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We hope everyone is recovering and taking some time for themselves after the county fair. We had a total of 1,374 exhibit hall projects and 734 animals! We were excited to see all of the work our 4-Hers put into their projects this year.

Some of you are preparing for the state fair! You can find directions for project drop off and pick up in the following pages. For everyone else, it is hard to believe it is over. Now it's time to prepare for next year! As a reminder, 4-H Enrollment for 2024 will be opening up on October 1! Get signed up early so you can stay up to date on everything happening!

We would like to thank everyone who stepped up before, during and after the County Fair to help. It was greatly appreciated and we could not have done it without your help. THANK YOU!

Also, we are missing a fine arts project from fair. If you accidentally took a project home that was not yours please let us know asap. Thank you.

All the best, Jean and Rebecca



## Summer Events Happening in July:

All of these events are open to the public and participants do not have to be in 4-H to register. All of the events that have grades refer to the grade that was just completed (not what grade you are going into)

- **Mini Camps: Cost for each \$5 per person. Grades K-2**

- \* **Nature Explorers**

**July 17th, 9am-12pm @ the Extension office.**

Are you interested in bugs, animals, and being outdoors? Join us for a day full of fun exploring nature through games, crafts, and snacks.

Register using this link or scan QR code <https://forms.gle/ShhF6JCmV35jKXsB6>



- \* **You rock!**

**July 19th, 1-4 pm @ the Extension office.**

Join us as we learn about rocks and fossils through fun games, crafts, and snacks.

Register using this link or scan the QR code <https://forms.gle/CxuxXYdA1gMTx8Xk9>



- **Cookies and Canvas**

**July 28th, 6-8 pm @ the Extension office. Cost \$10 per person. Open to ages 8 and up including adults.**

Join us for a night of cookies and creativity. Follow along as the instructor teaches you to paint the image. Everyone will leave with a finished canvas. This workshop is family friendly and we encourage everyone to participate!

Register using this link or scan the QR code <https://forms.gle/GKFK7UbyPcum6vPk8>



\*\*Note that the woodworking workshop was canceled due to scheduling conflicts at the Build Guild. If you signed up, I will reach out to you personally. I apologize for the disappointment

**Interested in a spark club or workshop? Let us know! Take this short survey to let us know what kinds of topics you would like to participate in. Thank you!**

**<https://forms.gle/GCv55qXswu2aKpHN7> or scan the QR code**



**For more information on registering for these events please email Rebecca at [rcclay@purdue.edu](mailto:rcclay@purdue.edu) or call 260-481-6826. All payment will be collected day of. Space is limited!**

# News for Everyone

## BLUE ACCUMULATIVE RECORD SHEETS

The 2023 Blue Accumulative Record Sheet needs to be filled out and turned in to the Extension Office. The form can be found and printed from the 4-H county webpage at [puext.in/allen4H](http://puext.in/allen4H) (note: the H is case sensitive). All projects and 4-H activities on this sheet will be transferred to your permanent record kept in our office. Your points will accumulate and will be used to determine 4-H Top and Honor Achievers for the next year.



## Thank Your Sponsors

Many 4-H'ers received awards at the fair this year. Awards vary from ribbons, plaques, trophies, medals and banners to the support you receive from a buyer at the 4-H Livestock Auction, or the donor for a trip. Local businesses, clubs and individuals donate money to help support the 4-H because they believe that 4-H is a terrific program. Please be sure to thank your sponsors and let them know you truly appreciate their support. A thank you note is expected. We have lost sponsors due to the fact that they never receive a thank you.

## 4-H Board Members Needed

If you are interested in running for a position on the 4-H board during the Fall Annual Meeting, please contact the Extension Office to indicate your interest, or get more information.

The 4-H Board consists of 18 Members, with 3 of those being appointed Youth, who meet 12 times a year to oversee the 4-H program in Allen County. We are looking for people willing to serve as there will be openings. Please note that you need to be an approved 4-H volunteer to serve on the board. To be a voting member for 2024 you will have to complete your training on 4-H online before the October meeting. Thank you.



## Projects selected for State Fair

Please drop your projects off to the extension office between July 24-26th from 8am to 4:30 pm. If you have a very large, heavy, or fragile exhibit, we ask that you transport it yourself. You will be notified about this ahead of time. All projects (except food and garden) are due July 27th. **If you have a food item**, the vehicle will be leaving July 31st at 8:15 am. Canned, frozen, and preserved items can be dropped off the week prior but we recommend fresh products be dropped off morning of. **Garden projects need to be taken down by families on Monday, July 31.**

\*Please read the rules for your specific project to ensure all necessary sheets and components are attached. For example, if you completed a sewing project, you will need to attach a skills card. Failure to do so will result in points being deducted. If you have questions please feel free to reach out to the office.



# LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

## Grooming Assistance at the Indiana State Fair

Just a reminder that if you are planning to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair you need to make sure that you are in compliance with the Grooming Assistance rule. 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. More information and the application can be found here: <https://extension.purdue.edu/news/county/vigo/2020/05/Indiana-4-H-Animal-Grooming-Assistance-Program.html>

**Please note that this program is only for Indiana residents.**

\*Those enrolled in this program should not see this as a way to do the work for the 4-H member, but should provide hands-on learning opportunities that further the skills and abilities of the 4-H member.



## Indiana State Fair Entry Books

The 2023 Indiana State Fair Entry Books have been posted at [www.indianastatefair.com/p/statefair](http://www.indianastatefair.com/p/statefair)

Please refer to the book for information regarding participation at the state fair.

## 2024 Allen County Livestock Executive Committees

Listed below are your executive committee members for each specie. If you feel that I missed someone please reach out at [rcclay@purdue.edu](mailto:rcclay@purdue.edu). If you would still like to be on a committee, except swine, please email me and I will send an application to you. Thank you.

### **Beef**

- Ryan Ott

### **Dairy**

- Cindy Berning

### **Dairy Beef**

- Robert Wells
- Olivia Clark
- Steve Clark

### **Dairy Goat**

- Beth Wood
- Jill Bonin

### **Meat Goat**

- Roger Clark

### **Llama**

- Rita Simmons

### **Poultry**

- Loren Schaefer

### **Rabbit**

- Cheryl Smith
- Mindy Flesher
- Jennifer Malcolm
- Youth– Chase Malcolm

### **Sheep**

- No representation

### **Swine (there was a vote during fair)**

- Liz Chaffee
- Amy Debolt
- Greg Kneubuhler
- Jason Howard

### **Horse**

- No representation

### **Exhibit Committee**

- No representation



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



CEO = County Extension Office  
FG's = Fairgrounds  
Subject to Change

## July 2023

- 17 Mini Nature Explorer Camp grades k-2, 9 am –12 pm @ CEO
- 18 Horse and Pony Leader Meeting 7-9 pm @ CEO
- 18 Livestock Committee Meeting 7-9 pm @CEO
- 19 You Rock Mini 4-H Camp grade k-2, 1-4 pm @CEO
- 20 Beginner Woodworking Workshop 6-8 pm @ Build Guild (max 15 people) **(Canceled)**
- 24-26 State fair project drop off 8 am– 4:30 pm @CEO
- 25 Junior Leaders 6:30—8 pm @CEO
- 28 Cookies and Canvas Painting class (open to all ages) 6-8 pm @CEO

## August 2023

- 1 4-H Board Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
- Awards Committee (look for email)
- Curriculum Committee (look for email)
- Exhibit Committee (look for email)
- Shooting Sports Fall Planning (look for email)
- 22-26 Pick up State Fair Projects, 8 am-4:30 pm @ CEO

## September 2023

- 4 Office Closed—Labor Day
- 5 4-H Board Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO

**2023 Indiana State Fair  
July 28-August 20**

## Celebrating You!



### Top and Honor Achievers:

Zoe Chmiel, Danica Dafforn, Brady Howard, Gwen Brubaker, Croix Lomont, Drew Dafforn,  
Stephanie Onion, Dylan Paul

Have photos to share from the fair? We would love to see them! Please use this link to share photos that you took during the fair. Thank you.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/cxgMZoetNkib8e5y9>