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Extension - Martin County

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The Purdue Extension Martin County weekly column is provided to help all learn about programs & opportunities. We highlight events from Purdue University & Extension where we hope you will choose to be part of Extension.... where there is Opportunity4All!

### **PERFORMING ARTS OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL**

Performing Arts for Martin County 4-H will be Thursday, April 9 at 7 PM at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, Community Learning Center. Performers will stage in room 108 and then proceed to the conference room to perform in front of the 4-H Council including Judges and any spectators that performers would like to bring with them. Registration is due by April 6. The registration form is available hardcopy at the Extension Office or online at:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/news/county/martin/2026/03/docs/2026-performing-arts-registration-form-due-april-6-2026.pdf>

Guidelines for Performing Arts may be found at:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/performing-arts.html>

There will be no 4-H Area Performing Arts contest and a 4-H Performing Arts event will not take place at the Indiana State Fair.

There will also be opportunity to submit a video for consideration of performance at Indiana 4-H Round Up and Academy on June 10th at the Purdue University West Lafayette campus. The tentative deadline for video submissions is April 29. Youth interested in participating in the June Performing Arts Showcase will submit a video audition following the current Performing Arts guidelines. A review committee will select 6–9 acts representing the three categories:

- Curtain Musical Act
- Curtain Non-Musical Act
- Group Act

Performing Arts play an important role in helping young people build confidence, creativity, and connection! It is a celebration of skills and fun!

## MARTIN COUNTY 4-H HANDBOOK ACCESS POINTS

Are you thinking about your 4-H experiences for the summer and need information on 4-H projects, exhibits and different project-based learning details and departments? You are invited and encouraged to prepare and learn more by reviewing and asking questions about the Martin County 4-H Handbook. There are multiple ways to access the 4-H Handbook!

1. Open your internet browser and search Purdue Extension Martin County 4-H Handbook 2026, scroll towards the bottom of the Purdue Extension Martin County website page and click on the “2025-2026 Martin County 4-H Handbook” to view and/or download the handbook.
2. Email or text us at [heldd@purdue.edu](mailto:heldd@purdue.edu) or 812-653-2089 asking for the link to be sent to you.
3. Email or text us at [heldd@purdue.edu](mailto:heldd@purdue.edu) or 812-653-2089 asking for the pdf version to be emailed or texted to you.
4. Click or type in this shortened link: <https://bit.ly/25-26MartinCounty4-HHandbook>
5. Call 812-295-2412 or text 812-653-2089 requesting a printed handbook be set out for you to pick up and stop by the Purdue Extension Office at The Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, Community Learning Center.
6. Coordinate with the Extension Office and/or your 4-H Club Leader to pick up a handbook at a 4-H Club Meeting.
7. Scan this QR Code:



### **4-H EXHIBIT/PROJECT SCORECARDS ARE AVAILABLE**

Are you new to 4-H or a seasoned 4-Her? Either way, reviewing the score cards for projects can help youth decide on how to best set up project exhibits and understand how judging is completed. Reviewing and preparing with the scorecard as a reference is a great resource as you prepare your 4-H exhibits!

PROJECT SCORECARDS may be located at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/index.html>

### **CLOVER GUARDIANS: CONFIDENT, PREPARED, AND UNSHAKABLE. VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL 4-H VOLUNTEERS AND THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER**

A virtual session will be hosted for volunteers on the topic of Risk Management on May 4th from 6:30-7:30pm EST. The sessions will focus on reducing risk while creating safe, welcoming environments for youth across 4-H clubs, programs, workshops, and the county fair. Volunteers will review key Indiana 4-H policies and adult behavioral expectations and discuss how these guidelines support positive youth development. Through real-life scenarios, participants will learn how to respond confidently and appropriately in difficult situations while maintaining professionalism and respect. Attendees will leave better prepared to protect youth, reduce risk, and strengthen the 4-H experience for everyone.

<https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/92806374416?pwd=qvyG4NKJHaGTYSH69JewwOiG7P0Qoc.1>

Short link: [purdue.ag/CloverGuardians](https://purdue.ag/CloverGuardians)

Meeting ID: 928 0637 4416

Passcode: 460676

## **“YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE” TOUR WITH IAN HILL HOSTED BY THE INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS**

It’s official — You Make THE Difference is coming to Indiana! Thanks to a national grant sponsored by Fairs.com, every interested fair board, volunteer team, and ag society in our state will receive fully funded training, tools, and support to strengthen the future of fairs in Indiana. This movement exists for one reason: to ignite the Difference Makers who keep our communities alive.

Who should attend? Fair boards (4-H & non-4-H), 4-H Council members, community partners, sponsors, youth leaders, educators, and anyone passionate about making fairs & festivals thrive!

Workshop Dates, Locations and Registration links:

- April 6, 2026, from 6:00-9:30 PM Eastern- Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds- [Register to Attend?](#)
- April 7, 2026, from 6:00-9:30 PM Eastern- Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds- [Register to Attend?](#)
- April 8, 2026, from 6:00-9:30 PM Eastern- Vanderburgh County 4-H Center- [Register to Attend?](#)
- April 9, 2026, from 6:00-9:30 PM Eastern- Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds- [Register to Attend](#)

## **EXHIBIT HALL WORKERS – INDIANA STATE FAIR LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

Join our team at the Indiana State Fair as an Exhibit Hall Worker! This unique opportunity allows 4-H members to play an important role in showcasing the incredible work of youth from across the state.

Through this temporary employment opportunity, workers will gain valuable teamwork, customer service, communication, and professional workplace skills.

As an Exhibit Hall Workers help with:

- Checking in non-animal 4-H exhibits
- Preparing exhibits for public display
- Record keeping and organization
- Interacting with fair attendees
- Assisting with various State Fair activities and events
- Releasing exhibits at the end of the fair

Eligibility & Details

- Must be at least 14 years old (college-age young adults are also welcome to apply)
- Workers will reside on-site in reserved dormitory space during the fair
- This is a paid, minimum-wage employment opportunity
- Workers are needed July 31 – August 23, with flexibility for scheduling conflicts

Learn more:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/state-fair-programs/exhibit-hall-worker.html>

## **NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS**

For more than 90 years, 4-H youth from across the country have gathered at this event to celebrate their accomplishments and grow as leaders. National 4-H Congress offers a life-changing experience where participants connect with other 4-H members from across the United States while taking part in:

- Engaging educational workshops
- Cultural and service experiences

- Leadership and team development activities
- Networking with youth from across the country
- And, of course, plenty of fun!

#### Eligibility & Details

- Open to 4-H members in grades 9–11 (must be 15 years old)
- 6-8 youth will be selected to represent Indiana’s delegation
- Applications are due May 1
- Applications will be turned in through 4-H Online
- National 4-H Congress will take place November 27 – December 1 in Atlanta, Georgia
- Is one of the premier national experiences for 4-H members
- Access the application and more information here:

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

If you have questions about registration, please reach out to the local Extension Office or Megan Skiba at [skiba0@purdue.edu](mailto:skiba0@purdue.edu).

### **2026 STATE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS EVENTS**

#### **Rifle, Pistol & Muzzleloader**

Date: April 18, 2026

Location: Riley Conservation Club, Riley, IN

Registration deadline: April 11, 2026

#### **Shotgun**

Date: May 16, 2026

Location: Indiana Gun Club, Fortville, IN

Registration deadline: May 9, 2026

- Registration is required on 4honline (v2.4honline.com) under Events. Each youth must be an enrolled 4-H member.
- Team & Individual Entry options
- Ammo for shoots provided
- Minimum of 5 participants for each event to compete
- Check in from 8:30 am to 9 am
- Costs will be \$50 contestant with Shotgun being \$70 per contestant
- Participants should bring own equipment, lawn chairs, sunscreen, and snacks

### **MARTIN COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB**

Are you interested in 4-H shooting sports? Please indicate your interest on 4honline by choosing this project and adding the Martin County Marksmen as a 4-H Club for each 4-H member interested.

### **SOUTHERN INDIANA 4-H CAMP CAMPER APPLICATIONS SAVE THE DATES!**

All 4-H Members grades 3-8<sup>th</sup> are invited and encouraged to be part of the Southern Indiana 4-H Camp!

Applications open: April 1, 2026 on 4honline

Camp Dates: Friday, May 29-31, 2026

Camp Location: Country Lake Christian Retreat

### **MARTIN COUNTY 4-H DAY CAMP: SAVE THE DATES!**

For: Kindergarten to 4<sup>th</sup> graders

Location: Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, 2666 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, IN  
Dates: Monday, June 1 and Tuesday, June 2  
Times: 1 pm – 4 pm  
Pre-registration: Opening April 1<sup>st</sup> and due by May 13<sup>th</sup>. Further details will be available on 4honline.

### **JOLLY JUG ROX 4-H CLUB MEETINGS**

#### UPCOMING DATES:

Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

TIME: 6 pm to 7 pm

Location; Shoals Christian Church Resource Center, 600 Main St, Shoals, IN 47581 unless noted otherwise.

Questions may be directed to Club Leader Mimi Hawkins or by calling the Purdue Extension Martin County Office.

### **JOLLY JUNIORS 4-H CLUB MEETINGS**

#### UPCOMING DATES:

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

TIME: All meetings start at 6 pm

LOCATION: Truelove Church.

Any questions contact Kathy Lingenfelter at 812-709-1424 or Teresa Mauder at 812-486-6962.

**EASTER EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN 0-10!**

Date: Sunday, April 12, 2026

Time: 2 pm – please arrive early as the Hunt will begin directly at the top of the hour!

Location: Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, 2666 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, IN 47553



**MARTIN COUNTY 4-H JR. LEADER MEMBERS**

All youth 7-12 grade are invited to be part of the Jr. Leaders 4-H Club!

Friday, March 27-Sunday, March 29, 2026: For those registered, Indiana 4-H Teen Leadership Weekend

Sunday, April 12, 2026: Easter Egg Hunt

12:30PM Jr. Leaders Arrive at the Fairgrounds

2PM Egg Hunt starts

Meeting follows hunt, be done by 4PM \*\*Bring 2 dozen candy filled eggs\*\*

Sunday, May 3, 2026: Meeting, 7:00PM

Sunday, May 31, Day Camp Set Up

Monday, June 1 & Tuesday, June 2, Martin County 4-H Jr. Leaders Day Camp for Kindergarten to 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Mini Day campers must be pre-registered by May 13<sup>th</sup> on 4honline.

## **MARTIN COUNTY 4-H HORSE AND PONY CLUB SCHEDULE**

All 4-H members, mini to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to join this 4-H Club which focuses on activities and learning surrounding the interest of our four-legged equine friends! Upcoming dates, which are subject to change:

April 12 @ 11am-5pm: H&P Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. Serving from 11:00am to 5:00pm. We are asking 4-Hers to come help prep, serve, and cleanup. Help invite the community prior!

April 19 @ 5-7pm H&P meeting with special guests from Harness Horse Youth Foundation

- Reminder to bring award sponsorships.
- Reminder to get vet forms completed.

April 26 @ 2pm Riding Practice & saddle fitting demonstration where a clinician will speak to the members about saddle fitting to ensure the saddle fits both the horse's anatomy and the rider's seat to maximize comfort, performance, and safety. After the demonstration, there will be an opportunity for a quick evaluation of each member's horse and saddle. Even if you can't bring your horse, this will still be a great learning opportunity.

May 3 @ 2pm Riding Practice

May 8 @ 6pm Riding Practice

May 15 @ 6pm Riding Practice

May 15 Deadline to fully identify horses in 4Honline, Animal Identification & Exhibition 4honline identification  
\*Animals must be fully identified in v2.4honline.com, All applicable 4-H animal leases due & Equine health forms due prior to any equine being on the premises

May 17 @ 1pm Contesting clinic with Emily Freise (Circle E Performance Horses). Must bring \$75 cash or check day of event to participate.

June 1 FairEntry Opens – all 4-H class entries, regular 4-H and Mini 4-H to be entered.

June 7 @ 9am Performance clinic with Holly Hudson. (Clinic is free. This includes mentorship.)

June 17 @ 6pm Riding Practice

Location: Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, 2666 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, IN

## **SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR ALL**

Date: Sunday, April 12

Times: 11 am to 5 pm

Location: Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, Community Building, 2666 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, IN 47553

Cost: Adult \$10, Kids 12 & Under \$5, children 3 & under free

**GIDDY UP FOR GRUB!**



**SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER**

To benefit Martin County 4-H Horse & Pony Club




**When: April 12 from 11 am to 5 pm**  
**Where: Martin County Community Building**  
**Join us for Spaghetti, Salads, Drinks and Dessert**  
**Adult plate \$10 Kids 12 and under \$5 (children 3 and under free)**

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.  
 All Proceeds support equine education & youth programs

## MARTIN COUNTY 4-H TRACTOR CLUB SCHEDULE

The 4-H tractor and mower safety and operator skills program provides youth with educational information that develops project skills (i.e., principles of engine operation, hydraulic systems, electrical systems, safe operation) and life skills (i.e., decision making, using science and technology, developing communication skills). These fun-filled, hands-on learning experiences are provided under the direction of caring adults. Junior division is for youth in grades 3-7 and senior division is for youth in grades 8-12.

4-H members may choose to participate in:

Ag Tractor Safety & Operator Skills  
 Lawn & Garden Safety & Operator Skills  
 Zero-Turn Mower Safety & Operator Skills

In addition to the three Operator Skills, an additional option is the Educational Exhibit/Exhibits which includes preparing a static exhibit entered into 4-H at the Community Building following guidelines in the specific project content area. Find more information at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-tractor-and-mower-safety-and-operator-skills.html> The Martin County Educational Static Exhibit Open Judging will be on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 2 pm – 5 pm with exhibit details needed in Fair Entry by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming dates, which are subject to change:

Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 pm - Kick Off meeting for all

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – Focus on Lawn & Garden Tractor & Zero Turn Operation Skills

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – Focus on Ag Tractor Operation Skills

Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – Focus on Lawn & Garden Tractor & Zero Turn Operation Skills

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – Focus on Ag Tractor Operation Skills

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – Focus on Lawn & Garden Tractor & Zero Turn Operation Skills

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – Focus on Ag Tractor Operation Skills

Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm – Focus on Lawn & Garden Tractor & Zero Turn Operation Skills

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 am – Focus on Ag Tractor Operation Skills

Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – Focus on Lawn & Garden Tractor & Zero Turn Operation Skills

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – Focus on Ag Tractor Operation Skills

Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – Focus on Lawn & Garden Tractor & Zero Turn Operation Skills

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – Focus on Ag Tractor Operation Skills

Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm – Focus on Lawn & Garden Tractor & Zero Turn Operation Skills

Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am – Focus on Ag Tractor Operation Skills

Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – Focus on Lawn & Garden Tractor & Zero Turn Operation Skills

Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – Focus on Ag Tractor Operation Skills

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – Focus on Lawn & Garden Tractor & Zero Turn Operation Skills

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – Focus on Ag Tractor Operation Skills

Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – Focus on Lawn & Garden Tractor & Zero Turn Operation Skills \*\*Last opportunity for safety orientation to be able to compete in the 4-H County Contest on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – Focus on Ag Tractor Operation Skills

Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – Last meeting before county contest

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – Martin County 4-H Tractor Contest, all 3 disciplines

Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm – Martin County 4-H Tractor Contest Awards Ceremony & Area Contest Registration for qualifiers

Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> time TBA- Area 3 Tractor Contest, all 3 disciplines, at Warrick County

Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, Indiana State 4-H Tractor Contest, all 3 disciplines at The Indiana State Fair

Location: Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, 2666 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, IN, unless otherwise noted.

Questions regarding 4-H Tractor Club and activities may be asked to Club Leader Tyler Dages at 812-296-0348 or Extension Educator Dena Myers Held at 812-295-2412/ [heldd@purdue.edu](mailto:heldd@purdue.edu).

## **MARTIN COUNTY 4-H RABBIT PROJECT WORKSHOP**

### **Dates:**

**Session 1:** Saturday, May 9, 2026

**Session 2:** Saturday, June 13, 2026

### **Location:**

Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center  
2666 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, IN 47553

### **Who Should Attend:**

4-H members in Kindergarten–12th Grade, along with parents and adult mentors participating with their 4-Hers

### **More details will be announced soon!**

Are you planning to show a rabbit for the first time, working on an animal science poster about rabbits, or already a seasoned 4-H rabbit exhibitor? Then this workshop series is for you!

The 4-H Rabbit Superintendent is excited to support your learning, fun, and overall experience in the 4-H Rabbit Project. Participants will gain hands-on knowledge, project guidance, and tips to help them succeed throughout the 4-H year.

Don't miss rabbit tattooing on May 7, and be sure to mark your calendars for both sessions of the 4-H Rabbit Project Workshop!

### **Questions?**

Contact 4-H Rabbit Superintendent Sarha Jones  
812-504-0219 | [sarhajones92@gmail.com](mailto:sarhajones92@gmail.com)

Or Extension Educator Dena Held  
812-295-2412 | [heldd@purdue.edu](mailto:heldd@purdue.edu)

## **ONLINE PREDATORS: WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW**

As part of MESA's Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Prevention Month series, we invite parents and preventionists to join an important webinar on protecting children online. In today's digital world, children face risks that didn't exist just a few years ago. From AI-generated image abuse to organized sextortion schemes, online threats are evolving rapidly.

Join John Graham, Education and Outreach Manager at Susie's Place Child Advocacy Center, for this engaging and eye-opening presentation. John will guide parents and preventionists through:

- Current national data and trends on online threats
- How grooming and manipulation actually happen
- Warning signs families may miss
- App and gaming platform safety tips

- Practical steps to create a Family Online Safety Plan
- The “Upstander Approach” to open communication with teens

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Time: 1:00–2:30 PM EST

Register Online: <https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/jFbuDcvnTOS9AI72QayRrA>

About the Presenter:

John Graham leads prevention education at Susie’s Place Child Advocacy Center, working with schools, parent groups, and communities in Central Indiana. He specializes in helping families understand sextortion, online grooming, deep-fake image abuse, and social media manipulation. His presentations combine research with practical strategies to help parents strengthen communication and create safer online environments.

Parents and preventionists will leave informed, empowered, and equipped with resources from trusted national partners like NCMEC and Thorn.

Don’t miss this opportunity to gain insights and tools to protect your children online.



**MARTIN COUNTY 4-H FAIR 2026 Thursday, July 9 – Tuesday, July 14, 2026**  
**4-H ONLY Related Schedule of Activities**  
**Fair activities to be added/schedule subject to change \* Updated 3-23-2026**

**Monday, April 20 to Friday, April 24 SWINE**

Swine 4-H tags will be available during condensed office hours (8:30 AM – 3:30 PM) or other hours as scheduled and by pre-arrangement by texting 812-653-2089 or calling 812-295-2412.

Before swine tags are issued, families will need to provide the following information for each animal:

- Exhibitor’s name
- Breed
- Sex
- Ear notches
- Tattoo (if applicable)
- All other tags already applied \*This ensures compliance with BOAH requirements and that the correct 4-H tags are issued for each animal.

All swine tags must be applied by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Animals will NOT be allowed to check in at the 4-H Fair check-in without tags applied. A worksheet (optional but helpful) is available to help families gather this information in advance: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/projects/swine/swine-id-worksheet.pdf>

**Friday, April 24 TAGGING ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS**

If you are unsure if your 4-H animal needs to report to Livestock Tagging Day, contact 4-H Educator Dena Held prior to tagging day.

Special accommodations, such as not attending tagging day, must be requested by Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> by contacting 4-H Educator Dena Held.

**Friday, May 1**

**6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Martin County 4-H Livestock Tagging**

Martin County 4-H Livestock Tagging Information for County & Indiana State Fair as applicable

Swine do **NOT** report to the in-person tagging day.

\*If you are unsure if your animal needs to report to Livestock Tagging Day, contact 4-H Educator Dena Held prior to tagging day. Special accommodations must be requested by Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> by contacting 4-H Educator Dena Held.

Animal Identification details are available at:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/exhibits/animal-identification/animal-id-requirements.pdf>

This table lists the different animal species and the respective form of identification that is required for a 4-H member to be eligible to show in 4-H livestock shows. The animal ID information must be entered in the Indiana 4-H Online enrollment system by the respective deadlines. Missing, incomplete or incorrect animal ID information could result in ineligibility for that particular animal.

Important Reminders:

- New 4-H livestock tags will **NOT** be distributed after May 1, 2026. Special accommodations, such as tagging day conflicts, must be requested by Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> by contacting 4-H Educator Dena Held.
- Swine do **NOT** report to the in-person tagging day.
- Tags are to be applied by May 15th.
- No animals will be allowed to check in at the 4-H Fair livestock check-in without tags applied.
- Swine tag pick-up options shared again:

-During tagging time on Friday, May 1 from 6:00–7:30 PM

-Or prior, Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 24 during office hours (8:30 AM – 3:30 PM)

**Thursday, May 7**

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

4-H Poultry Bleed for Martin County 4-H Poultry

The poultry bleed is for Martin County 4-H members needing poultry blood tests either hatched on a local farm without an NPIP number OR for birds coming from an NPIP certified flock over a year ago.

To show at the 4-H Fair, 4-H members must by law have one of the following two ways of proving their birds are disease free (waterfowl are exempt) and provide the full completed Indiana Poultry Exhibitor form.

1. Birds originated directly from a National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) certified clean flock within one year.
2. Birds have had a Pullorum-Typhoid test with negative results within ninety (90) days prior to the exhibition/fair.

If you miss the May 7<sup>th</sup> poultry bleed, blood testing is available by contacting the Purdue Heeke Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab, [11367 E. Purdue Farm Road, Dubois, IN 47527](https://www.purdue.edu/extension/4-H/docs/exhibits/animal-identification/animal-id-requirements.pdf). The lab is located north of Patoka Lake Dam at the Purdue SIPAC Farm. You will need to call ahead to ensure that staff are available and details. Take the required form mentioned above along for tester signature.

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

4-H Rabbit Tattooing for Martin County 4-H Rabbits

## **Friday, May 15**

- Animal Identification & Exhibition 4honline identification \*Animals must be fully identified in v2.4honline.com according to the Purdue Extension 4-H Animal Identification Chart: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/exhibits/animal-identification/animal-id-requirements.pdf>
- All applicable 4-H animal leases due
- DNA submissions due for all applicable Indiana State Fair-bound animals
- Equine health forms due prior to any equine being on the premises

Further animal exhibition details are available at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/exhibits/animal-identification>

## **Monday, June 1**

### **Martin County 4-H Fair Entry Opens & Information**

FairEntry opens at: [FairEntry.com](http://FairEntry.com)

All 4-H exhibits (both regular 4-H and Mini 4-H) for the Martin County 4-H Fair must be entered on FairEntry.com.

### **Fair Entry window:**

**June 1 through June 20<sup>th</sup> \*Required to submit all 4-H project exhibit information by the deadline to participate in the 4-H fair.**

## **Saturday, June 20**

9:00 am

4-H County Tractor Contest – All Disciplines

- All 4-H project drop/add on v2.4honline.com must be complete (FairEntry will not allow entries if 4-H member is not signed up for the project on 4honline & must be synced prior to FairEntry exhibit entry – contact Purdue Extension with questions)
- Last Day to enter fair project and exhibit details on FairEntry
- Livestock Quality Assurance (in-person class) training certificates or YQCA (online option) certificates for 4-H cattle, swine, sheep, goat, rabbit & poultry 4-H exhibitors provided to [heldd@purdue.edu](mailto:heldd@purdue.edu) or hardcopy to Extension Office
- Health forms for canines, equines, felines & poultry due (or prior if on premise) provided to [heldd@purdue.edu](mailto:heldd@purdue.edu) or hardcopy to Extension Office
- All livestock purebred animal registration papers provided to [heldd@purdue.edu](mailto:heldd@purdue.edu) or hardcopy to Extension Office

## **Saturday, June 27**

TBA

Area 3 4-H Tractor Operating Skills Contest in Warrick County

1:00 pm

4-H Cat Show, Community Building

## **Monday, June 29**

**6:00 pm**

Set up Option 1 of 2 outside at 4-H Fairgrounds for all 4-Hers, Leaders & Volunteers – check in & out by the garage door of The Community Building east side door. Any other times only as pre-arranged with the 4-H Educator.

**Tuesday, June 30**

**6:00 pm**

4-H Fashion Revue Judging

Loogootee Methodist Church, 208 West Main Street, Loogootee

**Sunday, July 5**

**2:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Static 4-H Exhibit Check-In (all 4-H & Mini 4-H Static Projects Open Judging at the Community Building)

**Monday, July 6**

**6:00 pm**

Set up Option 2 of 2 outside at 4-H Fairgrounds for all 4-Hers, Leaders & Volunteers – check in & out by the garage door of The Community Building east side door. Any other times only as pre-arranged with the 4-H Educator.

**Tuesday, July 7**

**6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

All Open Class Exhibits Check-In

**Wednesday, July 8**

8 am – 7:00 pm

4-H Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep & Swine arrival

4 pm – 6 pm

4-H Rabbit & Poultry Check-in – ONLY DURING THIS TIME

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

4-H Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, & Swine animal check-in / weigh-in

\*All animal to have tags applied prior to unloading\*

8:30 pm  
Extension Office

4-H Livestock Blue Original Auction Declaration Cards are due to The

**Thursday, July 9**

4:00 pm

4-H Rabbit Show

5:00 pm

4-H Static Exhibits on Display: Community Building Opens

6:30 pm

Queen Contest, 4-H Fashion Revue & Mini Sewing Modeling

**Friday, July 10**

5:00 pm

Community Building Opens

6:30 pm

4-H Beef & Dairy Cattle Show

**Saturday, July 11**

9:00 am

4-H Poultry Show

9:00 am

Community Building Opens

5:00 pm

4-H Sheep & Goat Show

7:00 pm 4-H Horse & Pony Show Day 1 of 2 – Speed Classes \*All Day 1 class results will be awarded 15 minutes after the conclusion Day 1 Show

**Sunday, July 12**

1:00 pm Community Building Opens

4:00 pm 4-H Horse & Pony Show Day 2 of 2

**Monday, July 13**

5:00 pm Community Building Opens

5:00 pm 4-H Swine Show

**Tuesday, July 14**

8:00 am – 10:00 am Rabbits and poultry NOT in auction released \*All other animals are released after auction; those removed early are subject to premium deduction

5:00 pm Community Building Opens

5:00 pm 4-H Supreme Showmanship

5:15 pm - 7:15 pm 4-H Static exhibits released & 4-H gratitude station open

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm 4-H Static exhibits elevated to state check in option 1 at the Community Learning Center East double doors

7:00 pm Ten year and Last Year 4-H Member Recognition at the Livestock Arena

7:15 pm 4-H Premium Livestock Auction

**Wednesday, July 15** 6:00 pm

4-H Fairgrounds Community Good Clean up \*All 4-H members & 4-H volunteers/leaders Community Good clean-up is in addition to individual clean-up of stalls/pens. Any other times only as pre-arranged with the 4-H Educator.

**Friday, July 17**

4-H Member point sheets are due.

**TBA** PARTY FOR 4-Hers and Friends!

Join in on the Martin County 4-H Program Year & Fair Celebration!

**Monday, July 20-Monday, July 27** 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

ISF exhibit check in option 2: All Static 4-H exhibits (except foods, garden, & herb projects) for the Indiana State Fair are to be provided to the Extension Office or PRIOR as individually pre-scheduled by calling 812-295-2412 or

texting 812-653-2089. All special accommodation requests to be made no later than July 27th. \*\*\*Large, delicate, or heavy items will be the responsibility of the 4-H member to transport and check in at the Indiana State Fair, please discuss with 4-H Educator details and to get entry cards. Would you like to check-in your own exhibit at the Indiana State Fair? This is a great experience. Discuss with the 4-H Educator so that State Fair entry cards and logistical details may be provided to you!

**Monday, August 10**

**8:15 am - 9:00 am**

Baked food, preserved food, herb, garden, garden collection, garden education exhibits for the Indiana State Fair are to be provided to the Extension Office or PRIOR as individually scheduled by calling 812-295-2412 or texting 812-653 2089.

**August 7 - 23**

Indiana State Fair, closed each Monday

**Friday & Saturday, August 14 & 15**

Martin County Tractor Pull

**Tuesday, August 25, 2026 – Monday, August 31**

**8:30 am – 3:30 pm**

**Indiana State Fair** static exhibit pick up from the **Purdue Extension Martin County Office** or as individually scheduling by calling 812-295-2412 or texting 812-653-2089.

**Mark your calendar now for the 2027 Martin County 4-H Fair!**

**Thursday, July 15 - Tuesday, July 20, 2027**