

SOIL & WATER DISTRICT

AND FOR SOME OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES!

FUTURE MEETINGS:

AUG 17 (6PM)

JUDGING: SEPT 19, (10AM)

BATTLE OF THE BARNS:

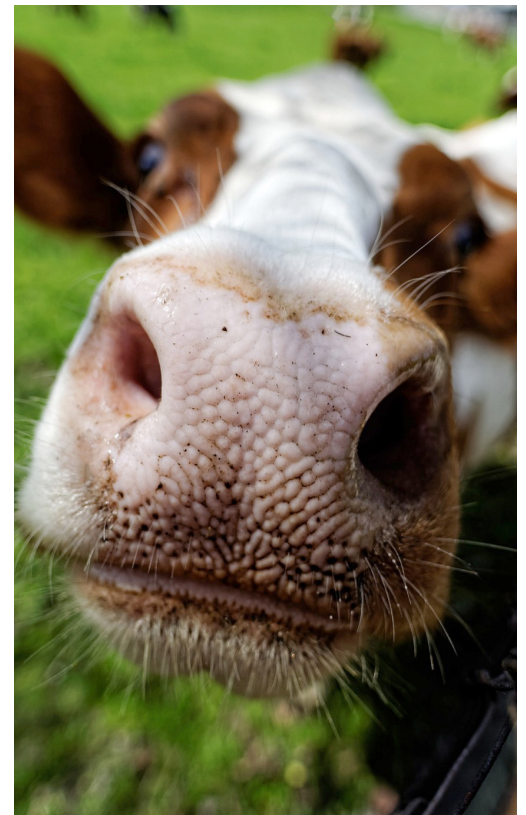
SUNDAY SEPT 27,
6:30 PM, HORSE ARENA



Important Livestock Date Reminders

These are just reminders to our Livestock Exhibitors about Due Dates in the next couple of months. You will have until September 8th to meet the Deadline. Remember to check the DeKalb 4-H Hub in the Fall Fair checklist to make sure you are complete. <https://bit.ly/DeKalb4HHub>

BEEF	GOAT (Continued)	SHEEP
AUGUST 22 - Beef Feeder ID Day	SEPTEMBER 8 - ALL Class selections MUST be made in Fair Entry for FALL FAIR WETHERS	JULY 1 - 4HOnline Entry Due for ALL SHEEP
SEPTEMBER 8 - 4H Online Entry Due for BEEF FEEDER CALF		SEPTEMBER 8 - ALL Class selections MUST be made in Fair Entry for Fall Fair Entries
SEPTEMBER 8 - ALL Class selections MUST be made in Fair Entry for Fall Fair Entries	HORSE AND PONY/DRAFT ANIMAL	
	JULY 1 - ALL Class selections MUST be made in Fair Entry for Fall Fair Entries	SWINE
DAIRY	POULTRY	JULY 1 - 4HOnline Entry Due for ALL SWINE
JULY 1 - 4HOnline Entry Due for ALL DAIRY ANIMALS	JULY 1 - Poultry Nomination Forms DUE in Extension Office	SEPTEMBER 8 - ALL Class selections MUST be made in Fair Entry for Fall Fair Entries
SEPTEMBER 8 - ALL Class selections MUST be made in Fair Entry for Fall Fair Entries	AUGUST 22 - Poultry ID/Banding	
DAIRY FEEDERS AND STEERS	SEPTEMBER 8 - ALL Class selections MUST be made in Fair Entry for Fall Fair Entries	
JULY 1 - 4HOnline Entry Due for DAIRY FEEDER CALVES	RABBIT	
SEPTEMBER 8 - ALL Class selections MUST be made in Fair Entry for Fall Fair Entries	JUNE 28 - Rabbit ID Day, Exhibit Hall	
GOAT	JULY 1 - Rabbit Nomination Forms DUE in Extension Office	
JULY 1 - 4HOnline AND Fair Entry Entries Due for SUMMER GOAT EXHIBITORS (DOES AND PLEASURE CLASSES)	SEPTEMBER 8 - ALL Class selections MUST be made in Fair Entry for Fall Fair Entries	
WETHERS		
JULY 1 - 4HOnline Entry Due for FALL FAIR		



Extension Homemakers

Hello Ladies,

Those of us who went to the conference at Brown County in June had a great time. If you haven't gone in a while maybe consider going next year it is already scheduled for June 7-9. The location is more relaxed and there were more who attended at this location than had in a while. Also the food was great!

Thanks to Linda Carunchia for stepping in to be our District Representative for the Fort Wayne area. I'm sure she will do a great job as always.

The new year began July 1. Thanks to the council members from last year and welcome to the new and returning members. The

new program books have been updated and printed. All the programs and lessons have been schedule for the upcoming year. Please let everyone know that you do not have to be a Homemaker member to attend any of the programs or lessons. Anyone who would like to attend a program is more than welcome. Call Sarah LeCount to sign up for any lesson that you are interested in. I hope to see great turn outs for each program this year.

Have a great summer,

Michelle VanWye,

DeKalb County Extension Homemaker President

Hella Autumn

Northeast Indiana Homemakers Camp

Spice & Everything

Nice, 2026

August 26, 27, 28

Shiloh Park Retreat

Conference Center

1950 S. 350 E. • Marion IN, 46953

HAPPY
4th of July

Save the Date!!

October 14, 2026

Beef & Noodle Dinner

4-7 pm

DeKalb

Horseman's

Association



Important Dates:

July

8th: EH Council, 5:30pm, Exhibit Hall

14th: Sew Day, 9a-3p, COB Basement

14th-16th: NVON Conference, Wisconsin Dells

August

5th: Learn to Knit & Crochet, 6pm, Exhibit Hall

11th: Sew Day, 9a-3p, COB Basement

26th-28th: NE IN Homemakers Camp, Marion, IN

31st: Membership Lists & Club Books due to office

September

8th: Sew Day, 9a-3p, COB Basement

9th: EH Council, 5:30pm, Exhibit Hall

10/1: Homemaker's Day at the Fair

Achievement Night 2026

Tea Party



SKILLET MEXICAN STREET CORN

This fast to prepare side dish takes on the flavors of elote, a popular Mexican favorite!

Submitted by *thedailygourmet*

Prep Time: 5 mins

Cook Time: 15 mins

Total Time: 20 mins

Servings: 8

Yield: 8 servings

Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 (16 ounce) packages frozen corn

¼ cup crumbled cotija cheese

¼ cup minced red onion

2 tablespoons finely chopped cilantro

Sauce:

3 tablespoons mayonnaise

2 tablespoons sour cream

2 tablespoons lime juice

½ teaspoon ground cumin

½ teaspoon smoked sweet paprika

¼ teaspoon chili powder

¼ teaspoon salt

1 pinch ground coriander

Directions

Heat a 14-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add olive oil and swirl to coat the bottom of the skillet. Spread frozen corn evenly across the skillet; do not stir. Cook corn for approximately 8 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine mayonnaise, sour cream, lime juice, cumin, paprika, chili powder, salt, and coriander in a large bowl. Set aside.

Check the corn; it should be slightly charred. If not, allow to continue cooking for 4 more minutes (stirring is fine at this point.)

Once corn is sufficiently browned/charred, transfer to the bowl with dressing and toss to coat. Add cotija cheese, red onion, and cilantro and mix until well combined. Serve immediately.

Cook's Note

If you cannot find cotija cheese, queso fresco can be used, but it will have a milder taste.

Nutrition Facts

Calories 193

Total

Carbohydrate

25g Dietary

Fiber 3g

Total Sugars

4g Protein

5g Total Fat

10g Saturated

Fat 3g

Cholesterol

8mg Vitamin C 9mg Sodium 156mg Calcium 42mg Iron

1mg Potassium 265mg



Grandma & Me!

Learn to Crochet & Knit



Wednesday, August 5th
6:00pm

Dekalb Co. Fairgrounds
Exhibit Hall
Auburn, IN

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KNITTING NEEDLES!



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- FALL FAIR CHECKLIST- SEE WHAT YOU STILL NEED TO COMPLETE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT
- SUMMER JUDGING CHECKLIST - SEE WHAT YOU STILL NEED TO COMPLETE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT
- 10 YEAR MEMBER TO-DO LIST!
- LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES/WORKSHOPS
- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
- GENERAL RECORD SHEET
- 4-H HANDBOOK
- APPLICATIONS FOR EVENTS/TRIPS
- 4-H FAMILY GUIDE, 4-H PROJECT MAGAZINE
- INSTRUCTIONS FOR 4-H ONLINE AND FAIR ENTRY
- LIST OF IMPORTANT WEBSITES
- ALL LIVESTOCK WORKSHEETS!



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