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Thoughts from the 4-H Team



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Its already April!! The 2026 Fair is coming up fast and it takes a team to make 4-H shine! We need many volunteers to assist with upcoming activities and events. Your time, talents, and enthusiasm help create positive experiences for our members. Whether you have a little time or a lot, your support makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our youth. If you're interested in getting involved, we would love to have you join us! Click the links on page 4 and sign up!! Thank you in advance for helping us make the 2026 4-H Fair a success!

Club meetings are in full swing, and we encourage all members to stay involved and connected. These gatherings are a great way to learn new skills, build friendships, and have fun along the way. If you haven't been to a meeting recently, now's a great time to jump back in!

This is a great time to check in on project work. Whether you're exploring a new topic or continuing a long-time interest, now is the time to stay organized, ask questions, and keep moving forward. Don't forget—small steps now make a big difference later!

Be sure to stay up to date by checking your email regularly, visiting the 4-H website, and following along on our social media pages. Important announcements, deadlines, and opportunities are shared often, and you won't want to miss out!





4-H INFORMATION



MARCH 31

APRIL 28

MAY 26

JULY 28

AUGUST 25

SEPTEMBER 29

OCTOBER 27

NOVEMBER 24

DECEMBER 29



MEETING DATES

ALL MEETINGS ARE FROM 6:00 - 7:30 PM AT THE ALLEN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE.

ANY CHANGES TO LOCATION OR TIME WILL BE PROMOTED THROUGH THE NEWSLETTER, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND EMAIL PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE.

FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO CHEYANNE GEIDEMAN AT CGEIDEMA@PURDUE.EDU

Congratulations !

to the new

Junior Leader's Officers

President: Keshan Miller

Vice President: Reeslen Milanowski

Secretary: Joelle Thornton

Treasurer: Karsten Miller

Are you in grades 7-12 and ready to lead, learn and create change? Join them for an exciting year ahead focused on community service and building skills as a team!

Muzzleloading

Orientation Meeting for Parents and Youth

April 16, 2026, 6:30 -8:30pm

Workshop Dates:

Meetings will be held Thursday evenings,

April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21 from 6:30-8:30pm at

5198 Co Road 68, Spencerville IN.

Register here: <https://springmuzzle2026allen.4honline.com>

Archery (Class FULL)

Orientation Meeting April 8 @ 6 pm for All

at Allen Co Fairgrounds-McComb Bldg

Workshop Dates:

April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 31 & June 7

Beginners 12-1:30/Advanced 2-3:30pm at

Allen Co Fairgrounds 2726 Carroll Road Fort Wayne IN

Register Here: <https://springarchery2026allen.4honline.com>

Because of the incredible popularity of 4-H Shooting Sports, we need more volunteers to keep up the demand! Make a difference and REGISTER NOW to get certified to be a SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEER!! Click here: [Shooting Sports Resources](#)

or contact Gary for more information gsjones@purdue.edu

- * Must be an enrolled 4-H member to attend workshops.
- * The program teaches safe handling of firearms, proper use of equipment, shooting techniques and ethics of good shooters.
- * Instructors are certified through the Indiana 4-H Shooting Sports Program of Purdue University and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.
- * Materials, ammunition and equipment furnished.
- * Parent or guardian please plan to stay for the entire first meeting.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR



April 2	10am-2pm	Spring Break Art Camp (for gr 5-up) @ Johnnie Mae Farm, 2518 Winter St
April 5,		Happy Easter!
April 7,	7-9pm	4-H Allen County Board Member Meeting @ Extension Office
April 8	6pm	4-H Archery Orientation @ Allen Co FG McComb Bldg
April 10-12, or Sept 11-13,		Allen Co 4-H Shooting Sports <u>Volunteer</u> Certification Camp
April 12, 19, 26,		4-H Archery Workshop @ Allen Co Fairgrounds 2726 Carroll Rd (Beginners 12-1:30pm & Advanced 2-3:30pm)
April 16,	6:30-8:30pm	4-H Muzzleloading Orientation-Spring @ 5198 CR 68, Spencerville IN
Apr 23, 30	6:30-8:30pm	4-H Muzzleloading Workshop-Spring @ 5198 CR 68, Spencerville IN
April 25	1-3pm	Spring Into Art Block Party @ Johnnie Mae Farm, 2518 Winter St
April 28,	6-7pm	Junior Leaders Meeting @Extension Office
May 1,		Fair Entry Opens
May 3, 10, 17, 31		4-H Archery Workshop @ Allen Co Fairgrounds 2726 Carroll Rd (Beginners 12-1:30pm & Advanced 2-3:30pm)
May 5,	7-9pm	4-H Allen County Board Member Meeting @ Extension Office
May 7	5-8pm	Flower and Nelson chicken dinner sale pickup- Thursday
May 8	9-12am	Flower only pickup- Friday
May, 7, 14, 21	6:30-8:30pm	4-H Muzzleloading Workshop-Spring @ 5198 CR 68, Spencerville IN
May 15,		4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT DEADLINE
May 17,	2pm	Rabbit Ambassador Contest @ Whitley County
May 18,	6:30pm	Quality Livestock Care In-Person Training @ Extension Office
May 23,	10:30am	Allen County Jackpot Swine Show @ FG
May 26,	6-7pm	Junior Leaders Meeting @Extension Office
June 7		4-H Archery Workshop @ Allen Co Fairgrounds 2726 Carroll Rd (Beginners 12-1:30pm & Advanced 2-30pm)



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SAVE THE DATE!!
Allen County 4-H Fair



Volunteers needed !!

Click the links to sign up

Exhibit Hall Set Up & Tear Down

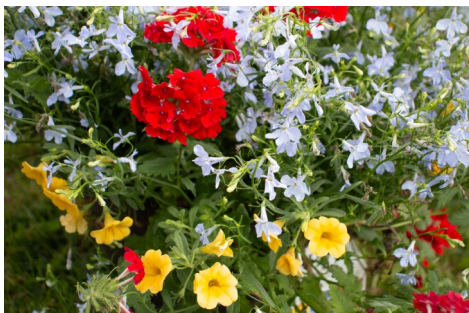
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Judges Assistants Needed June 19th & 20th

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BAAAB2DA1F9C34-63183083-foods>

4-H Annual Plant Sale & FG Clean-Up Days

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448ABAB23ABFEC25-62970523-annual>



we are making
a difference



Do you need a Premise ID?

If you are showing cattle, swine, sheep, goats you will need a premise ID. If your animals are being housed on someone's property, they will hold the ID for their property. It is recommended you have an ID for poultry but not required. 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. This only needs to be done once for your farm.

2026

Allen County 4-H Recognition Brochure Contest!

What does 4-H mean to you?

Design a front cover for the 2026 4-H Recognition brochure showcasing

"What 4-H means to you".

Email your original design

by **May 1, 2026**

to the Allen County Extension Office,
Allences@purdue.edu.

RFID/DNA envelops for animals can be picked up at the Extension office during business hours or at most specie workshops. They are due by May 15th to the office!

We Have Poster Sleeves!!

22x28 poster sleeves are only 2\$
We have 18x24 salon size too!
Stop by the office during our business hours 8am-4:30pm

Monday –Friday



2026 Project Rules Available

The 2026 Rules Book is available online .https://extension.purdue.edu/county/allen/_docs/2026-rules-book-final-draft.pdf If you would like a physical copy, please give us a **72 hour notice** to print and bind one.

Sewing project has a SKILLS and TECHNIQUES UPDATE that will effect judging. IF YOU ARE DOING THE SEWING PROJECT PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK THIS REQUIREMENT.

There have been State updates to livestock projects this year. Please check with your livestock committee leader or call the office for clarification, if needed. Don't forget your craft, recipe, and sewing cards when you are putting your projects together. All required documents should be listed under the appropriate project on the website.

Livestock Workshops & Club Meetings



Club Meetings

Perry Boosters Club Meeting @ FG, 6:30-8pm, 4/16, 5/21, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15 (tentative) 11/19, 12/17

Marion BG's Club Meeting @ Hoagland Pavilion, 6:30-8pm,

Aboite Homesteaders Club Meeting 3/22 1-2p @St Joe Xmas Tree Farm, 4/26 3-4p @Van Hoozen Park, 5/17 3-4p @Van Hoozen Park, 6/13 9-10:30a @ FG, 6/23 TBD, 6/28 4p @ FG

Allen County Dog Club, meets every Monday, March 2nd—June 1 (except May 25th) 6:15-7:15 Obedience/Showmanship- 7:30-8:30 Intro to agility/open time

Horse & Pony Outdoor Practice Meeting @ FG, every Thursday April 30th--June 18th and Wed, June 17th @ 6:30-8:30p

Livestock Meetings

Saddle Bums Club Meeting @ Ext Office 6:30-8:30, 4/23

Horse & Pony Club Leader Meeting @ Ext Office 7-9, 4/21, 5/19, 6/16, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15

Three Rivers Rabbit Raisers Meeting 6:30-8, 4/16@FG, 5/11@FG, 6/4@FG

Swine Committee Meeting @FG 7-9 4/20, 5/11

Swine Workshop Meeting @FG 7-8:30, 5/14

Dairy Cow Meeting @ Ext Office 7:30, 4/13

Weigh-In's and ID Days

Dairy Beef & Feeder Calf Weigh In @FG Lions Barn 8-10am, 4/11

Goat & Sheep ID Day @FG Lions Barn 6-7:30, 4/30

****ALL MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

Follow us on Facebook where we share pictures, important information, and workshop flyers on our page!

Allen County Indiana 4-H: <https://www.facebook.com/AllenCounty4H>

Have photos to share ? We would love to see them! Please feel free to email allences@purdue.edu with your favorites!

2026 4-H Fair Important Dates

Friday June 19

Foods, Micro, Ice Cream Judging (closed) 6pm,
HFA

Consumer Clothing and Fashion Revue Judging
(closed), 5-7pm EB

Static Project drop off 3-6pm EB

Saturday June 20th

Static Project Drop off 9am-11:30am EB

4-H Project Judging (closed) 12:30 pm, EB

Top and Honor Achievers and 10 Year Member
Reception 6 pm, TBD

Tuesday June 23

Swine Entry

Llama Entry, 8am-11am, LA

Rabbit Show 9am-12:30pm SB

English-Horse 11am

Commercial & Exhibition Poultry Show 3-6:30pm
SB

Wednesday June 24

Cat Show 8:30am-10am SB

Pet Rabbit Show 10am-11am SB

Horse Showmanship & Versatility 11am

Dairy Show 12 pm SB

Meat Goat 5 pm SB

Llama Minipalooza 6pm-8pm LA

Thursday June 25

Llama Showmanship 9am-12pm SB

Sheep Show 12:30pm -2pm SB

Mini Horse Classes 10am

Llama Judging Contest 12:30pm LA

Horse Contesting 3pm

Dairy Beef Show 4pm-9pm SB

Friday June 26

Dairy Goat 9am-3pm SB

Llama performance Class 9am-5pm LA

Horse & Pony Awards and Ceremony 11am

Horse Fun Classes 12 pm

Beef Show 7pm-8:30 pm SB

Saturday June 27

Swine Show 9am-1:30pm SB

Llama Fun Show 6pm-8pm SB

Fun Night and Dance 8pm-10pm SB

Sunday June 28

Swine Market Show 9am-11:30 am SB

Showman of Showmen 12pm-3pm Horse Arena/
Show Barn

Auction Set up 4pm-5pm SB

Project Awards 5pm SB

Non auction livestock/project release 6pm

Monday June 29

Livestock Auction Registration 10:30am SB

Livestock Luncheon 11am-1pm EB

Livestock Auction 12:30pm

****NOTE:** Dates and times are subject to change rapidly and without notice



4-H Online Deadline - May 15

All animals and projects need to be entered in 4-H online by May 15, 2026! There is some flexibility for projects but not animals! You **MUST** be enrolled in a project to select that project in Fair Entry. If you run into problems, please call the Extension Office 260-481-6826 or email

Fair Entry Deadline - June 8

Think of Fair Entry as a RSVP for a class, pen, poster rack or 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. **Fair entry will not open until May 1st. Directions will be attached to the May newsletter.**

Tips and Tricks as questions have come in:

- You do not need to register an animal in 4-H online as a mini 4-H'er. Communicate with your committee/leaders your intent to show and select project in fair entry
- 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 select an animal, check the animal tab under that child on 4-H online to ensure the animal is registered/listed. Please register rabbits in 4-H online this year.
- Sign up for everything you might bring to fair. It is easier to "scratch" project than add day of.



Extension - 4-H Youth
Development



Cost is \$3 (cash or check only)
Due day of the training

Allen County 4-H

QLC

In-person Training

📍 4001 Crescent Ave, Fort Wayne, IN



March 30, 2026 | At 10 AM

March 30, 2026 | At 1 PM

May 18, 2026 | At 6:30 PM

What to do:

1. Follow the link below to 4HOnline.
2. Select which training your 4-H member will be attending.
3. Hit submit!

Registration :

<https://2026allenqlc.4honline.com>

Have questions? Give us a call at 260-481-6826.
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2026 Miss Allen County Queen

Scholarship program will be held Sunday, April 26th at 5pm in the Exhibit Building at the Allen County Fairgrounds.

If you would like to obtain information on competing, please email program director, Michelle Love at missallencounty@gmail.com.



About Miss Allen County

The program is open to young ladies that live in Allen County, ages 17-22 (You cannot turn 22 before June 1, 2027). This is a scholarship program, offering over \$4,500 in scholarships to the court each year. Girls compete in interview, on-stage modeling, and on-stage question. The winner and her court, will reign over the 2026 Allen County Fair, getting many prizes and full VIP access to the fair—making memories that will last a lifetime. You can find information about the Little Miss program at missallencounty.com

A graphic for a "Spring Into Art Block Party" featuring a background of colorful paint splatters and art supplies like pencils and brushes. The text is centered and framed by a dark, striped border.

You're Invited!

SPRING INTO ART BLOCK PARTY

Johnnie Mae Farm // 2518 Winter St. // April 25 // 1-3 PM

<h3>FOOD</h3> <p>Everyone is welcome to join the cookout</p>	<h3>FRIENDS</h3> <p>Play games and catch up with your neighbors</p>	<h3>FUN</h3> <p>Art activities for all ages to express themselves</p>
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Love Rabbits?



Become a 4-H Rabbit Ambassador!



Allen County 4-H Rabbit Ambassador Contest

MAY 17 2:00 PM

@ WHITLEY COUNTY



Make New Friends!



Learn About Rabbits!



Build Leadership Skills!

Represent the Rabbit Project!



It's a WIN-WIN!

Interested in joining this year's team?

Contact Heather Brown for more info!

Hop into a fun leadership opportunity!

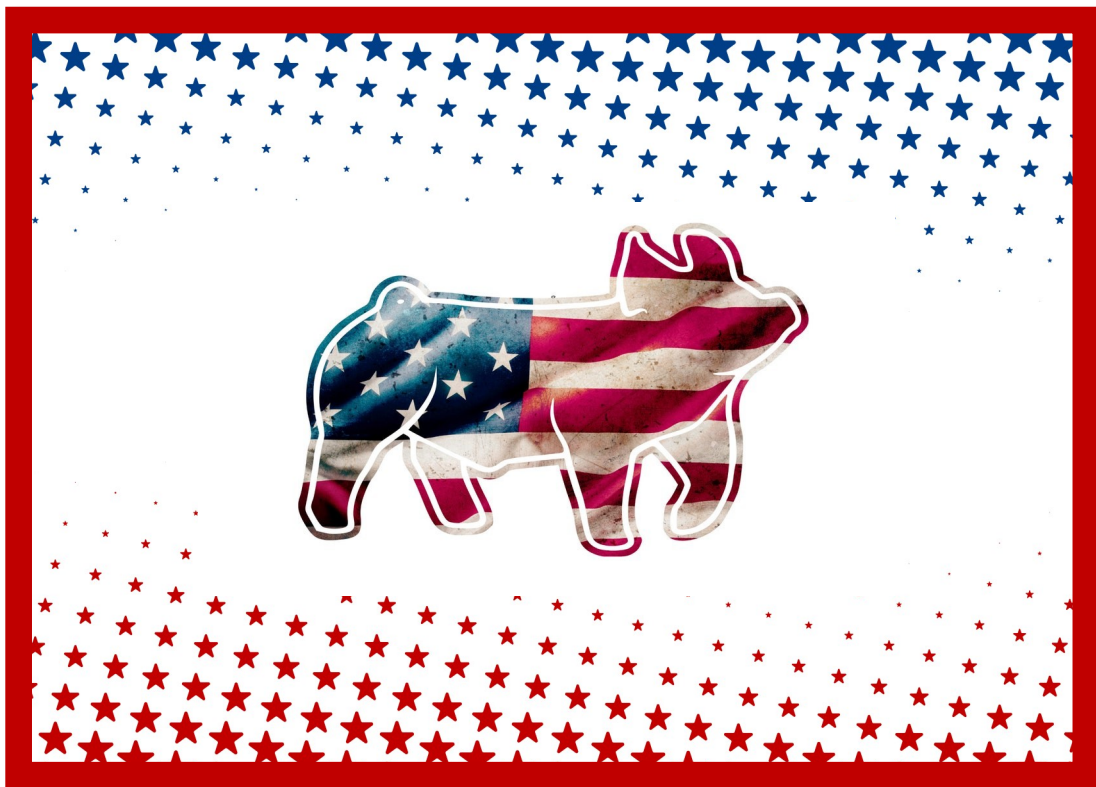


Memorial Weekend
Allen County Jackpot Swine Show
Saturday May 23, 2026

**2726 Carroll Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46818**

**Barrow Judge: Brian Hines
Gilt Judge: Payton Hines**

Payouts to Top 5: \$500, \$350, \$250, \$150, \$100



Entries: Showman.App \$35 per head

Registration: 7-10 am
Show Begins at 10:30 am with
Showmanship.
2 Rings Runs Simultaneously

Contact:
Pam Ott (260) 402-3434
Ryan Harrell (260) 417-8279

Show will be conducted in accordance with IJSC Rules