



# 4-H CLOVER CONNECTIONS

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Dear 4-H Families,

Be sure to re-enroll if you haven't already, you don't want to miss the many 4-H updates on events, projects, trips, camp, etc. that are coming up.

You can re-enroll online at <https://v2.4honline.com/> using the same email and password as previous years, or stop by our office anytime Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. for enrollment assistance and to pay your yearly program fees.

Program fees are \$20 for grades 3-12 and \$5 for grades K-2.

**If you need step-by-step instructions to complete this process with the resources found on our website:**

<https://bit.ly/4hyouthdevelopmenthomepage>

The dates for the Jackson County Fair are **July 26th - August 1st, 2026**. Included in this newsletter is a 2026 Jackson County 4-H Fair Schedule. Be sure to check it out, along with the links to both the 2026 4-H Handbook and the State 4-H Project requirements.

Be sure to check out the newsletter for workshop information, 2026 ID Dates, as well as a lot of other announcements. There is something for everyone to get involved in with Jackson County 4-H!

Brier Ryver  
Extension Educator  
4-H Youth Development

# JUNIOR LEADERS



## March Meeting

- Getting Fit
- Studio Health - Seymour

- ❖ Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- ❖ *Chairperson:* Emma Lucas
- ❖ *Citizenship:* Becca Herbert
- ❖ *Health & Safety:* Adam Alberring
- ❖ *Recreation:* Chloe Jablonski
- ❖ *Refreshments:* Committee

Unpaid Dues: \$3.00

## April Meeting

- Who is John Deere?
- Wright Implement

- ❖ Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- ❖ *Chairperson:* Taylor Smith
- ❖ *Citizenship:* Micah Jablonski
- ❖ *Health & Safety:* Owen Snyder
- ❖ *Recreation:* Anna Jablonski
- ❖ *Refreshments:* Committee

Unpaid Dues: \$3.25

## May Meeting

- Wildlife at the Refuge
- Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge

- ❖ Thursday, May TBD
- ❖ 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- ❖ *Chairperson:* Chloe Jablonski
- ❖ *Citizenship:* Becca Herbert
- ❖ *Health & Safety:* Adam Alberring
- ❖ *Recreation:* Chloe Jablonski
- ❖ *Refreshments:* Committee

Unpaid Dues: \$3.50

## We need Junior Leader volunteers to sign up for the following events:

- Dairy Beef Tag Day on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 - 11:00 a.m. (arrive at 7:15 a.m.)
- Beef Tag Day on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (arrive at 7:15 a.m.)
- Sheep/Goat Tag Day #1 on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (arrive at 5:45 p.m.)
- Sheep/Goat Tag Day #2 on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. (arrive at 7:45 a.m.)
- Swine Tag Day on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (arrive at 5:15 p.m.)
- Poultry Blood Testing Day on July 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. (arrive at 4:45 p.m.)

**NO MAKEUP DATES FOR POULTRY!**



**Extension Office for Swine ONLY\* All other species at fairgrounds\***



Don't forget that you are required to participate in at least two ID Days when enrolled in Junior Leaders! Call the office at 812-358-6101 or email Brier at [bryver@purdue.edu](mailto:bryver@purdue.edu) to sign up.

# COUNTY HAPPENINGS



4-H Members  
Register Here:



# Performing Arts Judging

Thursday  
March 26, 2026



JACKSON LIVE & EVENT CENTER  
981 C AVE E. SEYMOUR, IN 47274

Performances will begin 6:30 p.m.  
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

## Mark your Calendars!



# COUNTY HAPPENINGS

## 2026 Hanging Flower Baskets

Use the link or QR Code below to sign up for a time slot to pick up your flower orders!

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Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/2026flowerpickupsignup>

OR



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ME



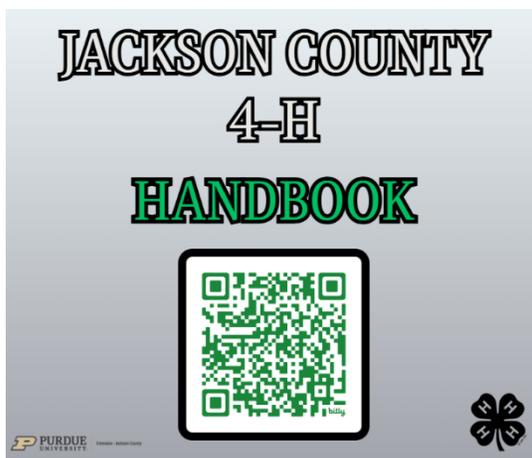


# COUNTY HAPPENINGS

## 2026 4-H HANDBOOK PUBLISHED!

Visit <https://bit.ly/2026handbook>

View the 2026 Jackson County 4-H Handbook!



The Indiana State 4-H Office has updated projects for 2026. You can view all the State 4-H Project requirements on the State 4-H Website:

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

### Updates to Project Manuals and 4-H Requirements

- All 4-H Members need to pay close attention to new 4-H Manuals and Project Requirements in 2026. We will be distributing the Handbook Link and resources to each member for every 4-H project. Several club leaders have already picked up 4-H project manuals and green folders from the Extension Office. Be sure to attend a club meeting or check in with your leader to get your project materials in a timely manner.
- Livestock manual activities are no longer required. The record sheets have been updated according to this change. Please notice there is a separate record sheet if you are just doing an animal poster.
- When doing research for projects, consider using websites that end with .edu and/or .gov for research-based information. Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be used, with parent permission, when creating exhibits and is to be documented as a reference. See the 4-H Handbook for more information on AI use.

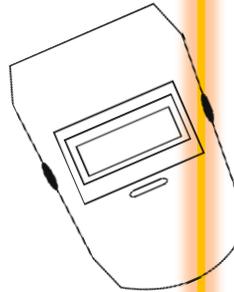


# COUNTY HAPPENINGS

## COMING BACK

Shooting Sports

*\*Volunteers interested in leading call the office*



## WELCOMING NEW PROJECT

Welding

*\*Volunteers interested in leading a related club call the office*



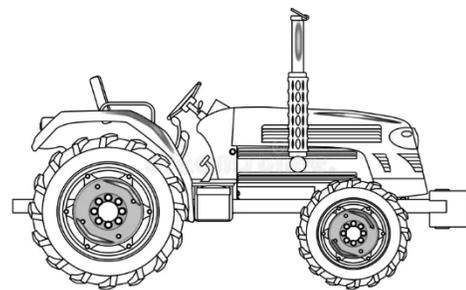
If you are interested in either the club or project, call the Extension Office and let us know!

812-358-6101

NOTE: The Shooting Sports 4-H Club is not currently active. We are gaging interest in the club and project before making them official.

## Tractor Meetings

- Will start meeting again in the Spring of 2026.
- Club Leader: Bill Baute
- Phone; 812-521-0898



## Project Resources for Sale in the Extension Office

We keep a variety of project resources in the Extension Office for your convenience. Stop by if you would like to purchase the following resources:

Prices are subject to change when current inventory runs out, due to pricing changes from our vendors. We will revise the pricing list when current inventory runs out.

Purchase your fair supplies as soon as possible to get these prices!

Foam Poster Board: \$5.00

All Plastic Sleeves: \$1.00

Entomology Pins: \$6.00

Beginning Cake Decorating Kit: \$13.00

Replacement Livestock Resource Book: \$20.00

Electric Kits - Division III Cord: \$20.00

Electric Kills - Division III Trouble Light Kit: \$30.00

# COUNTY HAPPENINGS



## 4-H



## GRADS

4-H grads, Indiana 4-H wants to hear about your 4-H experience! Please complete a survey to capture the culmination and impact of your 4-H activities. Information from your survey will be used to feature you as a 4-H graduating member for the county via newsletters, bulletin boards, social media posts, etc. Those who complete the survey will receive a set of commemorative 4-H honor cords

Graduating 4-H'ers - we want to hear from you! What has 4-h meant in your life? Tell us via this survey at [https://puext.in/2026\\_4H\\_Graduating\\_Member\\_Survey](https://puext.in/2026_4H_Graduating_Member_Survey) before March 29<sup>th</sup> and receive a commemorative 4-H graduate honor cord!



**I PLEDGE...FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTY, AND MY WORLD**

# MINI 4-H PAGE

## Indiana 4-H Mini Goals & Priorities

Mini 4-H is a program designed to encourage positive development of children, Kindergarten through second grade. The goal of Mini 4-H is to help young children explore friendships outside the family; explore the way in which things work; practice both small and large muscle control; and think about the ways people work together on projects.

The NON-COMPETITIVE learning environment for Mini 4-H includes:

1. Planned learning activities in which children are invited to be active and explore materials and ideas without the pressure of completing a specific product or exhibit.
2. Low adult/leader to child ratio that allows time for adults/leaders to provide individual, positive encouragement and assistance.
3. Simple, interesting activities that are fun.
4. Encouragement of children to participate in a group activity by sharing and/ or displaying their activity projects.
5. Rewards that are identical and/or ribbons of the same color for everyone.



# MINI 4-H TASK

Mini 4-H'er's we have a task for you!

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Plant your own flower!

Cut, color, and plant you very own flower in its pot. Watch your creativity bloom!

The Rainy-Day Word Search Fun!

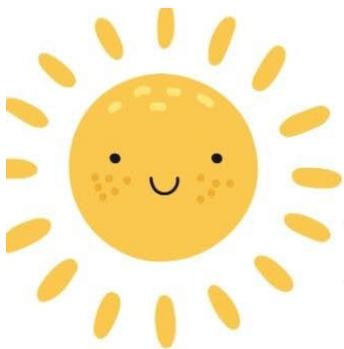
“Grab your umbrella and rain boots and let’s hunt for rainy day words! Can you find them all before the sun comes out?”



**MINI**



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# Rainy Day Word Search



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 O R Y D O G C E P U D D L E S  
 E J A W A Z D L M A R Y E C A  
 N F O I K P N H O M Y V Z V Q  
 V O L V N K R Y Y V T Z M C W  
 R S R O J B R I H R E U F Y M  
 J S P X W U O F L L X R H C U  
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 V B E I E T H S E U T Y G P W  
 Y I S A E V D P L Q I U T D I  
 N N W O D Z A B L I N A C M N  
 H F M H S S W R A O G P B A G

Umbrella

Planting

Flowers

Sprouts

Puddles

Growing

Rainbow

Clover

Splash

April

Seeds

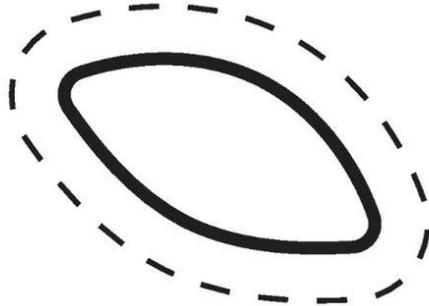




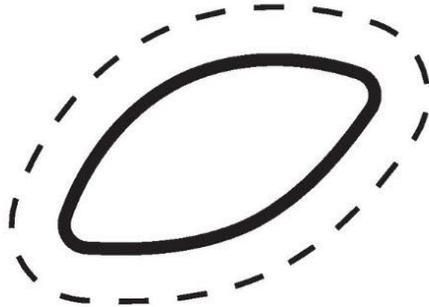
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DIRECTIONS: Color the parts of the flower. Cut out on the dotted lines. Glue together .

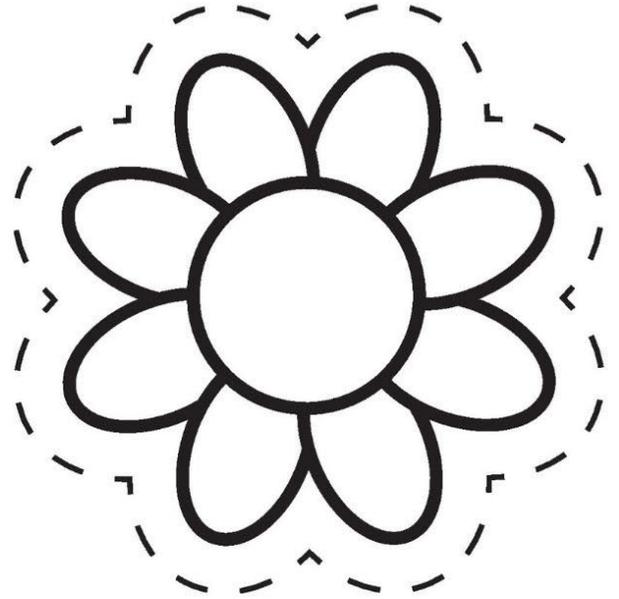
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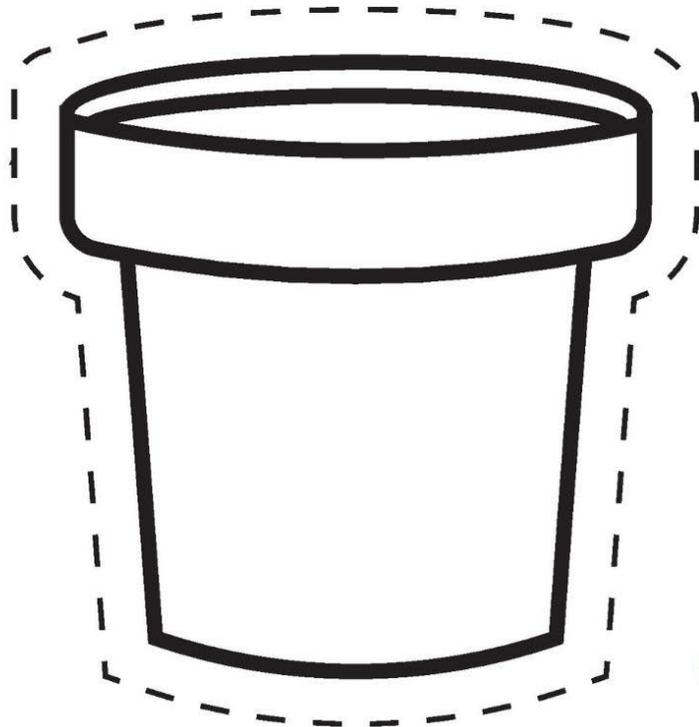
Leaves



Flower



Flower Pot



Roots



*Spring is almost here!*



# LIVESTOCK UPDATES



Extension - Indiana 4-H



## INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE

To exhibit **BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, POULTRY,** and **RABBITS**, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training **OR** the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA).

1. This certification must be done on an annual basis
2. Members must be registered **BEFORE** attending a training
3. Members may attend any training dates listed on this flyer **OR** a training in another county **OR** complete the online YQCA training

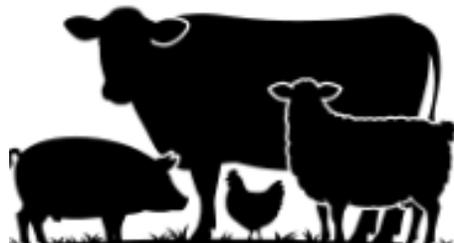
### Training Dates

### Training Locations

<p>Tuesday, June 9 at 1:00 p.m.</p>		<p>Jackson County Courthouse 111 S Main Street Brownstown, IN 47220</p>
<p>Thursday, June 11 at 9:30 a.m.</p>		
<p>Wednesday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m.</p>		

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please use <https://v2.4honline.com>

Those planning to be certified through the YQCA program, will register at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and will present their completion certificate to their 4-H Educator.



If you need to request special accommodations, please contact the Extension Office.

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# LIVESTOCK UPDATES

## 2026 Tagging Days - SAVE THE DATES!

### Beef/Dairy Beef ID Day:

Dairy Beef: Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Beef: Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 - 11:00 a.m.

### Sheep/Goat ID Day:

Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

### Swine ID Day: \*TAG PICKUP ONLY, NO ANIMALS\*

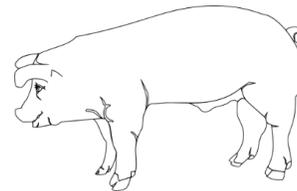
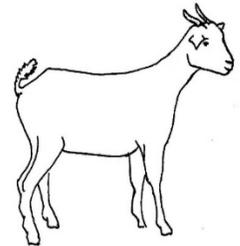
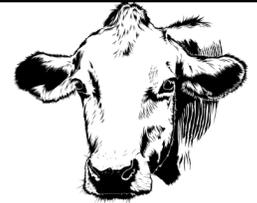
Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

### Poultry Blood Testing Day:

Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

NO MAKEUP DATES

Extension Office for Swine ONLY\* All other species at fairgrounds\*



### Animal ID Instructions

Once again, 4-Her's will be responsible for entering required animal information in 4-H Online. ID Worksheets will be available at all ID Days to record information that will be used when entering animal identification online.

Please let us know if you need help!

### Indiana 4-H Animal ID Requirements for 2026 MUST BE COMPLETED BY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

In Jackson County, we follow all State 4-H Requirements for Animal ID. See the chart on our website for required ID for each species.

### Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care

The Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program is required for all Indiana 4-H members who participate and show the following species:

**Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, Poultry, and Rabbits**

Information on 2026 classes will be shared at a later date!

# LIVESTOCK UPDATES

## 4-H Auction Updates

As a reminder all 4-H members who sell an animal in the auction are required to stay with their animal until it is loaded on the trailer!

## Dairy Cows

Once again, 4-H youth showing dairy will also need to identify the animals they are showing and working within 4-H Online by May 15th. Only those animals identified by May 15th will be eligible to participate in the 4-H Show. If you need RFID tags for Dairy animals, please contact the Extension Office. If you plan to show your Dairy Cattle at the Indiana State Fair, you will be required to provide DNA hair samples by May 15th. You can pick up DNA envelopes at the Extension Office.

## Swine

Once again, swine members will not be bringing their swine to the fairgrounds for ID Day. You will be coming to pick up tags at the Extension Office on your designated ID Day and time. You will need to upload a CLEAR, readable picture of the tag in the pig's ear when entering your information into 4-H Online. You must have this information entered by the deadline of May 15th.

## LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION

Please read this and future notices very carefully, so your livestock animals are eligible for fair. You can find instructions on how to identify your animals online at <https://bit.ly/2026AnimalID> . Simply look for your livestock animal in the list to find important information related to exhibit and ID instructions. If you need RFID tags for registered livestock, contact the Extension Office.

Animals needing to come to ID Days will need to wait until after ID Day to identify their animals online. Youth not needing to come to ID Day may enter their animals starting now, but must complete the process by May 15th for most species. If you are unsure if your animal needs to come to ID Day, please consult your 4-H Handbook under your species for specific answers. Additional questions may be directed to the Extension Office. All beef, dairy beef, and sheep are to come to the designated ID Days at the fairgrounds. All meat goat wethers and percentage or commercial boers must attend ID Day. For all other goats, please consult your handbook for additional instructions. Some will be required and some will not. It all depends on if the animal has acceptable ID, if you plan to sell it in the auction, and/or if you are planning to go to the state fair.

## DNA Hair Samples

### Market Steer DNA Hair Sample Collection:

Youth wishing to show their beef and dairy beef steers at the 4-H Show at the Indiana State Fair must collect DNA hair samples. Envelopes to collect the samples are available at the Extension Office. **Samples must be turned in to the Extension Office by May 15th**

### **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

### Registered Heifers, Commercial Heifers, Dairy Feeder Steers, Dairy Cattle DNA:

Youth wishing to show their registered heifers, commercial heifers, dairy feeder steers, and dairy cattle at the 4-H Show at the Indiana State Fair must collect DNA hair samples. Envelopes to collect the samples are available at the Extension Office. **Samples must be turned in to the Extension Office by May 15th**

### **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

### Goat, Sheep & Swine DNA Hair Collection:

Youth wishing to show their goats, sheep, or swine projects at the 4-H Goat, Sheep, or Swine Shows at the Indiana State Fair must collect DNA hair samples. Envelopes to collect the samples are available at the Extension Office. **Samples must be turned in to the Extension Office by May 15th!**

### **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## Entry Deadlines

All beef and dairy beef steers, commercial heifers, registered heifers, and dairy & beef feeder steers must be identified by **midnight, May 15th** in the 4-H Online system.

All animals except cat, dog, and poultry will need to be identified in the 4-H Online system by **May 15th**. All rabbits must be entered in 4-H Online again this year by the May 15th deadline. Specific instructions will be mailed to all cat, dog, and poultry exhibitors to put their identification information in Fair Entry prior to the fair.



# VOLUNTEER CORNER

## 4-H Council

4-H Council will meet in May with the date and time TBD.

## Livestock & Auction Committee

The Livestock & Auction Committee will meet on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

If you are on the Livestock Committee, make plans to attend the meeting!

## Fair Volunteers Needed

We will be in need of 4-H Volunteers to staff the 4-H Building during the Jackson County Fair. Be on the lookout soon for a sign-up for volunteer opportunities. We will also be making phone calls to confirm your volunteer participation in the next few months.

Thanks for all you do to make the Jackson County Fair a success!

## Volunteers

- Volunteers must be approved!
- Volunteers NEED to finish their trainings
- REMINDER: You should be an approved volunteer BEFORE interacting with our 4-H Youth!

Heartfelt   
THANKS  
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

# AREA & STATE HAPPENINGS



**SOUTHERN INDIANA 4-H CAMP**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
MAY 29-31, 2026

**REGISTRATION  
OPENS APRIL 1ST**

QR Code to Online Application  
<https://2026Indiana4HCamp.4honline.com>

The poster features a cartoon illustration of a young boy with brown hair, wearing a green diving suit with a black four-leaf clover logo on the chest, green goggles with clover lenses, and a scuba tank. He is swimming underwater in a vibrant blue environment with colorful coral, sea anemones, and bubbles. The background shows a sandy ocean floor and a large blue fish swimming in the distance.

# Daily Fair Schedule

JACKSON COUNTY FAIR DAILY PROGRAM 2026

4-H Dates ONLY

**\*Changes for 2026 are highlighted\***

## Saturday, July 18

7:00 a.m. - Entry for 4-H Dog Show, Commercial Building Show Arena 2

8:00 a.m. - 4-H Dog Show & Poster Entry, Commercial Building, Show Arena 2

## Monday July 20

8:30 a.m. - Public Speaking Prejudging, Brownstown High School

9:30 a.m.- Private Fashion Revue, Sewing and Consumer Clothing Judging, Brownstown High School

## Wednesday, July 22

**2:00-6:00 p.m. - 4-H project exhibits (other than Animals, Consumer Clothing, Crops, Floriculture, Garden, Mini Garden, Potatoes, and Sewing) are due in the 4-H Building or at Brownstown High School**

## Saturday, July 25

8:00 a.m. - 4-H Horse & Pony Show Check-in, Horse Show Arena

8:30 a.m. - Entry of 4-H Cats

**9:00 a.m. - 4-H Horse & Pony Show (Halter, Showmanship, and All Riding Classes), Horse Show Arena**

9:00-11:00 a.m. - 4-H Corn, Garden, Mini Garden, Floriculture, Potatoes, Small Grains, and Soybeans will be community-style judged at the 4-H Building

10:00 p.m. - 4-H Swine not in open class swine show may be brought to the fair

## Sunday, July 26

**4:00-6:00 p.m. - Register 4-H Rabbits, Rabbit Barn**

**5:00-6:00 p.m. - Register 4-H Poultry, Poultry Barn**

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Entry/Weigh In of 4-H Goats

8:00 p.m. - 4-H Cattle and Sheep not entered in open class accepted

\*Special Goat/Sheep Note: 4-H Goats not in open show may be brought to the fair before 8:00 a.m. on SUNDAY or after 5:00 p.m. on SUNDAY; 4-H Sheep not in open show may be brought to the fair after 5:00 p.m. on SUNDAY or before noon on MONDAY (for additional livestock drop information, see mailing in June)

**8:00 p.m. - Battle of the Barns, Show Arena 1**

**Monday, July 27**

7:00 a.m. - All 4-H Swine exhibits must be penned

8:00 a.m. - Weigh -In of 4-H Swine Gilts, & Market Barrows, Show Arena 1

10:00 a.m. - 4-H Aerospace Rocket Launch, 4-H Building

12:00 p.m. - Closing for 4-H Livestock Entries (EXCEPT DAIRY)

12:00 p.m. - 4-H Poultry Judging, Show Arena 1

5:00 p.m. - 4-H Myotonic and Boer Goat Judging, Show Arena 2

**Tuesday, July 28**

7:30 a.m. - Dairy Beef Weigh-In to determine 4-H Classes

8:00 a.m. - 4-H Rabbit Judging, Show Arena 2

9:00 a.m. - 4-H Beef Workshop, Show Arena 1

11:00 a.m. - 4-H Fashion Revue, Pavilion

11:00 a.m. - Crowning of 4-H Royalty, Pavilion

12:00 p.m. - All Dairy Cattle entries must be on the fairgrounds

1:00 p.m. - 4-H Market Lambs Weighed

1:00 p.m. - 4-H Swine Gilt Show, Showmanship, Swine Barrow Show, Show Arena 1

6:00-7:00 p.m. - 4-H Horse & Pony Demonstration, Show Arena 2

**Wednesday, July 29**

7:30 a.m. - Weigh 4-H Steers & Heifers to determine 4-H Classes

9:00 a.m. - 4-H Dairy Judging, Show Arena 1

1:00 p.m. - 4-H Dairy Beef Judging, Show Arena 1

4:00 p.m. - Judging of 4-H Sheep, Show Arena 2

6:00 p.m. - 4-H Goat Variety Show, Show Arena 1

7:30 p.m. - 4-H Waggin' Pals Dog Club Demonstration, Show Arena 1

**Thursday, July 30**

9:00 a.m. - 4-H Dairy Goat Show, 4-H Dairy Goat Parent Showmanship, Show Arena 2

10:00 a.m. - 4-H Beef Heifer Judging, Show Arena 1

12:00 p.m. - 4-H Beef Steers Judging, Show Arena 1

2:30 p.m. - Check in for 4-H Performing Arts Performance, Pavilion

3:00 p.m. - 4-H Performing Arts Performance, **Pavilion**

6:00 p.m. - Dairy Goat Milking Contest, **Show Arena 2**

6:00-7:00 p.m. - Register for 4-H Alumni Showmanship, **Show Arena 1**

7:00 p.m. - 4-H Alumni Showmanship, **Show Arena 1**

#### **Friday, July 31**

7:00 a.m. - Swine going home (locker, personal use) exhibits released

8:30 a.m. - 4-H Junior Supreme Showman Contest, **Show Arena 1**

9:30 a.m. - 4-H Supreme Showman Contest, **Show Arena 1**

1:00-2:00 p.m. - Quiet Barn Time for People with Disabilities and Sensory Needs, **Show Arena 2**

2:00 p.m. - Grand Parade of Livestock Registration Deadline, **4-H Building**

3:00 p.m. - Presentation of 4-H Building Trophies, Building Winners Circle Awards, Ten Year Members, Mini T-Shirts, Achievement, Leadership and Outstanding Junior Leader Plaques and 'I Dare You' Awards, **Pavilion**

5:30 p.m. - Grand Parade of Open Class Grand Champions and Any 4-H Livestock, **Show Arena 1**

11:00 p.m. - 4-H Animals released from fairgrounds (non-auction animals)

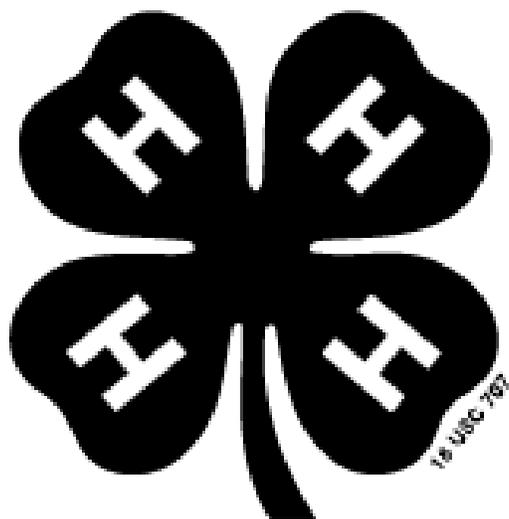
#### **Saturday, August 1**

8:00 a.m. - All non-auction 4-H animals need to be removed from the fairgrounds by this time

9:30 a.m. - 4-H Livestock Auction - Beef, Dairy Beef, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbit, Goats, Swine, **Show Arena 1**

#### **Sunday, August 2**

1:00-3:00 p.m. - All exhibits must be claimed and removed, **4-H Building**



# CALENDAR

## March

- 10: Jr. Leader Meeting at Studio Health - Seymour
- 26: Performing Arts Contest at Jackson LIVE!
- 29: 4-H Grads Survey Due

## April

- 3: Good Friday (Extension Office Closed)
- 7: Livestock & Auction Committee Meeting
- 14: Jr. Leader Meeting at Wright Implement
- 18: Beef/Dairy Beef ID Day
- 22: Hanging Flower Basket Pick Up at Darlage Greenhouse

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