

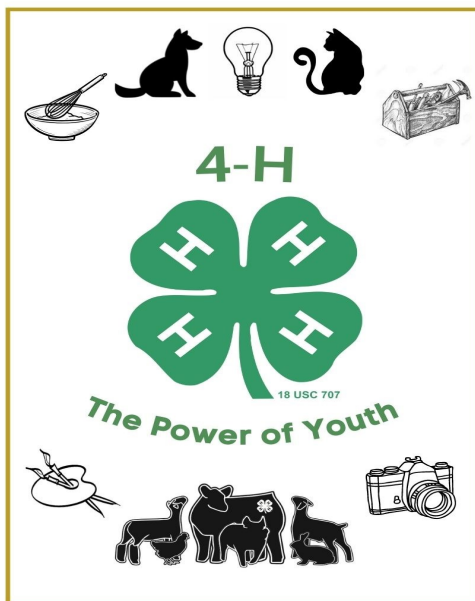


Purdue University– Huntington County

# EXTENSION CONNECTION

July & August 2023

**93rd Annual  
HUNTINGTON COUNTY  
4-H FAIR  
July 14-28, 2023**



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The Huntington County 4-H Fair is a smoke-free environment.  
We care about the health of our youth and the community.

The Huntington County 4-H Fair Board will not be responsible  
for loss, accidents, or injury to individuals or livestock  
at the 4-H Fair and its related activities.

*The Extension Office will be closed  
Tuesday, July 4th for Independence Day*



Extension - Huntington County



Last date for submission of information for the  
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## It's 4-H Fair Time . . .

The 93rd Annual Huntington County 4-H Fair is upon us! We all need to remember what 4-H is about - it's more than just winning ribbons, placing first or receiving the Champion Award. 4-H is Indiana's premier youth development program and involves the largest number of youth. The 4-H program focuses on helping others, learning new skills, sharing friendships, and growing in leadership and citizenship.....developing life skills that will make our youth more capable, caring and competent as they enter into adulthood.

### EARLY 4-H FAIR ACTIVITIES & PROJECT INFORMATION



- ◆ **Non-Animal Project Entry & Judging Reminders**
- **Sewing and Fashion Revue** - Judging is Tuesday, July 18 at Beacon Credit Heritage Hall with Senior division judging starting at 9:00 am and Junior division judging to follow. Info was mailed to all enrolled in the sewing project.



- **Consumer Clothing** - All notebooks must be entered at Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall between 9:00-9:30 am on Tuesday, July 18. Contestant interviews and modeling with the judge will begin at 11:00 a.m. for Advanced & Intermediate division members, followed by Beginners. Info was mailed to all enrolled in the project.

#### 4-H Project Check-in process

- ◆ **4-H Project Judging - Thursday, July 20 at Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall** - Projects must be checked into the judging room between 9 am and 12 pm. Judging begins at 9:00 am and ends at 12 pm for all projects. Aerospace, Animal Posters (except Rabbit), Arts & Crafts (Basic, Fine Arts, Needlecraft, Models, Construction Replica), Cake Decorating, Child Development, Collections, Communications, Entomology, Foods (Baked and Preserved), Forestry, Genealogy, Geology, Giftwrapping, Health, Microwave Foods, Patio Cooking, Photography, Reading, Scrapbooking, Shooting Sports Education, Sportfishing, Sports & Performing Arts, Weather, Wildlife. Junior Leader Helpers project judging is between 8:30 am - 9 am.
- **Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall 4-H Judging** on Friday, July 21 - Aquatic Science, Beekeeping, Crops, Home Environment, Electric, Garden, Floriculture, Small Animals, Small Engines, Tractor Education Poster, Soil & Water, Veterinary Science, and Woodworking projects may be entered either Thursday afternoon, July 20 from 4-6 pm or Friday morning from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m.
- **Parkview Huntington Hospital Family Living Building 4-H Judging** on Friday, July 21 - Recycling Projects may be entered either Thursday afternoon, July 20 from 4-6 pm or Friday morning from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m.

**\*\*\* Every 4-H member must have completed FairEntry of their 4-H Fair projects for judging. This applies to ALL animal and non-animal projects. Members who did not complete FairEntry WILL NOT be able to check their 4-H projects in at the fair and receive a participation placing. \*\*\***

No food or drink is allowed in the building except for 4-H Foods projects. Members are asked to take their foods exhibit outside the building (after it is judged) if you wish to share it with other people.

Preserved food exhibits need to be brought in their own small cooler/ice chest, if frozen. Mark your cooler clearly and pick up at the end of preserved foods judging. Canned foods need to have rings left on for safety during transport to fair.



## 4-H PROJECT INFORMATION - continued

- ◆ **Project Cards** - Every non-animal project must have a 3 x 5 project card **securely** attached to the project! **These were printed from FairEntry. Check with your leader regarding pick up after July 6.**
- ◆ **Arts & Crafts, Cake Decorating, Electric, Floriculture, Home Environment, Models, Recycling, Scrapbooking, Sewing & Woodworking Exhibit Cards** - Members must include an exhibit card with the category/description of the project marked for judging. These cards were distributed with 4-H record sheets/project manuals earlier this spring.
- ◆ **All posters must be 22" x 28" in size** (*unless otherwise noted in the 4-H project manual*), have a 1/4" hard backing. **The project card is to be on OUTSIDE of the plastic covering the poster.** Any poster not meeting these requirements will be lowered one grade level at judging. See your 4-H project book. **Project pick up is Thursday, July 27, 2 pm - 5:30 pm**

Leaders/Jr Leaders who are helping with judging, please be at the fairgrounds by 8:30 am

### MINI 4-H INFO

Project drop off....Thursday, July 20, 4 pm - 6 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall. If you are unable to pick up your project and ribbon on Thursday, July 27 from 2 - 5:30 pm, PLEASE arrange for someone else to pick it up. Thank you!



### 4-H FAIRGROUNDS SET-UP & CLEAN-UP

#### Fairgrounds Set-up . . .

Come and join the fun, excitement and cooperation needed to transform the fairgrounds for Fair Week - **Wednesday, July 19!** Beginning at 8:30 am all 4-H members, leaders, parents, Fair Board members and friends are needed.

#### Fairgrounds Clean-Up . . .

The excitement may be over but lots of help is needed as we store equipment and clean up the fairgrounds on **Friday, July 28** - beginning at 8:30 am. *YOUR HELP IS ESSENTIAL!* Special Thanks to our Clean-Up sponsor: First Bank of Berne.

### Project Cards & Premium Money

Project / Exhibit cards were printed from FairEntry. **Please check with your leader regarding where to pick your cards up.**



**Premium money MUST be picked up on Thursday, July 27th from 9:30 am to 6 pm in the fair office at the fairgrounds. If you or someone you know cannot pick up during that time you forfeit your premium money for 2023. If you did not complete FairEntry by June 30, 2023 you are not eligible to collect your premium money!**



**Next Meeting** - Monday, July 10, 7 pm, Annex. Final 4-H Fair planning and discussion of important details! It's important to have a representative from EACH 4-H CLUB.

**4-H Leader Information**

**Leaders, Your Help is Needed . . .**

- ◆ **Wednesday, July 19**—Set-up for the 4-H project exhibit areas in Parkview Huntington Hospital Family Living Building and Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall at the fairgrounds.
- ◆ **Project judging at Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall or Parkview Huntington Hospital Family Living Bldg you helped with during project judging!** Even if it's only 1-2 hours, extra hands & help are important!
- ◆ **All 4-H volunteer leaders** (club leaders, superintendents and robotics) **will be introduced and recognized during the Monday evening program, July 24 at 7:00 pm** on the Outdoor Stage. The 2023 Outstanding 4-H leader will also be announced by Rotary Club #300.
- ◆ **Information booth at the fairgrounds.** Please consider spending 1 –2 hours in the info booth. It's nice to have a friendly face to help answer questions. There are 63 one hour spots to fill. To date, 5 leaders have signed up for 14 of them.
- ◆ **“Patrol” to keep projects safe in Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall** - The schedule will be posted in the Fair Office at the fairgrounds. You can also have fun interacting with Kids Corner too!
- ◆ **Thursday, July 27 - starting at 1pm to prepare for project release** and tear-down/clean-up in the Parkview Huntington Hospital Family Living Building and Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall.

- ◆ 4-H Parents can volunteer as well!
- ◆ Every leader needs to assist with these 4-H Fair responsibilities. With everyone's help, the tasks are easier, more fun and take less time . . . We are expecting you!
- ◆ And after the Fair ... Leader Books are due by Wednesday, August 9th. Please help us in the Extension Office and keep to this date to get members club activities recorded by the time 4honline closes on September 1st.



**More help is needed with 4-H Fair responsibilities:**

**JUNIOR LEADER NEWS**

- Project Judging on Thursday, July 20 and Friday, July 21 Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall and Parkview Huntington Hospital Family Living Building.
- The Auction Committee is asking for Jr Leaders to help with the Livestock Auction on Thursday, July 27, along with 4-H Royalty participants. Here's a great chance to interact with our marvelous community support for 4-H!
- Next Jr Leader Meeting Thursday, July 6, 7 - 8 p.m. at the Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall.

**Shooting Sports 2023....**

A huge "THANK YOU " to all of the shooting sports instructors and volunteers. Without you we would not be able to offer the caliber of program that we do. There were 77 kids completed in 4 disciplines.

I also want to make a plea once again for additional volunteers who would be willing to go through the Shooting Sports 4-H training for a specific discipline. If anyone is interested, please feel free to contact the Extension Office.

Steve Hull, Shooting Sports Coordinator.





**4-H AWARDS & RECOGNITION**



4-H Youth Development

**10 Year & Graduating 4-H Members Recognition Program**

**Forty-Five** 10-year members and three “graduating” youth with over 6 years of 4-H membership will be honored Monday, July 24, 8 pm at the Heartland REMC Outdoor Stage. Please come support these wonderful, talented youth!

**Farm Bureau Tenure Award**...Huntington County Farm Bureau Inc. selects the top two 10 year 4-H members who have completed the most projects.

**Friend of Extension Award**...Award based on participation, leadership, or cooperation with Extension activities.



**County 4-H Project Awards** . . .Throughout the 4-H Fair, a number of 4-H youth will be recognized with certificates for their 4-H project work. Recipients are selected by completing 10 years in a project.

**4-H Awards Program, Wednesday, July 26, 6 pm, Show Arena.**

Awards presented during this program include:



- **4-H Scholarship Winners** (Ray Vanderspool Memorial, Janell Marie Saunders Memorial, Huntington County 4-H, Indiana 4-H Foundation, Sarah Vlot Memorial, and Indiana Farm Bureau Scholarships)
- **Wayne Keller Leadership Award** - Recognizes an outstanding 4-H Junior Leader for their efforts in leadership, involvement with local and county 4-H activities, commitment to the 4-H program and providing support to the 4-H program.
- **Parade of 4-H Champions.** Members with 4-H Champions will receive a Huntington County 4-H Champion T-shirt (sponsored by Bippus State Bank, Coach’s Connection, Parkview Huntington Hospital and Bowers, Brewer, Garrett and Wiley Law Firm) during the 4-H Parade of Champions.

**Spirit Night is Wednesday evening, July 26 . . .** Sign-up will take place at the 4-H Fair Office from Sunday, July 23 until Tuesday, July 25 at 5 pm. You must be a current 4-H member and **valid parent signatures are required to participate.** Six (6) 4-H members per team (sorry, no Mini 4-H youth). **NO LATE FORMS ACCEPTED.** Spirit Night is sponsored by Bippus State Bank.

**Thank You Notes . . .**

Every 4-H member should spend a few moments to write thank you notes to the sponsor of your award, the buyer of your animal in the auction, or to your 4-H club leader during or after the 4-H Fair. Without your efforts to say “thank you,” we lose donors, sponsors and community support for our 4-H program. Use the 4-H Thank You card provided with each award or use another appropriate method to thank the donors and volunteers who give so much to make our program a success!



Our sponsors need to know their support is appreciated!



## STATE FAIR Non-Animal Exhibit Information

- ◆ **State Fair Entry of non-animal, non-perishable State Fair Chosen Exhibits will be loaded Thursday morning, July 27 at Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall. State Fair eligible** champion exhibits will be taken **directly** from the fairgrounds to the state fairgrounds. 4-H members with eligible champion exhibits will receive specific information at the 4-H Parade of Champions on Wednesday, July 26th.
- ◆ **State Fair Entry of perishable Champion Exhibits (Foods: baked, preserved ONLY) will be Monday, July 31st.** These exhibits must be brought to the Extension Office **Monday morning on July 31st between 8-9:00 a.m.**, if you prefer to have the Extension Office staff take the entry to the state fairgrounds.
- ◆ **4-H Garden Exhibits ... Any 4-H Garden member may exhibit vegetables at the state fair**, regardless of placing at the county fair. **Members must notify the Extension Office no later than Wednesday, July 26 at noon with the type of vegetables so entry forms may be completed in advance.** If you wish, you may take your own garden exhibits to the Ag-Hort Building. Garden exhibits must be entered between 9 am & 3 pm on Thursday, July 27th.
- ◆ **Policy for State Fair Complimentary Tickets ...** The Indiana State Fair allots one complimentary State Fair ticket for each 4-H volunteer, and each 4-H member with a non-animal 4-H project exhibited at the Indiana State Fair. 4-H members with State Fair eligible Champion exhibits will receive their ticket in an envelope during Parade of 4-H Champions on Wednesday, July 26. 4-H volunteers may pick-up their ticket at the 4-H Fair Office or at the Extension Office. State Fair tickets are **NOT** sold in the Extension Office. Discounted admission tickets may be purchased at ISF website. 4-H Members can view the results of their State Fair exhibits at this website: [extension.purdue.edu](http://extension.purdue.edu)

## CLOTHING ATTIRE FOR 4-H ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Every 4-H member must wear appropriate clothing when exhibiting 4-H projects, auctioning livestock or involved in any 4-H event or activity. Please refer to the 4-H project book for complete rules. You are representing 4-H to the community!

## 4-H ROYALTY CONTEST

**Congratulations to each of our 4-H'ers who are participating in the 4-H Royalty Contest.**

Come and cheer on these terrific 4-Hers during the Royalty Contest, Friday evening, July 14, 2023, 7 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall

*Aaron Amick, Samantha Atkinson, Bailey Baumgardner, Kylee Burnau, Aubrey Carroll, Samantha Carroll, Chloe Couch, Gracie Lauer, Kelsie Ludemann, Katelyn McMillan, Izabella Miller, Coltin Mounsey, Elise Neher, Kylee Nevius, Shaylyn Suchcicki, Chloe White, Eliza Wohlford, Abagayle Wright, Carter Zezula*



**Royalty Contest sponsored by First Federal Savings Bank**



## Other Important Information

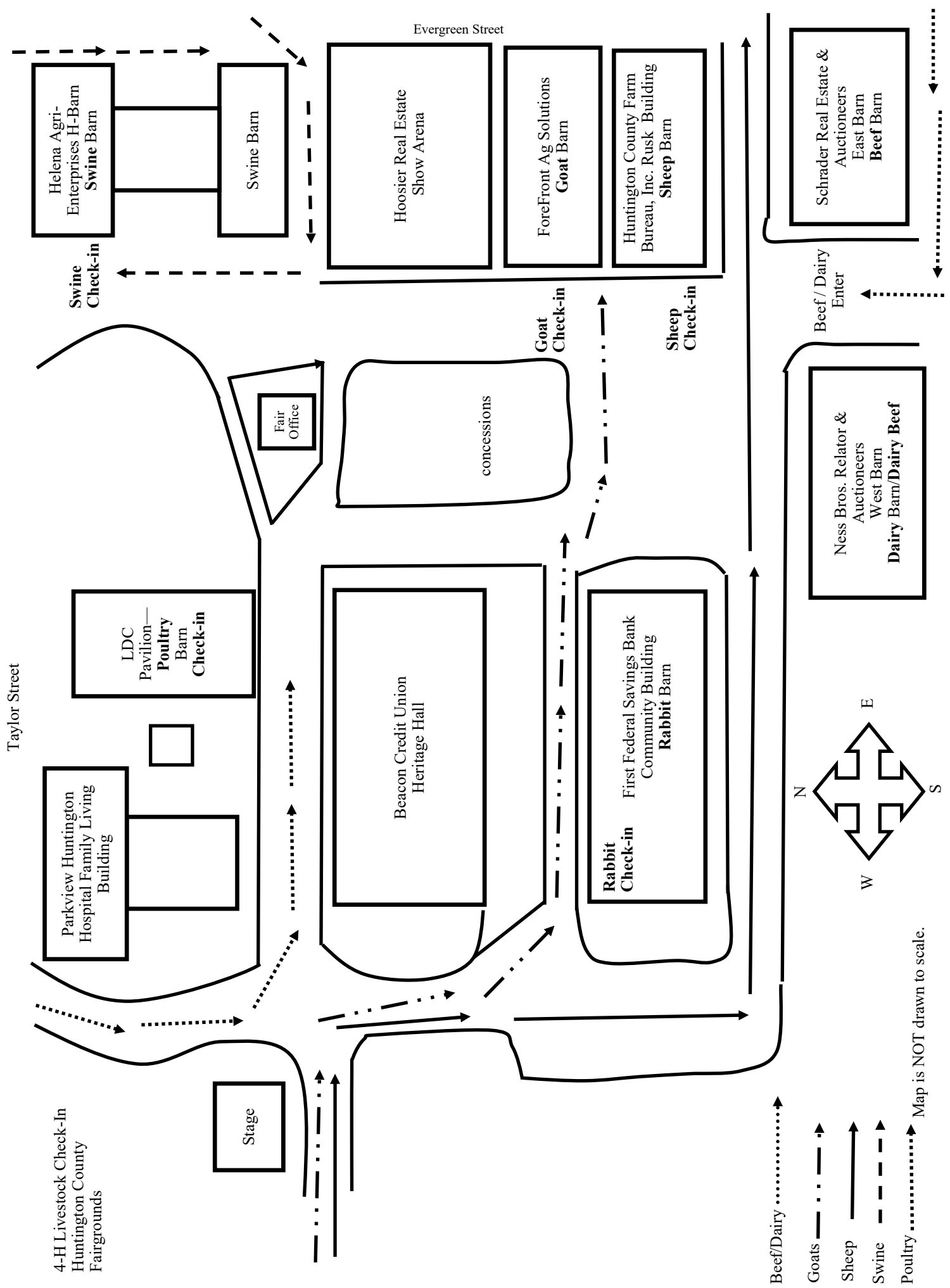


**Available parking areas for 4-H Fair participants and attendees** include the lot north of the fairgrounds -across Taylor Street, the lot south of the cattle barns and the area west of Garfield Street-south of the ball diamond.

- ◆ Handicapped parking will be available on the property East of the fairgrounds along Evergreen Rd. If the handicapped sticker is not visible, the vehicle will be fined or towed.
- ◆ **Livestock Entry Times . . . All animals will be unloaded and processed through the check-in procedure no later than the posted deadline.** Note the entry time as follows:
  - Friday, July 21, 5 - 9 pm - Beef, Dairy Beef, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Dairy Heifers
  - Friday, July 21, 5 - 10 pm - Swine
  - Saturday, July 22, 6 -9 am - Dairy Milking Cows
- ◆ **Swine Members . . .** Remember **ALL** swine will require an RFID button tag. Tagging will be done at weigh-in for those that have not already tagged their swine.
- ◆ **Rabbit Members...**Roasters and Stewers may **ONLY** be shown in Meat classes, NOT the Breeding classes.
- ◆ **Poultry Members...**Entry Friday, July 21, 5- 9 pm, Poultry Show Saturday, July 22, 12pm
- ◆ **Disposal of Shavings Bags at the 4-H Fair. . .** Please do not place your empty shavings bags into the trash barrels. Place these bags in locations near your barn so they may be recycled. Your help is important with this clean-up!
- ◆ **Animal Release Times . . .** All animals not to be sold at the 4-H Auction will be released Wednesday, July 26 from 10 pm to midnight and Thursday, July 27 from 5 to 8 am. No early release of animals is allowed. State Fair bound animals may be released during these hours on the day they are shown.
- ◆ **4-H Auction Information . . .**
  1. Every member selling an animal in the 4-H Fair Auction must be present and on time to sell their animal. If a member is not present, the lot will not be sold in the auction. It is the responsibility of the member to be present! **See Fair Book about substitutes.**
  2. A 4-H member may go through the Auction Ring a maximum of **2** times.
  3. Checks for the appraisal (market) value will be mailed to 4-H members and should arrive about 2–3 weeks after the auction.
  4. 4-H members are responsible to contact the buyer of the animal for their premium money.
  5. “Check-off” funds will be withheld from the appraisal (market) value check of beef, sheep and swine.
  6. Buyers may add-on to the purchase price of an animal, which sells at the 4-H auction. Forms will be available during the auction. Add-on funds will be mailed directly to the 4-H member.

**The 4-H Fair Board does not support the actions of 4-H members and/or families soliciting potential buyers/bids for the personal gain of a 4-H member.** However, 4-H members may encourage individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to participate in the 4-H Livestock Auction to benefit **ALL** members selling in the auction.





Map is NOT drawn to scale.





### *NEPAC Field Day – Wednesday, September 13*

The Northeast area Extension Ag Educators are hosting a field day at the Northeast Purdue Agricultural Center (NEPAC) located near Columbia City, IN. Private pesticide applicators will be able to receive credits for attending this program. For those who wish to obtain PARP credits, the \$10 fee will be paid by IN Corn Marketing Council and Soybean Alliance at this program. Commercial Category One, Registered Technician, and Certified Crop Advisor credits will also be applied for.

Registration is at 8:00 a.m. The day's events will begin at 8:30 a.m. There is no charge for this event due to the generous support of sponsors. Please contact the Whitley County Extension Office at 260-244-7615 to pre-register for this event or go to [www.tinyurl.com/NEPAC2023](http://www.tinyurl.com/NEPAC2023). Area agribusinesses, IN Soybean Alliance, and IN Corn Marketing Council are lunch sponsors.

### *Northeast Indiana Organic Field Day – Wednesday, August 2*

Should I transition some of my crop acres to USDA Certified Organic grain production? If you have been asking this question as you keep an eye on price premiums offered for USDA Certified Organic grain, or if you would like to earnestly explore a new production method on a few acres, an upcoming field day should benefit you.

Purdue Extension specialists and educators in northeastern Indiana are sponsoring the Northeast Indiana Organic Field Day at Northeast Purdue Agricultural Center (NEPAC), southeast of Columbia City, on August 2, 2023. With partial funding by North Central Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education, the cost of the field day is only \$30, which includes lunch.

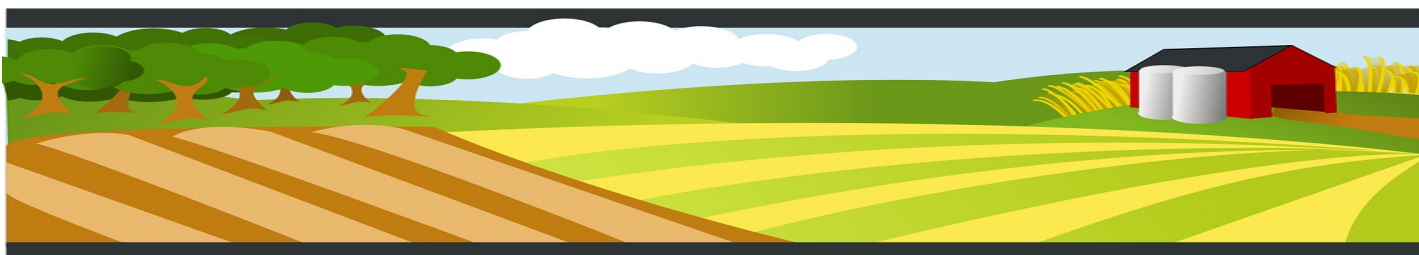
NEPAC has one field of USDA Certified Organic grain. Come to see what we've learned so far, observe some in-field demonstrations, and learn more about organic grain production.

The field day will feature several topics relating to organic production, including:

- \* In-field tool demonstrations
- \* Considerations for the organic transition and discussion
- \* Update on organic research at Purdue
- \* Organic disease management research update
- \* In-field discussion about organic crop conditions and producer issues

Pre-registration is required by July 28. To register, go to <https://cvent.me/xyrXNX>, or call 765-494-6794.

For questions regarding the program content of the field day, call Ashley Adair, Extension Organic Agriculture Specialist, at 765-496-6362, or John Woodmansee, Extension Educator, at 260-244-7615.





### *Carla's Corner...*

Hello, I am honored to be the new President for the Huntington County Extension Homemakers for this year.

My goodness, summer is here already and I know that everyone is busy. I hope many of you have registered your exhibits for the Open Class Show. I am excited to view all the talent that you ladies have to share and I hope that I'm not the only one who is finishing my entry.

Hopefully you have all received your new yearbook. I love the purple color of the covers for this year. I would like to ask you to take a minute and check out page 13 for all of the dates of our planned activities. We have many things planned for this next year.

I still need a Vice President to fill the slate of officers, please help me fill this vacancy. Thanks to all who helped make Achievement Day a success. We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks to all for the donation of school supplies for the Youth Services Bureau. They appreciated the supplies they received. Even though we made a lot of last minute program changes, we had a great program. Thanks to Stephanie Jerabek for her program and to Jana and Kent Henly for entertaining us.

See you at the Fair.

*Carla*

### *Register and Plan Now for Our Fall Trip!*

We are bringing back our Fall trip and we hope to see many of you register! Let American Heritage Trail do the driving, so you can just sit back and enjoy the day. We will be going to Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre in Indianapolis on Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

Register now to reserve a seat. **Payment is not due until closer to the trip date.** Please see the attached flyer for all of the details or contact Ann Emely.

*Ann Emely*





## *County Lessons...*

The Fall Educational Lessons for Huntington County will be held on Wednesday, September 6th in the Extension Office meeting room starting at 6 pm.

Mary Ann Ripperger will present a lesson on “Car Maintenance”. We will learn how to keep our cars running smoothly. The second lesson will be given by Caroline Everidge on “Edible Seeds”. Refreshments will be served between lessons. The cost of the evening will be \$4.00 and **reservations need to be sent to Stephanie Jerabek by August 30th.**



## *Fall District Meeting...*

The Fall District Meeting will be held in DeKalb County on Monday, September 11th in their 4-H Fair Exhibit Hall at 708 South Union Street in Auburn. They will be serving soup, salad and sandwiches for lunch. Cost of the day will be \$15.00. Programs and details will be given to you later as we receive them. **We do need your reservations sent to Stephanie Jerabek by Friday, August 25.** This date will allow Stephanie enough time to send the reservations to Dekalb County. All clubs need to send your reservations to Stephanie, so she can send all of Huntington County reservations in together.



## *Northeast Indiana Homemakers Camp...*

The Northeast Indiana Homemaker’s Camp will be held on September 13, 14, and 15 at Camp Shiloh near Marion. Many interesting educational lessons have been planned along with some cute craft projects. In the evening there will be musical entertainment, screamo, and other games. Full time camper cost is \$100 which includes all your meals, program fee, lodging and entertainment. One day campers (Thursday, September 14) cost will be \$45 and will include lunch and dinner. Some of the crafts will be beaded bracelet, can jar wreath, tags, cards, and turkey favor. Workshops are beaded picture, painted shutter, and woven ornaments. All crafts and workshops are an additional cost. Registration forms must be received by camp treasurer by August 5. Your club president has a registration form or pick one up in the Extension Office. Come join the fun at camp this year!





*Organized transportation by the Huntington County Extension Homemakers:*

**NEIGHBORS MAX AND JOHN HAVE BEEN FEUDING FOR MOST OF THEIR LIVES. INVIGORATED BY THEIR SHARED AFFECTION FOR THEIR NEW NEIGHBOR, THEY FACE OFF AS ROMANTIC RIVALS UNTIL THEIR HILARIOUS SHENANIGANS FINALLY BRING ABOUT A RESOLUTION TO THEIR LONGSTANDING DIFFERENCES.**

\*This event and transportation is open to the public. We only have a limited amount of seats reserved for our group.

**Wednesday, September 27**

**\$99**

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**TRIP INCLUDES:**

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MATINEE PERFORMANCE  
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BOTTLE OF WATER  
LIGHT SNACK

**TRAVEL TIMES:**

PICK UP AT VILLAGE OF COVENTRY BY KROGER:  
8:30 AM  
APPROXIMATE TIME HOME:  
6 PM

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For more information or to book online:  
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