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Happy New Year!

The 4-H Team here in the office wishes you a great 2023! We're looking forward to this Happy New Year! We are grateful for each one of you and your support this past year. Wishing every day of the new year to be filled with happiness and health. If you need assistance with anything, please do not hesitate to call our office at 260-481-6826, or email jkendall@purdue.edu.



All the best,
James & Jean



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News for Everyone



4HOnline 2.0 has opened. Visit v2.4honline.com to check it out and get enrolled! Remember, the 2023 fair is in June so deadlines will be moved forward. Do your best to get enrolled and fees paid ASAP to be approved.

Indiana 4-H Scholarships

Youth in grades 10-12 can apply for Indiana 4-H scholarships which are due January 25th. Visit bit.ly/IN4Hscholarships for the applications. You will need to be enrolled, paid and approved before you can submit a scholarship.

Allen County 4-H Fling 2023



Mark February 25, 2023 on your calendar for the 4-H Fling at the Allen County Fairgrounds in the Home & Family Arts Building, 5 pm start time. There will be a chicken dinner, a silent auction, a live auction and always a fun time. \$7.00 pre-sale chicken tickets from February 1-24 at the Extension Office. \$10.00 at the door on February 25. Dinner will include 1/2 chicken and sides. We will be looking for new donated items or services for the live or silent auction.

The 4-H Board is challenging each club to donate a basket of donations. Ideas: Games, smores, chocolate, fair survival snacks, activity themed. etc.

2023 Rule Book is posted at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/allen/allen-4h.html>
Scroll down to find it.



We are asking for a 72 hour notice for pick up of manuals, poster sleeves, or materials. We do not have access to these storage rooms as freely as we use to. Thank you.

Project Information

Dog Obedience

If you are in grades 3-12 and interested in the 4-H Dog Obedience training project, let jkendall@purdue.edu know, and when information becomes available in early January she will share with you.

Allen Co 4-H Clubs, Inc. Board

The Allen County 4-H Program is overseen by an 18 member Board of Directors. New members are elected at an Annual Meeting each year. This group meets monthly; their job is to oversee the entire 4-H Program in Allen County. They secure funding to run the 4-H Program year round, provide guidance within the bounds of the State 4-H guidelines for all 4-H programming, work at expansion of 4-H programming to all youth, approve changes and improvements. They also serve on various subcommittees that meet throughout the year.

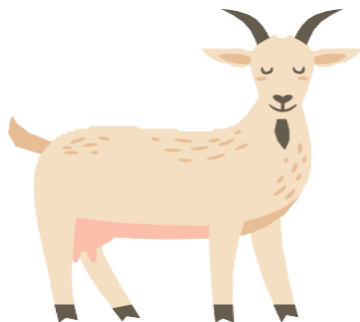
Allen County Fairgrounds, Inc.

The Allen County Fairgrounds is run by a 20 member Board of Directors. They are elected at an Annual Meeting held in February. They are responsible for the operations and running of the Allen County Fairgrounds year round. This group owns the Allen County Fairgrounds. They also have several subcommittees-the Fair Committee oversees the Allen County Fair each July. The Allen County Fairgrounds does not receive any county income. Their income is from fundraisers, rentals and memberships.

The Fair Committee is open to anyone interested. This group meets monthly on Thursdays. If you wish to volunteer to help on this committee, call the Fairgrounds at 499-4444.

How do Allen Co 4-H Clubs, Inc and the Allen County Fairgrounds, Inc. work together?

Both groups work together to make sure that the Allen County Fair is a success. The Allen County 4-H Program is also allowed to use the Allen County Fairgrounds facilities free for 4-H workshops and meetings. These have to be approved by both groups. The annual number of days used is approximately 104 days with a rental value of \$40,100.00. When a 4-H group chooses to use the Allen County Fairgrounds for open shows or fundraising events they pay a rental fee. This rental fee is specific for the 4-H Program, One member from the 4-H Board attends the monthly meetings of the Allen County Fairgrounds Board and serves in an ex-officio capacity.



Youth Opportunities

Want to be a 4-H Camp Counselor?

Currently a student in Grades 9-12?

Interested in teaching, leading, & mentoring 4-H youth in grades 3-6 while meeting and getting to know other 4-H members your age from Northeast Indiana?

If so, then consider being a 4-H Camp Counselor!

- Location: 4-H Camp will be at Epworth Forest on Lake Webster this year!
- Applications will be available, contact jkendall@purdue.edu if you did not receive an application in early December.
- Applications will be due to the Purdue Extension Allen County Office by February 1.

Campers, your details will be sent as soon as we get them.



LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

2023 Livestock ID and Workshop Dates

January 14	Beef/Dairy Beef Workshop @ Cedar Creek Meats in LaOtto, 10 am. See Details below
February 11	Beef/Dairy Beef Weigh-in 8-10 am @ FG's (snow date Feb. 18)
March 14	Rabbit Workshop 6:30 pm @ County Extension Office
March 15	Swine Workshop 6:30 pm @ FG's
April 10	Rabbit Workshop 6:30 pm @ County Extension Office
April 15	Dairy Beef Calf Weigh-In 8-10 am @ FG's
April 17	Dairy Workshop 7:30 pm @ County Extension Office
April 20	Goat/Sheep Tagging/ID 6-8 pm @ FG's
May 9	Rabbit Workshop 6:30 pm @ FG's
May 15	Livestock Hair Samples Due @ County Extension Office
May 15	4-H Livestock ID Due in 4honline
May 19	Fair Entry done online (what I am Exhibiting at the County Fair) by 11:59 PM
May 23	Swine Workshop 6:30 pm @ Kneubuhler Farm
May 31	Activity Sheets due to the Extension Office @ 4:30 pm
June 1	Rabbit Tattoo Event 6:30 pm @ FG's
June 12	Swine Workshop 7:00 pm @ FG's

Beef/Dairy Beef will have a workshop on January 14 at 10:00 am at Cedar Creek Meats in LaOtto. Please RSVP to Robert.Wells2987@yahoo.com by January 10. A light luncheon will be available and a head count is needed.

What's Happening with YQCA?

Indiana 4-H is transitioning away from the national YQCA program and creating our own Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program. Early messages from state indicates in-person sessions may begin in January and will cost \$3 per person. National YQCA certificates will still be accepted in Indiana and can be completed online like in the past. More details to come.

2023 Animal Deadlines

Please try to complete all enrollment in animal projects ASAP. We send information electronically to youth enrolled in specific 4-H projects. We cannot send you the information if you have not enrolled in that specific project. This will be important information on ID dates, 4HOnline deadlines, etc.

Premise ID

Do you need a Premise ID? Do you have livestock housed somewhere besides your place. Premised ID numbers can be applied for at the Indiana State Board of Animal Health.

News for 4-H Volunteers

Looking for Volunteers to Serve on Committees

Most committees are looking for additional volunteers.
Committees Include: Food Booth, Livestock Auction, Awards, Curriculum/Rules, 4-H Fling, Plant Sale, Livestock Groups,

If you are a current volunteer, sign up when you complete your 4-HOnline Enrollment for 2023.

If you are not a current volunteer, email Jean to get your initial 4-H Volunteer Application to start the process to become a new volunteer.



Official Volunteer Status

Purdue has set protocols to be a 4-H volunteer

Brand New Volunteers must complete a Volunteer Application, available at the office or via email.

1. Turn in Volunteer application.
 2. Include 3 References with complete contact information and a copy of your current government issued id.
- Once we have checked your references, we will contact you to let you know when you may proceed to 4-HOnline and enroll yourself as a volunteer.

Returning Volunteers must complete 4-HOnline volunteer information and complete all minor safety training videos before we can approve you as a volunteer for 2023. All 4-H Volunteers must have all Purdue Volunteer required trainings and 4-Honline complete in the system by January 15 to be considered an Allen County 4-H Volunteer.

JUNIOR LEADERS

Those in grade 6-12 keep your eyes on your email - exciting news about Junior Leaders coming in 2023.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



January 2023

- 14 Beef/Dairy Beef Workshop, 10 am @ Cedar Creek Meats in LaOtto
- 15 **Adult Volunteer enrollments due in 4-H online**
- 15 **4-H Youth Enrollment due in 4-H online**
- 16 Office Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 17 Horse & Pony Volunteer Leaders, 7:15 pm, CEO
- 17-19 Fort Wayne Farm Show @ Coliseum

February 2023

- 6 Swine Committee, 7 pm @ FG's
- 7 4-H Board Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
- 11 Steer Tagging, 8-10 am, FG's (18th snow date)
- 25 4-H Fling Fundraiser @ FG's (Watch for Details)

March 2023

- 2-5 Home & Garden show @ Coliseum
- 6 4-H Board Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
- 14 Rabbit Workshop, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 15 Swine Workshop, 6:30 FG's
- 31 4-H Plant Orders Due 4:30 pm @ CEO

April 2023

- 4 4-H Board Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
- 10 Rabbit Workshop, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 15 Dairy Beef Calf Weigh in, 8-10 am @ FG's
- 17 Dairy Workshop, 7:30 pm @ CEO
- 20 Goat/Sheep Weigh-in/Tagging, 6-8 pm @ FG's

May 2023

- 2 4-H Board Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
- 9 Rabbit Workshop, 6:30 pm @ FG's
- 11 4-H Plant Sale, Unloading and Sorting all day-Help is needed, RSVP to jkendall@purdue.edu
- 11 4-H Plant Sale Pick up 5-8 pm @ FG's
- 12 4-H Plant Sale Pick up 9 am-12 noon @ FG's
- 15 **DNA & Animals due in 4-Honline**
- 19 **Fair Entry Due in computer**
- 23 Swine Workshop, 6:30 pm @ Kneubuhler Farm
- 29 Office Closed - County Holiday
- 31 **Activity Sheets, Consumer Clothing, Creative Writing due 4:30 @ CEO**

June 2023

- 1 4-H Rabbit Workshop/Tattoo Event, 6:30 pm @ FG's
- 6 4-H Board Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
- 12 Swine Workshop, 6 pm @ FG's
- 19 Office Closed - County Holiday
- 20-25 ALLEN COUNTY FAIR**

CEO = County Extension Office
FG's = Fairgrounds
Subject to Change



2023 Allen County June 20-25

**2023 Indiana State Fair
July 28-August 20**