

# July-August 2021 Newsletter

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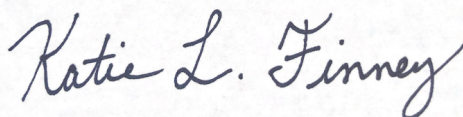
Dear Brown County community,

The fair is almost here! We're excited to see 4-H families, Extension Homemakers, and local residents come together for a week of good food and fun events.

A big thanks goes to our many volunteers who work behind the scenes to make the fair happen. 4-H families are also encouraged to drop by each Saturday in July following the holiday weekend to help prepare the fairgrounds. Stay tuned for specific times on pen set up.

Only a few weeks to go until the Brown County 4-H Fair opens on July 26. With our last in-person fair being two years ago, we're all catching up to the fun and chaos of fair time, but hopefully we can take a moment to appreciate being back together on the fairgrounds too.

Best wishes,



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# Brown County 4-H Club Updates



# Pre-Fair Week Dates and Deadlines

**Animal Club** meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the Exhibit Building.

**Bit and Bridle 4-H Horse and Pony Club** meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

**Brown County 4-H Gang** meets the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 A.M. in the Community Room.

**Cattails 4-H Cat Club** meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M.

**Junior Leaders** (grades 7-12) meet the second Thursday every month at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room.

**Lick Creek Love Bugs** meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room.

**Muddy Paws 4-H Dog Club** meets every Thursday at 5:30 P.M. at the fairgrounds.

**Shooting Sports 4-H Club** will meet on July 12 at 6:30 P.M. in the Exhibit Building. Come meet your leaders and hear about next year's plans!

*Interested in joining a club? Call the Extension Office or email Katie! We'll find the right fit for you.*

- **June 30:** Rabbit Forms Deadline
- **July 1:** State Fair Livestock Entry Deadline
- **July 10:** Library Project Work Day from 10 A.M.-2 P.M.
- **July 10:** Sheep Showmanship Clinic at 5 P.M.
- **July 15:** Fair Entry Deadline
  - ALL 4-H projects must be entered on Fair Entry by midnight
- **July 15:** All Leader Meeting at 6:30 P.M.
- **July 15:** All Member Meeting at 7 P.M.
  - Livestock Exhibitor Meeting Included
- **July 16:** Horse and Pony Contesting Show at 7 P.M.
- **July 17:** Horse and Pony English and Western Show at 9 A.M.
- **July 18:** Early project check-in from 1:00 P.M.-2:30 P.M.
  - Recommended for those unable to attend on July 20
- **July 18:** Cat Show at 3 P.M.
- **July 20:** Project Check-in and Judging from 5 P.M.-7 P.M. in the Exhibit Building
- **July 20:** Rabbit Showmanship at 7 P.M.
- **July 23:** Dog Show, Agility at 7 P.M.
- **July 24:** Dog Show, Obedience and Showmanship at 8 A.M.
- **July 25:** Livestock Entry from 7 P.M.-10 P.M.
- **July 26:** Livestock Entry from 7 A.M. - 10 A.M.
- **July 26-31:** 2021 Brown County 4-H Fair!

# **4-H Fair Events**



- **July 16: Horse and Pony Contesting Show at 7:00 P.M.**
- **July 17: Horse and Pony English and Western Show at 9:00 A.M.**
- **July 18: Cat Show at 3:00 P.M.**
- **July 20:**
  - **Project judging from 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. in the Exhibit Building**
  - **Rabbit Showmanship at 7:00 P.M.**
- **July 23: Dog Agility Show at 7:00 P.M.**
- **July 24: Dog Obedience and Showmanship Show at 8:00 A.M.**
- **July 25:**
  - **Grand Champion and Senior Awards Deremony during queen contest at 7:00 P.M.**
  - **Livestock check-in from 7:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M.**
- **July 26:**
  - **Livestock check-in from 7:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.**
  - **4-H Battle Royale at 5:00 P.M.**
- **July 27:**
  - **Rabbit Show at 9:00 A.M.**
  - **Goat Show at 7:00 P.M.**
- **July 28:**
  - **Livestock pictures at 12:00 P.M.**
  - **Sheep Show at 6:00 P.M.**
  - **Dairy/Beef Show at 7:30 P.M.**
- **July 29**
  - **Poultry Show at 9:00 A.M.**
  - **Swine Show at 7:00 P.M.**
- **July 30:**
  - **Release of non-auction livestock from 6:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.**
  - **Grand Champion photos at 10:00 A.M. in the Show Arena**
  - **Small Animal Master Showman Contest at 6:00 P.M.**
  - **Large Animal Master Showman Contest at 7:00 P.M.**
- **July 31:**
  - **4-H Livestock Auction at 9:30 A.M.**
- **Aug. 1: Release of 4-H Exhibits from 2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.**



## Library 4-H Project Workday #2

Come to Meeting Room B on the lower-level of the Brown County Public Library on Saturday, July 10 for help with your 4-H projects.

### Schedule:

- 10:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.: Mini 4-H Project Help
- 11:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.: 4-H Project Design Fundamentals
- 12:00 P.M.–2:00 P.M.: Guided Work Time

Posters and poster sleeves will be available for purchase. Snacks, water, computers, printers, and poster materials will be provided. 4-Hers can bring a sack lunch. If families are staying, please park in the larger, lower-level parking lot at the end of E. Gould Street.



## Fair Entry Reminder

**All 4-Hers need to enter their projects on Fair Entry by July 15.**

### *What is Fair Entry?*

Fair Entry is the online platform for entering 4-H projects into the fair, organizing shows, and managing 4-H fair events.

### *How do I enter my projects?*

1. Go to <https://www.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/15635>
2. Follow these instructions:  
<http://bit.ly/BrownCoFairEntry>





## 2021 4-H Battle Royale!



Clubs and teams of 4-Hers are welcome to enter the Junior Leaders-sponsored 4-H Battle Royale. Participants must be in Brown County 4-H and in grades 3-12. **The 2021 Battle Royale will be on Monday, July 26 at 5 P.M. in the Horse and Pony Arena.** If you would like to participate but don't have a team, fill out your info as the team captain and then write "need a team" for the remaining spots. We'll then contact you with your team information. No more than 5 can be on a team. Try wearing matching shirts or colors!

**Sign up at this link or stop by the Extension Office: <https://bit.ly/BattleRoyale2021>**



# 2021 Indiana State Fair

- Non-animal 4-H exhibit check-in (everything except foods) will be Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm each day
  - Brown County Purdue Extension Office will take state fair projects UNLESS you are contacted to make other arrangements (due to the project's size/fragility) or contact us to take it yourself.
- 4-H food baked and preserved exhibits will be checked-in Wednesday, August 4, in 4-H Exhibit Hall. Individual exhibitors checking-in their own food exhibit may talk with the judge, if desired. This is ONLY for foods.



***Saturday, August 7 from 10a-4p at 185 S Jefferson St, Nashville, IN***

The 4-H Educator and Junior Leaders will be teaching the "4Hs of Bicycle Safety" and there will be lots of other opportunities to try out new skills, including a pump track, bike skills course at Lincoln Pinch Park in Nashville, along with other events and races.

## Interested in volunteering? We need your help!

E-mail Kara at [khammes@purdue.edu](mailto:khammes@purdue.edu)

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 2021

# BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY BIKE FEST

10AM  
 to  
 4PM

\* NASHVILLE, IN \* ALL AGES & SKILL LEVELS \*  
 \* PLENTY OF FOOD, FRIENDS & OTHER FUN TOO \*

\* food, entertainment and more \* lots of free activities \*  
 \* learn bike safety basics \* bike maintenance workshops \*  
 \* pump track & bike skills courses \* demo bikes to try \*

INTERESTED IN SPONSORING, BECOMING A VENDOR OR VOLUNTEER, OR WANT  
 TO GET INVOLVED IN OTHER WAYS? E-MAIL [KARA@BCBARNBURNER.COM](mailto:kara@bcbarndburner.com)

# Preserve It Now... Enjoy It Later



Tuesdays  
July 13th -  
Aug. 10th

Jul. 13 - Equipment  
Jul. 20 - Salsa  
Jul. 27 - Pickling

1:00 PM -  
3:00 PM  
EST

Aug. 3 - Pressure  
Canning  
Aug. 10 - Jam & Jelly

Home Food Preservation Virtual Learning Series through Zoom.

*Join us to increase knowledge and confidence! Each session will include a short presentation, an actual food preservation demonstration, interactive discussion and time for question/answer on the food preservation related topic.*

*Sessions include: Equipment, Boiling Water Canning, Pressure Canning, Salsa, Pickling and Jam & Jelly.*

Registration fee of \$30 provides access to all five sessions.

Register at: <https://cvent.me/ovyV48>



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# Where Does Your Money Go?



**Do you know where your money goes?  
Most of us don't.**

Where Does Your Money Go is a program designed to help you better understand how you spend your money.



## **Session 1: Is there ever enough?**

Wednesday, July 7, 12pm-1pm EST.

## **Session 2: A Road Map for Spending**

Wednesday, July 14, 12pm-1pm EST.

## **Session 3: Get a Handle on Debt**

Wednesday, July 21, 12pm-1pm EST.

## **Session 4: Financial 101**

Wednesday, July 28, 12pm-1pm EST.



Join #WalletWellnessWednesday every Wednesday from 12-1 pm EST.

**Register online:**

<https://bit.ly/WWWJuly21>



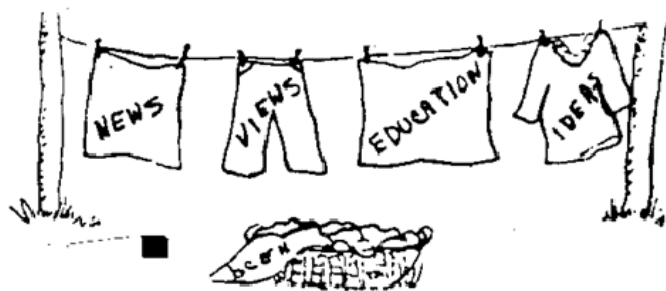
# Brown County Homemaker's Extension Line

## Brown County Fair Dates:

July 26th-31st

## Exhibit Building Hours:

Mon-Sat 6-10pm



## Club Meeting Times and Contacts

### Cedar Hills

4th Thursday  
various locations  
Contact Pam Keffaber  
812-350-9375

### Day Dreamers

4th Wednesday @ 10 AM  
Community Room  
Contact Jane Donaldson  
812-988-1764  
donaldsonhouse@aol.com

### Herb Society

3rd Monday @ 3PM  
Brown County Library - Lower Level  
Contact Jane Donaldson  
812-988-1764

### Quick Quilters

Contact Laura Brzeski  
ljbski@hotmail.com  
for meeting details

## From Your County President...

Ladies,

It's fair time! We need you to make this year a success. Not only do we want to show off how incredibly talented you are, we want to display your smile too. So please gather up your photo's, collections (3-10 items), knitting, quilts, paintings, and homemade goods etc. to exhibit. Don't be shy. Show off your crafts! And exhibiting is only part of the fun - checking in the county's treasures and displaying them properly is another set of talents that Homemakers excel at.

For the Fair itself, Homemakers are selling root beer floats and coffee while keeping watch over the exhibits (donations of 2 liter root beer can be left at the Extension Office). We are working in shifts of 6-8 pm and 8-10 pm (stop by and see me at the late shift). Quick Quilters will be demonstrating on Mon and Wed evenings. Master Gardeners will be answering questions on Tues and Thurs.

As you can see there is plenty to do and you are encouraged to join/help us in anyway you can. The specific dates and times that volunteer help is needed are listed below. If you wish to volunteer for any of the needs listed below, PLEASE contact Mitzi Kummerer at (812)343-4290 and we look forward to seeing you there!

Jane Donaldson

## Cedar Hills Meeting and Outing

The Cedar Hills Extension Homemaker Club will have their regularly scheduled meeting on July 22. On August 26 they will have an outing to the Brown County Art Gallery, followed by lunch.

## Brown County Fair - Help Needed!

**Friday, July 23 - 4-7pm** - Non-perishables check-in

**Saturday, July 24 -9-10 am** - Late check-in for non-perishables; **10am-12pm** Perishables check-in; **Followed by** assisting with judging (*Lunch is being provided by the Fair Board for volunteers on Saturday*)

**Monday, July 26-Saturday, July 31 - 6-10pm** - Selling root beer floats and coffee in the Exhibit Hall (Shifts 6-8 & 8-10)

**Sunday, Aug 1 - 2-6pm** - Exhibit pick-up (Shifts 2-4 & 4-6)

## DNR Recommends Removal of Birdfeeders Statewide

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has received reports of sick and dying songbirds from 50 counties, including Brown County. As the investigation continues, the DNR recommends all Hoosiers remove their birdfeeders (including hummingbird feeders) statewide.

The DNR is working to determine the birds' cause of death. The affected songbirds showed neurological signs of illness as well as eye swelling and crusty discharge. All bird samples submitted have tested negative for avian influenza and West Nile virus. Final laboratory diagnostic results are pending.

The following steps are recommended statewide:

- Use the DNR sick/dead wildlife reporting tool at [on.IN.gov/sickwildlife](https://on.IN.gov/sickwildlife) to alert DNR staff.
- Stop feeding birds until the mortality event has concluded.
- Clean feeders and baths with a 10 percent bleach solution.
- Avoid handling birds. If you need to handle birds, wear disposable gloves.
- When removing dead birds, wear disposable gloves and place birds and gloves in a sealable plastic bag to dispose with household trash.
- Keep pets away from sick or dead birds as a precaution.

**Stay up to date on any new developments here: <https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/wildlife-resources/wildlife-diseases-in-indiana/songbird-deaths/>**

## Hobby Flock Owners Should Keep Their Poultry Safe from Unknown Bird Ailment

In light of recent reports of sick and dying songbirds throughout the state, veterinarians with the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) are encouraging hobby flock owners to take steps to protect their poultry.

"Currently, we do not know what is causing songbirds to become ill or to die," said Bret D. Marsh, DVM, Indiana State Veterinarian. Without specific information on the cause, poultry owners are encouraged to take steps to protect their chickens, ducks, turkeys and other domestic species.

Good biosecurity practices mean keeping poultry safe from unseen pathogens that can be brought into the coop by other birds; other animals; or humans. Deter contact with wild birds by keeping poultry in a fenced space and contain them to the coop or barn at night. Do not feed chickens outdoors where wild birds may feed, too. Clean and sanitize feed pans and waterers.



Women in Agriculture Team  
Sponsored Webinar



### Fall Gardening - Reaping the Benefits of Cool Weather

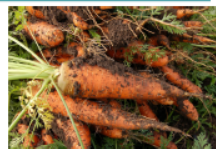
July 19th

12:00 PM EST

Register At:

<https://tinyurl.com/WIAWebinars21>

Presented by  
**Gina Anderson,**  
Purdue Extension



One of the easiest ways to get more out of your garden is by using the cool fall weather to your advantage. You can do this by having a fall garden. If you are interested in learning tips and tricks on how to get the most out of your fall garden, then consider participating in this webinar featuring Gina Anderson, Purdue Extension-Floyd County.

For questions or if you need a reasonable accommodations to participate, please contact Jenna Nees at 765-653-8411, or e-mail [smith535@purdue.edu](mailto:smith535@purdue.edu).

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## Signs of Tree Damage Caused by Cicadas

Even though the time for the 17-year Brood X cicadas themselves is mostly done, you may be seeing other signs of them left behind - mainly in the form of damage to trees where they've laid their eggs.

Cicadas lay eggs by stabbing their ovipositor into tree bark. This can create scars in the bark. If enough cicadas lay eggs on a small branch, it can kill the twig. As a result, large trees sometimes have minor dieback at the ends of branches, but this will not harm the overall health of the tree. Small or young trees (3-4 years old) and shrubs, however, may be more seriously harmed.

If you find these dead twigs unsightly, you can either trim them off or hire an arborist to remove them.

Learn more here: <https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/cicadas/>

# The Nature of Teaching Workshops

Have you taken an Indiana Master Naturalist course and want to learn more about engaging youth with nature? The Indiana DNR and Purdue Extension are partnering to offer workshops this summer to gain experience and the necessary tools to better engage youth with nature. This includes sessions on health and wellness, food waste and wildlife engagement. The cost is \$10 cash or check upon arrival. This covers the cost of a take home kit to assist with program delivery. All events are from 1-5 PM ET/ 12-4 PM CT



Please contact Laurynn Thieme at [ljthieme@purdue.edu](mailto:ljthieme@purdue.edu) with questions.

## Location

Harrison County- Purdue Extension-Harrison County, Corydon

Tippecanoe County- John S. Wright Forestry Center, West Lafayette

Delaware County- Munsee Woods, Selma

Monroe County- Karst Farm Park, Bloomington

Vanderburgh County- Mesker Park Zoo, Evansville

## Date

June 1

June 30

July 11

July 30

July 31

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**Register today at:**  
**<https://bit.ly/3vT9Cjh>**

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# Volunteers, Youth, Homemakers & Community July-August 2021 Calendar

## July

- 5 OFFICE CLOSED – 4th of July (observed)
- 6 4-H Council Meeting 7 PM
- 13 4-H Fair Board Meeting 7 PM
- 22 Cedar Hills Ext Homemakers Meeting
- 23 Open Class Non-Perishables Check-In, 4-7p
- 24 Open Class Non-Perishables Check-In cont,  
9-10a; Perishables Check-In 10a-12p;  
Judging to follow
- 26-31 2021 Brown County Fair

## August

- JUL 30-AUG 22 Indiana State Fair  
(closed Mondays & Tuesdays)
- 1 Open Class Exhibit Pick-up, 2-6PM
- 2 4-H Council 7 PM
- 7 Brown County Community Bike Fest,  
10A-4P, 185 S Jefferson St
- 10 4-H Fair Board Meeting 7 PM
- 24 SEPAC Field Day
- 26 Cedar Hills Ext Homemaker Outing to  
Brown County Art Gallery and Lunch

**\*FOR A FULL LISTING OF 4-H SPECIFIC DATES, SEE PAGES 2-3\***

**\*\*THE FULL FAIR SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING THE OFFICE OR AT  
[www.bcdemocrat.com/2021/06/23/brown-county-fair-preview-2021/](http://www.bcdemocrat.com/2021/06/23/brown-county-fair-preview-2021/) \*\***

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