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LOCAL FACES
COUNTLESS CONNECTIONS

Have you bought your pre-sale Fish & Tenderloin Fry tickets?
Have you sent in your 4-H Annual Plant Sale order?
Have you sold tickets or plants to the neighbors or family members?

Remember, buying Fish & Tenderloin Fry tickets before March 25 saves you money!

These are two 4-H Board sponsored fundraisers. The proceeds from these fundraisers help the 4-H program send 4-H'ers on educational trips, and covers unsponsored awards.

Flyers attached for both fundraisers.

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Allen County Indiana 4-H

Cancellation Policy

All 4-H meetings and activities will be cancelled if the Fort Wayne Community School Corporation is closed due to bad weather.



**WE'RE
HIRING!**

We're looking for a 4-H Summer Program Assistant! If you or someone you know is interested in this temporary position from late May through early August, contact Samm at 260-481-6826 or sammjohnson@purdue.edu for an application packet. Applications are due April 15, 2017.

4-H STILL LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Your friends can still join 4-H. Call 481-6826 and ask how. Absolute Deadline is May 15.



48 Hours Notice

The traffic at the Extension Office has picked up. We ask when you need books, supplies, please call ahead with a 48 hour notice. Samm, Barb, and Jean are glad to help out but they are not always available immediately. Please call ahead or even email. Thank you for your cooperation!

PLEASE NOTE: It is your responsibility to keep your email, address, phone numbers up to date in 4HOnline.

Wildlife Habitat Education Program [WHEP]

Do you like to hunt or enjoy being in the great outdoors? The Wildlife Habitat Education Program may be for you! You will learn how to identify different wildlife species, understand habitat requirements and how to properly manage habitat to improve wildlife populations in this program. Activities include: hikes, urban wildlife; outdoor activities; management plans; wetlands and team activities. Contact James Wolff, ANR Educator at jmwolff@purdue.edu for more information.

Calling All 4-H Alumni

You can help Indiana 4-H win \$20,000 with just a few minutes of your time. Please visit <http://4-h.org/raise-your-hand/> and complete the short form to Raise Your Hand as a proud 4-H alum! The state with the most alumni who register will win \$20,000. It's a free and easy way to help give back to an organization that has given so much to so many!

Fish Fry and Carnival-March 25, 2017 We need your help!!

Each 4-H Club is required to bring a minimum of 24 servings of dessert for the Fish Fry. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS YEAR ALL THE DESSERTS MUST BE STORE BOUGHT.** This is to comply with IPFW Food Safety Policy. Please deliver your desserts to the IPFW Alumni Center on 1528 E. California Road, Fort Wayne between 2-3:30 PM. Thank you. In addition, we still need workers for the Fish Fry, Carnival and Silent Auction. Times are: 3:30-5:30 PM; 5:30-7:30 PM or 6-8 PM. PLEASE call or email Kelly Van Horn, Scheduling Coordinator at 450.5147 or vanhornk4@gmail.com. She would appreciate hearing from you no later than March 20.

4-H Clubs are encouraged to have a Carnival Booth. If your club has not yet signed up for this you can still contact Kelly Van Horn. PLEASE be sure to provide your own card table if needed. No extra tables will be available for Carnival booths this year. All Carnival booths are requested to be set up and ready by 3:30 PM on March 25th.

Check List for 4-H Members



- ___ April 1: All Beef Steers, Commercial Beef Heifers, and Dairy Beef Steers ID'ed in 4honline.
- ___ May 15: All Other Livestock ID'ed in 4honline.
- ___ May 15: Drop/Add Deadline. Absolute deadline to add or delete any 4-H Projects in the 4honline system.
- ___ June 30: 4-H Member MUST complete FairEntry in 4honline system to exhibit at the County Fair. (Open June 1-June 30)
- ___ June 30: Activity Sheets for Livestock Projects due to the Extension Office.

Important

Add/Drop Deadline – May 15

Remember, you have until May 15, 2017 to add or drop projects on 4HOnline. You MUST be enrolled in a project by May 15, 2017 to exhibit it at the county fair! In the past, you have been able to exhibit a project you completed but did not enroll. This will no longer be allowed, so PLEASE use 4HOnline to add or drop your projects by May 15! Call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

Information on Youth Loans from Farm Service Agency

We have received information from the Farm Service Agency on Youth Loans for individuals age 10-20 years. This loan is to allow youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, and produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan is \$5000.00. For additional information contact the Farm Service Agency-Farm Loan Program Office that covers Northeast Indiana in Columbia City at 260-244-6266 ext. 105



Fair Food Booth Help

Please contact Sarah Berning at 260-403-0714 or SarahMarie89@yahoo.com to sign up for a shift in the food booth! Please leave your name, number and when you are available. You can also text her.

State Fair Exhibit Hall Workers

Applications are available in the Extension Office for 4-H members 15 years of age or older who wish to apply to work before and during the Indiana State Fair. Exhibit Hall workers assist with the set up, check in, judging, ribbon placement, record keeping, and monitoring of the exhibits in the 4-H Exhibit Hall, 4-H Centennial Hall and in the Ag Hort Buildings at the State Fair. Employment will be from the end of July through the completion of Indiana State Fair. Employees are housed on the State Fairgrounds. Applications are due April 1.

NEW Allen County 4-H Livestock Judging Team

If you are currently in Grades 9-12 and are interested in learning more about Livestock Judging, we have an Allen County 4-H Livestock Judging Team that has formed.

Their next meeting will be Thursday, March 16 from 7-9 PM at the Extension Office.

Future meetings will be on Wednesday evenings, same time and at the Extension Office until late April. The Area XI Contest will be held on Friday, April 28, 2017 at the Allen County Fairgrounds. For further information, please contact James Wolff, ANR Educator at jmwolff@purdue.edu. Or call 481-6826.

Trips & Activities



Letters have been sent to ALL grade appropriate youth to accept trips. Please let Samm know if you accept. Trips are a fantastic way for youth to learn new skills while making new friends.

SPARK Clubs

These are new hands-on educational workshops for youth in grades 3-12 designed to SPARK interest in various fields. Youth do not have to be 4-H members to register to participate in a SPARK Club, but will become 4-H members with their payment of the \$25.00 annual program fee. Youth may choose to register for any and all SPARK Clubs they find interesting. Happy Learning!



Consumer Clothing

March 24 & 31, 6-9 pm at the Extension Office. Free with your \$25.00 2017 4-H programs fees.

Coming in 2017- Basket weaving, Tennis and more! Keep your eyes peeled for more opportunities.

If you have ideas for a SPARK Club, please let us know and we will work to try to make it happen!

SHOOTING SPORTS

Archery: Spring 2017

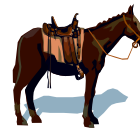
The 4-H Archery Program will be held in May and June this year. This program is for youth currently in grades 4-12. The First Meeting will be held May 4, 2017 at the Extension Office from 6:30-7:30 PM. All subsequent meetings will be held at the Allen County Fairgrounds, on Saturdays: May 6, 13, 20, June 3, 10, 17, 2017 from 10 AM-12 noon. Total cost for this program is \$40.00, which includes the \$25.00 State and County 4-H Program fee which only needs to be paid once in the 2017 4-H Exhibition Year.

Registration with payment is due to the Extension Office by April 20, 2017. Class size is limited to 30 youth participants, when the class fills up, it will be closed. Flyer is attached to the newsletter.

Muzzle Loading: Spring 2017

We will be hosting the 4-H Muzzle Loading Shooting Sports Program in April and May 2017. This 4-H Shooting Sports program is six sessions, and will be held on Thursday evenings from April 20-May 25, 2017. Time is from 6:30-8:30 PM. This program is for youth currently in Grades 3-12. Cost is \$40.00 which includes the State and County 4-H Program Fee [which only needs to be paid once in the 4-H year]. The class is limited to 10 youth with a minimum of 3 youth to hold the class. The first session on April 20 will be held at the Extension Office with all subsequent sessions to be held outside in the Spencerville IN area. Registration and payment are due by April 10, 2017. The flyer is on the website.

HORSE & PONY



The Horse and Pony Clubs are meeting:

The Horse and Pony Clubs began meeting in January. See below for meeting dates/locations.

Saddle Bums: March 22, April 12, and April 26. Location: St. Vincent Boy Scout Lodge, 8965 Auburn Road, Fort Wayne. Time: 6:30-8:30 PM. Call Lisa Didion at 740-8313 for more information.

Sport Horse: March 18, April 22. Location: New Haven Public Library, 648 Green Street, New Haven. Time: 1-3 PM. Call Andi Adams at 632-5053 or Marylou Linnemeier at 705-9526 for more information.

Outdoor Meetings will begin in May. They will all be held at the Allen County Fairgrounds, Horse Arena.

Allen County 4-H Horse and Pony Scholarships

Applications are now available for youth in their senior year in High School [12 Grade] in Horse and Pony. Applicants must be planning some post high school study or training, it does not need to be in Indiana. Applicants must be a current, enrolled, and paid active member in 4-H Horse and Pony in Allen County. Applications are due by June 30, 2017 by 4:30 PM to the Extension Office for all eligible youth.

Applications are available on the 4-H website under horse and pony, from the Extension Office or from your Horse and Pony Leader. Two [2] scholarships in the amount of \$250.00 each will be awarded. Winners will be announced during the Fair.

LIVESTOCK

Livestock Activity Sheets

Reminder - your animal activity sheets and record sheets are due on June 30.

Activity Sheets will be used for Beef, Dairy, Dairy Beef, Goat, Horse, Llama, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine.

Barry Gross Scholarship

Information on the Barry Gross Scholarship was released in early March. This scholarship is open to any 4-H youth in their final year who has exhibited: Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep or Swine for a total of 5 years and is exhibiting this year as well.

Youth must be planning to attend college or trade school. **Applications are due May 31, 2017** to Mari Huelsenbeck, Barry Gross Scholarship Committee. If you did not receive a scholarship application and believe you should have-contact the Extension Office ASAP. Winners will be announced at the Fair.

2017 Animal Deadlines

Sample paperwork will be available at all TAGGING/ID events. They will occur in the Lion's Barn on the Allen County Fairgrounds. Premise ID numbers will also be required to complete 4honline ID.

April 22	TAGGING/ID – ALL Dairy Beef FEEDER Calves	8:00–10:00 a.m.
April 27	TAGGING/ID – ALL Sheep and All Goats	5:30-8:00 pm
May 15	Project Add & Drop	
June 30	Activity Sheets due to the Extension Office	By 4:30 pm
June 30	Fair Entry done on line (what I am Exhibiting at the County Fair)	By 11:59 pm

Open Shows and Workshops

We have received information on the following Sales, Shows and Workshops. If you wish to receive additional information, please contact the Extension Office and provide your email address, we will email you what we have received. These Sales, Shows and Workshops are not endorsed by the Extension Office—we are simply providing the information.

- March 24, 21017 Dairy Feeder Calf Sale. Whitley County Fairgrounds, Columbia City, IN. Sale at 7:30 PM; View Calves at 5 PM.
- March 25, 2017 Show Pig & Boer Goat Sale. Whitley County Fairgrounds, Columbia City IN. Boer Goat Sale-11:30 AM; Pig Sale-12:30 PM.
- March 31, 2017 Malcolm Farms Show Pig Sale. 2639 West Shoaff Road, Huntertown IN. Starts at 6:30 PM.
- April 8, 2017 Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Conference, Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Noblesville, IN 10:30 AM-3:30 PM Registration fee \$15.00 by March 31
- April 8, 2017 13th Annual Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Conference. Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Noblesville IN. 10:30 AM-3:30 PM. Registration of \$15.00 due by March 31. Lunch, T Shirt Provided.

VFD Information for Livestock Members

On January 1, 2017 some drugs used in livestock feed and water now require a veterinary feed directive [VFD].

What is a VFD? It is a written statement from a licensed veterinarian authorizing the use of a VFD drug in or on animal feed. This form (like a prescription) on paper or electronically must be provided to the feed manufacturer or supplier to obtain your VFD feed.

Why the change? Over the past several years, the FDA has taken important steps towards fundamental change in how medically important antibiotics can be legally used in feed or water for food producing animals. Now, the agency is moving to eliminate the use of such drugs for production purposes (i.e. growth production and feed efficiency) and bring their remaining therapeutic uses in feed and water under the supervision of licensed veterinarians.

What does this mean for 4-H Members? A 4-H Family will need to get a VFD in order to purchase medicated feeds from their feed mill or store. Copies of the VFD MUST be kept for 2 years.

Your Premise ID will be one of the things needed for obtain a VFD.

To learn more, go to www.FDA.gov/safefeed to view videos on the topic.

Livestock Premise ID

4-H Members are required to have a Premise ID number for the location where their cattle, swine, sheep and goats are located. This number is assigned to a location similar to a street address. If your farm does NOT have a Premise ID—you can obtain this number from the Indiana Board of Animal Health [BOAH]. The website is www.in.gov/boah.

If you keep your animals at another location—you need to get that Premise ID number from the property owner.

The Premise ID number is needed to obtain a VFD, and to complete your 4honine Animal enrollment.

IMPORTANT NEW GROOMING RULE FOR THE INDIANA STATE FAIR

A new grooming rule for all exhibitors will take effect in 2017 at the Indiana State Fair. 4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family [father, mother and siblings], from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from individuals enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification. The Grooming Assistance Form can be found as an attachment to this newsletter. **PLEASE note that this program is only available for Indiana residents and must be completed by July 1, annually.** Complete paperwork is due to Aaron Fisher, Extension Specialist at the State 4-H Office by the July 1st date. Questions about the Animal Grooming Assistance Program please contact Aaron Fisher, Extension Specialist at aaronfisher@purdue.edu.

Upcoming Workshops

These workshops will focus on completing some activities in the Project Activity Sheets. More information provided as it becomes available.

2017 4-H Livestock Important Dates

March 16 Rabbit Workshop @ County Extension Office @ 7 PM
March 18 Meat Goat Workshop @ Randy Lewis Farm @ 10 AM [NOTE this new date] Selecting your 4-H Animals
April 11 Rabbit Workshop @ County Extension Office @ 7 PM
May 4 Dairy Workshop @ County Extension Office @ 7:30 PM
May 13 Beef & Dairy Beef Workshop @ AC Fairgrounds @ 9 AM-12noon Showmanship & Grooming
May 18 Rabbit Workshop @ County Extension Office @ 7 PM
June 10 Meat Goat Workshop @ Clark Farms @ 10 AM- 12 Noon
June 12 Swine Workshop @ TBA @ 7-8:30 PM
June 15 Rabbit Tattoo Workshop @ County Extension Office @ 7 PM
June 24 Poultry Blood Testing @ Allen County Fairgrounds @ 9 AM-12 noon
Poultry Fair Prep Workshop 10-11 AM @ Allen County Fairgrounds

2017 FAIR DATES

July 25-30, with the Auction on July 31
Indiana State Fair August 4-20, 2017



Caps for Benches

Allen County Fairgrounds board of directors is coordinating with Allen County 4-H to collect caps and lids for benches for the fairgrounds. We need youth involved in this endeavor as well as families and friends. Built to last a lifetime, the benches are 100% recycled lids and caps.

It takes 400# of **CLEAN** caps and lids to make 1 six foot bench along with \$225.00 (manufacturing cost) . If 4-H club, individual or organization is willing to donate \$50.00 or more towards the cost, your name will be placed on a plaque on the bench.

A collection receptacle has been placed **outside the Jack McComb Administration building at the fairgrounds**. **Please do not take the caps to the extension office**. If you are unable to take them to the fairgrounds, please call the fairgrounds office 449-4444 and we will arrange to pick them up. For questions please call Marilyn Platt 638-4885.

ACCEPTABLE CAPS: medicine bottle caps, drink bottle caps, milk jug caps, deodorant caps, detergent caps, spout caps, hair spray caps, spray paint caps, toothpaste tube caps, ointment tube caps, flip-top caps (mustard ketchup), caps with recycle numbers 2 or 4 or 5.

ACCEPTABLE LIDS: mayonnaise jar lids, cottage cheese container lids, cream cheese container lids, peanut butter jar lids, ice cream bucket lids, cool whip container lids, coffee can lids, PILL bottles with labels removed, yogurt lids, butter container lids.

JUNIOR LEADERS

Reminders

--Junior Leader Registration Forms must be received in the office by April 1 to guarantee a T-Shirt.

--All meetings will be from 7-8:30 pm unless otherwise noted. This is important when notifying your driver for drop-off and pick-up.

This month's meeting is March 28 at the County Extension office. We will continue planning the dance and 4-H Fun Night.

CLUB LEADERS



4-H Enrollment and Event Registration

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, March 22 at 6pm at the Extension Office when we will hold a 4HOnline training for leaders. During this training, you will learn about how to manage your club in 4HOnline and upon completion of the training, you will have access to your club in the system. This is especially helpful when contacting your club or project members as well as helping them complete required online tasks. I strongly encourage any of you available that evening to take advantage of this important training.

We will provide dinner, so you MUST RSVP no later than Tuesday, March 21 by 4:30pm along with any dietary restrictions you have.

I look forward to seeing many of you on the 22nd!

Exhibit Building Host Schedule

Call Samm to schedule the time your club will serve as Building Host at the County Fair. First come, first served.

Clubs not signing up will be assigned in early June.

Remember - it is expected that each club participates in hosting in the exhibit buildings at least once during the Fair. Depending on the size of your club, you might consider two time slots.



Email Alert!

4-H will be utilizing email more and more. Newsletters will be email (a link will be sent). Please email Jean at jkendall@purdue.edu with your current email address so files can be updated. Also please be sure to bookmark <http://www.extension.purdue.edu/allen> as the Allen County 4-H web site. Each county has it's own web site, so be sure you are using Allen County's to get the correct records sheets, and other information.

Other Extension Office Events

HHS Programs

Open to the Public

Educational Programs

April 25, 7 pm "Raised Bed Gardening"

May 9, 7 pm "D.A.S.H. to the Mediterranean"

Special Interest Lessons for 2017

Please check which lessons you are interested in attending. Return this form with ALL fees payable to Allen County Extension Homemakers, to Vickie Hadley, 4001 Crescent Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46815. Deadline for registrations is January 4, 2017. Pre-registration and payment are required to allow instructors to plan for handouts and supplies. A reminder will be sent to you prior to each lesson. Invite a friend to register and join in the fun!

March 30, 7 pm "Using Social Media"

April 27, 7 pm "Famous & Not-So-Famous People-
Past & Present"

May 10, 1 pm "Different Uses of Glass"

Painting a Glass Cost \$3.00

Decorating Votive Candles Cost \$2.00

Other Programs available:

Serv Safe Training & Recertification
Get Checking

Money Smart Week

Allen County Extension Homemakers Club

Horticulture Programs

Interested in taking the Fall 2017 Master Gardener Class? Contact Ricky Kemery at 481-6826

Master Gardener Plant Sale coming in May watch next newsletter for date

Agricultural Programs

Private Applicator Recertification - Coming in after the first of the year. Watch website for information.

Check out the website www.extension.purdue.edu/allen for complete details.

CALENDAR

CEO = County Extension Office

FGs = Fairgrounds

March 2017

- 16 Rabbit Workshop, 7:00 pm @ CEO
- 18 Meat Goat Workshop, 10 am @ Lewis Farm
- 21 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ CEO
- 23 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 23 Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
- 25 **4-H Fish Fry @ IPFW Alumni Center**
- 28 Junior Leaders Meeting, 7 pm @
- 31 **4-H Plant Sale Orders Due, CEO**
- 31-2 Hoosier Horse Fair, Indianapolis

April 2017

- 1 **Jr Leader T-Shirt \$ Due, @ CEO**
- 4 4-H Board Mtg, 7:00 pm @ CEO
- 6 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 10 Muzzleloading Registrations Due, 4:30 pm @ CEO
- 11 Rabbit Workshop, 7:00 pm @ CEO
- 13 Food Booth Committee, 6:30 @ CEO
- 18 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ CEO
- 20 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 22 Dairy Beef Feeder Calf Weigh in, 8-10 am @ FG's
- 25 Junior Leaders & Leaders Meeting, 7:00 pm @ CEO
- 27 Sheep & Goat ID, 5:30-8 pm @ Fairgrounds
- 28 Area 4-H/FFA Livestock & Dairy Judging Contest, Allen County
- 29 Area 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest, Wells County

May 2017

- 2 4-H Board Meeting, 7:00 pm @ CEO
- 4 Dairy Workshop, 7:30 pm @ CEO
- 6 State Horse & Pony Judging Contest
- 8 Swine Committee, 7 pm @ FG's, McComb Bldg
- 11 **4-H Plant Sale Pick up 5-8 pm @ Fairgrounds**
- 11 Robotics, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 12 **4-H Plant Sale Pick up 9-12 Noon @ Fairgrounds**
- 13 Cattle Workshop, 9:00 am @ Fairgrounds
- 14 Horse & Pony Schooling Show 7 am @ Fairgrounds
- 15 **Livestock ID Due ONLINE**
- 15 **Horse ID Due ONLINE**
- 15 **Project Add/Drop Deadline ONLINE**
- 18 Rabbit Workshop, 7:00 pm @ CEO
- 20 State Poultry & Livestock Contest @ Purdue
- 21 Rabbit Ambassador Contest, 2:00 pm Whitley County FG's
- 23 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ FG's
- 25 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 29 Office Closed - Memorial Day
- 29 Three Rivers Open Horse Show, FG's 8 am
- 30 Jr. Leaders Mtg, 7 pm @ TBA

June 2017

- 6 Exhibit Committee, 6 pm @ CEO
- 6 4-H Board Mtg, 7:00 pm @ CEO
- 7-9 4-H Camp, Epworth Forest