Lake County 4-H Club Committee, Inc.

October 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6.03 by Amy Hein. The pledges were led by the two new. Jr Leader representatives, Elaina Berrones, Nathon Jamrosz, and Claire Donaldson,.

Roll Call: Present were: Julie Ziese, Lin Wozniewski,Amy Hein**,** Lisa Bubala**,** Justine Gatlin,Ike Essary, Marsha Essary, Debbie Nieman,Rebekah Lamb, Dwayla Lamb,Michelle Humbert,Christy Long,Stephanie Neal, Kristen Donaldson,Connie Brittingham,Amanda Woodworth**,** Patti Nichols**,** Nathan Janrosz, Elaina Berrones, Deana Sutton,Janet Kraynik, Claire Donaldson, Jackie Gerner, Nicole Kasperian, Kris Reed, Tom Reed, Dave Monix, Jennifer Haynes, and Julie Jones.

The secretary’s report for September has been on-line. Kris Reed moved to accept the secretaries report Deana Sutton seconded. Motion carried,

Treasurer's Report In April there were deposits of $915.00 and withdrawals of $859.54, leaving a balance in the bank of $34,702.13. Connie Brittingham moved to accept the treasurers report. Nicole Kasperian second. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Special Discussion: Ranai Stoner and Noah from Farm Credit presented a check to the Lake County 4H County Committee for $4500 for coming in 2nd place in the Stock the Trailer contest. Lake County collected 9140 pounds of food that was distributed to food pantries in Lake County. Overall counties in the state collected over 68,000 lbs of food that was delivered to local food pantries in the counties that collected the food. Accepting the check were Claire Donaldson, Anna Neal, Garrett Neal, Nathan Jamroze. Elaine Berrones, Jackie Gerner, and Fair Board president Dave Monix.

**Sub Committee Reports**:

Auction: Nicole Kaskperian, Janet Kraynik: The auction committee was meeting right after the County Committee meeting ended.

Horse and Pony. Christi Long, Megan Bush, Kristina Shupryt: Christy Long indicated there main news were the rules changes that would be voted on later in the meeting.

Junior Leaders: Elaina Berrones, Nathan Jamrosz: Elaina and Nathon reported that the Junior Leaders had a meeting on the previous Tuesday. It was a Halloween theme. They reported that the Junior Leaders had voted to give the $1000 that the County Committee was awarding them for their role in helping with the Stock the Trailer program to help 4H families who were victims of the two hurricanes in Tennessee. Gift cards will be purchased and sent to the 4H in the state to distribute.

The Junior Leaders also put up a scarecrow at Residences at Deer Creek and was asking for anyone having a Facebook account to vote for their pumpkin by going to: <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1099441832189592&set=pcb.1099442478856194> and liking the picture of their pumpkin. Junior Leaders will be chalking the sidewalk in front of the Lake County Government building on Monday November 4th before the election on the 5th.

By-Laws: Rachel Bolt, Rachel Kohler, Patti Nichols. Nothing to report.

Finance: Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Jennifer Bisig, Jackie Gerner, Lin Wozniewski. Audits will be due next month. Forms will be going out in the next couple of weeks.

Nominations: Julie Ziese, Amy Hein, Nicole Kasperian. Elections later in the meeting.

**Standing Committee Reports**

Achievement Night: Amy Hein , Janet Kraynik, Debbie Nieman. Nothing to report

Awards: Lisa Bubala, Linda Dilon, Rebekah Lamb, Judy Dawson, and Connie Brittingham. Lisa Bubala the awards committee had completed their duties for 2024

Ambassadors: Lin Wozniewski, Lynette DuBord, Michelle Humbert. Lin Wozniewski reported that 19 of the 20 invitations for the Ambassadors had been accepted and that a dinner was planned for November 12th to start planning with the new Ambassadors for the 2025 year.

Banquet/Annual Meeting. Linda Dillon, Judy Dawson, Christi Long, Lynette DuBord. No report

Geranium/Fundraising: Lin Wozniewski, Lisa Bubala. Lin Wozniewski indicated that the bids had gone out for the 2025 geraniums, but the forms had not yet been received back.

Memory Books: Connie Brittingham, Patti Nichols, Rachel Bult. Connie Brittingham indicated Memory Books due November 1.

Trophy/Sponsorships: Linda Dillon, Lisa Bubala, Rachel Koehler, Judy Dawson. No report.

Promotion: Lynette DuBord, Lisa Bubala, Christi Long. Lisa Bubala reported that October was a very busy month for the Promotions committee. The month started out with a weekend at Buckley, followed by the fall Kick-off. Both of these events went very well and it looks like we will have several new 4-H families. The promotion committee also had a promotional kick-off for the Brunswick Beavers, the Hobart Hurricanes, and the Hammond Explorers. All of the events were well attended.

Welcoming: Linda Dillon, Lin Wozniewski Amy Hein thanked Lin for the food provided for the County Committee.

Stock the Trailer: Jackie Gerner, Nicole Kasperian, Julie Ziese. Nothing further to report since receiving the check.

Old Business:

Sponsor Letters: The letters are ready to go out this next month

Leader and Member online enrollments: Julie indicated they were coming in steadily

New Business:

Smash the Pumpkin Event: This year’s annual meeting will be an open house on Wednesday November 6th from 4-7 with the meeting occurring at 6:00. The event will feature the newly installed 1st phase of the educational and demonstration garden, the high tunnel. Bring your Jack-O-Lantern and smash it for mulch for the High Tunnel. The office will supply bats and goggles. Soup, Cider, and Breadsticks will be served. Questions will be answered.

Updated 4-H Event Scheduling Forms: Due to new insurance requirements, the event scheduling forms have been revised. They are available on the Lake County 4-H website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/lake/_docs/request-to-schedule-4-h-event-rev-10-2024.pdf> The biggest difference is that if food is to be served at a 4-H club meeting, the form needs to be submitted at least 60 days prior to the event. If a club is having a workshop for their club only, the form does not need to be filled out unless it involves food. But all county events must have the form filled out for all workshops.

Proposed Project changes: Horse and pony submitted proposed changes, which are attached. Amy suggested that the Horse and Pony people knew what they were doing with their project best and that all Horse and Pony members had been invited to the meetings to give insight into the proposed rules. Patti Nichols moved that the rules changes be accepted as printed. Connie Brittingham seconded. Motion approved.

The Livestock rule changes were also proposed. They are attached. The rule changes were proposed by a group with representation from all of the animal projects. Nicole Kasperian moved that the rules be accepted as printed. Patti Nichols seconded. Motion passed.

The Awards Committee proposed several changes to the wording in the awards part of the 2024-2025 Handbook. In the ensuing discussion, it was not clear if all of the changes Lin Wozniewski had proposed had been dealt with. Nicole Kasperian moved that the changes be adopted pending review to be sure all of the changes had been made. Connie Brittingham seconded. Motion passed.

State Project Updates: The state rules changes are listed on the main Indiana 4-H website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/index.html> The main difference is in the animal projects. Animal posters will now be eligible to go to State Fair. For this reason the will no longer be turned in at the time of animal check in, but have their own check-in/judging time during pre-fair judging. A separate superintendent will be necessary. It was decided that it would be best to display them in the 4-H building.

Elections: The projects and the superintendents were presented in large blocks

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| Project | Superindendent |
| Aerospace | Steven Shareef |
| Animal Education | Patti Nichols |
| Arts and Crafts |  |
| Basic Craft Other | Marsha Essary and Kristen Donaldson |
| Ceramics | Sarah Buche |
| Giftwrapping | Deana Sutton |
| Jewelry Making | Christi Long |
| Leathercraft | Lynette Dubord |
| Needlecraft Other | Sara Buche |
| Reclaimed Treasures | Kathy Hinshaw |
| Wearable Art | Jennifer Wilson |
| Wreaths  | Lisa Bubala |
| Beef | Matt Hayden and Dave Monix |
| Cake Decorating | Sandy Monroe |
| Child Development | Sharon Harris |
| Communications | Susan Strempka and Lin Wozniewski |
| Computer Science | Lin Wozniewski |
| Consumer Clothing | Deana Sutton |
| Construction and Architectural Replica | Lisa Bubala |
| County Project: Cake Decorating without tips | Sandy Monroe |
| County Project: Collections | Sharon Harris |
| County Project: Consumer Meats | Heather Downs and Lin Wozniewski |
| County Project Planters | Rebekah Lamb |
| County Project: Exploring through Books & Movies | Rebekah Lamb |
| County Project: History for Fun | Dwayla Lamb |
| County Project: Music | Angie Davids |
| County Project: Sports | Angie Davids |
| County Project: Tablesetting | Deana Sutton |
| Dairy | Amy Hein-Wright |
| Dairy Goats | Emily Reed and Tom Reed |

Amy Hein asked 3 times if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, Amy called on Connie Brittingham who moved that the nominations be closed and asked that Amy cast a unanimous ballot for the above project superintendents. Deana Sutton seconded. Motion passed.

Amy then read the last group of projects and superintendents:

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| Project | Superintendent |
| Dog | Christi Long |
| Electric | Lin Wozniewski |
| Entomology | David Dingman |
| Fine Arts | Laura Clemons |
| Floriculture | Stephanie Neal and Sandy Monroe |
| Foods | Aisha Shareef |
| Forestry | Lin Wozniewski |
| Garden  | Rebekah Lamb |
| Genealogy | Lin Wozniewski |
| Geology | Maxwell Buche |
| Health | Justine Gatlin |
| Meat Goats | Lynette DuBord |
| Mini 4-H | Lynette DuBord and Kris Reed |
| Needlecraft | Sara Buche |
| Photography | Helen Carrillo and Kristen Pozen |
| Poultry | Patti and Seth Nichols |
| Rabbits | Michelle Humbert and Amanda Woodworth |
| Sewing | Linda Dillon |
| Sheep | Ike Essary and Don Hulsey |
| Small Animal | Sharon Harris |
| Small Engine | Steven Shareef |
| Soil and Water Science | Julie Duttlinger and Rachel Pash |
| Sportfishing | Rob and Lisa Bubala |
| Swine | Nicole Kasperian and Austin McNeill |
| Weather and Climate Science | Lin Wozniewski |
| Wildlife | Lin Wozniewski |
| Woodworking | Steven Shareef |

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Amy then read the list of activities and their nominated superintendents:

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| Activity | Superintendent |
| Barn Battle | Sharon Harris and Amy Hein-Wright |
| Entomology County Contest | David Dingman |
| Forestry County Contest | Lin Wozniewski |
| Gardening for Fun | Rebekah Lamb |
| Handbook Cover Contest | Judy Katz |
| Livestock Costume Contest | Heidi Laub and Amber Miller |
| Livestock and Dairy Judging Contest | Bryce Hayden, Conner Haden, and Stephanie Neal |
| Poultry & Egg Judging Contest, Rooster Crowing, & Roles are Reversed Showmanship | Patti & Seth Nichols |
| Supreme Showman Contest | Amy Hein-Wright, Amber Miller, and Amanda Woodworth |
| Early Project Check-in | Marsha Essary and Kristen Donaldson |

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Amy Hein read the two nominees for General Superintendent Julie Ziese for Barn Superintendent and Rebekah Lamb for Building Superintendent. Amy Hein asked 3 times if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, Amy called on Connie Brittingham who moved that the nominations be closed and asked that Amy cast a unanimous ballot for the above project superintendents. Stephanie Neal seconded. Motion passed.

Amy then asked everyone to look over the list of nominated County Committee members. There were two spots open. Stephanie Neal nominated Ike Essary for one of them. Since he had expertise in both of the open position areas, it was decided to wait until the second person was nominated before it was decided which area to put him in. Deana Sutton nominated Kristen Donaldson. It was decided to put her in as the Other Project Expertise and Ike in the At-Large position. Amy Hein read the slate:

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| Area | Director |
| 4-H Horse and Pony Expertise | Christi Long |
| Club Expertise | Lisa Bubala |
| Other Project Expertise (Other than Livestock/HP/Clubs/Non-traditional Programs0 | Kristen Donaldson |
| At Large (Choose 3) | Ike Essary |
|  | Patti Nichols |
|  | Amanda Woodworth |

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Educator Comments:

Jennifer indicated County Committee would be getting $300 for use in our CDE programs.

Julie Jones said there was nothing official on the new 4H educator.

Dave Monix announced that the Lowell Parks Department was looking for volunteers to help on December 7th.

Nicole Kasperian moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Reed seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Wozniewski

Addendum 1) Horse and Pony Changes

**HORSE AND PONY**

March 1, 2025 Registration for H&P Demonstration Day due (FairEntry)

March TBD, 2025 H&P Demonstration Day

May 15, 2025 Animal ID due in 4-HOnline. Members are requested to include their “Certificate of Completion of Indiana

4-H Requirements for Exhibition of 4-H Horse and Pony (Vaccination Form)”.

July 1, 2025 Registration for Poster, Showmanship, and Equitation due (FairEntry). Vaccination forms due to office if not already in 4-H Online.

July TBD, 2025 Poster check in and judging. Turn in project manual/activity sheets to be eligible for 4-Part Award.

August 4-6, 2025 4-H Horse and Pony Show at the Lake County Fair

1. All horses and ponies must be identified by the 4-H member in 4-HOnline by the state Animal ID date (May 15) in order to be eligible for Fair exhibition by that member. See Indiana 4-H policy regarding exhibition deadlines. Members will select a specific horse and exhibition class(es) in FairEntry by July 1. Members may change their horse one time after July 1 (replacement horse must have been previously identified by the member in 4-HOnline). Members must notify the Superintendent of change in writing at least 48 hours before check in (in case of emergency, superintendent may allow shorter notice).
2. When members bring live horses to 4-H events, members should hand-carry the completed “Certificate of Completion of Indiana 4-H Requirements for Exhibition of 4-H Horse and Pony (Vaccination Form)” form. Failure to meet guidelines on this form, an incomplete form, or outdated vaccinations will result ineligibility from Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony events.
3. Two 4-H members in the same class will be allowed to share a horse for all in-hand classes (showmanship and in-hand trail). The members must choose which one will exhibit in any given mounted class.
4. 4-H members may exhibit a maximum of three horses at the Lake County Fair. All horses must be properly identified and entered in FairEntry. When selecting Equitation and Showmanship classes, horses must be specified. Mini 4-H members may exhibit one horse.
5. No stallions or mares with foals may be exhibited.
6. A Wellness Committee will be created each year consisting of the H&P Superintendent, H&P Assistant Superintendent, and two H&P Leaders of record from different clubs. The committee is responsible for addressing any issues reported to the Superintendent concerning the soundness and/or the overall health of a horse. The committee will evaluate the horse using Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service publication “Introduction to Body Condition Scoring Horses”. The committee will decide if the horse can be shown or not. If the family disagrees with the decision, they may bring in a licensed veterinarian at their own expense.
7. Members are to assume as many of the responsibilities for their animal as possible.
8. Only the enrolled Lake County 4-H member may ride or drive their identified 4-H horse at 4-H shows, events, or activities (with the exception of the double bareback competitive class). It is acceptable for an adult (over 18 years of age) to lunge the horse at 4-H events.
9. All 4-H members are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified equestrian helmet whenever mounted or driving at all 4-H horse and pony events, shows, or activities. Original tags must be present in all approved helmets. The 4-H member is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness fastened in place whenever mounted.
10. Judge’s decision is final. Judges must initial any scoring/placing changes on the scorecard. The judge may excuse an exhibitor from a specific class or classes if they feel there is a safety concern.
11. Members should notify the ring master/steward if they have a question or clarification to address to the judge prior to the start of a class. Anyone needing to address the judge during or after a class should come to the show office and their request will be addressed as necessary. No one is permitted to approach the judge directly. Inappropriate conduct on behalf of a member or their parent/guardian may result in being excused from the class and showing for the remainder of the day.
12. Classes may be combined and/or cancelled if enrollment does not warrant splits. Classes may also be modified in response to inclement weather or other circumstances.
13. For the safety of the general public and 4-H members, all horses and ponies must be led in hand to and from the barn and arena(s) by the parent or 4-H member.
14. Project horses must stay at the Fair through the specified checkout time (see Fair schedule). In cases of emergency or special circumstance, contact the Superintendent. An early release form must be turned in by check in.
15. A club may move their horses into the stalls they have been assigned first in order to help alleviate congestion in the barn areas. Then all extra stalls the club has been assigned must be cleaned immediately.
16. One stall will be assigned per horse. It is the member’s responsibility to clean the stall upon check-out time at Fair. All stalls assigned to the club, whether used or not, must be cleaned by noon on Wednesday of the Fair.
17. Members who exhibit in Demonstration, Poster, Showmanship, and Equitation classes and complete three activities in the project manual/Activity Worksheets will receive the Horse & Pony 4-Part Award.
18. For additional information, see the Indiana 4-H Horse & Pony Handbook, current edition.

**Demonstration Guidelines**

1. Members may choose to do Individual Demonstration, Team Demonstration, or Public Speaking. Entries are to be pre-registered in FairEntry by March 1. See Indiana 4-H policy regarding exhibition deadlines.
2. The Horse & Pony Demonstration is a demonstration of knowledge in some area of horses or horsemanship. Visual aids are a necessity and among those that can be used are posters, models, charts, diagrams, pictures, etc. You are not limited to these specifically but are encouraged to be creative. Easels for posters will be provided.
3. Individual Demonstration classes: Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, Level 2 (Grades 6-8), and Level 3 (Grades 9-12).
4. Team Demonstration (two members) will be judged as one class. Both demonstrators should participate equally in the demonstration.
5. Public Speaking will be judged as one class. No visual or audio aids (posters, tape players/recorders, etc.) are allowed. Public speaking will be judged on the same criteria as demonstrations with the exception of “visual effect” will become “stage presence”.
6. Time Limits:

Level 1 (Grade 3 – 5) - at least 4 minutes and no longer than 6 minutes

Level 2 (Grade 6 – 8) - at least 5 minutes and no longer than 7 minutes

Level 3 (Grade 9 – 12 - at least 9 minutes and no longer than 12 minutes

Team Demonstration - at least 10 minutes and no longer than 15 minutes

Public Speaking – at least 5 minutes and no longer than 9 minutes

A 30-second grace period +/- is allowed. After the 30 seconds, 1 point per 10 seconds will be deducted from the score.

1. Scoring: The visual effect will be rated according to the visual aids effectiveness in illustrating the subject being discussed by the speaker. Demonstrations will be scored on Knowledge (25 points), Verbal Presentation (50 points), Visual Effect (20 points), and Personal Appearance (5 points). Public Speaking will be scored on Knowledge (25 points), Verbal Presentation (50 points), Stage Presence (20 points), and Personal Appearance (5 points).

95% and higher A Honor (Purple)

90-94% A (Blue)

80-89% B (Red)

79% and lower C (White)

1. No live animals may be used.
2. The judge will not ask questions to the members.
3. Make-up option: Members who do not participate may submit a recording of their presentation within ten days of the event in order to receive a Participation grade and be eligible for the 4-Part Award and participation in Competitive classes.
4. Your age as well as the number of years in the Horse & Pony project should be considered when choosing a topic. You should be able to fully understand what you are talking about rather than picking a subject so difficult that all you accomplish is memorizing words. If you wish, you may use note cards to help you remember. However, you should practice beforehand so that you do not read your entire demonstration from the cards. Look the judge in the eye and talk to him/her. He/she is interested in what you are saying.
5. Dress neatly, professionally, in clean well-fitting clothes. See “General Rules & Regulations” for 4-H dress code information. Remember your impression on the judge counts!

**Educational Poster Guidelines**

1. This portion of the Horse and Pony Program is designed to enhance the 4-H member’s basic horse industry knowledge.
2. Entries are to be pre-registered in FairEntry by July 1. See Indiana 4-H policy regarding exhibition deadlines.
3. Poster classes: Level 1 (grades 3-5), Level 2 (grades 6-8), and Level 3 (grades 9-12).
4. Members are to exhibit a poster that will educate the reader on a horse industry topic. Posters are to be 22”x28” and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect contents. Space should be left in the lower righthand corner to place an exhibit tag provided by Purdue Extension staff. All posters must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member’s exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed.
5. Judges evaluating exhibits should recognize individual differences and creativity, therefore using information in this document as a guide rather than a requirement.
6. Neatness and cleanliness are important.
7. A poster that is vertical rather than horizontal and/or is significantly over- or under-sized may not receive higher than a blue ribbon.

**Showmanship Guidelines**

1. This aspect of the Horse and Pony Program is designed to progressively develop the showmanship skills of the 4-H member and to progressively develop the animal’s level of performance.
2. Entries are to be pre-registered in FairEntry by July 1. See Indiana 4-H policy regarding exhibition deadlines.
3. Showmanship classes: Level 1 (grades 3-5), Level 2 (grades 6-8), and Level 3 (grades 9-12).
4. After July 1, patterns will be posted on the Lake County 4-H website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/lake>.
5. In addition to the pattern tasks, judging will also be based on the 4-H member’s ability to show and follow instructions, the appearance of the show person, and the appearance and condition of the horse/pony.
6. The judge will not ask questions to the members.
7. When showing English at Showmanship, it is an option to use a flat leather halter or a bridle.

**Equitation Guidelines**

1. Members may choose one of the following: Western Horsemanship, English Equitation, Ranch Pleasure, Walk/Trot Equitation, Reinsmanship, Gymkhana, Trail, or In-Hand Trail.
2. Entries are to be pre-registered in FairEntry by July 1. See Indiana 4-H policy regarding exhibition deadlines.
3. After July 1, patterns will be posted on Lake County 4-H website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/lake>.
4. The horse’s conformation and breed type are not judged in this class. However, the horse’s ability to perform the tasks required by level should be considered when selecting an animal. Riders should be satisfied that the animal they have chosen is or can be trained to perform the maneuvers indicated.
5. Riders may be required to perform individual workouts. All riders will perform identical workouts in a given class.
6. Western Horsemanship, English Equitation, ~~Ranch Pleasure~~, and Walk/Trot Equitation classes will be broken down as follows: Level 1 (grades 3-5), Level 2 (grades 6-8), and Level 3 (grades 9-12).
7. Reinsmanship, Gymkhana, Ranch Pleasure, Trail, and In-Hand Trail classes will not be broken down by grade levels.
8. In addition to the pattern tasks, judging will also be based on the 4-H member’s ability to show and follow instructions, the appearance of the show person, and the appearance and condition of the horse/pony.
9. Styles of riding that are acceptable in this program are Western and all types of English. For a complete list of acceptable Western and English tack and attire and all types of English tack and attire, please refer to the Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook, current edition.
10. Walk-Trot Equitation riders will participate only in “WTP” designated Competitive classes (no canter classes).
11. Reinsmanship will use the Pleasure Driving section of the Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook, current edition. Basic driving skills will be judged. The class will include rail work and a pattern. Drivers are allowed a header and a passenger.
12. Trail and In-Hand Trail will use the Trail and In-Hand Trail sections of the Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook, current edition.
13. Ranch Pleasure will use the Ranch Pleasure section of the Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook, current edition. Braided or banded manes and tail extensions are discouraged. There will be a pattern, and there may be rail work.
14. Gymkhana will be run as three separate events: Barrels, Pole Bending, and Speed and Action. Each rider will perform individually. This class is designed to show responsiveness in the gymkhana horse as well as the proper use of hands, seat, and legs of the rider. The rider is expected to demonstrate speed, smoothness, maneuverability, and control as well as accuracy of the completed pattern.
15. The Gymkhana Speed and Action event will follow all the state guidelines with the exception of stopping in the box. For Lake County 4-H Horse & Pony, members will only be required to stop in the box and remain in the box for 3 seconds. The 3 second count begins once all 4 feet enter the box. The horse does not have to be standing still on all fours. Members are permitted to turn their horse as necessary to keep it in the box until dismissed. If the horse steps out of the box before dismissed, a seven second penalty will be added. If the horse runs through the box at a canter/lope or trot, then a “no time” will be issued.
16. Gymkhana grading system:

Rider receives a time score for each of the three events. Those scores are added together into an overall score.

Broken pattern will result in a “no time” for that event.

Spurring or striking the animal forward of the cinch will result in a “no time” for that event.

Members receiving a “no time” for any one of the 3 events will not be able to receive any grade higher than a “B” project grade; members receiving a “no time” for any two of the 3 events will not be able to receive any grade higher than a “C” project grade.

“No time” scores will be recorded at the slowest run time in that event plus 5 seconds for scoring purposes to calculate project grades.

A champion and reserve champion will be awarded based on the lowest overall score (fastest time). The rider with the lowest overall score is champion. The rider with the second lowest overall score is reserve champion. An “A Honor” must be achieved in order for a Champion and Reserve Champion to be given out.

AH = 100 to 110% off a combined average of the two highest overall scores

A = 111 to 125% off a combined average of the two highest overall scores

B = 126 to 140% off a combined average of the two highest overall scores

C = 141% and up off a combined average of the two highest overall scores

**Competitive Classes Guidelines**

1. Competitive classes are a fun show that is held at the Fair for members in addition to the project classes.
2. To be eligible to participate in Competitive classes, members must first complete H&P Demonstration and/or Educational Poster. They must also participate in Showmanship and/or Equitation classes. Exceptions may be made if Competitive classes are offered prior to their Showmanship/Equitation classes or in the case of illness of member or horse, with Superintendent’s approval and doctor/vet release.
3. If Competitive classes need to be split, they will be Junior Riders (Grade 3-7) and Senior Riders (Grade 8-12). Members are encouraged to enter as many classes as they wish.
4. ~~Members are to use their own horse for Competitive Classes.~~ Members may use any of their horses for Competitive classes, but their horses must be entered in FairEntry (as an additional horse that that member will exhibit).
5. Show attire is not required. Boots are required in all classes. Helmets are required whenever mounted, riding, or driving. This includes costume class.
6. Versatility Class: This Competitive class will consist of English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, and Barrels. Members must participate in all three. As each member enters the ring, the announcer will read an introduction paragraph written from the horse’s perspective (please turn in typed or neatly written introduction to the Arena Office in advance). After English Pleasure, members will change into Western attire inside the ring. Each member is allowed up to two helpers.
7. Versatility Scoring: The judge will place English Pleasure and Western Pleasure up to ten placings. The Barrels class will also be placed up to ten but the clock will determine the placing. A point value will be given for each placing: 1st= 0 points, 2nd= 2 points, 3rd = 3 points, 4th= 4 points, 5th= 5 points, 6th= 6 points, 7th= 7 points, 8th= 8 points, 9th= 9 points, 10th= 10 points, 11th and up= 11 points. Lowest accumulation of points will be the Versatility winner. The Barrels placing will serve as tie breaker if needed.
8. Free Style Class: This is a mounted ~~or unmounted~~ class that the 4-H member choreographs to music (no longer than 4 minutes) chosen by the member to have a "feeling" they present to the public. Songs have to be appropriate for 4-H audience.

Addendum 2) Livestock Project Change Proposals

 **Livestock Project Change Proposals**

**Dairy Goat**

***\* Current Rule:***

**Best Mammary System**

This class will be judged first class of the day, and will return to the show ring at the conclusion of the senior doe show after being milked out for final judging and placement. Milk-Out will be at the discretion of the judge. Each member is allowed one entry. All breeds will show together.

***\* Proposed Change:***

**Best Mammary System**

*This class will be judged as the first class of the day. Each member is allowed one entry. All breeds will show together.*

*\*Reasoning- We have not practiced the second half of the rule in over 5 years.*

*Does do not typically return to the show ring after they are milked out for final judging.*

***\* Current Rule:***

**Senior Doe Show**

Alpine Nubian All Other Purebreds Oberhasli Nigerian Dwarf Crossbreds

1. Any doe that has ever freshened shall compete in the Senior Division. This includes dry does.

2. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from each breed. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Senior Doe will be selected from the breed champions.

3. The Grand Champion Senior Doe will not compete against the Grand Champion Junior Doe.

Class 1 Doe - 1 year and under 2

Class 2 Doe - 2 years and under 3

Class 3 Doe - 3 years and under 5

Class 4 Doe - 5 years and over

***\*Proposed Change:***

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Class 2 Doe - 2 years and under 3

Class 3 Doe - 3 years and under 4

*Class 4 Doe- 4 years and under 5 Class 5 Doe - 5 years and over*

*\*Reasoning- this allows a member to exhibit a 4 yr old doe and not be limited to choosing a 4 yr old OR a 5 yr old doe.*

***\*Current Rule:***

**Junior Doe Show**

Alpine Nubian All Other Purebreds Oberhasli Nigerian Dwarf Crossbreds

1. Any doe under 24 months of age that has never freshened shall compete in the Junior Division.

2. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from each breed. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Junior Doe will be selected from the breed champions.

3. The Grand Champion Junior Doe will not compete against the Grand Champion Senior Doe.

Class 1 Junior Kid - born on or after March 16 of current year

Class 2 Senior Kid - born on or before March 15 of current year and under one year of age

Class 3 Junior Yearling - born on or after March 16 of previous year and over one year of age

Class 4 Senior Yearling - born on or before March 15 of previous year and under two years of age

***\*Proposed Change:***

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Alpine Nubian All Other Purebreds Oberhasli Nigerian Dwarf Crossbreds

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3. The Grand Champion Junior Doe will not compete against the Grand Champion Senior Doe.

*Class 1 Junior Kid - born on or after April 1st of the current year*

*Class 2 Senior Kid - born on or before March 31st of current year and under one year of age*

*Class 3 Junior Yearling - born May 1 to Dec 31st of previous year*

*Class 4 Senior Yearling - born on or before April 30th of previous year and under 2*

\*Reasoning: these birth dates would align more closely to ADGA ages for showing.

***\*Current Rule:***

Group Classes (Dairy)

Alpine Nubian All Other Purebreds Oberhasli Nigerian Dwarf Crossbreds

1. Animals will show by breed.

2. All goats shown in group classes must also be exhibited in individual classes and entries identified on the Livestock Entry for Fair. Exhibitors in group classes may borrow from farm family members.

***\*Proposed Change:***

Group Classes (Dairy) Alpine Nubian All Other Purebreds Oberhasli Nigerian Dwarf Crossbreds

*1. All breeds will show together for group classes.*

*\* Reasoning- the group classes would be small (most single entries) if we did not combine breeds. With this rule we still combined breeds in 2024. Opening up the group classes would allow members to choose their best stock to enter per class and not be limited to those only shown in individual classes. Some members would not qualify for group classes with the exhibited individual entries.*

***\*Current Rule:***

Dairy Goat

4. All dairy goats in milk must be milked out between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm on the Saturday prior to the Dairy Goat show.

***\*Proposed Change:***

Dairy Goat

*4. There will not be an official milk out time. 4-Hers need to udder up their does responsibly and milk them out when needed after the Sr Show. Excessive uddering is not allowed. The dairy goat judge may ask a 4-Her to milk out the doe at any point in the show.*

\* Reasoning- This rule was put in place over 15 years ago when there was an issue of excessive uddering for the show. This issue has been gone for about 10 years. The milkout is a formality at this point and is unnecessary. ADGA shows do not require a timed milk out for their shows. If it becomes an issue, it will be up to the dairy goat judge to determine if the 4-Her needs to milk out their doe. Superintendents and volunteers will educate members on proper uddering if needed.

***\*Current Rule:***

**Senior Doe Show**

Alpine Nubian All Other Breeds

Oberhasli Nigerian Dwarf Crossbeds

***\*Proposed Change***

**Senior Doe Show**

Alpine Nubian *Guernsey Lamancha*

Nigerian Dwarf Oberhasli *Saanen Sable*

*Toggenburg* Crossbreds *All Other Purebreds (depending on entries)*

*\*Reasoning- these are ADGA recognized breeds. Our project is being inclusive to all recognized purebreds but will reserve the right to combine purebreds into the AOP class depending on Fair Entry exhibit numbers.*

***\*Current Rule:***

There is no mention of Showmanship Currently in the Handbook

***\*Proposed Change:***

*Showmanship will be an offered project class. One entry per 4-H member. Classes will be split for this by division, all breeds together.*

*\*Reasoning*

A new member doesn’t know showmanship is an offered class because its not in the handbook.

***\*Current Rule:***

**Dairy Goat**

5. All Dairy Goats will be released on the Tuesday night following the dairy show from 6-8, with the following exceptions……..

***\*Proposed Change:***

*5. All Dairy Goats will be released on the last Sunday of fair between 1-3 pm once your pens are taken down and tack area cleaned out.*

*\*Reasoning- these dates correspond with our new show schedule and 4-H members have to help with tear down of pens.*

**Meat Goat**

Not rule changes just wording clean up.

Page 65 #5 add at end of sentence to help new people (from the Goat Identification Day in May)

Page 65 #7 All Meat & Specialty Goat educational poster, goat barbecue poster or other educational display will be due at the fair animal check in day (see fair schedule).

**Rabbit** (Things in RED are additions)

Livestock Record Sheet required at Fair Check-in (if not exhibiting live animals,

Completed General Record Sheet and Poster are required for completion, and must be

turned in at Poster Check-in)

1. Exhibit classes must be entered in FairEntry and exhibitors must complete Indiana

4-H Quality Livestock Care or Youth for the Quality Care for

Animals (YQCA) by July 1. See Indiana 4-H policy regarding exhibition deadlines and

eligibility. All Rabbit educational options are due at Rabbit Check-in. See Livestock

General Rules for more information.

2.All Rabbits are to stay at the fair from Check-in to Check-out as listed in the Schedule

of Lake County 4-H Events.

(Rabbit Check-in is 9:00am - 12:00pm on the first Monday of Fair. Check-out is with all

other Livestock, 1:00 pm, the Last Sunday of Fair.)

3. 4-Hers are allowed to show up to 20 breed entries with only one entry per class. Only

1 entry for Companion rabbits.

1. All exhibitors in the rabbit project are required to work/host for a 2-hour 1-hour shift in the barn.

14. Auction Information: Market rabbits that will sell at the auction will be weighed during

the show. If weight requirements for the class are met, Meat Pens, Single Fryers, and

Roasters will be eligible for auction. Members wishing to sell their rabbits at the auction

should indicate their plans to the superintendent at Check-in at the Fair. and must sign

their Auction Card within one hour after the Rabbit Show. Members who do not

designate will not be added to the sale order. It is the responsibility of the 4-Her to check

that all information is on the auction card before leaving the rabbit show.

Showmanship Activity: 4-H members must use their own rabbit that has been exhibited

in the 4-H Rabbit show. Showmanship will take place after the 4-H Rabbit Show.

Showmanship order will be Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and the Master.

Master Showmanship class is offered for previous winners of Senior Showmanship.

A representative from Rabbits will be chosen for the Supreme Showman Contest

at the Superintendent’s discretion, preferably being the Master Showman.

Best of Breed (BOB) and Best of Opposite Sex (BOS) will be awarded in the Four Class

Breeds and Six Class Breeds sections.

Best of Four Class and Best of Six Class will be awarded.

An overall Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show will be awarded.

Fancy Three: Open to Rabbit project members of two years or more in the live exhibit.

Only one entry in this section. The exhibit is made up of three rabbits of the same Four

Class Breed and Variety. Rabbits must be junior age and meet breed weight

requirement for juniors as listed in the ARBA guidelines. (over 2 months and under 6

months).

Companion Rabbit:

1. All rabbits are eligible. This class is designed, but not limited to, rabbits that do not fall

under the guidelines set forth by the ARBA show standards.

2. The Companion class will follow the Breed Show.

3. Only 1 entry per member. Rabbit cannot be shown in both breed and companion

class.

4. All general online entry rules apply.

Companion class will be judged on how the rabbit and member interact at the judging

table based on questions provided. Overall health of rabbit will be taken into

consideration.

All companion rabbits will be shown in one class. Awards of Champion and Res.

Champion will be given.

**Poultry**

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Remove “Logbook and record sheet required to be turned in by July 1.”

Eliminate #2 and move numbers accordingly

#10 Should state “Logbook activity guidelines are available online. Logbooks must be turned in

to the office by July 1. Contact the Superintendent with any questions.”

#16 Eliminate second sentence

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Class 10 - Should read “1 entry per member. Exhibit 6 eggs in a foam or cardboard carton,

narrow end down. Eggs should not be refrigerated prior to show. Eggs will be judged on shell

quality, size, uniformity and interior quality. Eggs should be the same size, color and variety.

Eggs will be divided into 3 classes - White, Colored and AOV. Grand and Res Grand winners

will sell 1 dozen eggs at the auction.”

“Exhibition Classes” changed to “Exhibition Chickens”

Remove #3 under Exhibition Chickens

Add Class 1B - Young Bantam- two young birds of the same breed, one pullet and one cockerel,

hatched after January 1 of current year. Each member may only exhibit one pen in this class.

Add Class 2B - Young Standard Fancy - two young birds of the same breed, one pullet and one

cockerel, hatched after January 1 of current year. Each member may only exhibit one pen in this

class.

‘Exotic Fowl’ should be “Exotic Fowl/Wild Game Fowl

**General Livestock/Barns**

Allow Livestock Barns to decide separately if they want to require Livestock Record Sheets or not.

Currently Livestock Record Sheets are due at Animal Check-In.

**General Livestock/Barns**

Decide if a 4-H member can win Supreme Showmanship multiple times? Also, can the same 4-H member win Showmanship and participate in the Supreme Contest from the same barn each year?

SUPREME SHOWMAN CONTEST One representative from Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Meats Goats, Rabbits and Poultry will be chosen at the superintendents’ discretion. Preferably each barn using their Master Showman. A member may only represent one barn. If there are not enough animals to represent a species that species will have a questions section rather than a showing section. There will be no formal written test but judge is allowed to ask any questions they wish. Showman Attire: All exhibitors will have boots, jeans, and a collared shirt. The activity committee will provide show harnesses and back tags. Each class will be placed. Each placing will be a point. After everything is shown, all points will be added. Low score wins. Only Champion and Reserve Champion will be announced. Animals: This will be a wash and show contest. There will be no grooming. Each barn participating will provide 8 animals based off number of members and any equipment needed (show stick, cane, whip, etc). Showman will draw a number in the makeup ring and that will be the numbered animal they will be given so that everyone has the same amount of time. A 4-H member may win the title of Supreme Showman more than once.

LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP: −

Judging - 4-H member must use their own animal that has been shown in regular 4-H classes. Members will be judged on fitting and training, ability to handle the animal and the showmanship appearance, manners, and attitude throughout shows.

Classes based off Grades as of January 1 of current 4H year.

Junior Division: Grades 3 – 5

Intermediate division: Grades 6 – 8

Senior Division: Grades 9 – 12

Master Division: previous and current year Senior Showman winners are eligible to participate.

Members will be judged on knowledge of animal, facts about their animal, and their ability to handle the animal. Winners of previous showmanship levels are not eligible to compete in the same activity, they must move up to next level until they reach Master Showmanship.

Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be given in each division. All other participates to receive and activity ribbon.

Addendum 3) Handbook Changes

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Lake County 4-H …

2. All members are eligible to ) and two project awards category (Horse and Pony, Goat, Livestock, Entomology, Science, Home Environment, and Junior Leader) per year given at Achievement Night at the annual Lake County Fair. Only members in grade 10-12 are eligible for the Royal Ambassador Award

Ambassador Board Awards…

2.Return invitation by October 15th...

6. Participate in the Achievement Night program at the Lake County Fair is required to receive your financial awards. Excused Absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the Purdue Extension office if a circumstance for absence occurs.

Project Awards and …

4. Applicants for 4-H Project awards are expected to attend the Achievement Night Program.

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Criteria for the Project Awards

Goat Award – 2 Awarded

* Be currently enrolled in 4-H Dairy/Meat Goat project
* Must have completed at least two years of the Dairy/Meat Goat
* Must be in High School
* Strong Record in Dairy/Meat Goat Achievement
* Award is sponsored by Prairie Pioneers 4-H Club

James D. Wozniewski Memorial…

* One Middle School recipient and one High School Recipient

Bill and Joy Black Home Environment Achievement Award

* One Middle School recipient and one High School recipient
* Be currently … and Garden.

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Middle School Achievement Awards

1. The Middle School…and Citizenship. In addition Middle School members are eligible for the James D Wozniewski Science Award and the Bill and Joy Black Home Environment award. Note the criteria listed under the corresponding project award descriptions. Each of the award categories …
2. The member will … September 1st

Calendar and Timeline

September – September 1 is the deadline for…

 Invitations will be sent mid-September

October – Acceptance letters …October 15

\*Eliminate November but keep the information given under October timeline\*

April – Ambassadors and Middle/High School members will receive information regarding project award application.

May – Ambassador interviews will be …