

A photograph of a classroom scene. In the foreground, the back of a student's head and their hand raised in a question is visible. In the background, a teacher and several other students are seated at a table, engaged in a discussion. The text 'A HEADS UP' is overlaid in large, light green, sans-serif font.

A HEADS UP

LAWRENCE COUNTY 4-H E-NEWSLETTER

FROM THE EDUCATOR

Hello 4-H Families!

Fair is just around the corner, and I am sure you are all working hard to get exhibits and plans finished up. Fair Week is our unique time to celebrate all of your hard work. Lawrence County 4-H Volunteers and Staff are so excited to see what you accomplish. Be sure to check out this newsletter to see last minute things to help you be successful at fair. With the holiday landing the week before, be sure to look

Be sure to check out the full breakdown of the fair schedule on the accordions at <https://bit.ly/LC4HFair>. As always, we are also looking for volunteer help. This endeavor is not successful without the work of many, so please be sure to thank a volunteer during Fair week.

Best,

Lesley Lodmell

Extension Educator, 4-H/Youth Development



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NOW WHAT?

Welcome to Lawrence County 4-H! We now have resources for new 4-H Members and their families posted on our website. Be sure to check them out at <http://bit.ly/4HNewMember>

We want to help you find the best opportunities for you in our program. Feel free to call (812) 275-4623 or stop by the office to get your questions answered.



2024 Lawrence County 4-H Fair Schedule

Mark your calendars! 4-H Fair week is July 5-13, 2024. You can find a printable schedule (including judging activities the week before) as well as more details on our website at <http://bit.ly/LC4HFair>.

REMINDERS & UPDATES

Project Check In and Judging

This year, we will be going back to an older style of project judging due to the holiday week. You will bring your project the same time as judging. You can either drop it off or stay for the judge (encouraged). No need to sign up beforehand. If you plan to speak to the judge, please arrive toward the beginning of the Judging.

Times include:

- *Mon. June 24- Creative Writing Entries due to lodmell@purdue.edu by 4:30 pm. Bring a display copy to judging the evening of July 2.*
- *Tues. July 2, 9 am- Sewing, Fashion Revue, Public Speaking, & Demonstrations Judging*
- *Tues. July 2, 5:30-7 pm- Check In Opens for Exhibit Hall Judging*
- *Friday, July 5- Perishables Judging*
 - *9 am- Foods (Community Building) and Cake/Cupcake Decorating (Exhibit Hall) Judging*
 - *10 am- Horticulture, Floriculture, and Beekeeping Judging*
- *Can't make these dates because of holiday travel? You can drop off projects on Friday, June 28 from 3 pm to 4 pm at the Exhibit Hall*

See the full breakdown of projects on the daily fair schedule at: <http://bit.ly/LC4HFair>.

Reach out to the Extension Office if you have questions. We can be reached by phone at 812-275-4623 or by email padgett1@purdue.edu.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE HANDBOOK?

The 2024 Lawrence County 4-H Handbook is available online to help you ensure your exhibits are ready. You can find it by visiting our website at: <http://bit.ly/LC4HHandbook>. Be sure to read all of the pages relevant to your projects, including the general information sections. Reach out if you have questions.

SENIORS

10 Year/Senior Recognition & Awards Night

Come and join us at the Exhibit Hall Awards Ceremony, Sunday, July 7 at 5:00pm in the Park Tent to receive recognition for your time in 4-H. During the ceremony, 10 Year members and Seniors will be recognized for their commitment to 4-H as well as other awards and scholarships.

Parents of Seniors: Senior Boards

Please help us honor your senior! A salon poster board is provided to you, free of charge, to make a display to celebrate their accomplishments. We would like for you to make one board to display on the grounds. Please pick up your board in the office and return the decorated board no later than Saturday, July 6 to the Extension Office set up at the Fairgrounds Community Building.

Senior Brunch

The Senior Brunch will be a catered meal at the fairgrounds. We invite all seniors to attend at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 13 in the Expo Hall. They are welcome to bring any guests, if they purchase guest tickets for \$15. Since this is a catered event, RSVPs for seniors and guests are required by June 28. RSVP by completing this link: bit.ly/LCSeniors24. Guest fees must be paid by July 10 to the Extension Office on the Fairgrounds.

Media Information

The local media and 4-H Council want to celebrate our seniors by submitting an article and creating a presentation featuring you. To do that, they need your help. Please use this link <https://bit.ly/LCSeniors24> to submit your information to us by June 24.

4-H FAIR DETAILS

Extension Office/Community Building Information

During Fair, Extension Office Staff will be located in the upstairs of the Community Building (tan house at the front of fairgrounds). Our office hours will be 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday of the fair. We will be in the office on Saturday, July 6 at 8:00am.

New This Year!

Don't forget to pick up your Exhibitor Numbers and 4-H Member Wristbands. The Community Building will open at 8 AM on Saturday, July 6 for this purpose. Every animal exhibitor will need to pick up their numbers to wear while showing. Wristbands are for all 4-H members and are proof of your 4-H Membership. These will allow you to get into **some** fair track events for a discount. Note: Rodeo, Microwrestling, and Demo Derby are excluded from discounts.

Round Robin Updates

4-H Council is excited to announce the addition of a Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship Competition. This year, Round Robin will be offered for those qualifying in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age categories. Those winning their species showmanship classes in those age groups will be able to compete on Friday, July 12. More details will be shared through Club Leaders during the Fair.

PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project Workshops- Floriculture:

Still putting the finishing touches on your 4-H project? Come get some professional tips and guidance at the following workshop. You can sign up through your profile in 4HOnline in the 'Events' section.

- **Floriculture- Tuesday, June 24, 6:30pm at Lambrecht Farm, 5262 Leatherwood Rd., Bedford**

Registration is open in 4HOnline for this upcoming workshop. Additional information can be found at: https://bit.ly/4HShows_Workshops

PREPARING YOUR EXHIBIT HALL PROJECTS:

Labels

Please reference the 2024 Lawrence County 4-H Handbook for all of your project requirements. You MUST put a 2" x 4" project label on every project. Page 16 of the 4-H Handbook <http://bit.ly/LC4HHandbook> has all of the information needed on the label.

Posters

Also refer to page 16 for all poster formatting requirements. The Extension Office sells poster boards and sleeves that meet the requirements for your poster. We have both regular and salon photography sizes. These are \$4 per set (board+sleeve). The last day to purchase boards from the office is Monday, July 1 (with the exception of salon boards for Seniors).
*Note: Poster size has changed for Mini 4-H members.

Record Sheets

Reminder: record sheets are not required if you are exhibiting something at the fair. If you are not exhibiting and plan to turn in a record sheet for completion, the record sheet needs to be signed by your leader and submitted to the Extension office by you, not your club leader. You are not required to turn your entire record book in at any point. If you do give your record book to someone, it is your responsibility to get it back.

Jr Leader Food Stand-Help Needed!

Jr Leaders are excited to announce that their food stand will be open 10 am to 10 pm daily. They also need more youth and adult workers to help with shifts. If you are interested, and have just finished 6th grade or up (adults included), please consider signing up for one or more shifts at <https://bit.ly/2024JLFS>.

Battle of the Barns

IMPORTANT: Friday Night Fun Night Updates

Due to past issues and a large event at the track during Friday Night Fun Night (July 12), we are making some modifications to ensure the safety and fun of our 4-H Members.

We will be offering a Battle of the Barns Event with games and lots of fun. All Lawrence County 4-H Members are welcome to participate from 9-11 pm. More details to come during fair week. The pizza party will begin at 11 pm. There is to be NO shaving cream or water war start before the pizza party. Due to the track event, it will be announced when these activities can commence. Anyone doing so before the announcement will lose privileges in 4-H. This will include the loss of auction ability for the following day, returning any awards received, and probation the following year. Anyone (4-H member or other) that does this could be removed from the grounds.

2024 4-H Fair T-Shirts

The Lawrence County 4-H Council will be selling 4-H Fair t-shirts again this year! You can order online until June 23 at <https://lawco4hcouncil2024.itemorder.com/shop/home/>, or a limited number of t-shirts will be available for purchase at the fair! Also make sure you visit the Lawrence County 4-H Spirit Wear Shop at shop-good-sports.myshopify.com



PREPARING YOUR ANIMAL PROJECTS:

Veterinarians at the Fair

A reminder that we will have a veterinarian on sight during animal check-in to help ensure biosecurity measures are being followed as we try to limit co-mingling and spreading diseases. If you think your animal has something contagious or there is a question on if it should be at the fair, please leave it at home.

During the fair, if your animal has a health concern, you need to contact your veterinarian. The fair does not have an official veterinarian.



Animal Grooming Assistance

Again this year, those wishing to help with animal grooming but are not a 4-H member's mother, father, or sibling need to register with the Indiana 4-H Grooming Assistance Program. A 4-H member takes responsibility for caring for and grooming his or her own animals, but all youth need help with their animals from time to time. This program provides an avenue for equal access to qualified animal grooming assistance. Youth shouldn't expect someone to do the work for them; but they can expect hands-on learning opportunities that further their skills and abilities. Information pertaining to the Animal Groomer requirements of 2024 can be found at

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/project-category-animal-science.html> (Scroll to the bottom).

Deadline for Lawrence County is July 1.

For those that seek help from 4-H members in other counties, be sure to check out the grooming rule in the handbook for guidance on registering those members.

Fair Animal Check-in

Animal check-in will be 5am-Noon on Saturday, July 6. All rabbits should be checked in by 10 am. We will have a vet on site to ensure all animals are fit to be on the grounds. If you are concerned about your animal, please consult with your vet before bringing it to the fair, and leave any animals at home as necessary.

When you arrive, you will need to check in at your barn, pick up materials from the community building, show proof of your Quality Assurance certification, and read barn notes. If you have questions, ask someone.

Quality Assurance Certification Completion

Quality Assurance Certification needs to be completed by time of check-in at the fair. You may complete this through in-person sessions of Livestock Quality Care or online with YQCA (yqcaprogram.org). We have YQCA coupons available for \$3 off a course. All details about the program can be found at: <https://bit.ly/4HLivestockCare>

Animals at Play

During the week of the fair, all animals should be in their assigned pens from 6pm to 10pm each day. No animals should be bathed, walked, groomed, or held during this time unless being shown in the Show arena. Changes through the week will be dependent on crowd size and weather. These changes will be coordinated with Club Leaders.

Livestock Auction

This year's auction will take place on Saturday, July 13. Information regarding signing up for auction and pictures will be announced during Fair Week. We encourage you to start inviting buyers now!

Animal Release

All breeding animals can be released the morning following their show. If they do not leave during that window (5 am to 8 am) they will need to stay until general release on Saturday night at 11 pm (might be earlier depending on crowd size). **THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY MORNING EARLY RELEASE.** Detailed schedules will be emailed out and made available in the barns. See full release details that include tack, auction, and trailer guidelines at : <https://bit.ly/LC4HFair>

STATE FAIR

General Information

Don't miss this year's Indiana State Fair! Lawrence County will have lots of outstanding animal and exhibit hall projects on display. You can find all of the information you need about the Indiana State Fair (August 2nd-18th) on their website at <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair>



State Fair Entries-Exhibit Hall

Non-perishable Projects and Floriculture:

You may leave your non-perishable State Fair Eligible Exhibit Hall projects at the Exhibit Hall and the Extension Staff will transport them. Please remove your ribbons and comment sheets from your projects and take those home with you. If you need to make changes to your projects before it goes to State Fair, you can take it home and "tweak" it, but your **project must be delivered to the Extension Office by 4:30pm on Wednesday, July 24. Be sure you have your skills card attached to your project if you have sewing, arts and crafts, cake decorating, or woodworking.**

**If your project is large or extremely fragile, we request that you transport it to the State Fair. For questions, please call, 812-275-4623.*

Garden and Foods- State Fair entries for Flowers and Garden must be delivered to the Extension Office between 7 am and 8 am on Monday, August 5. They will be delivered to the State Fair this same day. If you know what you are bringing ahead of time and can let us know, that is helpful. Also you do not have to qualify at county to compete in garden at the State Fair.

Foods Projects: You will need to include the State Fair Recipe Card for your food projects; these are available at the Extension Office.

**Those that qualify in foods are eligible to participate in in-person judging. Check with Lesley for more details.*

**Those with eligible State Fair projects may pick up a complimentary State Fair entry ticket in order to go to see their project (one ticket per eligible project). We will have those available at the Extension Office.*



State Fair Entries-Animals

If you are planning to show animals at the Indiana State Fair, check their website for entry deadlines and requirements.

<https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair>.

CLUB LEADERS/VOLUNTEERS

State Fair Tickets for Volunteers

The State Fair has provided us with one complimentary ticket for each volunteer. If you plan to attend, please visit the Extension Office for your ticket.

Trophy Donations

Reminder--award donations must be collected and turned into the office by July 1 (remember to fill out donation forms). We appreciate all the hard work you have done on this. We also ask that you help 4-H members learn how to properly write a thank you note for these donations.

Volunteers Needed During Fair

We are looking for Judges' Clerks for Tuesday, July 2 and Friday, July 5 as well as Exhibit Hall Monitors (all fair week) to spend time in the 4-H Exhibit Hall to protect projects, answer questions, and enjoy the air conditioning! Detailed descriptions and volunteer positions can be selected at <https://bit.ly/LCFairVol2024>. Volunteer help needed for various judging events, shows, and more. Please take a look at your calendar and please sign up for times that work best for you!

Become a 4-H Leader!

We have a few clubs looking for new and/or assistant club leaders, as well as help in coordinating the Junior Leader Food Stand. If you or someone you know would be interested in spear heading a new adventure as a club leader, please let the Extension Office know as soon as possible. All new club leaders have to complete the 4-H Volunteer process including an orientation with the 4-H Extension Educator, Lesley Lodmell. You can find all of the details about our process as well as the form at <http://bit.ly/4HVolunteer>.



FAIR BOARD NEWS

Fairgrounds Parking

Parking around the circle and barns at the fairgrounds is limited to 15 minute loading and unloading during fair week. This will be strictly enforced with towing at owner's expense. This includes show days.

Parking will be free this year. Please be courteous when selecting your space. **Trailers will not be permitted in the back field during the week or before animal release.**

CALENDAR

Deadlines & Dates to Remembers:

- **Lawrence County 4-H Fair: July 5-13**
- **Junior Leader Completion Trip: July 22-23**
- **Indiana State Fair: August 2-18**
- **4-H Club meeting dates can be found on our website: extension.purdue.edu/lawrence**
- **Club Leaders--Be sure to let us know when you meet, cancel, or change meeting dates!**

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You Notes

Our 4-H Program is very fortunate to be sponsored by many donors for awards at the fair. Please show your appreciation to these donors by writing a thank you card after you win an award at the fair. We will have cards available for you, and a mailbox for you to drop them in. Donors LOVE to hear from our youth. Want some advice on writing a great thank you note? Check out tips from our friends at MSU Extension (<http://bit.ly/ThankMSU>.)

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