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Need help with Fair Entry? We can help!

Rebecca will be holding an open house on May 17th from 5-8 pm for families who might need extra help getting their entries into the system. Remember that all entries are due on May 19th!

Junior Leaders

We are always looking for more people to join junior leaders! The club is open to anyone in grades 6 through 12. We meet the last Tuesday of every month from 6-8:30 pm at the Alle County Extension Office. This month we are highlighting a career in animation. We will be zooming with Mark Walton, who voices the hamster Rhino in the Disney movie Bolt. He will be talking about his experiences in animation and what a career looks like in this field. We hope to see new members attend!



Important Dates:

Please be aware of the important deadlines that are approaching! Remember that fair has been moved up to June this year, so deadlines are earlier. If you are showing an animal, besides rabbits or poultry, make sure they are all entered in 4-H online by May 15th. All projects, including static, need to be entered in Fair Entry by May 19th. Failure to do so could result in the inability to participate in that project for the 2023 fair. If you need help please call or email Jean or Rebecca.



News for Everyone

4-HOnline enrollment & payment of program fees is due by May 15, 2023.

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

Note: some animal projects have an earlier deadline.

Fair Entry is open. All entries are due May 19th

Failure to do so will result in those projects placing no higher than a blue ribbon (no honor, division reserve champion, division champion, State Fair Entry, reserve grand champion or grand champion).

Rules Book Available

There is a 2023 Rules Book which is available online at www.https://extension.purdue.edu/county/allen/allen-4h.html It is highly recommended each 4-H household print off a 2023 Rules Book.



We are asking for a 72 hour notice for pick up of manuals, poster sleeves, or materials. We do not have access to these storage rooms as freely as we use to. Thank you.

Add/Drop Deadline - May 15

Remember, you have until May 15, 2023 to add or drop projects on 4-HOnline. You **MUST** be enrolled in a project by May 15, 2023. This will allow you to enter projects in Fair Entry. Call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

Fair Entry is Due May 19, 2023.

Think of Fair Entry as a RSVP for a class, pen, poster rack spot or a table spot for your project. We need to know how many spaces to reserve and what project labels we need to print. Fair Entry is to be completed by all in grades K-12. There will be a help session on May 17th from 5-8pm (open house style) for families who need help completing fair entry.

Tips and Tricks as questions have come in:

- You do not need to register an animal to a mini 4-H'er. Communicate with your committee/leaders your intent to show or participate
- Mini 4-H'ers do not specify projects on 4-H online. They will register for specific projects on Fair Entry
- If Fair Entry will not let you add an animal, check the animal tab under that child on 4-H online to ensure the animal is registered/listed.
- Sign up for everything you might bring to fair. It is easier to "scratch" project than add day of.

Check List for 4-H Members

- ___ May 15: All Livestock ID'ed in 4-HOnline (except Poultry & Rabbits)
- ___ May 15: Add/Drop Deadline. Absolute deadline to add or delete any 4-H Projects in the 4-HOnline
- ___ May 19: 4-H Member MUST complete Fair Entry to exhibit at the County Fair
- ___ May 31: Activity Sheets for Livestock Projects due to Extension Office by 4:30 pm.





All hands on Deck!



There are a lot of moving parts that go into making fair the best it can be. We need your help to ensure everything runs smoothly. Below is a list of volunteer opportunities. We cannot do this without our amazing volunteers!

Fair Set Up

- Thursday, June 15 Starting at 6 pm: Exhibit Building Set up
- Sunday, June 18 at 12 pm: Exhibit Hall Re-Set
- Livestock Barn Set up– to be determined

Fair Clean Up

- Monday, June 26 from 8-10 am: Clean-up Exhibit Buildings
- Livestock clean up will follow the Livestock Auction on June 26.

Judge's Assistants needed!

We need 4-H Volunteers, Parents, and Extended Family to help with check in and judging

Foods: Monday, June 12

- Check in: 5-6 pm
- Judging starts at 6 pm.

Exhibit Building: Saturday, June 17

- Check in: 8:45 am—12 pm
- Judging starts at 12:30 pm

*Adults who are not volunteering as a judge's assistant will be excused from the Building before judging begins to insure proper social distancing during judging. Parents are strongly encouraged to sign up to be a judge's assistant for judging

SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The board is looking for 4-H, 4-H'ers, and 4H groups to sing the national anthem before livestock shows.

You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CAA623A1F8C16-sing>



Food Booth:

To sign up for a shift at the food booth please visit this link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b48a5af2fa1f85-4hfood4#/>

All volunteers will receive a food voucher for working a shift.

**Also, stay tuned for our new dessert option. It will BLAST you out of this world!

Please email Jean or Rebecca if you would like to volunteer for anything above.

We really appreciate everyone and the amazing effort that is put into making our fair run smoothly.

Please remember to track your volunteer hours. We will be asking you for the total hours volunteered for Allen County 4-H later this fall. We use that number in a variety of reports to the community.

4-H Plant Sale Help Needed

We are still looking for Youth and Adults to help with the 4-H Plant Sale, May 11 or 12.

The number of orders is higher than past years, so more help is appreciated.

May 11 we need workers from 8 am-8 pm (in 2, 4, 6, 8, 12 hour shifts) and on May 12 we need workers from 8:45 am-1:30 pm. Workers are needed to unload, count, distribute and carryout plants. Call the office at 481-6429 or email jkendall@purdue.edu if you can help.



Summer Events:

Keep your eyes open for all of the fun summer workshops and events that will be taking place in July.

- Mini 4-H camp
- 4-H day camps for grades 3-12
- Woodworking Workshop
- Cookies and Canvas
- And much more!!

*More information and specific dates will come in the June newsletter.



I DARE YOU AWARD



Do you know a 4-H member, grade 9-12, who deserves to be this year's "I Dare You" Award recipient for outstanding youth leadership? Adult volunteers may nominate a 4-H member who goes above and beyond expectations. Form can be found on the Purdue Extension-Allen County Web Site. (You can google "I dare you award Allen County 4-H and it should be one of the first things to pop up)

Nominations are **due May 31** and should be emailed to Rebecca at rcclay@purdue.edu or mailed to the office. (Please note that the due date on the form is incorrect and we are working on fixing it)



JUNIOR LEADERS

Next Meeting is May 30th from 6:30-8 pm
@ the Allen County Extension Office
Open to those currently in grade 6-12.

This month we will have a zoom with Mark Walton, who is the voice of Rhino the hamster in the animated movie Bolt. He will be sharing his experiences in animation. If you are interested in animation this would be a great meeting to attend, even if it will be your first meeting. Bring a friend!

Project Information



Consumer Clothing and Fashion Revue Judging will be Tuesday, June 6, with Check in starting at 4:30 pm at the Allen County Extension Office. Details were emailed out. If you did not receive the email please reach out.

4-H Dog Project:

Fair Entry Due May 19

- 4-H Agility & Showmanship Show will be June 2 at 6 pm
- 4-H Dog Obedience Show will be June 3 at 9 am

Both Shows will be held in the Home Loan Bank Building @ Fairgrounds.

Dog Posters will be checked in from 9 am -12 pm on June 17 in the Exhibit Building at the Allen County Fairgrounds.



Cat Show: Judging will be Saturday, June 17 at 6 pm in the Home & Family Arts building. Costume Class Theme is "Anything goes." Be sure your Vet/Vaccination form is turned in by May 31 to the Extension Office.

Pet Rabbit: Projects Posters will be checked in on Saturday, June 17 from 9 am to 12 pm. Judging will follow at 12:30 pm.

Live Project Show will be Saturday, June 17 at 6:30 pm in the Home and Family Arts building. Costume class Theme is "Anything Goes."



Foods, Microwave and Homemade Ice Cream Judging

All Foods, Microwave and Homemade Ice Cream exhibits will be judged June 12 at the Fairgrounds in the Home and Family Arts Building.

Check-in from 5-6 pm with judging to follow at 6 pm.

Please Note: Adults who are not volunteering as a judge's assistant will be excused from the building at 6 pm to insure proper social distancing during judging.

We are in need of Judge Assistants for this night. Please email jkendall@purdue.edu if you can help.



The Extension Office has poster sleeves for sale for \$2.00 each. We do not carry the hard backing or poster board.



EXHIBIT BUILDING CHECK IN PROCESS

All Exhibit Building projects will be checked in on Friday, June 16 from 3 pm to 6 pm **OR** Saturday, June 17 from 9 am to 12 pm. Judging will start at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 17.

Remember to:

1. Take your General Record Sheet to the Celebration Building (behind the 4-H food booth near the Show Barn). You only need one (1) record sheet regardless of the number of non-livestock projects you are exhibiting
2. Verify which exhibits you brought to be judged. Projects entered in Fair Entry **NEED** to be checked to know what you actually finished. Your project tags will be given to you at this time on June 16 & 17.
3. After verification of exhibits you may proceed to check-in with your projects in the Exhibit Buildings.

Project Release Exhibit Building

Exhibit Building Projects : Sunday, June 25, 6 – 7 pm

Non Auction Animals: Sunday, June 25, 6 — 9:30 pm

Auction animals will stay on the grounds and be released after the auction on Monday

*Remember all projects are expected to stay until the release day and time



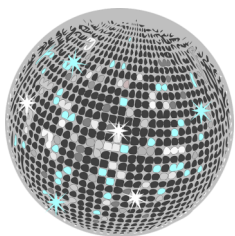
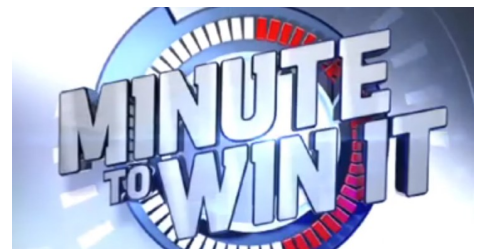
ATTENTION ALL 12th GRADERS:

You should have received a letter from the Extension Office regarding your Final Year. If you have NOT received the letter, please call the office at 260-481-6429 ASAP.

4-H FUN NIGHT

This year's 4-H Fun Night will be on Saturday, June 24 at 8:30 pm. Teams of six 4-H members will compete in "Minute to Win It" type games.

Registration is on the website or you can pick up and submit entry during fair at the 4-H Office Fair by 4pm on June 22. Each team will have an entry fee of \$10.00. Entry form can be found on the Purdue Extension-Allen County Web Site.



4-H Dance following the Fun Night until 12 am

We will be holding the 4-H dance this year following the fun night in the show barn. Bring your dancing shoes and your friends for a night full of dancing and fun.



LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

2023 Livestock ID and Workshop Dates

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| May 15 | Livestock Hair Samples Due @ County Extension Office |
| May 15 | 4-H Livestock ID Due in 4honline |
| May 18 | Dairy Goat Workshop, 6:30 pm @ FG's |
| May 19 | Fair Entry done online (what I am Exhibiting at the County Fair) by 11:59 PM |
| May 21 | Rabbit Ambassador Contest, 2 pm, Whitley County Fairgrounds |
| May 21 | Swine Workshop 3 pm @ Kneubuhler Farm 23033 Antwerp Road, Harlan |
| May 31 | Activity Sheets due to the Extension Office @ 4:30 pm |
| June 1 | Rabbit Tattoo Event 6:30 pm @ FG's |
| June 12 | Swine Workshop/Set Up/Check paperwork over 4:00 pm @ FG's |

Premise ID

Do you need a Premise ID? **If you are showing cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, or rabbits you will need a premise ID.** If your animals are being housed on someone's property, they will hold the ID for their property.

To apply for an ID go to www.in.gov/boah/2700.htm. If you have not done this, please do it ASAP. It may take a few days to get the ID back and animal ID is due May 15th! If you are worried you will not get it by the May 15th deadline, I recommend you call the Board of Health at 317-544- 2381.

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.



Transitioning from YQCA to the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program

Please remember that every member exhibiting cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine has to complete either the online YQCA or in person QLC training. Failure to complete this requirement will result in the inability to show your animal at fair!

If you complete the National YQCA program, please email your certificate to Rebecca at rcclay@purdue.edu to ensure your requirement is marked complete in 4-H online. Also, note that all of the in person QLC trainings have past in Allen County. There are still a few surrounding counties that are offering the in person training. To register for another county's program, go to events under your child's profile on 4-H online. You then will click on the county you want to go to and that will allow you to see and register for a specific date. Please do not wait until the last minute!

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the training.

Indiana State Fair Entry Book

The 2023 Indiana State Fair Entry Book has been posted at www.indianastatefair.com/p/statefair

HORSE & PONY & LLAMA INFORMATION

Horse and llama identification must be entered in V2.4online by May 15.

Please review the table on page 10 for the updated Animal ID requirements. All Horses and llamas, must be in V2.4online on or before May 15. Fair Entry is due May 19th. Please remember to select all the classes you think you might compete in.

Identifying Animals in 4HOnline

Horses and llamas are the only species requiring photographs in 2023. You will need to upload two images of your animals in V2.4online for verification purposes. The first colored photo will be of the animal's head showing all features. The second colored photo will be a full body image showing all 4 feet and the head of the animal. If families need assistance adding the photos in 4HOnline, please call the office at 260-481-6429. Additional detailed instructions for identifying each species in 4HOnline are located on the home screen of 4HOnline after logging into your family profile.

Horse & Pony Activity Sheets: Due June 15 at the Horse & Pony Office at the Fairgrounds.

Llama manuals are due May 31 to the Allen County Extension Office

Horse & Pony Scholarship: 12th Graders - Check and ask your leader about the Joannie Tumbleson Horse & Pony Scholarship. The Application is due May 31. The form can be found on the Purdue Extension-Allen County Web Site.



Cattle, Horse, Llama, Swine, Sheep & Goat Animals identification must be entered in V2.4honline by May 15.

Please review the table on page 10 of the newsletter with updated Animal ID requirements. All Cattle, Horse, Llama, Swine, Sheep, and Goats must be in V2.4honline on or before May 15. If you intend to show at the state fair, all DNA Envelopes must be back to the office by 4:30 pm on Monday, May 15. This is a state fair deadline for DNA, so please do not miss this!

Ear Tags

Tag orders must have a 72 hour notice in order to be pulled. You can email jkendall@purdue.edu to request your tags. She will pull and let you know when you are good to pick up your tags. (No orders can be placed May 11 & 12 because Becca and Jean are out at Plant Sale Fundraiser). Not everyone in the office can pull tags so you must contact Jean.

Swine Members: Tags cost is \$5.00 each.

Beef Feeder Calves & Junior Heifers – Cost is \$7.00 for the set of tags.

Indiana State Fair DNA Hair Collection

Official DNA collection envelopes can be requested from Jean. All DNA Envelopes are due back to the Extension office by **May 15, 2023**.

For more information on DNA collection for Cattle, sheep, meat goats, and swine please visit

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/animal-identification.html>

Identifying Animals in 4HOnline

As stated on the previous page, horses and llamas are the only species requiring photographs in 2023. If families need assistance adding the photos in 4HOnline, please call the office at 260-481-6429.

Additional detailed instructions for identifying each species in 4HOnline are located on the home screen of 4HOnline after logging into to your family profile.

*Please make sure your animals are entered in 4-H online before you attempt to enter projects in Fair Entry.

Notes from the Livestock Auction Committee

- We have received some complaints from buyers as they are enjoying the Buyer Appreciation Meal and being asked to purchase a youth's animal. The committee is asking please do not solicit for bids in the Buyers Appreciation Meal Dining Hall.
- Keep on the lookout for the tips, tricks, and etiquette document that will be sent out to livestock members. This document will give you more information on the auction.
- A Youth's check will be docked the bid from buyers NOT paying after 30 days.

2023 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification

The following 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 the 4-H livestock shows at the 2023 Indiana State Fair. 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 state fair ineligibility for that particular animal.



| | For State Fair | Max # to Enroll | Deadline |
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| Beef and Dairy Beef Steers | 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample | 10 Total steers | May 15 |
| Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder | 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample | 10 total | May 15 |
| Beef, Registered Heifers | 840-RFID tag and Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample | 10 total heifers | May 15 |
| Dairy Cattle | 840-RFID tag and animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number) and DNA Hair Sample | 40 total | May 15 |
| Dairy Goat Females, Registered | Breed Registry Tattoo | 40 dairy goats total | May 15 |
| Wethers | 5-digit County Tag or Tattoo | | |
| Meat Goat Wethers | 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample | 40 meat goats total | May 15 |
| Boer Goat Females, Registered | Breed Registry Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample | | May 15 |
| Market Goat Does (Wether Dams) | 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample | | May 15 |
| Pygmy Goats Registered | Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers | 40 total | May 15 |
| Unregistered | Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo | | |
| Horses and Pony | Two Color Pictures | 20 total | May 15 |
| Llama and Alpaca | Two Color Pictures | 20 total | May 15 |
| Sheep Market Lambs | 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample | 30 sheep total | May 15 |
| Commercial Ewes | 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag/or official scrapies tag and DNA Hair Sample | | |
| Registered Ewes | 840-RFID Tag and ID that matches registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample | | |
| Swine | 840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch and DNA Hair Sample | 15 Gilts 15 Barrows | May 15 |



4-H Dates for Fair Schedule

To the best of our knowledge, here are the dates you might need to put on your Calendar for the upcoming Allen County Fair. Some items have not been scheduled yet, so please sit tight for those to be announced.

June 12, Foods, Microwave, Homemade Ice Cream Judging 5-6 check in and 6 pm judging

June 15, 6 pm Exhibit Hall Set up

June 16, 3-6 pm Exhibit Hall Project Check in

June 17, 9 am - 12 Noon Exhibit Hall Project Check in

June 17, 12:30 pm - Exhibit Hall Project Judging

Livestock Set up - will be determined at the meeting on the 24th

Monday, June 19

Livestock Check in: late afternoon/evening Times to be determined.

Horse Check in TBD

Tuesday, June 20:

- 8 -11 am Llama Check in
- 10 am English Horse Classes
- 10 am Rabbit Show
- 4 pm Poultry Show (this has been moved to the Showbarn)
- 8 pm Top & Honor Achievers Recognition (Moved to Activities Stage/Tent)

Wednesday, June 21:

- 5:30– 8 am Swine Check in
- 10 am Horse Showmanship & Versatility
- 12 pm Dairy Show
- 5 pm Meat Goat Show
- 6 pm Llama Miniapalooza

Thursday, June 22

- 9 am Llama Showmanship
- 10 am Horse Trail & Western Classes
- 12:30 Dairy Beef Show
- 1 pm Llama Judging Contest
- 7 pm Sheep Show

Friday, June 23

- 9 am Llama Performance Classes
- 9 am Dairy Goat Show & Cart Performance Classes
- 10 am Horse Mini Classes
- 12 pm Horse Contesting Classes
- 7 pm Beef Show

Saturday June 24

- 8 am Swine Show
- 10 am Horse & Pony Grand Entry
- 12 pm Horse Fun Classes
- 6 pm Llama Fun Show
- 8:30 4-H Fun Night
- 4-H dance following fun night

Sunday, June 25

- 8 am Swine Carcass Show
- 12 pm Showman of Showmen Contest
- 5 pm 4-H Awards Ceremony
- 6-7 pm 4-H Project Released (must be picked up today!)*
- 6-9:30 pm Non Auction Animals Released*

Monday June 26

- 8-10 am Clean up Exhibit Buildings
- 12:30 pm Auction
- Final Clean up Follows Auction

* All Times are subject to change

***Reminder to all 4-H members:**

All exhibits brought for judging **MUST** remain until the scheduled release on Monday, June 26. Early removal will result in the loss of awards in that project and the member's ineligibility to compete in the project the following year.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



May 2023

- 10 Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's
- 11 4-H Plant Sale, Unloading and Sorting all day-Help is needed.
- 11 4-H Plant Sale Pick up 5-8 pm @ FG's
- 12 4-H Plant Sale Pick up 9 am-12 noon @ FG's
- 13 Horse & Pony Fun Speed Show @ FG's
- 14 Horse & Pony Mothers Day Show @ FG's
- 15 DNA Hair Samples due to CEO by 4:30 pm**
- 15 Animal ID's due in 4-Online**
- 16 Horse & Pony Volunteers Mtg 7:15 pm @ CEO
- 17 Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's
- 17 Fair Entry Help open house 5-8 pm @CEO
- 18 Goat Workshop, 6:30 pm @ FG's
- 19 Fair Entry Due in computer**
- 20 Fairgrounds Clean up Day 8 am
- 21 Rabbit Ambassador Contest 2 pm @ Whitley Co
- 21 Swine Workshop, 3 pm @ Kneubuhler Farm
- 24 Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's
- 24 Livestock Executive Meeting, 6:30 pm @ FG's
- 29 Office Closed - County Holiday
- 29 3 Rivers Horse & Pony Show @ FG's
- 31 Activity Sheets, Consumer Clothing, Creative Writing due 4:30 @ CEO**
- 31 Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's

June 2023

- 1 4-H Rabbit Workshop/Tattoo Event, 6:30 pm @ FG's
- 2 Dog Agility & Showmanship Judging 6 pm @ FG's
- 3-4 Llama Open Show @ FG's
- 3 Dog Obedience Show 9 am @ FG's
- 6 Fashion Revue & Consumer Clothing Judging 4:30 Check in @ CEO
- 6 4-H Board Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
- 7-9 4-H Camp
- 7-9 State Academy Trip @ Purdue University
- 7 Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's
- 9 Dairy Beef Open Show @ FG's
- 10 Fairgrounds Clean up Day 8 am
- 12 Foods, Microwave, Homemade Ice Cream Check in 5-6 pm with Judging at 6 pm @ FG's
- 12 Swine Workshop, Pen Set Up, verify entries & clean up grounds 4 pm @ FG's
- 13-16 State Junior Leader Conference
- 14 Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's
- 15 Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's
- 19 Office Closed - County Holiday
- 20-25 ALLEN COUNTY FAIR**
- 26 Livestock Auction 12:30 @ FG's**
- 26-28 Purdue Round Up @ Purdue University

July 2023

- 1-7 Citizenship Washington focus Trip to DC
- 4 Office Closed - County Holiday

CEO = County Extension Office

FG's = Fairgrounds

Subject to Change



**2023 Allen County
Fair June 20-25**

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

**ALLEN COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS**

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WAYNE, IN 46818
260 449-4444

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April 2023

On behalf of the Allen County Fairgrounds, we would like to provide all 4-H families with the following updates and announcements.

Fair Committee

Interested in volunteering during the fair? Fill out this easy form so we can reach out to match you with an activity or event: <https://forms.gle/Gu6Tzx7oYvvh5Abm7> Or stop in at an upcoming meeting to learn how you can volunteer and be involved in the Allen County Fair. Next Meetings: April 6th, May 4th and June 8th. Watch the website as we start to populate more and more information on activities and events.

Grounds

Much needed electrical upgrades will begin in the exhibit/home loan bank building to be completed by fair. Workdays are scheduled for April 22, May 20 and June 10th starting at 9am. Look at our Facebook page for more info on what will be addressed each day. More hands make all the difference!

Old Business

Some might know that the Allen County Fairgrounds has been challenging a decision by the Allen County Auditor's Office to assess property taxes in the sum of \$30,000 a year for the past two years. It is with great pleasure that the committee reports that after much effort, the Auditor's Office has looked into our situation again and determined that we only need to pay property taxes on around 25% of our grounds. This is a huge financial burden lifted.

It's looking good for a rodeo!

Did you hear that we hosting a full rodeo at the Allen County Fair on Tuesday, June 20th to kick off the fair with bulls, broncos and barrels!?!? If you know if a business that would be interested, please reach out to the fairground's office 260-449-4444.

**Watch our Facebook page and this newsletter update for upcoming workdays.
Allen County Fair, June 20-25, 2023**

4-H Clean Up Day

ALLEN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

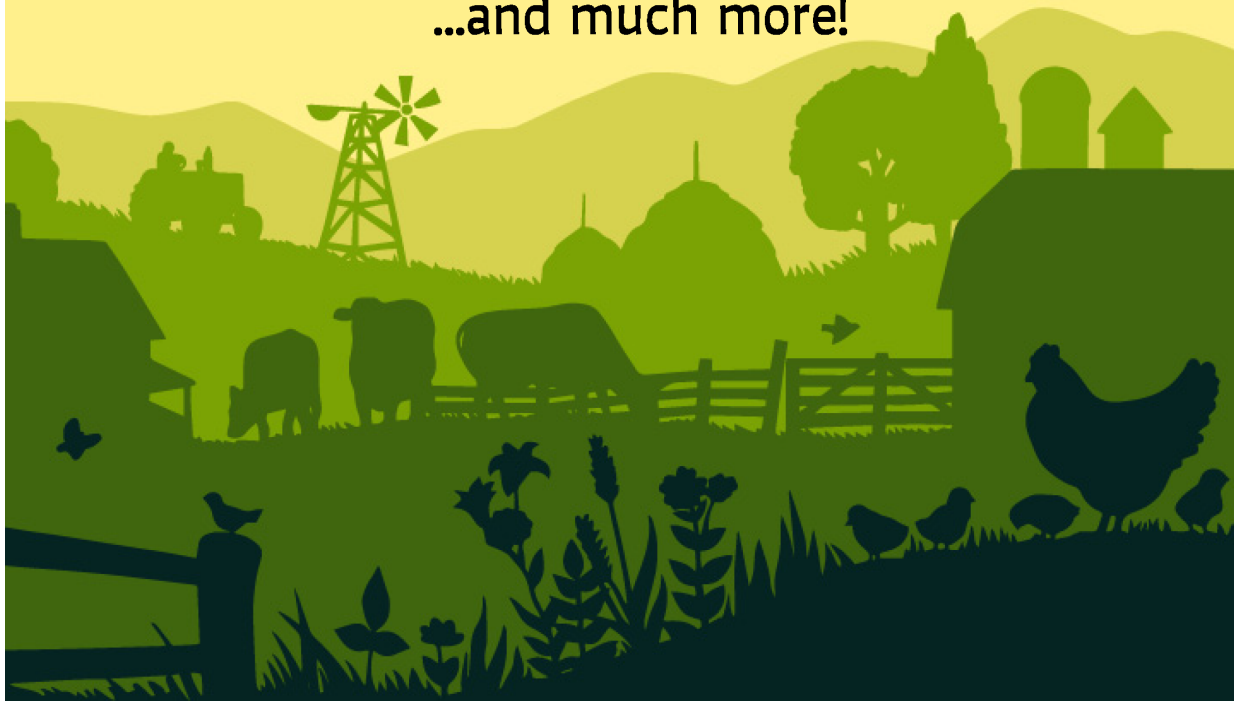
May 20 & June 10 - 9a-12p

*****PLEASE PARK BY CATTLE BARN*****

Several livestock groups will be hosting open shows in the next couple of weeks. Let's pull together and make a great showing with friendly and clean fairgrounds.

WE WILL BE CLEANING:

Show Barn
Mulching & Weeding
4-H Food Booth
...and much more!



For more information, contact Roger Clark at Roger.C3204@hotmail.com