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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! Do you have questions about the Transformation? You may contact Purdue Extension on this subject via email at extensiontransformation@purdue.edu

IT IS NOT TO LATE: ENROLL IN 4-H!

All youth Kindergarten to 12th grade - Enroll now in 4-H to get started in the nations' largest positive youth development program with projects, trips and experiences for all!

Enroll at v2.4honline.com.

Call, text or email at any time, we are happy to help, where we provide opportunity for all! All youth and volunteers must be enrolled on 4honline for the program year prior to participating. Questions or need help? We are happy to help! Text 812-653-2089, call 812-295-2412, or email heldd@purdue.edu.

FAIR ENTRY IS OPEN NOW!

Welcome to the 2026 4-H Fair Season with Purdue Extension & Indiana 4-H!

Two hundred and seventy-nine entries for the 2026 Martin County 4-H Fair have been submitted as of June 4th. In 2025, we had over 1200 entries - so don't miss out! ALL 4-H EXHIBITS may be entered now All 4-H exhibits/entries (regular 4-H & Mini) for the 4-H Fair must be entered on FairEntry.com.

Fair Entry will remain open through June 20th.

Exact link to The 2026 Martin County 4-H Fair: <https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23562>

Fair Entry is where you enter your exact exhibit information. If you cannot enter a specific exhibit, you likely need to log into 4hlonline, sign up for that project, and then notify us.

Be sure to enter descriptions in your exhibit details, such as "Pink bridge painting on 8x10 inch canvas." This helps keep your project identified, especially if advancing to the Indiana State Fair.

If you do not see where to enter an exhibit, DO NOT GUESS as that could cause disqualifications. Call 812-295-2412 or text 812-653-2089 prior to June 20th for help.

Once you submit, you may add additional exhibits only after the submission of entries is approved, which is typically within a few hours. We encourage you to let us know via call, text or email if you are in this circumstance!

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday, June 25

Tuesday, July 21 *Includes the 4-H Fair Review & Input Listening Session

Thursday, September 10

Thursday, October 8

Thursday, November 12

Thursday, December 10 *dates/times subject to change

All meetings begin at 6 pm at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center. Please contact the Extension Office at 812-295-2412/voice, 812-653-2089/text, heldd@purdue.edu/email to confirm date, time & building location.

DREAM TEAM 4-H CLUB MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 9th - Time: 7 pm – 7:45 pm @ Loogootee City Park

Monday, June 15th – Time: 7 pm – 7:45 pm @ Loogootee City Park

Monday, June 29th (in conjunction with set up night 1) - Time: 6 pm – 7 pm @ The 4-H Fairgrounds

Monday, July 6 (in conjunction with set up night 2) – Time: 6 pm – 7 pm @ The 4-H Fairgrounds

Questions may be directed to Club Leader Jackie Esch at 812-296-1833 or by calling the Purdue Extension Martin County Office.

JOLLY JUG ROX 4-H CLUB MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 23rd

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

Monday , June 8th

Monday, June 22nd

Wednesday, July 1st

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.

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H HORSE AND PONY CLUB

All 4-H members, mini to 12th 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:

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

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H TRACTOR CLUB

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 5th 2 pm – 5 pm with exhibit details needed in Fair Entry by June 20th.

Upcoming dates, which are subject to change:

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

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

Friday, June 12th 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 20th.

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

Friday, June 19th 6:30 pm – Last meeting before county contest

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

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

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

Thursday, August 13th, 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.

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H RABBIT PROJECT WORKSHOP

Date:

Saturday, June 13, 2026 @ 2 pm EST

Location:

Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, Rabbit Barn
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.

Questions?

Contact 4-H Rabbit Superintendent Sarha Jones
812-504-0219 | sarhajones92@gmail.com

Or Extension Educator Dena Held
812-295-2412 | heldd@purdue.edu



MARTIN COUNTY 4-H RABBIT WORKSHOPS

SESSION 1: SATURDAY
MAY 9TH AT 2:00 EST

Instructed by Ashley McDaniel

- Basic Rabbit Handling
- Basic Rabbit Care
- Show Prep
- Intro to showmanship
- Rabbit Tattooing will be available!!!!

SESSION 2: SATURDAY
JUNE 13TH AT 2:00 EST

Instructed by Joe King & Madison Hedge

- Grooming
- Feeding
- Show Prep
- Practice Showmanship & Handling Skills

4-Hers may attend 1 or both sessions

BRING YOUR RABBITS
ALL 4-H MEMBERS WELCOME

LOCATION FOR BOTH SESSIONS

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS & EVENT CENTER
RABBIT BARN
2666 US HWY 50, LOOGOOTEE, IN 47553

Parents/Guardians must be present.

SICK OR UNWELL ANIMALS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE

RSVP

Appreciated by the Thursday before each session but not required. Please still join in even if you have not RSVP'd.



MORE IMPORTANT DATES

- Rabbit Tattooing - May 7th
- Animal ID Due - May 15th
- Fairentry - June 1st - 20th
- 4-H Rabbit Check-In - July 8th
- 4-H Rabbit Show - July 9th

Questions? Contact:

Sarha Jones at 812-504-0219 / sarhajones92@gmail.com or
Purdue Extension Office: Call 812-295-2412 or Text 812-653-2089

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4-H DOG AGILITY FUN MATCH

Date:

June 27, 2026

Times:

Registration 8:30 am

Judge instructions: 9:30 am

Show: 10 am

Location:

Daviess County 4-H Grounds 4-H Way Washington, IN 47501

- Pre-registration by June 20th via email underdogs4hclub@gmail.com
- \$20 per class per dog for first entry/\$5 for 2nd entry per dog per class, with each dog having a 2-run limit
- Ribbons will be awarded to the top 3 in each class and prizes to the top 2
- Show will be held under roof, rain or shine.
- Bring you lawns chairs, crates & fans with extension cords
- Food court available

Agility Divisions:

Mini 4-H Class, Beginning A, Beginning B, Intermediate A, Intermediate B, Advanced A, Advanced B

Questions?

Contact Kristen Ferguson 812-259-1096 | Kensay Babrick 812-486-6827



Dog Agility Fun Match

JUNE 27, 2026

FEES: \$20.00 PER CLASS PER DOG FOR FIRST ENTRY/\$5.00 FOR 2ND ENTRY PER DOG PER CLASS, WITH EACH DOG HAVING A 2 RUN LIMIT (AND DOGS CAN RUN IN SAME CLASS TWICE FOR MORE PRACTICE IF DESIRED)

AWARDS: RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP 3 IN EACH CLASS AND PRIZES TO THE TOP 2.

LOCATION: DAVIESS COUNTY 4-H GROUNDS 4-H WAY WASHINGTON, IN 47501

SHOW WILL BE HELD UNDER ROOF, RAIN OR SHINE!

****BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS, CRATES, AND FANS WITH EXTENSION CORDS****

FOOD COURT AVAILABLE

Agility Divisions:

Mini 4-H'er class

**Beginning A
Intermediate A
Advanced A**

**Beginning B
Intermediate B
Advanced B**

Registration
**8:30am-
9:30am** 

Judge
instructions 
9:30am

Show
starting 
10:00am



**Kristin Ferguson
812.259.1096
Kensay Babrick
812.486.6827**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
DAVIESS COUNTY 4-H DOG
CLUB**



Pre-registration: **Please register by June 20th** to email underdogs4hclub@gmail.com
(fees can be paid the day of the show)



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

Monday, June 1

Martin County 4-H FairEntry Opens & Information

4-H project selections must be entered into 4honline for Fair Entry exhibit entry information to populate.

FairEntry opens at: [FairEntry.com](https://www.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 20th *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 or hardcopy to Extension Office
- Health forms for canines, equines, felines & poultry due (or prior if on premise) provided to heldd@purdue.edu or hardcopy to Extension Office
- All livestock purebred animal registration papers provided to heldd@purdue.edu or hardcopy to Extension Office

POULTRY HEALTH FORMS

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

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

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

QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE CLASSES

Indiana 4-H members planning to exhibit **beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry, or rabbits** must complete **annual Quality Livestock Care certification**.

Certification is required each year and can be completed through the in-person **Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training** or the **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** online program.

Mini 4-H members are not required to complete.

Online Option (YQCA):

Register at www.yqcaprogram.org and submit your completion certificate to your local 4-H Educator.

We look forward to supporting our 4-H members in building strong, responsible livestock care practices and preparing for a successful fair season!

MARTIN COUNTY 4-H JR. LEADERS PRESENTS ANNUAL DAY CAMP

What an incredible two days at the 2026 Martin County 4-H Jr. Leaders Day Camp! On June 1st and 2nd, the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center was filled with amazing fun, exploration, and new friendships for all our 4-H campers in grades Kindergarten to 4th grade.

A massive THANK YOU to each and every volunteer and Jr. Leader member who contributed their time and energy to make this program a success!

Pictured are: Front Row: Lawson Wagler, Illiana Richer, Hannah Overton, Dean Hattabaugh, Walker Jones, Cooper Brosmer, Bonham Wagoner, Spencer Beadles, Alexander White.

Middle Row: Autumn Ray, Brylee Bateman, Michael Ivy, Caleb Overton, Pierson Wagler , Ivy Phillips, Phoebe Jones, Jayce Sexton

Back Row: Isaac Johnson, Jocelyn Craney, Jax VanMeter, Aubrie Holt, Chloe Ramsey, Elizabeth Boswell, & Calvin Burch.

