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We have had several things to be thankful for in February here in the office! To note: we received gingerbread house kits as a donation from Country Kitchen to use in our program, and our 4-H Fling might be a little bit different, but we can still have it to an extent!

We are also looking forward to a successful in person beef/dairy beef weigh in on the 13th. Always look at the cup as half full in the midst of the pandemic our friends!

All the best,
Samm, Kelsey & Jean



Extension

News for Everyone

4HOnline enrollment & payment of program fees is due by May 15, 2021.

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 will open June 1-30, 2021

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).

Good News!

The 4-H Board has voted to not have a county 4-H program fee again in 2021. This means that 4-H members in grades 3-12 will only pay the \$15 state 4-H program fee. Mini 4-H members will be free again this year!



2021 4-H Fling

The 4-H Fling is going virtual!



February 27th - Preorder chicken dinners starting first week of February and pick up at the CES on the 27th. Dinners will be \$10 and include chicken and potatoes. If you would like to donate an item for our virtual silent auction that will be held on our Facebook page, let Jean know. Pre purchase Chicken Tickets at the office or call Jean.



Theme Contest for 4-H Recognition/Donor Flyer Cover

The Allen County Theme Contest allows 4-Hers to be involved in selecting the theme for the 4-H Program booklet/Recognition flyer. Entries must be submitted by March 15. The winner will receive a \$50.00 award and recognition on the booklet.

The rules for the Theme Contest are as follows:

1. Theme must be created by 4-H Members who are currently enrolled.
2. Entry is to be 8 1/2" by 11" (with the 11" being vertical).
3. Entries must be an original computer generated graphic.
4. Your name, club, grade, address, and phone number, must be on the back.
5. One entry per 4-Her.

**Submit electronically to
jkendall@purdue.edu by the deadline.**

Allen Co 4-H Clubs, Inc. Board

The Allen County 4-H Program is overseen by a 15 member Board of Directors. New members are elected at an Annual Meeting in November each year. This group meets monthly; their job is to oversee the entire 4-H Program in Allen County. They secure funding to run the 4-H Program year round, provide guidance within the bounds of the State 4-H guidelines for all 4-H programming, work at expansion of 4-H programming to all youth, approve changes and improvements. They also serve on various subcommittees that meet throughout the year.

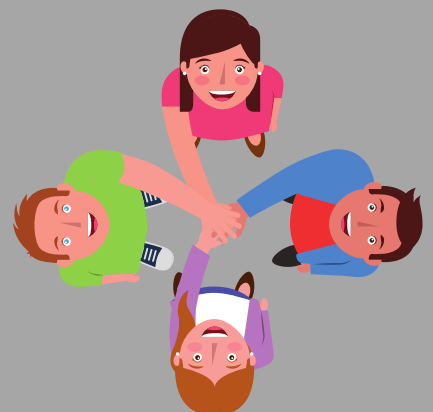
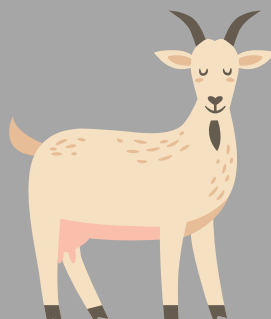
Allen County Fairgrounds, Inc.

The Allen County Fairgrounds is run by a 20 member Board of Directors. They are elected at an Annual Meeting held in February. They are responsible for the operations and running of the Allen County Fairgrounds year round. This group owns the Allen County Fairgrounds. They also have several subcommittees-the Fair Committee oversees the Allen County Fair each July. The Allen County Fairgrounds does not receive any county income. Their income is from fundraisers, rentals and memberships.

The Fair Committee is open to anyone interested. This group meets monthly on Thursdays. If you wish to volunteer to help on this committee, call the Fairgrounds at 499-4444.

How do Allen Co 4-H Clubs, Inc and the Allen Co Fairgrounds, Inc. work together?

Both groups work together to make sure that the Allen County Fair is a success. The Allen County 4-H Program is also allowed to use the Allen County Fairgrounds facilities free for 4-H workshops and meetings. These have to be approved by both groups. The annual number of days used is approximately 104 days with a rental value of \$40,100.00. When a 4-H group chooses to use the Allen County Fairgrounds for open shows or fundraising events they pay a rental fee. This rental fee is specific for the 4-H Program, One member from the 4-H Board attends the monthly meetings of the Allen County Fairgrounds Board and serves in an ex-officio capacity.



Allen County 4-H Board Members

The following are the newly elected officers and members of the Allen County 4-H Board of Directors. This group meets monthly to oversee the 4-H Program in Allen County.

President: Shawn Parker

Vice President: Jason Howard

Secretary: Stephanie Bailey

Treasurer: Jacob Taylor

Directors: Heather Anderson, Liz Chmiel, Jennifer Fletcher, Peggy Hayes, Mari Hulsenbeck, Ashley Kendall, Chad Paul, Renee Spieth and Sydney Yarborough

Junior Leader Rep: Isaac Kaufeld

4-H Volunteer Leader Rep: Sarah Berning



Fundraisers

4-H Plant Sale Fundraiser

Details and order form attached. Orders due March 31. Plants will be available **ONLY at these times: Thursday, May 6, from 5-8 pm or Friday, May 7 from 9 am-Noon** at the Fairgrounds. **No refunds on orders not picked up.**

Orders not picked up by noon on May 7 will be available for sale, anything left will be donated. Each

4-H family is being challenged to get 2 new customers. Proceeds from this fundraiser go toward Allen County 4-H Board expenses such as 4-H trips that are not sponsored, 4-H publicity/promotion, and other County 4-H expenses.

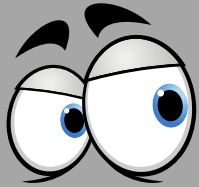
What a great gift for Mother's Day!

Youth FYI



Check List for 4-H Members

- ___ May 15: All Livestock ID'ed in 4HOnline (except Poultry & Rabbits)
- ___ May 15: Add/Drop Deadline. Absolute deadline to add or delete any 4-H Projects in the 4HOnline system.
- ___ June 22: Dog members MUST complete FairEntry in 4HOnline system to exhibit at the County Fair. (Open June 1-June 28)
- ___ June 30: 4-H Member MUST complete FairEntry in 4HOnline system to exhibit at the County Fair. (Open June 1-June 28)
- ___ June 30: Activity Sheets for Livestock Projects due to Extension Office by 4:30 pm.

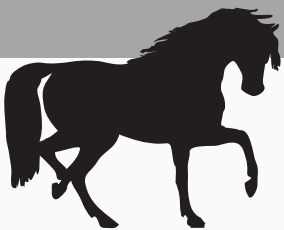


ALLEN COUNTY 4-H JUNIOR LEADERS

FIRST MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY
23 FROM 6:00-7:30 PM

WRITING/DECORATING CARDS FOR
LOCAL NURSING HOME RESIDENTS &
DECORATING GINGERBREAD HOUSES
- COME JOIN US!

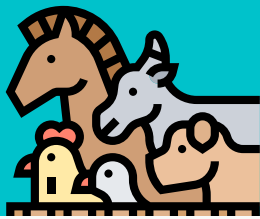
Junior Leaders is for any youth in 6th-12th grades - Come join us at our first meeting February 23 from 6-7:30 pm for a fun night of writing cards to local nursing home residents and decorating gingerbread houses. We will be meeting in person, but also have a Zoom option. (We have a limit of 15 for our in person option, so email kyounce@purdue.edu if you would like to come, or if you would like to participate via Zoom.)***Also note that beginning in February, weather permitting, we will be meeting the last Tuesday of every month



Horse and Pony

4-H Horse and Pony Judging Team

Do you want to learn more about horses and judging them? Then the 4-H Horse and Pony Judging Team may be for you! You do NOT need to own a horse or even know much about horses to join this group. You will learn! This is for youth currently in grades 3-12. They normally meet on Monday nights 6-8 PM from January-April. If interested, please contact Lisa Didion, 4-H Volunteer Coach of the team at 260-740-8313 or email lisagididion.ld@gmail.com.



Livestock Information

2021 Animal Deadlines

Please try to complete all enrollment in animal projects by January 30th.

We send information electronically to youth enrolled in specific 4-H projects. We cannot send you the information if you have not enrolled in that specific project. This will be important information on ID dates, 4HOnline deadlines, etc.

February 13	Tagging/ID for all - Beef Heifers & Steers, Dairy Beef Steers	8-10 AM
April 17	Tagging/ID - all Dairy Beef Feeder Calves	8-10 AM
April 29	Tagging/ID - all Sheep and all goats	6-8 PM
May 15	4HOnline Deadline for ID of all Beef Steers, Beef Heifers and Junior Calves, Dairy Beef Steers, Feeder Calves, Horse & Pony, Llama, Sheep, Swine. Also Project Add & Drop	
June 30	Activity Sheets due to the Extension Office	By 4:30
June 30	Fair Entry done online (what I am Exhibiting at the County Fair)	By 11:59 PM

Upcoming Workshops:

Swine Workshop	March 8, 6:30 pm	County Extension Office
Swine Workshop	June 16,	Kneubuhler Farm



PURDUE UNIVERSITY Extension
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Making Cents Out of Adulting

 <p>Philosophy of Money - January 19 (6-7 PM ET)</p> <p>How being mindful of your money makes your dreams a reality!</p> <p>Presenter: Darcy from We Want Guac (Blog)</p>	 <p>Are Credit Cards Worth It? - January 26 (5:30-6:30 PM ET)</p> <p>In this session, we'll be exploring if having one is right for you!</p> <p>Presenters: Lauren & Steven Keys</p>
 <p>Budgeting 101 - February 25 (4-5 PM ET)</p> <p>What is a budget and what all goes into creating and maintaining one?</p> <p>Presenter: Kidane Amare Sarko</p>	 <p>How to be a Millionaire - March 4 (5-6 PM ET)</p> <p>The power of compound effect and how starting to invest early can set you up for your entire life!</p> <p>Presenter: Becky Holmes</p>
 <p>Buying Your Freedom - May 6 (5-6 PM ET)</p> <p>A journey that leads to financial independence</p> <p>Presenter: Sunny Burns</p>	 <p>Talking Taxes - June 17 (4-5 PM ET)</p> <p>How do taxes work? Where do I even start??</p> <p>Presenter: Adam Schaffer</p>

<https://bit.ly/MakingCents4H>

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We're so excited about this new Financial Literacy Program Series! Join us and learn about being mindful of your money, credit cards, what all goes into making a budget, the power of compound interest, financial independence, taxes & more!

Making Cents is a virtual, state-wide SPARK Program designed for 7th-12th graders. All sessions will be held via Zoom and will last an hour. Sessions will start in January until June. Youth will register at <https://bit.ly/MakingCents4H>

See the attached flyer for session details. Current and non-current 4-Hers are invited to participate!

Contact Kelsey Younce at kyounce@purdue.edu with questions!

ALLEN COUNTY 4-H 2021 YQCA
INSTRUCTOR - LED SESSIONS

SAVE THE DATES

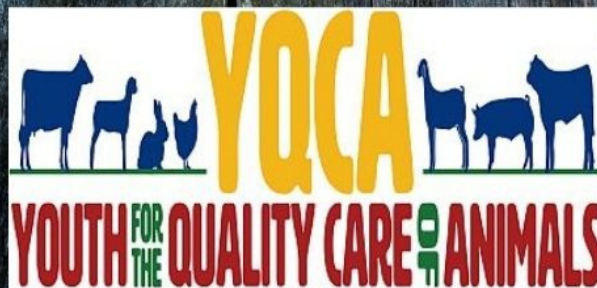
MARCH 9TH - 6PM (CES)

APRIL 6TH - 12PM (CES)

MAY 27TH - 6PM (CES)

JUNE 28TH - 12PM (CES)

REGISTER NOW AT YQCA.ORG



To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H Members MUST be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. This is for all youth grades 3-12.

You should now be able to log on to yqca.org and register for classes. If you have any problems, call the office or email kyounce@purdue.edu



Reminder for all Livestock Families - Premise ID Number

All cattle, swine, sheep and goats must have a Premise ID Number for the location of animals, whether you have 1 or 2 animals for 4-H on a part-time basis or raise production stock year-round. For more information and registration forms, contact the Indiana Board of Animal Health at 317-544-2400 or on the web at www.in.gov/boah/2624.htm.

The number will be required to complete the animal ID online.

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. The Grooming Assistance application can be found at <http://bit.ly/animalgroominglist>. Please note that this program is only for Indiana residents and must be completed by July 1, annually.

News for 4-H Volunteers



Please reenroll as a 4-H volunteer in 4HOnline 2.0

New for 2021

- Most of our volunteers are due for renewing the 2021 Working with Minors training. Due to insurance purposes, this must be completed prior to working with 4-H youth.

Returning volunteers -

Log-in to the NEW v2.4HOnline.com website to re-enroll for 2021!

Keep your eyes peeled for some fun and informative online training opportunities for Allen County 4-H volunteers over the next few months.



CALENDAR

February 2021

13 Cattle Weigh in (Large). 8-10 am @ FG's (20th Snowdate)
16 Horse & Pony Volunteers, 7:15 pm @ CEO
24 Swine Committee, 7 pm @ FG's
23 Junior Leaders
27 4-H Fling - Virtual

March 2021

8 Swine Workshop, 6:30 pm @ CEO
9 YQCA - See sign up in newsletter
24 4-H Real Colors - Details to come
30 Junior Leaders
31 4-H Plant Sale Order Due @ CEO

2021 Allen County Fair
July 27-August 1



2021 Indiana State Fair
August 6-22