

Special points of interest:

- 4-H Fair Camping
- 4-H Faceoff
- Pork Stand Sign-up
- 4-H Fair Info for Members
- Judging Schedule
- Superintendent Reminders
- 4-H Fair Activity Info
- Auction Info



It's Time for the Big Event!

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May 31 - Record Sheets Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 4 - FairEntry Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 4 - Add/Drop, QLC/YQCA Completed
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 19 - Most Non-Animal Projects Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 20 - Last Day for Discount Passes
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 20 - Perishables Due Poultry Check-In, Dog Show
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 21 - Livestock Check-In
<input type="checkbox"/>	July 25 - ALL nonperishable State Fair Exhibits Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	August 5 - ALL Perishable State Fair Exhibits Due by 8:30 am

Linda and I talk frequently about the “fair” mentality as we still hear some traditionalists say they signed up for “fair” or they can’t wait until their kids can do “fair.” We love the fair as much as anyone, but we want to remind you that the fair isn’t what 4-H is all about. It’s our big, culminating event, for sure, but it’s not the only thing we do in 4-H. We hope during the fair season this year you’ll recollect some really great club meetings and workshops you attended, the blast you had at 4-H Camp or Academy or another 4-H trip, the service project you completed with fellow members, the way you overcame the challenges of your stubborn animal, the laughter you shared with your siblings as you worked on projects as a family, and probably most importantly, the friendships and acquaintances you have made as a result of your 4-H participation. 4-H is more than the fair. It’s more than ribbons. It’s a learning experience that sets you apart from others and launches you into a successful adult life. We are so proud of you and can’t wait to celebrate your accomplishments at the fair this month!

Tami 🍀

A look ahead at important dates:

May 31—4-H Record Sheets Due for ALL Projects

June 4—Add/Drop Due; FairEntry Due; QLC/YQCA Due

June 5-7—4-H Camp, Epworth Forest

June 7—last day for discounted Open Class registration

June 12-14—4-H Academy @ Purdue

June 15—Pre-Fair Cleanup

June 18—Extension Office Temporarily Moves to County Park

June 19—Non-Perishable Check-In (4:30-7 pm) and Photography Judging (5:30 pm)

June 20—Perishable Exhibit Check-In (8 am) and Static Project Judging

June 20—Poultry Check-In and 4-H Dog Show

June 21-27—2024 Steuben County 4-H Fair

June 22-25—State 4-H Band and 4-H Chorus

June 24-26—4-H Roundup

June 27—Event Center Clean-up, following Champion Photos

June 28—Post-Fair Cleanup

July 22—Purdue Extension Board Meeting

July 25—State Fair Projects (except Garden, Herb, and Foods) due to Extension Office by 4:30 pm

July 28 or earlier—4-H Auction and Back a 4-Her Checks available for pickup (stay tuned for a release date)

July 28-August 4—Alaska Cultural Immersion and Teen Teaching Experience

August 2-18—Indiana State Fair (closed Mondays)

August 5—State Fair Garden, Herbs, and Foods due to Extension Office by 8:30 am

August 20—Indiana State Fair Exhibit Pick-up

September 9—4-H Celebration Social and Annual 4-H Fair Board Meeting (member election)

October 1—4-H Enrollment Opens for 2024-2025

September 29-October 3—National Dairy Conference

November 29-December 2—National 4-H Congress





Club, Committee, and Board Happenings



4-H Bit and Bridle—The club will meet June 3rd at 6 pm at the County Park. Workouts will continue in June.

4-H Explorers—The club will meet June 11th, 1:30-3 pm, in the Community Center.

Flint Arrows—The club will meet June 9th at 1 pm at the Salem Center Fire Department.

Fremont Ready Willing and Able—The club will meet June 2nd at the Perry's Home (315 E. Feather Valley Rd).

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 June 4th at 6:30 pm in the Board Room. We plan to do a Nacho Dinner at the fair on June 21.

Orland Creative Kids—The club will meet June 2nd at 4 pm at Holden's, 5365 W Bachelor Road. Please text @4689h82 to the number 81010 to begin receiving Remind messages.

Otsego Go-Getters— There will be a potluck during the fair. Look for a Remind message soon!

The Conquerors—The club will meet June 9th at 3:30 pm at the Heifner's Home (507 Fox Lake Rd.).

Tiny Clovers Mini 4-H—Please enter your exhibits in FairEntry on/before June 4th. Project check-in is June 19th, 4:30-7 pm, and project judging is June 20th starting at 9 am. Please plan to pick up your projects on June 27th, 8-9 am.

Jr. Leaders—Please remember to sign up for two Pork Stand shifts at <https://bit.ly/porkstand24>. An optional service opportunity will be helping kids “churn” butter at Stockwell Farms on Saturday, August 10th during their dairy farm tours. You will interact with a specific group of kids 12-1 pm, and the general public 1-4 pm. This is a great service project and 4-H promotion opportunity! Email Tami if interested, so we can pass the information along for your free t-shirt and lunch! Tami will provide all of the supplies. Stockwell's will provide the shirts, lunch, tent, and table.

4-H Fair Board—The next meeting will be June 10th at 7 pm at the Fairgrounds Lake Pavilion or Fair Office.

Newsletter Deadline

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

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

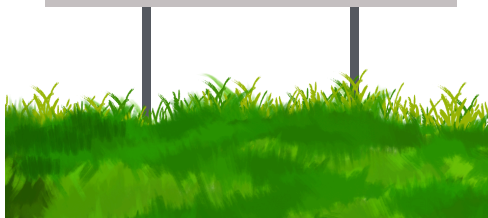
If you are in need of special accommodations for any and all 4-H or Purdue Extension programs and events, please call the Extension Office to give reasonable notices of the accommodations needed.

County Park Camping During the Fair

Primitive camping is available again in 2024. 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 June 15 (clean-up day). <https://bit.ly/4HFairCamping2024>

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 this month and pick up a free yard sign to post in your yard (or business's yard).



Area XI County Fair








Dates:

- Adams: July 21-25
- Allen: June 18-23
- DeKalb: September 23-28
- Huntington: July 20-25
- LaGrange: July 6-13
- Noble: July 13-20
- Steuben: June 21-27
- Wells: July 13-18
- Whitley: July 12-18





June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31 4-H Record Sheets Due for ALL Projects!	1 Archery 3-D Tournament Shoot, 9 am-12 pm, City Park
2 Fremont RW&A 4 pm, Perry's Orland Creative Kids 4 pm, Orland Comm. Center	3 H&P Youth Meeting and All Workout	4 Add/Drop, QLC Due, Fair Entry Due Lucky Ducks 6:30 pm, Board Room	5	6 H&P Council Meeting and All Workout	7	8 State Ag Equipment Diagnostic Event
4-H Camp—Epworth Forest						
9 Flint Arrows 1 pm, Salem Center Fire Dept Conquerors 3:30 pm, Heifner's	10 4-H Fair Board 7 pm, Lake Pavilion or Fair Office	11 4-H Explorers 1:30 pm, Community Center	12	13	14	15 Pre-Fair Clean Up and Event Center Set up, 8 am, County Park
4-H Academy @ Purdue						
16	17	18 Extension Office moves to Fairgrounds	19 Achievement Winner Judging 2pm, Event Center Project Check-in 4:30-7pm, Event Center Photography Judging 5:30pm, Event Center	20 Perishable Project Check-in 8-9am, Event Center Static Project Judging, begins at 9 am, Event Center Poultry Check-in, 5-8pm Dog Show 6m, Rensch Hall	21 	22 
23 	24 	25 	26 	27 	28 Post Fair Clean-up 8 am, County Park	29
4-H Roundup						
30						

Fair Office Phone

Our office will temporarily relocate to the new Fair Office (located north of Rensch Hall at the Steuben County Park) Tuesday, June 18 through Thursday, June 27. During these dates, you will need to call or text **260-243-8157** 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 June 18!

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.



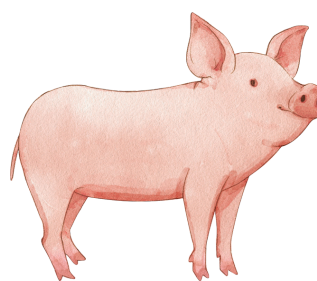
4-H Faceoff

The Steuben County 4-H Jr. Leaders will be hosting their 12th 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, June 24th at 7:30 pm in the Grandstands. Tami and Joanna 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/4hlanding page. 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!

Pork Stand Worker Sign-ups

With the 4-H Fair Board owning the Pork Stand, we want to cycle the profits back through the 4-H program! You have a chance to help earn money for your animal barn, club, specific 4-H funds, and more. **\$40 per shift worked** will be donated to the 4-H group/fund of your choice (ie. Beef Barn, Poultry Barn, Static Exhibits, Bleacher Fund, etc.). We need at least 1 adult (2 for later shifts) and no more than 3 youth (one 6th grader or older) for each 2-hour shift. Scan the QR code or sign up at <https://bit.ly/porkstand24>:



Mini 4-H Important Dates

Now thru June 4th - submit FairEntry entries; all Mini 4-H projects can be entered at the "Department" level called "Mini 4-H." All other Departments are for the big kids.
 June 19th, 4:30-7 pm - Mini 4-H Project check-in
 June 20th, arrive between 9 and 10 am - Project Judging
 June 21-27 - 4-H Fair (Family Fun Day is on Tuesday!)
 June 27th, 8-9 am - 4-H Project check-out
 October 1st - 4-H Enrollment opens for 2024-2025

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 \$5.00

Clear Plastic Covers \$1.00

Salon Print Plastic Covers \$1.00

Prices have gone up, but please know we're not making money on this. We're just passing along the cost.

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.

Follow us for 4-H Fair Fun!



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.

Fall Newsletters

We often do not send a newsletter directly after the fair because we would need to be working on it during the fair, and that's not really possible, so please don't expect a July newsletter nor an August newsletter. Look for a September edition this fall!

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



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!

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 now on sale, and cost \$10. On June 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 for the rodeo and truck pull 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

Opening Ceremonies Info

This year's Opening Ceremony is on Friday, June 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 June 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. We will still order your awards, and they will be available for pick-up at the Extension Office.

2024 4-H Fair Entertainers

Friday: Scotty Butters at 8 pm
Saturday: Jiggs at 6 pm (in Horse Arena!)
Sunday: Rae of Light at 6 pm
Monday: 4-H Faceoff at 7:30 pm
Tuesday: The Hubie Ashcraft Band at 8 pm





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.

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, June 15th and Friday, June 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!

4-H Exhibition vs. Completion

Did you know that exhibiting 4-H projects at the fair is optional and a privilege? 4-H members are not required to exhibit their projects. If you wanted, you could simply complete your record sheets which focus on the educational aspect of your project area and show proof of an exhibit to Tami. However, much of our enjoyment comes from exhibiting and having our projects judged. It is the icing on the cake, so to speak. Why do I even bring it up, you may ask... Unfortunately, several members have lost animals due to health issues or have a valuable item they do not wish to display. Hopefully you will all try your very best to exhibit and show the public how talented you are!

A good poster will...

- Relay information
- Have one main idea or message
- Attract attention
- Be self-explanatory
- Have an art form
- Be 22"x28", displayed horizontally
- Have a stiff backing
- Have an exhibit label in the lower, right corner

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.

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 June 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.

Steuben County 4-H Fair

Crooked Lake, Indiana
June 21-27, 2024



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Save the Date

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STEBEN COUNTY 4-H FAIR



4-H Exhibit Check-In

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

Event Center:

Wednesday, June 19, 4:30-5:30 pm—Photography
 Wednesday, June 19, 4:30-7 pm—All other non-perishable 4-H and Mini 4-H projects

Thursday, June 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, June 20, 5-8 pm—Poultry
 Thursday, June 20, 5:30 pm—Dog (show starts at 6 pm)
 Friday, June 21, 8 am-12 pm—All other livestock projects
 *Cats and Kittens will check in just prior to their show; see schedule for show times

Event Center

Exhibit Check-In Procedures

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. Exhibit labels are 2.8” wide and 5.5” tall and must be displayed vertically in the lower, right corner of 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.

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!

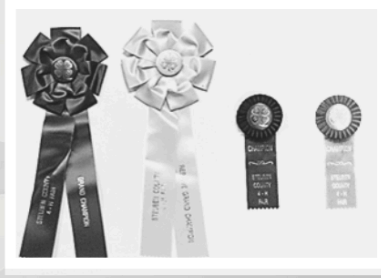
Wednesday, June 19	2 PM	Achievement Winner
	5:30 PM	Photography
Thursday, June 20	9 AM	Garden, Floriculture, Entomology, Woodworking, Arts and Crafts, Model Craft, Needle Craft, Fine Arts, Mini 4-H, Home Environment, Health, Child Development
	9:30 AM	Foods (Baked), Preserved Foods, Alternative Cooking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

Champion Photos!

Champion photos will be taken on Thursday, June 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.]



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 June 3rd, noon or after.
- Please return graded record sheets on June 12th or before.
- Help with clean-up on June 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 June 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, June 28th!

FairEntry Reminders:

- Showmanship classes should be selected for everyone interested in showmanship. You'll find showmanship under each animal species. Showmanship is where the judge is more interested in your show ring demeanor, attitude, etiquette, and knowledge than they are your animal. This is where kids really shine!
- Back a 4-Her has been added for those interested in gaining financial support as a result of their non-animal exhibits. You'll find it at the "Department" level in FairEntry.
- Horse and Pony members, please add every class you are remotely interested in! It is easier to scratch a class than to add it later.

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.



**Steuben County 4-H Fair
"County Fair" Art Contest**

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

Calling all artists, 15 years old and older!

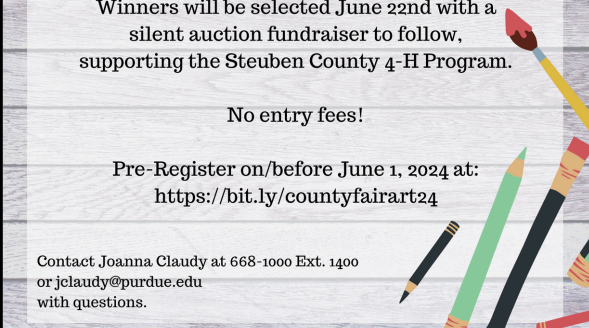
Create a "county fair" inspired piece (any medium) on site Friday, June 21-Saturday, June 22 at the Steuben County 4-H Fair.

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

No entry fees!

Pre-Register on/before June 1, 2024 at:
<https://bit.ly/countyfairart24>

Contact Joanna Claudy at 668-1000 Ext. 1400 or jclaudy@purdue.edu with questions.

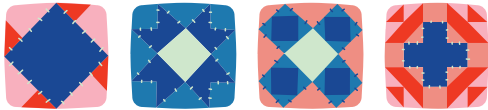


Family Fun Day at the Fair

4-H Fair Board Members have planned a fun day of events on Tuesday, June 25! Events will include story time, a coloring contest, bounce houses sponsored by Steuben County REMC, crafts, carnival games, pedal tractor pulls, a quilt block sewing lab, Old Fashioned Games, pet parade, and eating contests! Plan to join us!

NEW at the Fair: DIY Sewing Lab

Per the Family Fun Day paragraph above, you might be wondering what this event is... A group of quilters in Steuben County love to share their joy of sewing with others by teaching and by giving. This group will be teaching youth how to sew quilt blocks on site at the fair. Meanwhile, every quilt block will be donated to create a "Quilt of Valor" to be given to a military veteran. It's win-win!



Summer Shot Clinic

by the Steuben Co. Health Dept.

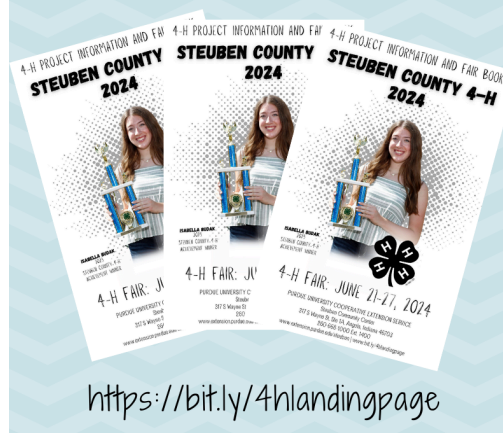
If your children need vaccinations prior to school starting or you are due for an immunization, the Steuben County Health Department will be at the County Park during the fair to help. Shots can be administered June 25, 9 am-4 pm. Please call 668-1000 Ext. 1525 in advance so they stock the right vaccinations for you and your loved ones.

Congrats to Emily and Katie!

In late July, Emily Skinner and Katie Ridenour will be travelling with Tami and 3 DeKalb County 4-H individuals to Bethel, Alaska, for a cultural immersion and teen teaching experience. Emily and Katie will work with youth in grades K-6 to deliver a day camp focused on art and environmental science called The Art of Nature. We are proud of them for stepping outside of their comfort zone to meet people from the same county that live completely different lifestyles. Connect with us on social media as we document their experience through photos.



2024 4-H Fair Books can be found at



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

National Anthem in June

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 AND caylee.bachelor@gmail.com.

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!

Friend of 4-H



Nominate someone during this year's fair season!
Email mosier@purdue.edu



EARNING A RETURN ON YOUR 4-H INVESTMENT: 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION OR BACK A 4-HER CHOOSE ONE OR THE OTHER, BUT NOT BOTH

Livestock Auction

- Who participates? 4-Hers in grades 3-12 who show livestock at the Steuben County 4-H Fair and does not participate in Back a 4-Her.
- What is the livestock auction? A premium only auction for members to sell one animal or livestock product (milk/cheese, eggs) and earn a return on their investment in 4-H.
- When is the auction? Thursday, June 27, 10 am
- Where is the auction? Rensch Hall
- How do I elect to do this? When entering your animals in livestock classes, just answer the questions.

Back a 4-Her

- Who participates? Any Steuben County 4-Her in grades 3-12 exhibiting a static project (Event Center) and does not participate in the livestock auction.
- What is Back a 4-Her? A work-readiness event designed to help youth practice networking and interviewing skills and earn a return on their investment in 4-H.
- When is Back a 4-Her? Tuesday, June 25th, 3-5 pm.
- Where is Back a 4-Her? Steuben County Event Center
- How do I elect to do this? Add yourself in FairEntry to the “Back a 4-Her” Department.

Earn Livestock Prizes!

Youth in grades 3-12 can participate in the Steuben County 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon on Wednesday, June 26th at 11 am in the Lions Building. 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.

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.

Indiana State Fair Updates

- The 2024 Indiana State Fair Entry Book has been posted at 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.
- 2024 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>

Auction Checks

Auction checks will be available 30 days after the auction (no later than Monday, July 28, 2024). 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 learn who bought your animals and provided add-ons. It’s a good idea to write thank you notes while you are still in fair mode.

DATE _____

PAY TO THE ORDER OF _____ \$ _____

DOLLARS _____

MEMO _____

New to the Auction?

Although we didn't have room in this newsletter edition, we do have some helpful auction tips available for you as your family will be the ones soliciting auction funds. Email mosier@purdue.edu for a copy, or reach out to an Auction Committee Members. Members include: Jennifer Blount, Denise Buell, Lindsay Clark, Melissa Henney, Ty Knox (Chair), Tami Mosier, and Gary Shough.

You're Invited!

Please join Steuben County 4-H volunteers and families on Monday, September 9th at 6 pm for the 4-H Celebration Social and Fair Board Annual Meeting. The event will likely be in the Kitchen and Board Room at the Community Center. We will elect new Fair Board members that evening. A regular business meeting and first reading of the rules changes will occur at 7 pm.

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 \$13 (prior to August 1st) and must be purchased online. Tickets at the gate will cost \$16.

NEW: Career Discovery Mentors

Do you have 30-60 minutes of time to give per academic semester? Are you passionate about supporting Indiana youth? Indiana 4-H is an approved intermediary to assist Indiana students in grades 11-12 meet new College and Career readiness requirements. Indiana 4-H Career Discovery Mentors will work in public school buildings during the school day with individual students or student groups of no more than 5 to discuss future career opportunities, education requirements for those careers, and the potential rewards of those careers. Virtual 1-hour trainings are currently scheduled for 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 5 to assist potential Mentors as they prepare to meet with students. Each trained Mentor commits to one 30 minute Career Discovery Meeting per semester for the 2024-2025 school year. Mentors are welcome to conduct additional sessions as needed by the schools. All Mentors must also be approved 4-H volunteers. More information on becoming an approved 4-H volunteer will be discussed in the September meetings OR you may contact your local 4-H Educator to get started now. Fill out the interest survey:

<https://bit.ly/CDM24-25>

ROOTED AND RESILIENT:
Homesteading Conference
GATHERING HOMESTEAD SKILLS FOR FAMILIES

SAVE THE DATE
NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2024
KENDALLVILLE, INDIANA

Friday, November 1
Hands-on Workshops to include:
Food Preservation
Poultry Processing
Seed Saving
Chainsaw Safety and Tree Felling
Beekeeping

Saturday, November 2
Wide Variety of Sessions for Novice thru Seasoned Homesteaders, including a Kidsteader Track for young learners.
Food Preservation
Livestock Production
Mixed Ventures
Financial Resources

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPTEMBER 15

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Save the Date
Barn Quilt
CREATION WORKSHOP

Create your own colorful, geometric 2'x2' masterpiece to hang on a barn, a home, or a business.

Boards, primer, tape, brushes, and up to 4 paint colors will be available for participants.

Workshop Dates:
Tuesday, November 12: 5:30-7:30 pm (2 hours)
Thursday, November 14: 5:30-7 pm (1.5 hours)
Tuesday, November 19: 5:30-7 pm (1.5 hours)
Thursday, November 21: 5:30-7 pm (1.5 hours)

Workshop Location:
Steuben Community Center
317 S. Wayne St., Angola, IN

REGISTRATION OPENS: SEPTEMBER 20

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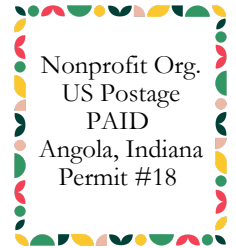
In Other Extension News:

- June 7 - Gardening for Good Nutrition, 12PM, YMCA
- June 14 - Therapeutic Horticulture, 8:30AM, Heritage Club
- Save the Dates: "Rooted & Resilient: Homesteading Today," a conference for current and potential homesteaders will be held November 1-2, 2024 in Kendallville at the Community Learning Center.
- Save the Dates: Barn Quilt Creation Series (returning by popular demand from our February class!) - November 12, 14, 19, and 21, evenings, at the Extension Office



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