

**June - July 2023**

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# THE SOIL SCOOP

Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District



## CONSERVATION CRUSADERS

Spencer Co. SWCD is excited to host our first ever Conservation Crusaders Day Camp! In the past we have helped Warrick Co. SWCD with theirs and were inspired to introduce it to our own county!

This is a FREE day program catered towards K-6th graders who are excited to learn about the natural wonders of the world while also being inspired to care for the world around them.



We will be hosting TWO events.

The first will be on June 7th at the Nature Center in Lincoln State Park from 9am to 1pm. Kids will need to bring their own lunch.

The second will be on June 14th at the Lincoln Pioneer Village in Rockport from 9am - 1pm. Kids will need to bring their own lunch.

This event includes:

- a brief nature hike
- a craft
- conservation based games

## CWI GRANTS:

There are NO grants this year for CWI practices paid for through the Spencer Co. SWCD.

## SOIL TO SHELF WORKSHOPS

June 3rd - Catch, Clean, Cook Fishing

August 5th - Canning

September 16th - Cleanup Hike

October 8th - Lincoln State Park Craft Fair

November 19th - Pumpkin Pie Day

To stay up to date on dates and locations, please follow the Spencer Co. SWCD and Lincoln State Park on Facebook. All workshops will also be posted in the community events section of the Lincoln County Shopper and the Spencer County Leader.

## SUMMER INTERN WANTED

Requirements:

- High School Senior / College Student
- Must be in an ag related major or going into college for an ag related degree

If interested, please call the SWCD office at (812) 649-9136 ext.3

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SOME OLD-FASHIONED THINGS LIKE FRESH AIR AND SUNSHINE ARE HARD TO BEAT.

-Laura Ingalls Wilder

# Ag Agenda

*Agriculture & Horticulture Update for the Home and Farm*



*A successful hay harvest requires using proper harvest procedures of mowing, tedding, raking, and baling. (Johnson)*

## Hay Harvest is Here

To make excellent quality hay, the forage needs to be cut at the right growth stage and packaged into a bale at the right moisture content without incidence of rain damage. As forages mature, protein and digestibility concentrations decline. If the forage is harvested too late, dry matter intake by the consuming animal will be less because of high fiber concentration.

What are “Best Management Practices” associated with haymaking?

- Take advantage of every hour that the sun shines. While mid-afternoon is the time of day that there is a slight improvement in forage quality because of elevated sugar content, if the weather forecast for drying hay to safe baling moisture is questionable, consider mowing in the morning to have more drying time.
- Mow the forage with a properly set mower-conditioner so the stems are crimped every three to four inches. This will increase rate of moisture loss.
- Lay the forage in a wide swath and not a narrow windrow. This, too, will increase drying rate.
- Consider tedding the crop if there is concern about not getting to a safe baling moisture before inclement weather occurs. Tedding should occur when the moisture is greater than 50 percent to reduce yield and quality loss from the aggressive action of tedding when the forage is too dry.
- Raking the forage into a windrow should occur when the moisture is around 40 percent. If raked at a lower moisture level, there will be loss of leaves which will result in yield and quality loss. Set the tines on the rake high enough that soil does not contaminate the forage.

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## Newsletter Highlights

Is Your Hay Too Hot?

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The Famed Garden Peony

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Anthracnose or Winter Injury

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Upcoming Events

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Hay in the foreground was removed from the hoop building because it was smoldering. (Johnson)

## Is Your Hay Too Hot?

It is that time of year when much cool-season grass and legume hay is being made in Indiana. Remember to package hay at the correct moisture content to avoid excessive heating of bales when in storage. Target moisture to begin baling hay without an effective preservative is 20 percent, 18 percent and 17 percent for small rectangular bales, large round bales, and large rectangular bales, respectively. Excessive heating can result in mold formation by microorganisms, the binding of amino acids to soluble sugars that results in reduced available protein, reduced forage quality, and the possibility of storage structure fires.

It is quite normal for a temperature rise to occur after hay is packaged, but anything greater than 125 degrees F should be monitored. My observation has been that hay producers are watchful of the possibility of “hot” hay for several days after it is put into storage. After this time, the hay may be assumed to be okay and not monitored again. With hay storage structure fires, it may take three to four weeks before spontaneous combustion occurs. It is important to note temperature for an extended period of time and not just for a few days.

Temperature probes are available through many agricultural vendors. An online search will provide many resources to consider. The probe should be strong so it can penetrate through tightly packed bales to a length of around six feet preferred. Options for making a probe that permits thermometer insertion on a string can also be found with an online search.

Much effort goes into the production of high quality hay. Don't let the effort “go up in smoke”!

- Keith Johnson, Purdue Extension Forage Specialist

(Hay Harvest, cont.)

- Bale small rectangular bales at 20 percent moisture, large round bales at 18 percent moisture, and large rectangular bales at 17 percent moisture. Hay baled at too high a moisture content will heat, mold, and spontaneous combustion is possible.
- Store high quality hay under cover (Examples: properly ventilated building, hay tarp properly secured) to reduce deterioration from weathering. Storing hay on a six-inch layer of very coarse rock placed on geotextile cloth will reduce (not eliminate) deterioration at the bottom of the bales.

The links below are videos about the process of making dry hay and timing of the hay harvest:

The Process of Making Dry Hay  
<https://youtu.be/H9JDL9MJWsQ>

Timing of the Hay Harvest  
<https://youtu.be/LdQZnNJGpLs>

Many of you have put much effort into producing the forage thus far. Use best management practices to get the forage cut, dried and into storage. Be safe!

-Keith Johnson, Purdue Extension Forage Specialist & Ron Lemenager, Purdue Extension Beef Specialist

Critical temperature and action steps for hay in storage.	
125°F Or Lower	Action Steps
125°F	<b>No action needed.</b>
150°F	<b>Entering the danger zone.</b> Check temperature twice daily. If possible, disassemble stacked hay to allow more air to move around and cool heated bales.
160°F	<b>Reaching the danger zone.</b> Check temperature every couple of hours. If possible, disassemble stacked hay to allow more air to move around and cool heated bales.
175°F	<b>Hot spots or fire pockets are likely.</b> Continue to check temperature frequently. If possible, stop all air movement around hay. Alert fire service of possible hay fire incident.
190°F	<b>Fire is likely.</b> Remove hot hay with fire service assistance. The fire service should be prepared for the hay to burst into flames as it contacts fresh air.
200°F or higher	<b>Fire is imminent.</b> Remove hot hay with fire service assistance. The fire service should be prepared for the hay to burst into flames as it contacts fresh air.
<b>Source: Extinguishing Fires in Silos and Hay Mows (Natural Resource, Agriculture, and Engineering Service publication NRAES-18).</b>	

Temperature values and action steps that should be considered when hay is put into storage.

## The Famed Garden Peony

Peonies are a common and favored landscape plant in Indiana. Despite their famed attribute of being easy to care for, some annual upkeep will ensure peonies continue to beautifully bloom year after year.

Depending on the species and cultivar, peonies will bloom from late spring to early summer. Peonies were traditionally white, blush, pink, and red in color. However, due to breeding, coral, yellow, and patterned peonies can now be found. In addition to a wide variety of colors, blooms also come in a variety of different shapes. Planting a variety of peonies will extend bloom time and enjoyment.

Best time to plant is early fall. Purchase rot free divisions containing 3-4 buds (eyes) and ensure the eyes of the peony aren't more than 2 inches under the soil line. Smaller divisions may take longer to begin blooming. Peonies fare best in full sun but will tolerate some light shade. Peonies require winter cold to flower so don't mulch over the winter. Peonies need ample space as flower size can decrease with competition from nearby trees and shrubs; Mulch peonies each spring with 2 – 3 inches of material to control weeds. Over-fertilizing can also reduce the bloom of your peonies. Too much nitrogen fertilizer will cause the plants to produce a lot of foliage and reduce the number of blooms. Established plants with good growth only need to be fertilized every few years. When fertilizing, do so after they are done blooming and use a balanced fertilizer or one with a higher phosphorous content (middle number). Never apply fertilizer directly on the center as the buds may be damaged. Rather, place the fertilizer in a band from 8 to 18 inches from the center of the plant. Water the fertilizer in.



After blooming, it's a good idea to remove flower heads and/or seed pods. This will help the appearance of the plants and also prevent the plant from sending energy into producing seeds. Despite the old wives' tale, peonies do not need ants to help them flower. Ants are commonly seen on the buds of peonies because of the extrafloral nectaries on their sepals (leaf-like structures that cover the flower before it opens).

Familiarize yourself with symptoms of common peony diseases such as leaf blotch, powdery mildew, and different blights. Take action early to safeguard plant vigor.

In the fall, cut peony foliage back to the ground. Compost or discard foliage. This aids in keeping disease development down. Divide and replant only after they become crowded — usually after 10 to 15 years. Carefully dig under the plant to avoid cutting off roots, cut tubers (with 3-5 eyes) with a sharp sterilized knife. Dust cut surfaces with fungicide to discourage disease infection and rot.

-Amanda Mosiman, Purdue Extension Educator, Warrick County



## Anthracnose or Winter Injury (or both)

*(Originally authored in May 2022)*

The cool, wet, weather experienced periodically this spring has been ideal for the development of anthracnose on shade trees. Anthracnose is the common name for a type of leaf spot and canker disease caused by certain kinds of fungi. Anthracnose diseases affect many trees, but are particularly prevalent on ash, maple, sycamore, white oak, walnut and dogwood. Each species of tree is infected by a different species of fungus, thus the fungus does not spread from oak to maple or maple

to ash or ash to sycamore. A different fungal species is also responsible for dogwood anthracnose.

Symptoms will vary depending on the type of tree and the stage of plant development at the time of infection: leaf spots or blotches; twig dieback and wilting; and browning or death of emerging leaves are all possible.

*(anthracnose, cont.)*

Premature leaf drop often occurs with anthracnose diseases, however, most of the trees infected with anthracnose usually show good resilience, and are not permanently damaged by this early season leaf blight.

Sycamore anthracnose causes severe blighting of newly emerging leaves and shoots, and eventually causes twig and branch cankers which distort growth. Twig and branch cankers, shoot blight, and leaf blight are all symptoms of the fungus that causes sycamore anthracnose. Leaflet drop, as well as dead tissue along leaf veins or at the leaf edges is a symptom for ash anthracnose. Although defoliation may be so great that anthracnose-infected leaflets practically carpet the walks and lawns nearby, the tree is not dying, it simply puts out a new set of leaves. Anthracnose symptoms on maple and oak range from leaf spots to enlarged blighted dead areas along veins and sometimes to shoot blight.

Abiotic (noninfectious) injury from environmental factors such as excessive winds or late frost/cold damage have also occurred this spring and may also cause foliar symptoms similar to anthracnose on various deciduous trees.

The most appropriate course of action for established trees suffering from severe effects of anthracnose is to rake and remove fallen leaves from beneath the tree; stimulate new growth with a balanced fertilizer after the leaves open and the spring rains have stopped; water regularly during extended dry periods this summer; avoid irrigation systems that wet leaves.

*-Gail Ruhl, Senior Plant Disease Diagnostician-retired, Purdue University*



*Wind/frost damage (Purdue PPDL)*



*Maple anthracnose (Purdue PPDL)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Indiana Grazing School** - June 9-10, Southern Indiana Purdue Ag Center, Dubois; for details and registration information see [www.indianaforage.org](http://www.indianaforage.org).

**Spencer Co. 4-H Fair** - June 23-26, Spencer Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Chrisney

**Purdue Small Farm Education Field Day** - June 27, Purdue Student Farm, West Lafayette {see attached flyer for details}

**Southwest Purdue Ag Center Field Day** - June 28, Southwest Purdue Ag Center, Vincennes {see attached flyer for details}

**OISC Clean Sweep Pesticide Disposal Day** - August 22, Posey Co. Co-op, Haubstadt; Pre-registration required. see [https://oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/clean\\_sweep.html](https://oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/clean_sweep.html) for registration form

**Stockmanship with Curt Pate** - September 29 (beef program) & September 30 (sheep & goat program), Southern Indiana Purdue Ag Center, Dubois; details will be available at [www.indianaforage.org](http://www.indianaforage.org).

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# Purdue Small Farm Education Field Day 2023

Thursday, July 27, 2023

In-person at the Purdue Student Farm



PRESENTED BY:

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Student Farm  
and



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Horticulture and Landscape Architecture

## Please join us for the 2023 Small Farm Education Field Day!

The EMT food truck will be on site for those who would like to purchase lunch after the educational demonstrations end.



The Kona Ice truck will also be on site for a FREE cool summer treat for all attendees, compliments of Purdue Extension and Purdue Horticulture and Landscape Architecture!

**FIELD DAY LOCATION**  
Purdue Student Farm  
1491 Cherry Lane  
West Lafayette, IN 47906  
[website](#)



Scan QR code for  
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## REGISTRATION

[https://cvent.me/  
ewWN3b](https://cvent.me/ewWN3b)

or scan the QR code



## 2023 FIELD DAY SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 27, 2023

Registration 8:00 – 9:00 am EST

Demonstrations at 9:00 am – 12:00 pm EST

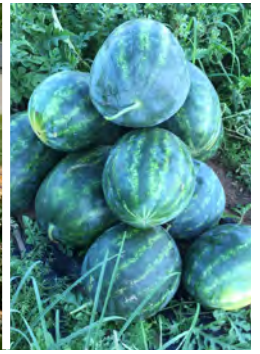
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Extension Staff: Lori Jolly-Brown, Lais McCartney, and Patrick Williams

## Demonstrations at the Field Day

*Demo descriptions on page 2*

- High Tunnel Table Grape Production**  
*Miranda Purcell*
- High Tunnel Pepper Production and Variety Selection**  
*Petrus Langenhoven and Dennis Gustavo Toc Mo*
- Growing Grains on the Small Farm - Dry Edible Bean Variety Trial**  
*Wil Brown-Grimm and Ashley Adair*
- Predator-Prey Dynamics in High Tunnel Crop Production**  
*Sam Willden*
- Biorational Pesticide Efficacy for Controlling Caterpillars and Flea Beetles in Crucifer Crop Production**  
*Laura Ingwell*
- Black Soldier Fly Composting and Specialty Crop Production**  
*Milena Agila and Laura Ingwell*
- Raised Garden Beds for Vegetable Production**  
*Amy Thompson and Nathan Shoaf*
- Postharvest Food Safety Demonstration**  
*Scott Monroe and Amanda Deering*
- Silage Tarps and Their Potential Uses on Small Farms**  
*Steve Meyers and Josue Cerritos*
- Choosing Fertilizer Injectors for Drip Irrigation for Small Plots**  
*Wenjing Guan*



*SOUTHWEST PURDUE AGRICULTURE CENTER*

# ***FIELD DAY***

**JUNE 28, 2023**

**Join us at the Southwest Purdue Agriculture Center  
for the 2023 SWPAC Field Day.**

Learn about crop production, farm  
management and other agriculture  
topics from Purdue and NRCS specialists.

*Private Applicator Recertification Program  
(PARP) credits are available.*

**Open to the public!**

## **Agenda:**

**Registration - 8:30 ET**

**Program - 9:00-1:00 ET (lunch included)**

To register, visit [purdue.ag/SWPAC\\_register](https://purdue.ag/SWPAC_register)



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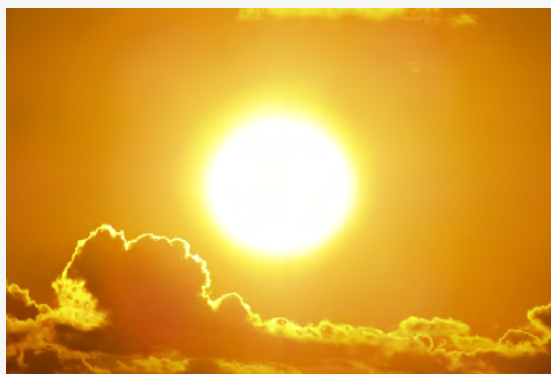


# HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES

*Bringing University information to the local level to strengthen families,  
spend smart, eat right, and live well.*

## Sun Safety 101

As the weather starts to get warmer, we begin to see the sun more often. What isn't talked about much is how damaging the sun can be to our skin. Too much sun exposure can cause wrinkles, sun spots, eye damage, and in some scarier cases, skin cancer, which is the most common type of cancer.



In 2018, there were around 1.3 million individuals living with melanoma and around 4.3 million individuals that were being treated for basal cell cancer and squamous cell skin cancer in the U.S. With these numbers, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration continues to keep tabs on sunscreen products to make sure they are safe, at the correct SPF value, and being used correctly.

As much as we all love being outside during the summer, it is vital to follow sun safety guidelines to keep our skin healthy as long as possible. First, limit your time in the sun, especially during peak times of the day which are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to avoid sun damage. Wear protective gear such as a wide-brimmed hat, lightweight/long sleeve clothing, and eye protection. Always wear some type of sunscreen when outside. Some individuals are more sensitive to the sun's UV rays and need a higher SPF sunscreen. Even if it is cloudy, make sure to still wear sunscreen when spending time outdoors.

Sunscreen is available in lotion, gel, oils, etc. Make sure to read the label and ensure it's the right fit for you. Be sure to apply it to all uncovered areas and reapply every 2 hours. If you are swimming or sweating, make sure to apply it more often as not all sunscreen is not waterproof. Also, it is a good idea to have yearly check-ups with your dermatologist to make sure your skin is healthy and issues can be addressed before they become problematic.



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# Matter of Balance Class Launches in Rockport: Exercise and Support

Have you stopped doing certain things you enjoy because you were concerned about falling? If so, you are not alone. Chances are you or someone you know has fallen or is afraid of falling and might even restrict their activities because of these concerns. Many older adults share a common fear of falling that is so strong they actually limit their activities. Up to 50% of Americans over the age of 65 who live independently experience a fear of falling. When older adults limit their activity due to this fear, it can reduce their mobility and independence, affecting quality of life and actually increases the risk of future falls. It can also increase isolation and depression due the lack of interaction with family and friends. These who are most likely to be afraid of falling are likely to have already fallen once.

Purdue Extension is partnering with the Deaconess Health Clinic in Reo, Generations, and Angels Care Home Health to help combat the issue. We just launched an eight week Matter of Balance class on May 4th at the Trinity United Methodist Church. The class meets for two hours each Thursday and has generated a lot of interest. Although the current class is full, we are keeping a waiting list for individuals interested in future classes. Persons interested in getting on the list for future classes can indicate interest by calling the Purdue Extension office 812-362-8066 or by emailing [mjaspers@purdue.edu](mailto:mjaspers@purdue.edu).

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls acknowledges the risk of falling but emphasizes practical coping strategies to reduce this concern and remain active and independent. During the class, participants learn to:

- View falls and fear of falling as controllable
- Set realistic goals for increasing activity
- Find ways to change the environment to reduce fall risk factors
- Learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance.

Falling is not a natural part of aging and can be avoided by assessing your risk factors and making changes to your environment. This program is presented with the guidance of Area IV Agency on Aging.

You should attend A Matter of Balance if you:

- are concerned about falls
- have had a fall in the past
- restrict activities because of concerns about falling
- are interested in improving flexibility, balance and strength



# Partnership with SIRS: Exercise, Nutrition, and Green Smoothies, Oh My!

For the past year, HHS has been providing monthly health education session to individuals with disabilities. Topics covered include physical activity, nutrition, and heart health to name a few. Last month the group made green smoothies with spinach and discussed the importance of "eating the colors of the rainbow." Everyone tried it and agreed that it was delicious! The recipe is below.



## Spinach Banana Smoothie Recipe

### Ingredients

#### Spinach Banana Smoothie:

- ½ cup milk of choice, (add more as needed for blending)
- 1 banana, frozen
- 1 cup spinach
- ½ cup yogurt of choice, Greek or dairy free (optional for creaminess)

#### Optional Additions or Substitutions:

- 1-2 kiwi, peeled
- 2-3 Tbsp peanut butter, or nut butter of choice
- 1-2 Tbsp chia seeds or ground flax
- 1 cup blueberries or strawberries, fresh or frozen
- 1 scoop protein powder of choice

### Instructions

- 1 Add all ingredients to a blender and blend until smooth.
- 2 Serve and enjoy!

### Notes

Nutrition provided for smoothie made with unsweetened soy milk and nonfat Greek yogurt.



**NUTRITION INFORMATION:** serving: 1 smoothie, calories: 252kcal, carbohydrates: 35g, protein: 20g, fat: 4.5g, fiber: 6g, sugar: 17g

# Mental Health Walk in Santa Claus: Raising Awareness and Bringing Hope

An increasing number of individuals are starting to recognize mental health for what it is: one important component of overall health and well-being, just like physical health. But mental health conditions, resources, and conversations can still feel complicated and out of reach.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, which is a great time to bring this issue to the surface. On April 29th, the Spencer County Health Coalition, LifeSpring Health Systems and Spencer County VOICE hosted the second annual Mental Health Matters Awareness Walk at Yellig Park in Santa Claus. Free food, music, and prizes, were provided to participants as they visited informational booths to learn about local resources and ways to get help. Over 150 meals were served to participants and vendors included LHDC, Ireland Home Based Services, LifeSpring Health, Habitat for Humanity and many others. It was a beautiful day to walk and reflect on the importance of mental health while lessening the stigma.

There are many mental health organizations that provide free and accessible resources. This includes Mental Health America, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), and the Suicide Prevention Resource Center. If you are in need of assistance, consider looking up these excellent resources, reaching out to a friend, and connecting with your health professional.





# "Making the healthy choice, the easy choice."

Erin Meyer, RDN, CDE  
Community Wellness  
Coordinator



## Hard Facts about Soft Drinks

When the price is low – think soda – kids learn quickly that they can get more "bang for their buck." They go for the super-size soft drink instead of an 8-ounce carton of low-fat milk. And, let's face it, the variety of types and flavors of soft drinks – regular, diet, with or without caffeine, cola and energy drinks – is a temptation.

### Sweetened Soft Drinks

The main ingredient in sweetened soft drinks is water. They are about 90% carbonated water. So, why discourage kids from consuming sodas too often? These drinks provide essentially no key nutrients. Plus, they contain sugar or high-fructose corn syrup, which is a combination of fructose and dextrose (a sugar that comes from corn). There's an ongoing debate about a link between this syrup and the skyrocketing obesity rates in the U.S. The jury is still out. At this point, there is not enough scientific evidence to say that this sweetener changes metabolism, increases body fat or boosts appetite. Regardless, one key strategy for maintaining a healthy weight is to limit added sugar.

Other ingredients in soft drinks are artificial and natural flavors. Plus, acids such as citric acid and phosphoric acid give a tart taste and act as preservatives. Coloring usually is added. Many soft drinks also contain caffeine. While caffeine is not necessarily harmful, it is a stimulant that can affect kids' alertness and sleep patterns. Caffeine can make children feel anxious, jittery or dizzy. It may even cause headaches. Unfortunately, the Nutrition Facts and other food labels do not list the amount of caffeine. However, most caffeine-free soft drinks say so on the label.

If your child or teen drinks sweetened soft drinks, consider these "think before you drink" tips:

- Offer kids water when they are thirsty – it is the best way to quench thirst.
- Serve water or low-fat or fat-free milk or fortified soy beverage at meals instead of soft drinks.
- Cut down the quantity of soft drinks over time. Each week, have your children cut back until they reach the goal of drinking one serving or less a day. The daily limit should be no more than 8 to 12 fluid ounces, or – better yet – none at all.
- Shift soda drinkers to diet soda options – they are a better alternative than regular sodas because they don't contain added sugars, but water is the best way to quench thirst.

# Summer meals

For  
Ages 18  
& Under

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take home breakfast for  
the next day!



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& Thursday

11:00 -12:00

June 6 - 27  
July 11 - 27

No service on July 20

No  
Registration  
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For more information:  
Call (812) 937-2400



# JUNE- JULY 2023 4-H NEWSLETTER

## 4-H Fair Clean-Up

Fair Clean-up will be on Saturday June 17th beginning at 7:00 AM. This year there is a link to register for what you would like to help with at fair. You are not tied to this volunteer area, but will hopefully help our new families when trying to navigate the chaos of fair clean-up. Please check your email for a link to register.



## Project Check-In

Project check-in will be June 19th from 5-7 PM. Judges will be present and ready to talk about your projects and we are so excited to see what you have created. If you are unable to attend community judging that day, please call the office and we will arrange to have your projects judged for you. Let's celebrate!

## Livestock Showmanship Clinic

We will be having a livestock showmanship clinic Sunday June 11th at 2:00 PM where exhibitors will get hands on practice with different species in the arena. If you are wanting to practice showmanship before fair this year and get some great tips, please plan to attend! Margie Benton will be providing some excellent tips to help our exhibitors. Email Patty at [pcocheno@purdue.edu](mailto:pcocheno@purdue.edu) to register or call the office at (812) 362-8066.

## Important Dates

- June 4- 4-H Camp Counselor Training @ Santa Claus Camp (overnight)
- June 4- Livestock meeting @ barn for exhibitors wishing to see new setup 3:00
- June 5-7- 4-H Camp
- June 11- Livestock Showmanship Clinic 2:00 New 4-H Pavilion
- June 18- Project Check-in
- June 24-27- 4-H Fair

# Projects Entered in Fair Entry

Every year we ask for projects to be entered online using our Fair Entry system. This is how we record ribbon placings and promote projects to the State Fair. Please have all projects entered into Fair Entry by Monday, June 12th. Tags will be available to put onto projects at check-in. If you are new to 4-H or have questions about how to enter projects into the Fair Entry system please call the office and we are happy to help. You will go to <http://spencerc4hin.fairentry.com>. You will then log in using the same username and password you use for 4HOnline. Again, if you have questions please call the office.

## Food Stand Volunteers

Do you have a school group, church group, or civic organization that can give a couple of hours during the fair to work in the food stand? An online sign-up has been created to help fill open spaces for volunteers. Donations will be made to organizations for their help in the food stand. To sign up please scan the QR code below and it will take you to the sign up sheet.



## Fair Parking Passes

Each family will get one parking pass to use for the weekend of fair. If you think you will need more than one pass they will be available for purchase during project check in on Monday June 19th or can be purchased from the fair office.

## 4-H Project Grant Winners

Congratulations to our 2023 4-H Project Grant Winners. We look forward to seeing the new projects you create!

-Adalyn Haefling

- Jak Konerding

- Joey Konerding

- Keller Hanselman

- Pryce Hanselman

-McKenna Sitzman

- Conner Sitzman

-Cameron Klem





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## Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

5:00-7:00 PM— Project Check-in

## Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

\*Free Inflatables 5-8 PM\*

7:00 AM-10:00 AM— Livestock Check-in

7:30 - 9:30 AM - Breakfast Food Stand

9:00 AM— 4-H Chess

3:00 PM— Fashion Revue

4-6 PM— Daniel Herron Balloon Guy

6:00 PM - 4-H Goat Show \*\*

6:00 PM— Ranch Sorting Horse Arena

5:00-8:00 PM— Four Person Trampoline Jump

Zorb Space Race

6:00 PM— 4-H Archery Tournament

6:00-9:00 PM— Live Music with EV Mae Food Stand

7:00 PM - Magic Show Daniel Herron Exhibit Bldg

## Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

\*Free Inflatables 3-8 PM

6:30 - 9:30 AM - Swine Check In

7:30 - 9:30 AM - Breakfast Food Stand

9:00 AM - 4-H Rocket Launch Vendor City

10:00 AM - 4-H Sheep Show\*\*

10:00 AM - 4-H Cat Show

11:00 AM— Horse & Pony Contesting

11:00 AM - 4-H Dog Show Exhibit Bldg

12:00 PM— Garden Fun Contest Exhibit Hall

12:30 PM - Battle of the Barns meet by barns

3:00 PM - 4-H Poultry Show \*\*

4:00 PM— Silly Safari Exhibit Hall

4:00 PM - Horse Contest Open Show Warm  
Up ( 6 PM show start time)

5:00-8:00 PM- Mechanical Bull (contest 7-8pm)

Football Throwing Speed Contest

Inflatable Joust

5:30 PM— Silly Safari Exhibit Hall

6:00 PM— Live Music- Seth Thomas Food Stand

7:00 PM - 4-H Swine Show \*\*

## Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

\*Free Inflatables 3-6 PM\*

8:00 AM - Breakfast provided by Chrisney Baptist Church

10:00 AM— Frog Jumping Contest Farm Bureau Building

10:30-12:00 PM- Chrisney Fire Dept. Chicken  
Dinner Main Bldg

11:00 PM— Horse & Pony Performance Class

12:00 PM - 4-H Rabbit Show \*\*

12:00 PM - Grand Champions Exhibit Hall

12:00 PM- Pet Parade Farm Bureau Bldg

12:30 PM - 4-H Senior Ceremony Exhibit Hall

1:00 PM - Volleyball Tournament

2:00 PM - Kiddie Tractor Pull Kennedy Building

3:00 PM - 4-H Cloggers

3:00 PM— Anything Goes

6:00 PM - Dairy & Beef Show

**\*\*All Mini Livestock Shows will directly**

**follow 4-H shows\*\***

Friday and Saturday ride tickets sold at first window of Food Stand.

\$2 per ticket

Bring your team and take home the trophy! Bull riding contest & football speed contest.

**Parking \$5**

**Fri., Sat., Sun.**

## 2023 4-H Fair Sponsors

### Monday, June 26th

- 7:30-9:30 AM— Breakfast Food Stand  
9:00 AM—Table Tennis Vendor City Bldg  
12:00 PM - Monopoly Tournament  
12 PM - 2 PM—Small Livestock Photos  
2 PM — 4PM—Large Livestock Photos  
2:00 PM— BBQ Contest Shelter House  
3:00 PM—7:00 PM—4-H Project Release  
6:00 PM— Horse & Pony Fun Show  
6:00 PM—4-H Livestock Auction

### Tuesday, June 27th

- 7:00 AM— 10 :00 —Fairgrounds Clean up
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### Friends (up to \$99)

- A/T Transportation*  
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*Jenkorp Inc.*

### Trophy Sponsors

- Employees of Old National Bank—Rockport*  
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*Superior Ag Resources Co-op*  
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*Hoosier Hills Credit Union*  
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*Spencer County Democrats*  
*Vogel Seed Farm*

### Silver (\$250-\$499)

- Dale Auto Parts*  
*Fischer Electric Inc.*

### Bronze (\$100-\$249)

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