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Happy Fall!

My September and October calendars have been full and for good reasons! Alongside the Steuben County Literacy Coalition and JDAI, I've been hosting an afterschool program at both AMS and FMS. Another afterschool program will be starting at Hendry Park, and I'll be in the classroom at AMS every Monday for nine weeks. Being with youth fills my bucket, so it will be a bucket-filling fall. If you see me in the school hallways, be sure to say hello! In addition to school enrichment, we will be hosting another round of workshops, one per month, on various topics of interest in partnership with 4-H programs in eight other counties. Look for details each month, and join the fun!

And at some point this fall, we hope you'll take a few minutes to re-enroll yourself in 4-H and invite a friend to enroll for the first time. If you need any guidance or recommendation, just reach out! I'm here to help you!

Enrollment opened October 1: v2.4honline.com

Tami 

A look ahead at important dates:

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| October 1 —Indiana 4-H Enrollment Opens | tions Due |
| November 8 —Extension Office Closed for Election Day | February 8 —Photography Workshop |
| November 10 —State PCARET Conference | February 14 —Canvas Painting Workshop |
| November 11 —Extension Office Closed for Veteran's Day | March 7 —4-H Camp Counselor Training |
| November 14 —Second Reading and Vote on Suggested Rule Changes | March 16 —Soap Making and Bath Bomb Workshop |
| November 15 —Flower Arranging Workshop | March 22 —Spring PCARET Meeting |
| November 21 —Area XI Crops, Entomology, and Forestry Career Development Event and Contest | March 27-31 —Spring Break for MSD, PH, Fremont, and Hamilton |
| November 24-25 —Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving | April 12 —4-H Camp Counselor Training |
| November 25-29 —National 4-H Congress | April 18 —Woodworking Workshop |
| December 1 —SCCF "We Call It Home" Short Film Feature, includes Steuben County 4-H | April 26 —Purdue Day of Giving |
| December 12 —Volunteer Video Watch Party | April 30 —TENTATIVE Small Calf ID |
| December 23-January 2 —Extension Office Closed for Christmas/New Year's | May 4 —4-H Camp Counselor Training |
| January 17 —PCARET Legislative Luncheon | May 15 —Animal ID Due in 4HOnline |
| January 30 —Volunteer Video Watch Party | May 18 —Dissection Workshop |
| February 1 —4-H Camp Counselor Applica- | June 7-9 —Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp |
| | June 7-9 —4-H Academy @ Purdue |
| | June 13-16 —State Junior Leader Conference |
| | June 19-21 —4-H Round-up |



Club, Committee, and Board Happenings

4-H Bit and Bridle—The next meeting will be November 7th at 7 pm in the Community Center. Subsequent meetings will be 1/9, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, with May/June/July/October at the fairgrounds, and 11/6.

4-H Explorers—The club will meet again on January 10th at 1:30 pm in the Community Center. Subsequent meetings will be 2/14, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, and 6/13.

Flint Arrows—The club will not meet again until January 2022 unless otherwise notified.

Fremont Ready Willing and Able—The next meeting will be November 12 (a Saturday, this time!), at 4 pm at the Perry's (315 W Feather Valley Road, Fremont). There will be no December meeting. Subsequent meetings will be 1/15, 2/19, 3/19, 4/19, 5/20 (Saturday), and 6/11.

Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers—If you know an individual who would make a great 4-H club leader, please contact Tami! The club will not meet again until a leader is secured.

Lucky Ducks—The next club meeting will be November 1st at 6:30 in the Board Room. Subsequent meetings will be 12/6, 1/3, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6, and 7/11.

Mini 4-H Tiny Clovers—The club will likely not meet again until January 2022 unless otherwise notified.

Orland Creative Kids—If you know an individual who would make a great 4-H club leader, please contact Tami! The club will not meet again until a leader is secured.

Otsego Go-Getters—The club will meet on November 20th 4 pm

at Stoy Farms (6517 S 400 W, Ashley). Look at Facebook or the Remind App for more info! Subsequent meetings will be 12/18, 1/15, 2/19, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, and 6/18.

The Conquerors—The next club meeting will be January 8th at 3:30 pm at the Heifner's (507 W Fox Lake Rd, Angola). Subsequent meetings will be 2/12, 3/12, 4/19, 5/21, 6/11, and 7/9.

Jr. Leaders—We don't have a full officer team yet, so we don't have our schedule set. Stay tuned for more info. If you haven't been on the email list previously, reach out to Tami to be added. Typically meetings happen the third Tuesday of the month, 6:30-8 pm.

4-H Fair Board—Our next regular business meeting will be in the Board Room on November 14th at 7pm for the second reading of the rule changes.

4-H Camping Committee—Please plan to meet on December 12th at 6 pm in the Board Room.

4-H Programs/Publicity Committee—Please plan to meet on November 14th at 6 pm in the Board Room.

Required 4HOnline Volunteer Video Series

So that we can include you in the operation of our 4-H events and activities and the decisions related to the 4-H Program, we are inviting you to complete the 4-H Volunteer re-enrollment process at v2.4honline.com. After you have

updated your profile, you will have the opportunity to complete three trainings. These can be completed on your laptop or similar device, or, if you prefer, you can attend one of our in-person trainings—**December 12th at 6 pm or January 30th at 5 pm**. The topics are:

- Orientation to Indiana 4-H Youth Development (~11 minutes)
- Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response and Guidelines for Youth Safety and Working with Minors (~16 minutes)
- Increasing Cultural Awareness and Equity in Extension Programs (~25 minutes)

Why one hour of time? You are working with our most valued resource – our youth, and the videos will broaden your skills so that you will be better prepared to work with them. We are trusted with other people's kids, not just our own. Upon completion of all three trainings, you will be eligible to be placed in a 4-H Volunteer role in Steuben County.

This is Us



Steuben County 4-H is committed to creating a diverse, equitable, and accessible environment for all members, past, present, and future.

Special Accommodations

If you are in need of special accommodations for any and all 4-H or Purdue Extension programs and events, please call the Extension Office to give reasonable notices of the accommodations needed.



November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Enrollment opened on October 1. You can enroll your child now at v2.4honline.com !		1 Lucky Ducks 6:30pm, Board Room Flower Arranging Workshop Registration Due	2	3	4	5
6	7 Bit and Bridle 7pm, Board Room	8 Extension Office Closed for Election Day	9 4-H Horse & Pony Council 6pm, Event Center	10 State PCARET Conference, Purdue Beck Center	11 Extension Office Closed for Veterans Day	12 Fremont RW&A 4pm, Perry's
13	14 4-H Programs/Publicity 6pm, Board Room 4-H Fair Board 7pm, Board Rm	15 Flower Arranging Workshop 6-7:30pm, Board Room	16	17	18	19
20 Otsego Go-Getters 4pm, Stoy Farms	21 Area XI Crops, Entomology, and Forestry Career Development Event and Contest, Whitley County	22	23	24 Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving	25 Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving	26
27	28	29	30	 Enrollment is always open at v2.4honline.com		

Pork Stand Acquisition

The Steuben County Swine Boosters were ready to give up the Pork Stand, and per their by-laws, if the group dissolves, the Pork Stand and all of the corresponding assets become property of Steuben County 4-H. The 4-H Fair Board did not rush into this decision and recognize it will take a lot of effort, but the Swine Boosters assured us this will be profitable for 4-H. Stay tuned for details as they become available.

4-H Camp Counselors

It's early, but we love 4-H Camp so much that we don't want to keep you in the dark...4-H Camp Counselor applications are ready! They aren't due until February 1st, but why not show your excitement and apply early for the best week of the year! Applications can be found at:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/steuben/4-h-trips.html>



Before You Meet with Youth...

or make decisions on behalf of 4-H, you really need to be an approved 4-H volunteer! Although you may have been an approved volunteer in 2021-2022, with the opening of 2022-2023 enrollment, we need all volunteers to re-enroll ASAP. This is both for your protection and the protection of the young people in which you work. This re-enrollment, which includes watching the training videos, also enacts your insurance coverage which will be helpful if you get hurt or injured in your volunteer role.

Indiana 4-H Volunteer Resources

The Indiana 4-H Volunteer Development Committee is pleased to present the first volunteer resources from a new series, "Back to the Basics for 4-H to Grow and Thrive." The first resources include:


- Keeping 4-H Fun
- Parent Involvement
- Effective Club Management

These free resources can be found on the Volunteer Resources and Development Tab on the State 4-H Website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/volunteer/resources-and-development/index.html>

National 4-H Conference Applications Due 12/1


Youth in grades 10, 11 or 12 can apply to be part of the Indiana delegation for National 4-H Conference hosted in Washington, D.C, April 14-19, 2023. National 4-H Conference is the annual premier national civic engagement opportunity for 4-H members across the country. Delegates will not only learn while at the conference, but will have the opportunity to practice and apply in a real world setting their newly developed and refined skills. Delegates choose an important societal topic and in round table groups prepare a briefing. During the conference, groups present their briefing to federal officials. Applications are due December 1 and must be uploaded through 4-H Online. Members must be in active status to submit their application. Visit:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/national-programs/national-4-h-conference.html>



Back to the Basics for 4-H to Grow and Thrive Webinar


Wednesday, November 9,
at 7 p.m. ET (6 p.m CT)



Agenda:

- 1 Conflict Management
- 2 Keeping 4-H Fun
- 3 Parent Involvement
- 4 Effective Club Management

Webinar Link: <https://bit.ly/3xzN5f1>



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Floral Design Workshop

Grow your floriculture skills on **November 15!**
Join us for a hands-on Floral Design workshop where everyone gets to go home with their own flower arrangement.

Location: Steuben Community Center, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola
Day & Time: November 15, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
No dinner will be provided.
Best Suited for youth in Grades 3 & up
Cost: \$10
Registration ends November 1 at Noon
Register: https://bit.ly/Floral_Design




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2022 4-H Achievement Winner



Congratulations to Kennedy Kugler for earning the title of Steuben County 4-H Achievement Winner! Kennedy is a 10-year member who was most involved in the 4-H Bit and Bridle Club, served as a club officer, and has mentored many younger 4-H members. Congratulations, Kennedy, and best wishes at

Trine University!



2022 4-H Fair Photos

Although not all of the photos are up yet, you can view Friday-Tuesday of the 4-H Fair by visiting choicephotography.webmate.me/gallery. Choose 2022 Steuben County 4-H Fair.
Password: steuben4h2022

Award Thank You's

4-H'ers, did you know that each and every trophy awarded at the 4-H Fair has a sticker on the bottom with important information? The trophy sponsor and their address is listed on the bottom so that it is super convenient for you to write a thank you for the sponsorship of the trophy. Businesses and individuals pay \$25 or more for every trophy and banner.



Please send a quick note of thanks after receiving your award!



2022 Friend of 4-H

Congratulations to our dear friend, Kay Clark, for being recognized as the 2022 Friend of 4-H in Steuben County! We thank you for your dedication to 4-H and 4-H families, and for providing delicious food at low costs during our favorite week of the year!



Congratulations to our Indiana State Fair Exhibitors!

Earning merit ribbons at the Indiana State Fair is a big deal! Here are the merits earned by our non-animal (static) exhibitors:

- ⇒ Emma Allen - Arts and Crafts, General
- ⇒ Nadia Cline - Cat Poster
- ⇒ Sylvia Buehrer - Floriculture
- ⇒ Zachary Crawford - Model Craft
- ⇒ Avaya Hawkins - Photography, B&W Salon
- ⇒ Dawson Cline - Poultry Poster
- ⇒ Whitlee Duke - Sewing
- ⇒ Elliot Boszor - Sewing
- ⇒ Heidi Wilhelm - Sewing
- ⇒ Emma Creager - Soil and Water Conservation
- ⇒ Emmy Cline - Vet Science
- ⇒ Alexyss Keener - Wildlife

All Indiana State Fair results can be found here:
<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/fair/fair-results.html>

Showing livestock at the Indiana State Fair is a big undertaking! Check out how our livestock participants faired:

4-H Horse & Pony

- ⇒ Kaylyn Allshouse—participation (5)
- ⇒ Maddison Counterman—participation (3)
- ⇒ Quinn Counterman—2nd, 3rd, participation
- ⇒ Kennedy Kugler—1st, 10th, participation (3)

4-H Beef

- ⇒ Zachery Clark—1st, 6th, Showmanship participation
- ⇒ Harlee Henney—4th, Showmanship participation
- ⇒ Harper Henney—Reserve Champion Market Steer, 3rd Overall Senior Showman
- ⇒ Lexie Schworm—4th, Showmanship participation
- ⇒ Taylor Schworm—3rd, Showmanship participation

Dairy Feeder Steers

- ⇒ Katie Ridenour—8th, Showmanship participation

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Dairy Cattle

- ⇒ Cade Bachelor—2nd, 10th, 10th, Champion Intermediate Showmanship
- ⇒ Caylee Bachelor—3rd, 6th, Reserve Champion Heifer
- ⇒ Chase Bachelor—3rd, 6th, 9th, 11th, Showmanship participation

Sheep

- ⇒ Cadence Gardner—9th 18th, Showmanship participation
- ⇒ Corbin Gardner—16th, Showmanship participation
- ⇒ Dana Gardner—12th, 12th, Showmanship participation
- ⇒ Harper Henney—Grand Champion Market Lamb, 2nd, 3rd, Showmanship participation

Dairy Goats

- ⇒ Jalynn Quaderer—4th, 4th, 5th, 9th, Showmanship participation
- ⇒ Maddox Quaderer—2nd, 11th
- ⇒ Meghan Rice—6th, 10th, Showmanship participation
- ⇒ Elijah Weible—1st (3), 2nd, 3rd (2), 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, Showmanship participation
- ⇒ Tysen Wieble—Reserve Champion Sr Doe, 1st, 2nd, 6th (3), 9th, participation, Showmanship participation

2023 Indiana State Fair

The Indiana State Fair has released their preliminary schedule for animal shows. Arrival times are to be determined. Check it out at:
<https://bit.ly/3N8GZsw>



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ENROLL NOW THROUGH JANUARY 15

4-H Committees for Youth & Adults

The 4-H program relies on 4-H volunteers to help carry out the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program. In Steuben County, there are seven committees that stem from the 4-H Fair Board. **You do NOT have to be a Fair Board Member to serve on a committee!** Email or call Tami to join one!

AUCTION—Review the past auction, decide if any changes need to be made, and plan the future auction. Distribute advertisement and assist in performing the auction. Become familiar with FairEntry which is used for the auction. Meets 1-2 times during the year to plan, during the 4-H Fair, and at least once a few days after the 4-H Fair to enter add-ons, clean computers, print bills, mail receipts, and print checks.

AWARDS—Select recipients of 4-H awards and delegates for 4-H trips. Select trophies and special awards and help secure trophy sponsors, if needed. Meets approximately 2-3 times during the year; many items are handled via email.

CAMPING—Plan, organize, and manage fair week camping. Budget and plan for future electric and water lines. Meets 1-2 times in Spring/Summer.

FINANCE—Develop a funding structure, determine potential donors, and coordinate appropriate communication to/from donors. Consult with memorial fund donors on their funding wishes. Create and maintain a 4-H Fair Board budget.

GROUNDS—Ensure the fairgrounds are in tip-top shape before, during, and after the fair. Attend designated work days to help with various items (painting, raking, repairing bleachers, picking rocks, etc.). Help secure trash removal during and after the 4-H Fair. Secure restroom cleaners for the week of the 4-H Fair. Move bleachers to the appropriate areas. May meet once, with work being done at various times.

PARKING & GATE—Contact volunteers and organizations to work the entrance gates during fair week and assist with the parking of vehicles during the large entertainment events. Collect and count funds each day during the fair. May meet once, with everyone assisting with parking during the 4-H Fair.

PROGRAM & PUBLICITY—Establish the activi-

ties/programs for the 4-H Fair, including Family Fun Day, evening entertainment, and any other activities that might attract crowds and/or be of public interest. Be present during fair week to assist with the activities/programs. Decide how to advertise the 4-H Fair and accompanying events (billboards, yard signs, radio, newspapers, parades, etc.). Members will make the proper advertisement contacts and then distribute the promotion material when the time arrives. Meets approximately 4-5 times.



Cash those checks!

Everyone has picked up their 4-H livestock auctions, but not everyone has cashed or deposited them! Please be sure to make your way to the bank soon so that we can wrap up all-things-auction soon. And...don't forget to send those thank you notes! Even you feel like it's late to send them, send them anyway!

Green Record Books

Green record books and graded record sheets will be returned to you upon enrollment in the 2022-2023 program year. If upperclassmen need them for scholarships, feel free to ask! Otherwise, plan on receiving all of your old materials with all of your new materials after enrollment. Enrollment opened October 1 at v2.4honline.com.

Indiana 4-H Scholarships

Youth in grades 10-12 can apply for Indiana 4-H scholarships which are due January 25th. Consider working on them now before we get too close to the holidays! <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html>

No Changes to Animal ID

Indiana 4-H announced in mid-October that there would be no changes to animal ID in 2023. So, plan on the same tags, tattoos, registrations papers, etc, in the coming year. As ID days become available, we will share those dates, but as a rule of thumb, plan on the following:

- Fat Cattle in March
- Small Calves in April
- Sheep & Goats in early May
- Self-tagging for Swine
- Supers/Volunteers to help tattoo Rabbits, as needed

Going BIG

Quite a few of our livestock families show at open shows, and there are several families that compete at the Indiana State Fair (see results posted earlier in this newsletter). Some families primarily focus on summer open shows, while others show all year 'round. There are a few shows across the country that are considered the premier shows, and we had a winner at one of them. Not only did Harper Henney win Overall Cattle Showmanship, she won the prestigious honor of showing the Grand Champion Steer at the American Royal in Kansas City. Confession: I struggle to know when it's appropriate to highlight successes outside of 4-H as not to celebrate one kid more than another, so I'm sure I have missed many, but this is sort of like "best steer in the country." It's pretty amazing that it was raised in our little corner of Indiana! Well done, Harper!



Showmanship Advancements

Congratulations to our members who advanced out the species Senior/Champion of Champions Showmanship Contest to participate in the Supreme Showmanship Contest at the county fair:

Finished Calves: Lexi Schworm, Otsego Go-Getters

Feeder Calves: Emma Creager, Fremont RW&A

Dairy: Chase Bachelor, Orland Creative Kids

Goats: Tysen Wieble, Lucky Ducks

Horse and Pony: Piper Hasselman, Bit and Bridle

Sheep and 2022 WINNER: Harlee Henney, Otsego Go-Getters

Started Calf: Caylee Bachelor, Orland Creative Kids

Swine: Dylan Oberlin, Otsego Go-Getters

Cat: Adam Breen, Fremont RW&A

Dog: Zoey Barnes, Bit and Bridle

Poultry—Chicken/Turkey: Jagger Hurraw, Lucky Ducks

Poultry—Waterfowl and 2022 WINNER: Ava Budak, Otsego Go-Getters

Rabbit: Sarah Rust, Otsego Go-Getters

The Large Animal Supreme Showmanship Winner is invited to attend a nine-county Premier Showmanship Contest at the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair, and **Harlee Henney earned the 2022 Premier Showman of Showman title!** Way to go, Harlee! We're so proud of you!



The first reading of the 2022-2023 rule changes took place October 17th at the Steuben County 4-H Fair Board Meeting. The reading was simply held to check for clarity. Voting for approval or disapproval of the suggestions will take place Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7 pm as part of the regular business meeting of the 4-H Fair Board. All those submitting a rule change (or a like-minded representative) must be present November 14th in order for the rule change to be considered.

Suggested 4-H Fair Book Rule Improvements/Changes for Steuben County 4-H, 2022-2023

Please note: The suggested rules listed below are only suggestions at this point, offered by community individuals. Final rule changes will be posted in mid- to late November. In addition, some rules and requirements may change in the Fair Book at the request of greater entities, such as the Indiana Board of Animal Health and the Indiana 4-H Staff. Simply reviewing rule changes posted in the newsletter is not sufficient. Each 4-H member is responsible for reading rules that pertain to them when the 2023 Fair Books are posted.

GENERAL

- If a project has five or less exhibits entered at the time in which FairEntry closes, the judge hired for that project will be dismissed from judging duties, and a volunteer or Extension Staff member will serve as the judge.

GENERAL, AWARDS

- Eliminate all Reserve Grand Champion trophies. Keep ribbon and award, but no trophies. All exhibits.
- Eliminate silver tray awards.
- Eliminate Fashion Revue Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons by grades and categories. All participants receive yellow, blue, red, white depending on scoring and then a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awarded to Junior Exhibit Class and Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awarded to Senior Exhibit Class.
- Add Supreme winner (ribbon only) to the six Indiana 4-H project areas: Animal Science (Animal Education, Vet Science), Communication and Expressive Arts (4-H Resume, Arts and Crafts, Cake Decorating, Collections, Communications, Construction and Architectural Replica, Consumer Clothing, Creative Arts, Fine Arts, Home Environment, Model Craft, Photography, Scrapbooking, Sewing and Fashion Revue), Engineering and Technological Science (Aerospace, Electric, Small Engine, Tractor Safety and Operator Skills, Video Gaming and Computer Coding, Woodworking, Zero-Turn Mower Safety and Operator Skills), Healthy Living (Child Development, Foods, Health, Shooting Sports, Sportfishing), Leadership and Citizenship (Genealogy), and Plant and Environmental Science (Beekeeping, Crops, Entomology, Floriculture, Forestry, Garden, Geology, Soil and Water Science, Weather and Climate Science, Wildlife). These six Supreme awards will encompass all static projects. *list will likely be re-evaluated based on project totals per category.

BEEF: BEEF FEEDERS, DAIRY BEEF: DAIRY FEEDER STEERS, DAIRY BEEF: STARTED CALF

- Delete p. 122, Exhibit Requirement #4 which refers to the limited number of calves a member may exhibit.
- Delete p. 129, Exhibit Requirement #2 which refers to the limited number of calves a member may exhibit.
- Update p. 131, Exhibit Requirement #2 to read: ~~A member may enroll twenty and exhibit two calves in any combination of started calf, dairy feeder and/or beef feeder. For example, a member may show one started calf and one beef feeder, or two beef feeder, or two started calves, etc.~~ The only breeds accepted for started calves are purebred calves of the five recognized dairy breeds—no crossbreeds (Holstein, Brown Swiss, Guemsey, Jersey & Ayrshire).

GOATS

- Page 134, Exhibit Requirements, add "For the purposes of showmanship classes only, pygmy goats will be considered a meat breed."
- Page 135, Showmanship classes to be replaced with:
 - Dairy Breed Showmanship: Senior Showmanship-Grades 9-12, Intermediate Showmanship-Grades 6-8, Junior Showmanship-Grades 3-5, Champion Of Champions Showman- winner of senior showmanship in past and present years.
 - Meat Breed Showmanship: Senior Showmanship-Grades 9-12, Intermediate Showmanship-Grades 6-8, Junior Showmanship-Grades 3-5, Champion Of Champions Showman- winner of senior showmanship in past and present years.
- If the two suggestions above are approved, then update page 152, General Showmanship #5 whereas "goats" will be replaced with "dairy goats, meat goats" and update page 152, Large Animal Supreme Showmanship Contest #1 and #7 whereas "goats" will be replaced with "dairy goats, meat goats".

HORSE & PONY

- Update p. 138, Project Requirement #20 to read: Spurs, coats, vests, jackets, and chaps are optional in all performance classes. ~~No split reins are allowed in contesting classes.~~

POULTRY

- Page 143, under Project Requirements, add: With the exception of showmanship, each bird can only be shown in one specific class.
- Page 144, under Egg Production, add Egg Class: 6 eggs of the same color from your poultry, displayed in an egg carton. One entry per exhibitor. Eggs can be brown, white or all other colors.
- Page 144, under Exhibition, update to read:
 - Standard Exhibition: Exhibit up to 2 birds, ~~Hen and/or Rooster~~, must be different gender, variety, or breed, per subclass (maximum

of 12 birds). Subclasses are as follows: American, Asiatic, Continental, English, Mediterranean, and All Other. ~~All birds must be 1 year or older.~~

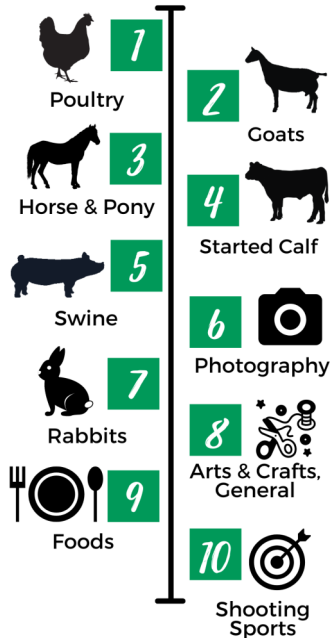
- ⇒ Exhibition Bantams: Exhibit up to 2 birds, ~~Hen and/or Rooster, must be different gender, variety, or breed,~~ per subclass (maximum of 12 birds). Subclasses are as follows: Modern Game, Old English Game, Single Comb Clean Legged, Rose Comb Clean Legged, Other Comb Clean Legged, and Feather Legged. ~~All birds must be 1 year or older.~~
- ⇒ Exhibition Ducks Drake/Hen: Exhibit up to 2 ducks, ~~Hen and/or Drake, must be different gender, variety, or breed,~~ per subclass (maximum of 8 birds). Subclasses are as follows: Heavy Weight, Medium Weight, Light Weight, and Bantam. ~~All birds must be 1 year or older.~~

AUCTION

- Update page 155, #8 to read, “Members must indicate their initial auction intent to the project superintendent or designated volunteer in FairEntry by July 4th, and they will verify their intent at livestock check-in, with a final verification posted after livestock check-in.
- Premium auction only – all animals go home.
- Pens left unclean by members who are not sending an item through the auction will be invoiced \$25, and the funds will be distributed to the corresponding project as a means of financial support.

Top 10 Steuben County 4-H Projects

By Enrollment Counts, 2022



Top 10 Statewide Indiana 4-H projects

Enrollment Counts, 2022



Help Needed!

While many volunteers stay with us for years, when a volunteer signs on, they are only making a one year commitment that can be renewed or declined each year. Some volunteers don't even volunteer for a year...they volunteer in an “episodic” role where they help with a one-time project or a few weeks max. The volunteer year aligns with the youth program year, so each fall/winter, we ask volunteers to re-enroll in 4-H. If you haven't given 4-H volunteer work a try, consider these opportunities below. If after a year (or your episodic experience), you decide the role isn't for you, that's okay!

Club Leader Vacancies

- ⇒ Flint Arrows (Co-Leader or Assistant)
- ⇒ Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers
- ⇒ Orland Creative Kids

Project Vacancies

- ⇒ Air Rifle, training held in April
- ⇒ Arts and Crafts Co-Superintendent
- ⇒ Floriculture
- ⇒ Geology
- ⇒ Video Gaming and Computer Coding
- ⇒ Woodworking



County Park Updates

- After the fair, we learned that large amounts of straw had been dumped in the woods where many livestock trailers park. In the future, please don't dump it in the woods. While it may decompose there eventually, please put it in a spreader to be taken directly to the County Compost Site by our volunteers.
- If you've driven through lately, you may have noticed a mountain being built where the livestock trailers park. The "mountain" is heaps of soil being excavated from the new judicial building site and relocated to the County Park as a holding zone. The County Park Staff are hopeful it will be moved by the fair, so don't panic if you see things looking a little strange out there.

In Other Extension News...

- State Tree Orders from the Indiana DNR Nursery are available. Visit www.INForestry.com to order. You can select Steuben County SWCD as your spring delivery site.
- Purdue Extension is offering "Managing for Today and Tomorrow: Farm Transition Planning," a virtual course scheduled December 5, 7, 9, 12, and 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Women will learn about business, estate, retirement and succession planning. Register at tinyurl.com/M42AT by November 28th.

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The end of year is a time that many begin to finalize tax considerations and reflect on the past calendar year. You may receive a return of a 50 percent direct credit to your tax bill when donating up to \$200 per individual and \$400 for couples filing jointly, given to an Indiana funded university. Because Purdue Extension is part of a state funded university, one can make a donation to the local Extension Office that would qualify. Therefore a \$100 contribution to Purdue Extension-Steuben County would cost one only \$50. You can also specify how you would like the money to be used (i.e. 4-H, afterschool programming, volunteer development, agriculture or natural resources programming, parenting classes, mental health programming, community development activities, etc.). Some limitations do exist. For example funds donated for awards or scholarships would not be eligible for the additional direct state tax deduction. Give the Extension office a call and ask about this excellent way you can support community programs for minimal cost to your pocket due to the additional state tax break.

One can also make a donation to the Steuben County Master Gardeners and/or the Steuben County 4-H Fair Board. While this option is not eligible for the 50% state tax credit that a state funded university or college provides, it is a great option in that these not-for-profit entities fall under the general state and federal income tax deduction via a reduction in taxable income. A donation to these entities not only helps the group, but allows for more education and events in our community.

Purdue Fast Start

Many promising students will now have the opportunity to take their first steps toward a Purdue degree with the new Purdue Fast Start program. Through Purdue's partnership with ModernStates.org, a website featuring more than 30 free, high-quality courses, you can gain assured admission to Purdue by earning free college credit. This partnership will create new opportunities for Indiana students to take giant leaps in their education with a new pathway to Purdue University. purdue.university/faststart



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4-H Fair Board Members

The local 4-H program is governed by a local board, and the members below serve as the directors and officers who provide the order and structure of our program. In Steuben County, we have a 22 member board—5 representatives, Past President (currently filled with an elected seat), the 4-H Educator, and 15 elected members. We invite you to reach out to them as needs arise! Each member is listed below with the year in which their term ends.

- ◆ Rick Shipe, County Council Rep.
- ◆ Lynne Liechty, County Commissioner Rep.
- ◆ Dana Stanley, 4-H Club Leader/Project Super Rep.
- ◆ Melissa Budak, 4-H Club Leader/Project Super Rep.
- ◆ Scott Schwartz, County Park Rep.
- ◆ Tami Mosier, 4-H Educator
- ◆ Mike Beard, 2023
- ◆ Jen Betts, 2023
- ◆ Lindsay Clark, 2023
- ◆ Fred Hostetler, 2023
- ◆ Jennifer Marshall, 2023
- ◆ Kyle Stockwell, 2023
- ◆ Amanda Cline, 2024
- ◆ Melissa Henney, 2024
- ◆ Ty Knox, 2024
- ◆ Brian Werner, 2024
- ◆ Eddie Wise, 2024
- ◆ Stacy Bachelor, 2025
- ◆ Joanna Claudy, Treasurer, 2025
- ◆ Gary Shough, President 2025
- ◆ Sara Smith, Secretary, 2025
- ◆ John Wagner, Vice President, 2025

4-H Motto: To make the best better.

4-H Slogan: Learning by doing.

Indiana 4-H Mission: To provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.

Indiana 4-H Vision: Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.

4-H is America's largest youth development organization—empowering nearly six million young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime. In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us.



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