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## It's Fair Time!

I can hardly believe we're back around to July again! As they say, "Another year up, and another year down!" Time sure flies as your kids and mine take another trip around the sun.

We hope 4-H has been a great experience this year, even if it has slipped right by. Please help us spread the word about the upcoming 4-H Fair by sharing fair schedules with your neighbors and local businesses, placing yard signs around the county, and reposting some of our events and announcements on social media.

This edition of the 4-H Clover Connection provides some helpful information about project preparation, check-in, judging, and more. We want to provide a meaningful experience for you and your family, so please call to ask any questions you may have, even if you have been around for a while. We're here to help! We can't wait to spend the week with you at the fair!

Tami 

## A look ahead at important dates:

- July 1-7**—Citizenship Washington Focus
- July 4**—Fair Entry due for All Exhibits; QLC/YQCA should be done
- July 15**—Pre-Fair Clean-up, 8 am-Noon
- July 15**—Camping Payments Due
- July 18**—Extension Office Temporarily Relocates to County Park
- July 19**—Non-Perishable Check-In (4:30-8 pm) and Photography Judging (5:30 pm)
- July 20**—Last Day to Purchase Discounted Gate Passes
- July 20**—Perishable Exhibit Check-In (8 am) and Non-Animal Project Judging
- July 20**—Poultry Check-In, 5-8 pm
- July 21**—4-H Livestock Check-In, 8 am-Noon
- July 21-27**—Steuben County 4-H Fair
- July 27**—Event Center Clean-up, following Champion Photos
- July 28**—Post-fair Clean-up. 8 am-Noon
- July 28**—All Non-Perishable Indiana State Fair Exhibits Due at the Extension Office
- July 29-August 20**—Indiana State Fair

- July 31**—All Perishable State Fair Exhibits Due at Extension Office (by 8:30 am)
- July 31**—Extension Board Meeting
- August 16**—Youth Development Expansion and Review
- August 22**—Indiana State Fair Exhibit Pick-up
- August 22**—"Desserts and Discussions" Volunteer Meeting
- September 11**—4-H Celebration Social and 4-H Fair Board Annual Meeting
- October 1-5**—National Dairy Conference
- November 24-28**—National 4-H Congress
- June 21-27, 2024**—2024 Steuben County 4-H Fair

STEBEN COUNTY 4-H

*Clover Connection*

**JUNE**

*Save the Dates*

**21-27**

**2024**  
**STEBEN COUNTY 4-H FAIR**



## Club, Committee, and Board Happenings

**4-H Bit and Bridle**—The next meeting will be our barn meeting on July 21 at 1 pm. A subsequent club meeting will be held at the County Park October and another meeting on November 6th at the Community Center.

**4-H Explorers**—This club will not meet again until next year in January.

**Flint Arrows**—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.

**Fremont Ready Willing and Able**—This club will not meet again until next year in January.

**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 July 11th at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

**Orland Creative Kids**—Great news! Jennifer Holden is planning to lead your club in 2024! We have another volunteer application in process, and as soon as we wrap that up, we'll share more about your other leader. Thanks for stepping up!

**Otsego Go-Getters**—We look forward to seeing everyone at the potluck at the fair. Plan to bring a passing dish to share.

**The Conquerors**—The next club meeting will be July 9th at 3:30 pm at the Heifner's (507 W Fox Lake Rd, Angola).

**Tiny Clovers Mini 4-H**—The club will not meet again until next year, likely in January.

**Jr. Leaders**—Your shirts are in! Please stop by to claim yours before the fair. If you haven't signed up for some volunteer opportunities at the fair, please do so at <https://bit.ly/JLFairSignup23>

**4-H Fair Board**—Our next regular business meeting will be at the Fairgrounds Lake Pavilion on July 17th at 7 pm.

**4-H Announcer Committee**—This is a brand new group! If you are interested in providing consistency across all shows, we're seeking announcers with strong voices.



### County Park Camping During the Fair

Primitive camping is available again in 2023. Each camper/trailer space on the fairgrounds will cost \$100 for the week. These funds will be placed in a designated fund with the hopes of eventually installing electrical posts for campers in this area. We have no idea how many years it will take, but we need to start building up the funds. Payment for the current year in no way guarantees you an electric spot in the future. It just helps move us closer to that goal. Use the Google form link below to save your spot. Payment will need to be submitted on/before July 15 (clean-up day). <https://bit.ly/4HFairCamping2023>

### Yard Signs are here!

If you want to promote the 4-H Fair, you can do it from your own front yard! How? Stop by the Extension Office later and pick up a free yard sign to post in your yard (or business's yard).

### 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.

### Newsletter Deadline

Please submit information you would like placed in the next newsletter by the 20th of the month.








### Area XI County Fair

#### Dates:

Adams: July 16-20  
 Allen: June 20-25  
 DeKalb: September 25-30  
 Huntington: July 14-28  
 LaGrange: July 8-15  
 Noble: July 9-15  
 Steuben: July 21-27  
 Wells: July 15-20  
 Whitley: July 14-20



# July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Superintendents Pick Up Record Sheets after 12 pm	4 FairEntry Due for all projects; QLC/YQCA should be completed 	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Lucky Ducks 6:30pm, Board Room	12 Superintendents to return record sheets by 4:30 pm	13	14	15 Pre-Fair Clean up and Prep, 8 am-Noon Camping Payments Due
16	17 4-H Fair Board 7 pm, Lake Pavilion	18 Extension Office Temporarily Relocates to County Park; begin using 260-243-8405	19 Ach. Winner Judging 2pm, Event Center; Photography Check-In 4:30-5:30pm; Non-perishable Exhibit Check-In 4:30-8pm; Photography Judging 5:30pm	20 Last day to purchase discounted gate passes; Perishable Exhibit Check-In 8-9am; Static Exhibit Judging Begins at 9 am; Poultry Check-In 5-8pm	21 Livestock Check-In 8am-Noon 	22 Faceoff Registrations Due 3pm 
<b>Steuben County 4-H Fair</b>						
23 	24 	25 	26 	27 Project Pick-up 8-9am; Champion Photos 8:30am; Event Center Cleanup 9am; Auction 10 am	28 Post-Fair Clean-up, 8am-Noon Non-Perishable State Fair Exhibits Due at the Extension Office by 4:30pm	29
<b>Steuben County 4-H Fair</b>						
30	31 State Fair Perishable Exhibits Due at the Extension Office by 8:30am	August 1	2	3	4	5
<a href="https://bit.ly/4hlandingpage">https://bit.ly/4hlandingpage</a>						

## Fair Office Phone

Our office will temporarily relocate to the new Fair Office (located north of Rensch Hall at the Steuben County Park) Tuesday, July 18 through Thursday, July 27. During these dates, you will need to call or text **260-243-8405** for assistance as we have to utilize a temporary phone line. The reception isn't great, and we only have one operating line, so be sure to leave a message or text us! Plan to call us at 260-668-1000 Ext. 1400 until we temporarily relocate on July 17!

## Loss or Damage

Purdue Extension, the Steuben County Extension Office, the Steuben County 4-H Fair Board, and the Steuben County Commissioners do not assume liability for loss or damage to any articles.

## Fall Newsletters

We often do not send an August newsletter as Tami will still be wrapping up county fair details around the time it would normally be put together and sent out. As a result, look for a September or October edition this fall!

## Gate Passes and Admission

To enter the 4-H Fair, everyone will need a gate pass. Weekly gate passes can be moved from vehicle to vehicle, are currently on sale, and cost \$10. [If you are a Steuben County REMC member, you can exchange the green discount coupon you received in your June Indiana Connection for \$5 off one weekly pass.] On July 21st, the price jumps to \$15. If you only plan to visit one day, daily passes are \$5 and can be purchased during the fair. Event admission prices are: Single Adult Ticket-\$15 or 2 Adult Tickets for \$25; Single Pit Pass Ticket-\$20 or 2 Pit Pass Tickets for \$35; Youth Ticket (ages 5-12)-\$5.

## What Grade Am I In?

When you fill out your project exhibit labels, please use the grade you were in when you enrolled in 4-H. We know you're excited to advance to the next grade in school, now that this past year is behind you, but for 4-H, please use the grade you were in most of this year.

## Mini 4-H

Exhibit check-in will take place Wednesday, July 19th, 4:30-8 pm at the Steuben County Event Center. We will keep the exhibit for one week to show people how great your projects are, and then you can pick them up on Thursday, July 27th between 8 am and 9 am. If you can't drop them off or pick them up at the times listed, please find a friend or family member who can do it for you. If you want to be present for project judging, Mini 4-H judging will take place on Thursday, July 20th in the Event Center at 9 am.

## 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!

## Opening Ceremony Info

This year's Opening Ceremony is on Friday, July 21. All 8-year, 9-year, 10-year, and final year members; scholarship winners; and Achievement Winner applicants will be listed in a paper program that will be available for all in attendance. We will recognize and ask that all 10-year members, final year members, scholarship winners, and Achievement Winner applicants be present and well dressed on July 21. Please meet behind the Rensch Hall stage at 5:15 pm that evening. This means that all 8-year and 9-year members do not need to be present, but your names will be announced. You awards are available for pick-up at the Extension Office.

## 2023 4-H Fair Entertainers

Friday: Scotty Butters at 8 pm

Saturday: Rekt at 6 pm

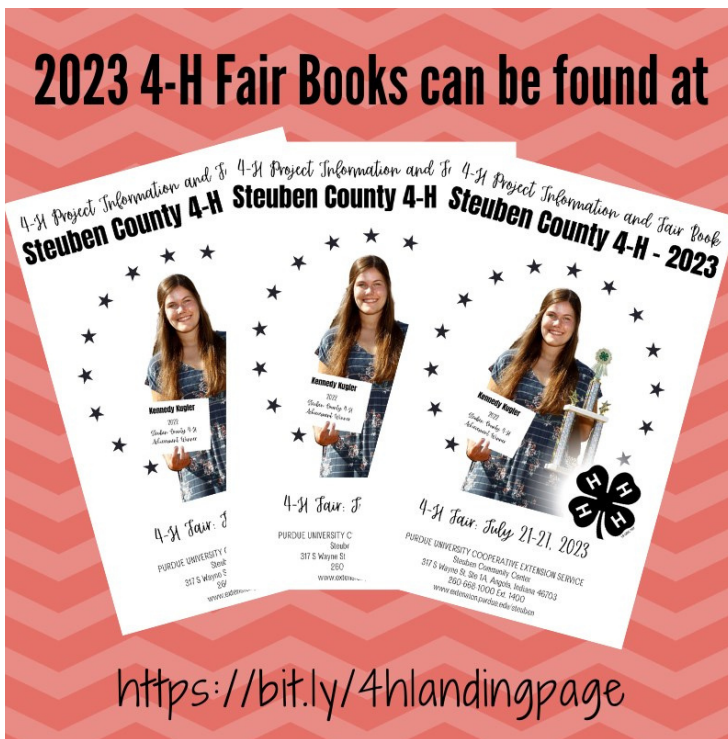
Sunday: Rae of Light at 6 pm

Monday: 4-H Faceoff at 6 pm

Tuesday: The Hubie Ashcraft Band, Sponsored by Steuben County REMC, at 8 pm







Hard copies can also be picked up at the Extension Office at your convenience. We are open Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm. We will temporarily relocate to the County Park on July 18th.

## Follow us for 4-H Fair Fun!



## 4-H for Adults, Sort Of...

If you are an adult who misses the 4-H experience, consider sharing your talents by exhibiting in Open Class at the county fair. Managed by the Extension Homemakers, Open Class is available for all Steuben County residents ages 18 and over. Registration is \$2 per item and open through July 7th. Late entries will be accepted for \$4 per item. Entries will be on display in the Lions Building throughout fair week, and the categories are diverse. For a registration form, email Linda at [lbidlack@purdue.edu](mailto:lbidlack@purdue.edu).

## 4-H Faceoff

The Steuben County 4-H Jr. Leaders will be hosting their 11th Annual 4-H Faceoff at the 4-H Fair this year! The Jr. Leaders invite you to create a team of 4-H'ers willing to get messy and laugh a lot on Monday, July 24th at 6 pm in Rensch Hall. Tami and Caylee, our 4-H Summer Program Assistant, are planning some fun challenges to spice up the night and provide some quality entertainment for 4-H families and the community. Here are the guidelines:

- 4-H members only; 6 members per team
- At least 1 member must be of the opposite gender
- At least 1 member must have just completed grades 3-5 AND at least 1 member must have just completed grades 6-12
- Teams are encouraged to create a unique team name and dress alike
- Registrations are available at the Extension Office or online at [bit.ly/4hlandingpage](https://bit.ly/4hlandingpage). We are trying to recover some of the costs incurred for the supplies, so each member is asked to pay \$2, making it \$12/team. All signatures must be included!

## Large and/or Fragile Exhibits

If your really large or very fragile exhibit earns the honor of representing Steuben County 4-H at the Indiana State Fair, please remember that you will need to connect with the Extension Office. Tami fills a minivan with State Fair projects, so large exhibits usually do not fit and fragile exhibits won't love the tight space. If you have a large and/or fragile exhibit, you will be asked to transport it to and from Indianapolis if you wish for it to be displayed at the Indiana State Fair. This usually effects Home Environment, Woodworking, Crafts, Model Crafts, and Construction & Architechural Replica.

SEE YOU AT THE ANNUAL  
*Steuben County 4-H Fair!*



## Important Info for Posters, Notebooks, and Display Boards

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include website links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.



## Foam Core Poster Boards and Covers For Sale!

The Extension Office is offering foam core poster boards (22"x28"...just the right size for 4-H projects) AND clear plastic covers (also 22"x28") for sale. The clear plastic covers are designed like an envelope where you simply slip your foam core poster inside and seal it with its own self-adhesive strip.

Poster Boards \$3.00  
Clear Plastic Covers \$1.00

## Open Judging

In Steuben County, we practice open judging which basically means you, as a 4-H member, have the opportunity to have an open conversation with the judge of your static (non-animal) project. It is a great learning experience in which you can ask questions and obtain constructive criticism and genuine praise regarding your project and your efforts. Parents/guardians are not permitted to speak with the judges during open judging as it is a prime time for youth to shine on their very own, explaining what they learned and how they accomplished their goals.

<p><b>FairEntry</b> auction explained</p>	<p>Block Sale Price \$100</p> <p>Buyer Bids: \$1000 "Consigned" - Market pays \$100 for animal Buyer Pays: \$1000 Exhibitor Check = \$1100</p>
<p>Block Sale Price \$100</p> <p>Buyer Bids: \$900 "Consigned" - Market pays \$100 for animal Buyer Pays: \$900 Exhibitor Check = \$1000</p>	<p>Block Sale Price \$100</p> <p>Buyer Bids: \$1000 "Keep By Buyer" - Buyer pays \$100 for animal Buyer Pays: \$1100 Exhibitor Check = \$1100</p>

## Terms to Know!

You need to become familiar with the terms used in FairEntry, so that you aren't scrambling later...

- **Auction:** means your animal is truly up for sale. Any buyer who wishes can not only support you financially, but they can take your animal home with them if they want to cover the entire cost. Do not put your animal in the auction if you want to take it home with you.
- **Block Sale:** means your animal is going on the market truck, likely because you already have other animals going through the auction. Block sale is NOT the same as Auction.
- **Not For Sale:** these animals will not be sold in the auction nor on the block sale (market truck). You should be plan to take these animals home.

**Destinations (aka final auction intents) for all animals will be posted in the Fair Office this year rather than in each barn.** Please check the list once it's posted!

## Plan for Exhibit Labels

Each static (non-animal) exhibit will need a label identifying who it belongs to. Exhibit labels are 2.8" wide and 5.5" tall and must be displayed vertically. We have some in the office, or you can pick them up at project check-in, just before the fair. They are also posted at [bit.ly/4hlandingpage](http://bit.ly/4hlandingpage). Please plan for label space, especially if you are exhibiting a poster project.

## 4-H Exhibit Check-In

### 4-H Exhibits to be checked in at the Steuben County

#### Event Center:

Wednesday, July 19, 4:30-5:30 pm—Photography

Wednesday, July 19, 4:30-8 pm—All other non-perishable 4-H and Mini 4-H projects

Thursday, July 20, 8-9 am—All perishable 4-H projects (Foods, Floriculture, Garden, Herbs, and Alternative Cooking)

#### 4-H Animal Entries to be checked in at their respective barns:

Thursday, July 20, 5-8 pm—Poultry

Friday, July 21, 8 am-12 pm—All other livestock projects

\*Dogs, Cats, and Kittens will check in just prior to their show; see schedule for show times

## Event Center

### Exhibit Check-In Procedures

All youth will check in their exhibits by last name.

Upon arrival, all youth will need to check-in at the front tables, located on the north side of the Steuben County Event Center. A volunteer will verify which projects you brought to exhibit and will direct you to the appropriate location where your exhibits will be displayed. We will have extra exhibit labels/name cards available for you to fill out and tape to your exhibit. Photography judging will be taking place at this time, so we ask that you be mindful and respectful of the noise level. If you didn't complete FairEntry, this process will take longer for you as you'll have to visit the 'Help Table' to get everything registered.

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## Tentative Judging Schedule

The schedule below will serve as the tentative judging schedule for static (non-animal) exhibits. In effort to save travel time for judges, we often “double-stack” judges, meaning they may be paid by the 4-H Fair Board to judge one project at 9 am and another at noon or perhaps they are hired to judge two smaller projects in the same time slot such as Garden and Floriculture at 9 am. Please be patient with the judges as they work through multiple exhibits and projects. Project Superintendents will do their best to make sure you have a chance to talk to the judge, if you are present on judging day. Just be sure to let your Superintendent know you are around!

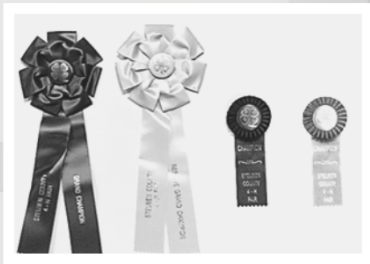
Wednesday, July 19	2 PM	Achievement Winner
	5:30 PM	Photography
Thursday, July 20	9 AM	Garden, Floriculture, Woodworking, Arts and Crafts, Model Craft, Needle Craft, Fine Arts, Mini 4-H, Home Environment, Health, Child Development
	9:30 AM	Foods (Baked), Preserved Foods, Alternative Cooking
	10:30 AM	Shooting Sports, Crops, Sport Fishing, Scrapbooking, Animal Education, Vet Science, Sewing
	12 Noon	Electric, Construction and Architectural Replica, Video Gaming and Computer Coding, Aerospace, Small Engine, Cake Decorating, Creative Arts, 4-H Resume, Wildlife, Forestry, Geology, Collections, Genealogy
	1 PM	Beekeeping, Entomology, Soil and Water Science, Weather and Climate Science
Wednesday, July 26	9 AM	Zero-Turn Lawn Tractor Safety & Operator Skills, Tractor Safety & Operator Skills

## Champion Photos!

Champion photos will be taken on Thursday, July 27, beginning at 8:30 am in the Steuben County Event Center. The pictures will be taken in alphabetical order, by project. Exhibitors should gather all of their **GRAND and RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION, and DIVISION CHAMPION and RESERVE CHAMPION** projects before 8:30 am as things move very quickly.



[Only projects displaying one of these four ribbon grades need to be present for pictures.]



## Earn Livestock Prizes!

Youth in grades 3-12 can participate in the Steuben County 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon on Wednesday, July 26th at 11 am in Rensch Hall. This opportunity is for all youth, not just those who physically exhibit livestock species. Youth can compete in one species category, two, or all (Beef/Cattle, Dairy, Goats, Horse, Sheep, Swine, Cat, Dog, Rabbit, and Poultry)! The contest is divided by divisions—Junior (grades 3-5), Intermediate (grades 6-8, and Senior (grades 9-12). Knowledge challenges include equipment/tack, feed types, breeds, meat cuts, and general knowledge. Last year's prizes included banners, buckets, and other livestock-related items! Please sign up via FairEntry! Walk-ups are welcome, too, but FairEntry will help us with printing.

## Need Auction Tips?

If you want help navigating the 4-H auction, please reference your June 2023 Clover Connection. There was a section explaining how the auction works, and it offered helpful tips for obtaining buyers. You may also call an Auction Committee member for assistance as they are more than willing to help! **Auction checks will be available 30 days after the auction (August 28, 2023). If you wish to send your thank you notes directly after the fair in order to be more timely with your gratitude, you are invited to call our office to find out who bought your animals. It's a good idea to write thank you's while you are still in fair mode.**

- May 1 - 4-H Camp/Trip Registration Due
- May 15 - Add/Drop Projects
- May 15 - Animal ID in 4HOnline
- June 30 - Record Sheets Due
- July 4 - FairEntry Due
- July 4 - Make sure QLC is done
- July 19 - Most Non-Animal Projects Due
- July 20 - Last Day for Discount Passes
- July 20 - Perishables Due and Poultry Check-In
- July 21 - Livestock Check-In
- July 28- ALL nonperishable State Fair Exhibits Due
- July 31- ALL Perishable State Fair Exhibits Due by 8:30 am

## Livestock Auction Cards

Invite buyers to the 4-H auction with pre-printed auction postcards, available at the Extension Office. You can simply sign the cards provided and mail them to potential buyers. A more personal touch would involve writing your own letter and personally delivering the letter to the buyer.



## Clean Stalls and Litter-Free Fairgrounds

Looking for something to do or someone to hang out with? Join the Fair Board, Project Superintendents, and myself on Saturday, July 15th and Friday, July 28th to help clean-up the fairgrounds. I realize it doesn't sound overly exciting, but it is a great way to spend time with folks preparing for or reminiscing about the 4-H Fair, and it is a great way to give back to the community. If you want a clean barn or your projects to be displayed on a clean surface, you might as well help make it happen! Hoping to see you there at 8:00 am!

## Indiana State Fair Updates

- The 2023 Indiana State Fair Entry Book has been posted at [www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair](http://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair). Be sure to check it out if you plan to exhibit animals at the State Fair! Entries opened May 16.
- 2023 Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Program is available. More information at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/project-category-animal-science.html>
- Indiana State Fair Vet Camp applications are open at <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/education1/vet-camp>

## 2023 Market Prices

Market prices have not been fabulous the last several years, and you can probably expect the same in 2023. Market trucks are simply a service provided so that you do not have to market your animals on your own. You are not required to utilize the market truck whatsoever, but you must understand that all animals with a block sale price that go through the auction are expected to load on the market truck as those animals have technically been "marketed." If you wish for higher prices, we encourage you to help your superintendent locate a higher paying market. Rather than complaining about low market prices, be part of the solution to help secure reasonable prices.

## National Anthem in July

It has been recommended that we have an individual (youth or adult, but youth preferred) sing the National Anthem at the beginning of each show during the 4-H Fair. If interested or if you want to suggest someone, please email [mosier@purdue.edu](mailto:mosier@purdue.edu).

## State Fair Tickets

Approved Adult Volunteers may claim one free ticket for the Indiana State Fair by stopping by the Extension Office. General Admission tickets are \$11 (prior to August 1st) and must be purchased online. Tickets at the gate will cost \$14.



## Join the Board!

*4-H Fair Board Nominations will be due in early September! Talk to Tami, Linda, or a current 4-H Fair Board Member about the benefits and duties!*

## You're Invited!

Please join Steuben County 4-H volunteers and families on Monday, September 11th at 6 pm for the 4-H Celebration Social and Fair Board Annual Meeting. The event will likely be in the Board Room at the Community Center. We will elect new Fair Board members that evening.

## 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 (Alex will be done after the fair)
- Hamilton Fighting 4-H'ers

### Project Vacancies

- Air Rifle, training held in April or September
- Arts and Crafts Co-Superintendent
- Crops
- Genealogy
- Geology
- Scrapbooking
- Vet Science
- Video Gaming and Computer Coding
- Woodworking

## Superintendent Checklists

Project Superintendents, we postal mailed checklists to you to guide you as we prepare for the fair. Here are a few highlights:

- Please pick up record sheets July 3rd around noon or after.
- Please return graded record sheets on July 12th or before.
- Help with clean-up on July 15th, if possible. Livestock Supers may want to hang pen cards that day. First preference in some barns is given to the youth who help with clean-up.
- Non-Animal Supers, please plan to help with judging on July 20th. You will record the ribbon grades and place items on the appropriate exhibits.
- Livestock Supers, visit the Fair Office prior to 8 am on check-in day. We'll give you instructions and get you started for a great week! Be sure to check back a day or so after to break large classes.
- We need everyone's help dumping trash during the week, especially around the barns. If you see a full trash can, please lend a hand by taking it to the dumpster. Livestock Supers, you will also need to check the manure spreaders regularly to avoid over-filling. Thanks for helping with these two dirty jobs!
- Please either help with Event Center Clean-Up or help get your animal exhibitors lined up for the auction. Both are super helpful ways to volunteer!
- We would really appreciate your help at Post-fair Clean-up on Friday, July 28th!



**Steuben County 4-H Fair  
Indiana-inspired Art Contest**

**1st Prize - \$200  
2nd Prize - \$100  
3rd Prize - \$50**

Calling all artists, 15 years old and older!

Create an Indiana-inspired piece (any medium) on site Friday, July 21-Saturday, July 22 at the Steuben County 4-H Fair.

Winners will be selected July 22nd with a silent auction fundraiser to follow, supporting the Steuben County 4-H Program.

No entry fees!

Pre-Register on/before July 1, 2023 at:  
<https://bit.ly/2023CountyFairArtContest>

Contact Ed Wise at 260-243-3540  
or [eddie\\_wise@hotmail.com](mailto:eddie_wise@hotmail.com)  
with questions.

## Communicating with Us:

**Please note:** while we use social media to share what's happening in our program for advertisement and promotion, it would be best to **call or email us with project or program specific questions**. Social media is not the best mode for communicating guidelines and answering more complex questions. Although Facebook Messenger and Instagram Chats are one-click-wonders, please don't use them as primary communication with us. We don't check them near as regularly as our phones and email inboxes.

## Pork Stand Worker Sign-ups

### Calling all 4-H members and Parents!

With the Fair Board taking over the Pork Stand, you have a chance to help earn money for your animal barn, general 4-H awards, and more. Scan the QR code or sign up at <https://bit.ly/porkstand23> for a slot to work the pork stand. We need at least 1 adult and no more than 3 youth for each 2-hour shift. **\$20 per hour worked** will be donated to the 4-H group/fund of your choice (ie. Beef Barn, Poultry Barn, Static Exhibits, Bleacher Fund, Club etc.).

38% of the slots are filled, but we need more help to make the pork stand happen this year! Please consider taking on a shift or two!



## REMC Member Appreciation

Steuben County REMC is bringing their member appreciation event our way! Check the June Indiana Connection magazine for more details on the event hosted at the 4-H Fair and the gate pass discount you'll receive!

## Summer Shot Clinic

### by the Steuben Co. Health Dept.

If your children need vaccinations prior to school starting or you are due for an immunization, the Steuben County Health Department will be at the County Park during the fair to help. Shots can be administered July 22, 1-7 pm and July 25, 12-7 pm. Please call 668-1000 Ext. 1525 in advance so they stock the right vaccinations for you and your loved ones.

## Rodeo Riding

If you plan to ride in the rodeo at the 2023 Steuben County 4-H Fair, the online books will be open July 12th at 8 am CST and will close July 16th at 5 pm CST at [app.nextgenrodeo.com](http://app.nextgenrodeo.com). Slack will only take place after the Saturday performance, not the Sunday performance. Please call 903-287-7852 for questions.

## NEYAC Youth Advisory Committee

The EPA is soliciting youth applications to fill 16 vacancies on the NEYAC. Selected applicants will contribute to a balance of perspectives, backgrounds, and experience of the council and will be appointed by the Administrator. As a first-of-its-kind committee, all members of NEYAC will be between the ages of 16 and 29.

Applications to the NEYAC are due by August 22, 2023 at 11:59PM ET. To apply for appointment to the council, the below information is required:

- Contact information
- Resume OR short biography OR qualification essay
- Statement of interest
- Media Project

See <https://www.epa.gov/education/national-environmental-youth-advisory-council-neyac> for more information about this cool opportunity!

## Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Academy

Applications are due August 11th. If you are interested in learning about the dairy industry through hands on experiences and activities, this opportunity is for you. The academy is open to 4-H Youth in grades 10-12 as of September 1st.

Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Academy Highlights:

- 2023 National 4-H Dairy Youth Conference and World Dairy Expo, Madison WI
- Leadership, Careers, Industry Promotion, Finance and Nutrition
- Reproduction, Technology, and Travel to the Eastern States and Canada
- Farm and Industry Tours
- Indiana State Fair Activities

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/2023INDYA>

## Family Fun Day at the Fair

4-H Fair Board Members have planned a fun day of events on Tuesday, July 25! Events will include story time, a coloring contest, bounce houses sponsored by Steuben County REMC, crafts, carnival games, airplane tosses, pedal tractor pulls, REMC live line demos, pet parade, and eating contests! Plan to join us!





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# STEBEN COUNTY 4-H FAIR - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - JULY 21-27, 2023



## Pre-Fair Activities

Friday, June 30 – 4-H Record Sheets Due at the Extension Office

Tuesday, July 4 – 4-H Fair Entries Due in FairEntry

Saturday, July 15 – Pre-fair Clean-up and Event Center Set-up, 8 AM – Noon

Monday, July 17 – 4-H Fair Board Meeting, 7 PM, Lake Pavilion

Tuesday, July 18 – Extension Office temporarily relocates to County Park

Wednesday, July 19 – 4-H Achievement Winner Judging, 2 PM, Steuben County Event Center; 4-H Photography Check-in, 4:30-5:30 PM with Judging at 5:30 PM, Steuben County Event Center; 4-H Non-Perishable Project Check-in, 4:30 – 8 PM, Steuben County Event Center

Thursday, July 20 – 4-H Perishable Project Check-in, 8 AM, Steuben County Event Center; 4-H Project Judging, 9 AM, Steuben County Event Center; Concessions by the Otsego Go-Getters 4-H Club; 4-H Rocket Launch to take place directly after judging, weather permitting; Poultry Project Check-in, 5-8 PM, Poultry Barn; Haul-in for Pre-Registered Campers Begins, 5 PM; Miss Steuben County Queen Contest (crowning to take place Friday), 7:30 PM, Steuben Community Center

## Friday, July 21 – RPM Trucking, Dump Truck, and Flatbed Division Day – Gates operated by Hamilton Lions Club

8 AM – Noon – 4-H Livestock Project Check-in, Livestock Barns

9 AM – “County Fair” Art Contest Begins, any medium, all ages

12:30 PM- 4-H Poultry Show, Rensch Hall

1 PM – 4-H Dog Show, Lions Building

5 PM – Nacho Dinner by the Lucky Ducks 4-H Club, Lions Building

5:30 PM – Opening Ceremonies, Rensch Hall

6 PM – Little Miss and Mister Contest and Miss Steuben County Queen Crowning, Rensch Hall

7 PM – Truck and Tractor Pulls (bring a lawn chair), Pulling Track

8 - 10 PM – Free Concert: Scotty Butters



## Saturday, July 22- Boutique and Craft Show Day - Steve Jennings Ecowater Systems Day – Gates operated by Pleasant Lake Lions Club

8 AM – Started Calf and Dairy Feeder Consignment Bidding, Started Calf Barn

9 AM – 4-H Swine Show, Rensch Hall

9 - 11 AM – Open Class Project Check-in, Lions Building

10 AM – 2 PM – Boutique and Craft Show, Lions Building Lawn

Noon – 4-H Rocket Launch Rain Date, meet outside Event Center

1 PM – Open Class Exhibit Judging, Lions Building

2 PM – 4-H Goat Show, Rensch Hall

3 PM – 4-H Faceoff Registration Due, Fair Office

4 PM – “County Fair” Art Contest Ends

4 PM – Open Class Silent Auction for Baked Goods, Lions Building

4:30 PM – Free Performance by the Prairie Heights High School Drama Club, Rensch Hall

5 PM – Pork Dinner by the Angola High School FFA Chapter, Lions Building

6 PM – “County Fair Art Contest Silent Auction Begins, Lions Building

6 - 8 PM – Free Concert: Rekt, Rensch Hall

8 PM – IPRA and Mid-States Rodeo by Diamond J Rodeo Company, Grandstands (8-event show includes: Bull Riding, Calf Roping, Barrel Racing, Steer Wrestling, Saddle Bronc, Team Roping, Bareback Riding, and Cowgirl Breakaway Roping)

## Sunday, July 23 – Miller Poultry Day – Gates operated by Land of Lakes Lions Club

7 AM – Pancake & Sausage Breakfast with Biscuits and Gravy by the Steuben County Extension Homemakers, Lions Bldg.

9 AM – 4-H Horse & Pony Show (English, Versatility, Speedmanship), H&P Arena

9 AM- 4-H Rabbit Show, Rabbit Barn

10 AM – 4-H Dairy Feeder Steer, Beef Feeder, Dairy Beef, and Beef Shows, Rensch Hall

1 PM- IPRA and Mid-States Rodeo by Diamond J Rodeo Company, Grandstands (8-event show includes: Bull Riding, Calf Roping, Barrel Racing, Steer Wrestling, Saddle Bronc, Team Roping, Bareback Riding, and Cowgirl Breakaway Roping)



2 PM – 4-H Sewing Fashion Revue Judging, followed by 4-H Consumer Clothing Judging, Lions Building

4 PM- Old Fashioned Games and Contests, all ages: Sponsored by Meijer, Rensch Hall

4 - 8 PM – Chainsaw Carvings by Scott Lepley, Lions Building Lawn

4 - 8 PM – Double H Farms Petting Zoo

5 PM – Baked Potato Bar Dinner by The Conquerors 4-H Club, Lions Building

6 - 8 PM - Free Concert: Rae of Light, Rensch Hall

## Monday, July 24 – Big C Lumber Day - Gates operated by the Angola and Hamilton American Legions

9 AM – 4-H Started Calf Show, Rensch Hall

11 AM – 4-H Horse & Pony Show (Western Pleasure, Halter, Trail, Showmanship), H&P Arena

12- 4 PM- Wool Spinning Demos by Selph Made LLC

2 PM – 4-H Cat Show, Rensch Hall

3 PM – 4-H Verbal Communications Presentations, Lions Building

4 PM – 4-H Sheep Show, Rensch Hall

4 - 8 PM – Double H Farms Petting Zoo

4 - 8 PM – Chainsaw Carvings by Scott Lepley, Lions Building Lawn

4:30 PM – Brisket Mac and Cheese Dinner by Fremont Ready, Willing & Able 4-H Club, Lions Building

6 PM – 4-H Faceoff, Rensch Hall

## Tuesday, July 25 – Family Fun Day – REMC Day – Gates operated by Orland Tigers Youth League, Prairie Heights Football and Wrestling Teams, and the Steuben County Republicans

9 AM – 4-H Dairy Show, Rensch Hall

9:45 AM – Story Time with the Carnegie Public Library & Farm Bureau, Inc, Lions Bldg.

10 AM - Coloring Contest, ages 1-12, Lions Building

10 AM- 6 PM- Kids Bounce House and Activities by Steuben County REMC, Lions Building Lawn

10:30 AM- Kids' Craft Time, Lions Building

11 AM- Kids' Carnival Games, ages 0-12, Rensch Hall

11:30 AM- Paper Airplane Toss, ages 3-12, Rensch Hall

3:30 PM- Pedal Tractor Pull by Farm Bureau Inc., ages 3-12 Rensch Hall

4 PM- Steuben County REMC Live Line Demo, Lions Bldg.



4 PM – 4-H Horse & Pony Show (Speed), H&P Arena  
4 - 6 PM – Steuben County REMC Member Appreciation, Lions Building Lawn

4 - 8 PM – Double H Farms Petting Zoo

5 PM – Chicken & Noodles Dinner by the 101 Lakes Kiwanis Club, Lions Building

5 PM – Kids' Pet Parade, ages 3-12, & Eating Contests by Farm Bureau Inc., ages 3-12, Rensch Hall (in front of stage)

8 - 9:30 PM - Free Concert, Sponsored by Steuben County REMC: The Hubie Ashcraft Band, Rensch Hall

## Wednesday, July 26 – Key Bank Day – Gates operated by Orland Lions Club

9 AM – 4-H Tractor Driving Competition, Lions Building Lawn

11 AM – 4-H Livestock and Small Animal Skill-a-thon, Rensch Hall

1 PM – Water Games for 4-H'ers, Lions Building Lawn

3 PM- 4-H Small Animal Supreme Showmanship Contest, Rensch Hall

4 – 8 PM – Double H Farms Petting Zoo

4 PM – “County Fair” Art Silent Auction Ends, Lions Building

5 PM – Sloppy Joe Dinner by Cedar Creek Tractor Association, Lions Building

5 – 8 PM – Classic Car and Truck Cruise-In by Everage Motors, Lions Building Parking Lot, Free Gate Admission for all Cruisers

6 PM – 4-H Large Animal Supreme Showmanship Contest (Horse), H&P Arena

6:15 PM – 4-H Large Animal Supreme Showmanship Contest, Rensch Hall

Following Showmanship – Release of Non-Auction and Non-Block Sale Animals

## Thursday, July 27 - Farmers State Bank Day

8 – 9 AM – Release of 4-H Project Exhibits, Steuben County Event Center

8:30 AM – 4-H Champion Pictures, Steuben County Event Center

9 AM – Event Center Clean-up

10 AM – 4-H Livestock Auction, Rensch Hall

## Friday, July 28

8 AM – Post-fair Clean-up



**Steuben County Park/Fairgrounds:**

100 Lane 101B Crooked Lake  
Angola, IN 46703

**Purdue Extension/4-H Office:**

317 S. Wayne St., Suite 1A  
Angola, IN 46703  
260-668-1000 Ext. 1400

**4-H Fair Office:**

Located north of Rensch Hall  
Temporary Phone: 260-243-8405

**Website:**

[www.extension.purdue.edu/steuben](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/steuben)



Gate Admission

Daily Pass: \$2/walk-in or \$5/car

Weekly Pass: \$10/car

(purchased prior to Opening Day)

OR \$15/car (purchased during the fair)

Truck Pull and Rodeo

Event Admission

Single Adult Ticket-\$15 or

2 Adult Tickets for \$25

Single Pit Pass Ticket-\$20 or

2 Pit Pass Tickets for \$35

Youth Ticket (ages 5-12)-\$5

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