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# Clover Chronicle

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Extension  
ALLEN COUNTY

## Barb Thuma is Retiring from the Extension Service

After 32 years with Purdue Extension and 27 years in Allen County we will be saying goodbye to Barb. We are glad for her but sad to see her go.

The 4-H Board is hosting an Open House in honor of Barb on Friday, September 27 from 3-6 pm at the Extension Office. If you would like to stop by and wish Barb good luck you are welcome. Barb's last day will be September 30.

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Allen County Indiana 4-H

## Good News!

The 4-H Board voted to eliminate the county program fee of \$10.00 for 2020. The State program fee of \$15.00 per youth is still in effect for youth in Grade 3-12. Our 4-H Board will revisit this decision each year.

## 4-H EXPO



OCTOBER 5, 2019 FROM  
1:00-3:00 PM

AT THE ALLEN COUNTY  
EXTENSION OFFICE,  
4001 CRESCENT AVE,  
FORT WAYNE

(EAST SIDE OF THE PFW CAMPUS)

## Coming in October

The 4HOnline system is currently "locked" for the rollover to the new 2020 Exhibition Year. You will receive information on how to reenroll in 4-H in early October. Please look for this email and follow the instructions on how to reenroll. Volunteers and youth must reenroll via 4HOnline.

## 4-H Expo

We will hold a 4-H Expo on Saturday, October 5, from 1-3 p.m. at the Extension Office. Bring a friend (or five) and get enrolled in 4-H for 2020! Current 4-H Members – please contact Samm if you'd like to help during the event by being available with one or two of your projects to let participants know what 4-H is all about. Leaders – please contact Samm if you are interested in volunteering for this event by helping families get enrolled and being available to provide participants with information about your clubs. Let's work together to "Make the Best Better" and paint Allen County Green in 2020!

### 2020 4-H Exhibition Enrollment Dates:

October 1, 2019 – May 15, 2020

4HOnline enrollment & payment of  
program fees is due by May 15, 2020.

If you enroll May 1-15 you must use a major credit card for payment.

Note: some animal projects have an earlier deadline.

## Parents & Alumni Volunteers Needed

As we evaluate our past 4-H year and plan for a new one, we anticipate the need for more 4-H volunteers in 2020. If you have some time to donate to work with your child and/or other children in Allen County, please consider becoming a 4-H volunteer. We have openings as 4-H Community Club Leaders, Project Leaders, Resource Leaders and SPARK Club Leaders. We also need people to serve on Boards and Committees and to assist with Fair events. Please contact the County Extension Office. We would be happy to discuss with you further opportunities for you to volunteer with the Allen County 4-H Program. There are areas in Fort Wayne and Allen County where we do not have 4-H Community Clubs and we would certainly like to offer 4-H if volunteers are available to work with members.

## Global Gateway Experience

Do you have an interest in learning about Citizenship and the global hunger issue? There is an opportunity for Allen County 4-H members (grade 7-12) to get involved and learn more by attending the Global Gateway Experience at the Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas, April 16-20, 2020 (Thursday evening-Monday evening).

The Global Gateway Experience includes a Global Village in which youth will see recreated urban slums, bamboo huts, shanties, refugee camps, and more. The Heifer Ranch creates an experience in which nothing-shelter, food, water or cooking fuel-can be taken for granted. Participants will understand global hunger through a number of exercises and prepare a meal with limited resources while staying in the Global Village.

4-H Members will stay in the Heifer Hilton for the first and third nights (bunk bed style housing in a barn with the animals below) and in one of the Global Villages houses on the second night.

The registration fee for the experience is \$170, plus the cost of meals on the trip to/from Arkansas. Transportation by charter bus will be provided and is sponsored by the Indiana 4-H Youth Development. Youth must submit an application as this trip is limited. Allen County can take a team of 4 youth and 1 adult on this trip. Applications are available from the Allen County Extension office are due by December 1. Please contact Samm Johnson.

## Baking Club Call-out

Please plan to attend a Baking Club call-out meeting on September 19 at 6 PM at the Extension Office to learn about this exciting new club.

## Robotics Club

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Robotics Club? Come to a meeting and check it out!. Meetings are held at the Purdue Extension Allen County Office. Time is 6:30 –8:30 pm. The remaining 2019 dates are: October 3, November 7, December 5. Looking forward to seeing you!

## Tractor Supply Company-Paper Clover Pledge October 9-20, 2019

Show your support of the Allen County 4-H Program by buying a paper clover at a local Tractor Supply Company Store sometime during their Fall Pledge—October 9-20, 2019. Allen County has two [2] Tractor Supply Company Stores. They are located at 2112 West Coliseum Blvd, Fort Wayne IN 46808 AND 5808 Meijer Drive, Fort Wayne IN 46835. Visit either of these stores during the Paper Clover drive and show your support. 90% of the money raised is returned back to the state and local 4-H programs to support scholarships for camp and leadership activities.

## 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 \$15.00 annual program fee. Youth may choose to register for any and all SPARK Clubs they find interesting. Happy Learning!



### Vermiculture Workshop

October 14, 15, & 16 from 6-8 PM. Will be held at the Environmental Recourse Center on the PFW Campus. Open to Grades 3-12. \$15.00 state program fee due at time of registration. Flyer attached to the newsletter

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

## SHOOTING SPORTS

The next 4-H Shooting Sports Program will be offered in the fall. We will offer: .22 Rifle. This will start in early October.

**Fall .22 Rifle:** .22 Rifle will be offered in October-December, 2019 at Concordia Lutheran High School on Wednesday evenings. .22 Rifle is for youth in Grades 4-12. Times 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration due by September 20, 2019. Cost is \$55.00. Minimum of 18 to hold the class.

Flyer is attached to this newsletter.



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

# HORSE & PONY

## Horse Completion Banquet



This will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2019. Location: American Legion Post 37, 601 Reed Road, Fort Wayne

## LIVESTOCK

### 2020 Livestock Executive Committees as of 9/10/2019

#### Beef

Ryan Ott, Chair  
Lisa Beaupre

#### Dairy

Cindy Berning, Chair

#### Dairy Beef

Mark Anderson, Chair  
Sharon Clark

#### Goat-Dairy

Beth Wood, Chair  
Amy Kenseth

#### Goat-Meat

Roger Clark, Chair  
David Kelsey

#### Poultry

Cassie Edwards, Chair

#### Rabbit

Cheryl Smith, Chair  
Mindy Flesher  
Shawn Parker  
Megan Flesher,  
Youth

#### Sheep

Butch Oliver, Chair  
Missy Howard  
Jonell Malcolm  
Don Rodenbeck

#### Swine

Amy DeBolt  
Sam Malcolm  
Shawn Ryan  
Pam Ott

#### Llama

Rita Simmons, Chair  
Deb Roth  
Lynette Swineheart  
Keri Davison

## Livestock Auction Checks

Just a reminder that checks from the 4-H Livestock Auction will be mailed approximately 45 days after the Auction. This means probably after Labor Day in September, 2019. In addition, auction checks will not be issued to the 4-H Member until full payment is collected from all their buyers. Please remember to write each buyer a Thank you note.

## JUNIOR LEADERS

Our next meeting will be on September 24 at the Extension office. All youth in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate in this group that focuses on leadership development, meeting others 4-H'ers and having FUN!

## 4-H VOLUNTEERS

### Volunteer Hours for 2019

A worksheet was sent to volunteers to track their volunteer hours from **October 2018 to July 2019** with the **Allen County 4-H Program**. This is a worksheet for you to tally on and give you ideas where you can volunteer,. **We do not need this worksheet**. You can call or email your grand total number of hours to Jean at 481-6429 or [jkendall@purdue.edu](mailto:jkendall@purdue.edu). When picking up your State Fair ticket, you will be asked to report your hours. Thank you for volunteering. Volunteer hours worksheet is attached. It is important that you provide us with your total volunteer hours each year since we use this data in several reports to the community as well as when applying for grants and miscellaneous funding.

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

### Club Achievement Events

We sincerely hope you are planning some type of recognition for your 4-H members as the wrap-up of the 2019 year. If not all of your members completed at the Fair, and might need encouragement to enroll for 2020, perhaps you or your club can think of a small incentive idea.

# COUNTY FAIR



## 2020 FAIR DATES

July 21-26, with the Auction on July 27

## Other Extension Office Events

### Horticulture Educational Programs

#### Seed Saving Class- September 21, 10 am, Free

Join us for the hands-on basics of open pollinated seed saving, including how to determine when seeds are ready for harvest, ways to separate seed from chaff, drying, labeling, and storage. Seed varieties we will have available for you to work with: Tomato, milkweed, larkspur, blue false indigo, calendula, hollyhock, poppy, ornamental carrot, lovage, salad burnet, bloody cranesbill, columbine, and more. Then, take your own beautifully cleaned and packaged seeds home with you!

Interested in taking the Master Gardener Class? Contact the Office at 481-6826

### Health & Human Sciences Educational Programs

**"I CAN"** A FREE Life skills program for individuals grade 6 to adult. Series ONE is beginner level. Classes Include: Allergy Friendly Cooking & Pantry Planning (October 26) Basic Breads (November 2) Home Care & DIY Cleaning Products (November 9) Hand Sewing for Beginners (November 16) DIY Gift Giving (November 23). Call 481-6826 to register. Class size limited.

#### October 8, 2019, 7:00 pm "Games and Crafts for All"

Learn how to build closer family connections, better family communication, and truly fun family times through the power of awesome board games. No MONOPOLY allowed - - this is about fitting family time onto busy lives and creating the kind of relationships you want. We'll talk about family communication and connection, look at what researchers say about making family time work, and identify types of games that work best for families of all ages. Bring your questions!

**Events Open to the Public**

**Call the Office to Pre-Register**

## CALENDAR

CEO = County Extension Office  
FGs = Fairgrounds

### September 2019

- 11 Livestock Auction Committee, 7 pm @ CEO
- 17 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ CEO
- 19 Baking Club-Call out 6 pm @ CEO
- 20 Fall 22 Rifle Registrations Due
- 21 State Horticulture Judging Contest & Milk Quality, Meats Skillathon
- 24 Jr. Leaders Mtg, 7 pm @ TBA

### October 2019

- 1 4-H Board Mtg, 7:00 pm @ CEO
- 3 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 4 Area Soils Contest, DeKalb Co
- 5 4-H Expo, 1-3 pm @ CEO
- 10 4-H Volunteer Hours Due
- 15 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ CEO
- 19 State Soils Contest
- 22 Baking Club, 6 pm @ CEO
- 29 4-H Annual Meeting/Volunteer Recognition, 6:30 pm @ Walb Ballroom, PFW
- 29 Jr Leaders, 7:00 pm CEO

### November 2019

- 3 Horse & Pony Completion Banquet @ American Legion Post 47
- 3 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 11 Office Closed – Veteran's Day
- 19 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ CEO
- 25 Area Crops, Forstry & Ento Judging, Whitley Co, 5 pm
- 28-29 Office Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday Break**

### December 2019

- 3 4-H Board Meeting, 7:00 pm @ CEO
- 5 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 9 Extension Board Annual Meeting 6:30 @ CEO
- 24-25 Office Closed – Christmas Holiday**



### Email Alert!

Due to continued budget cuts in the postage and office supplies accounts to the County Extension Office budget, 4-H will be utilizing email more and more. Please go in and change your 4-Online account or email Jean at [jkendall@purdue.edu](mailto: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, information, and other information.