

Starke County Fair dates:
July 10-16, 2021

Indiana State Fair dates:
July 30–August 22, 2021; closed
Mondays & Tuesday

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It's Almost Fair Time.....

It is just a short time until 4-H judging starts! Summer seems to pass by so quickly. This newsletter contains a lot of important information about pre-fair project judging and events during the 2021 Fair. Please make sure to read it all the way through. We want you to have an enjoyable and successful Fair season.

I am personally very excited for the Starke County Fair to start in the next few weeks. You all have put a lot of hard work into your 4-H projects and have spent many hours preparing the finished product or working with your livestock. I am looking forward to seeing all your finished projects and exhibits during pre-fair judging and the livestock shows.

There is a change in location with some of 4-H Exhibit Building project judging. To allow for more space in the Exhibit Building this year, select projects will be checked in and judge in the Commercial Building. They are all labeled on the following judging schedule and will be posted again. Community Judging will take place on the Fairgrounds for 2021.

Julia K. Miller

Important Dates

June

16th	4-H Council	7:00 pm	Annex Building #1
17th	Livestock Committee	7:00 pm	Annex Building #1
21st	4-H Junior Leaders	6:00 pm	Starke County Fairgrounds
23rd	FairEntry Registrations & Pen Reservations due		
26th	Exploring 4-H Fun Day	9:15-11:00 a.m.	Starke County Fairgrounds

July

5th	4-H Junior Leaders	6:00 pm	, Location TBD
6th	Community Judging		Starke County Fairgrounds
7th	Project Check-in	5:00-6:30 pm	
8th	Project Check-in	8:30-11:30 am	
8th	Project Judging	1:00 pm	
9th	Project Check-in	8:30-11:30	
9th	Project Judging	1:00 pm	
10th-16th	Starke County Fair		

August

18th	4-H Council	7:00 pm	Annex Building #1
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4-H Club meeting dates and times can also be found on our website.




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Judging of Exhibit Building Projects

Tentative 2021 Starke County Pre-Fair Judging Schedule

Make note of the location for each project check-in and judging; Exhibit Building = EB, Commercial Building = CB

Tuesday, July 6th	Community Judging (Starke County Fairgrounds)
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8:00—8:30 a.m.	Check-in Fashion Revue
8:45 a.m.	Fashion Revue judging
8:00—8:45 a.m.	Check-in Foods, Foods Preservation, Create with a Mix
9:00 a.m.	Foods, Foods Preservation, Create a Mix judging
9:30—10:00 a.m.	Check-in Sewing
10:00 a.m.	Sewing judging
9:30—10:00 a.m.	Check-in Beg., Int., & Adv. Consumer Clothing
	Judging will begin after Fashion Revue Judging
By 1:30 p.m.	Pick up all exhibits except canned food after judging is completed
Wednesday, July 7th	Exhibit Building (EB), Commercial Bldg. (CB), Starke County Fairgrounds
5:00-6:30 p.m.	Project Check-in @ Exhibit Building & Commercial Building for <u>ALL</u> projects <u>EXCEPT</u> Cake Decorating, Cupcake Decorating, Floriculture, Garden, Crops, & Strawberry projects (check-in Friday, see below).
Thursday, July 8th	Exhibit Building (EB), Commercial Bldg. (CB), Starke County Fairgrounds
8:30-11:30 a.m.	Project Check-in @ Exhibit Building & Commercial Building for <u>ALL</u> projects <u>EXCEPT</u> Cake Decorating, Cupcake Decorating, Floriculture, Garden, Crops, & Strawberry projects (check-in Friday, see below).
1:00 p.m.-?	Judging for the following projects:
	Basic Crafts (EB)
	Creative Writing, Reading, & Music (CB)
	Fine Arts & Needle Arts (EB)
	Gift Wrapping (EB)
	Health & Child Development (CB)
	Home Environment, Christmas Ornament, & Recycling (EB)
	Models, Rockets, & Architectural Models (EB)
	Scrapbooking (Judged morning of Wednesday, July 7, 2021)
	Collectibles & Heritage (EB)
	Photography (CB)
	Woodworking (EB)
Friday, July 9th	Exhibit Bldg. (EB), Commercial Bldg. (CB), Starke County Fairgrounds
8:30-11:30 a.m.	Project Check-in @ Exhibit Building for Cake Decorating, Cupcake Decorating, Floriculture, Garden, Crops, & Strawberry projects only.
1:00 p.m.-?	Judging for the following projects:
	Cake Decorating & Cupcake Decorating (EB)
	Floriculture (EB)
	Garden, Crops, Strawberries (EB)
Friday, July 9th	Exhibit Building, Starke County Fairgrounds
1:00 p.m.-?	Judging for the following projects:
	Aquatic Science, Vet Science, Entomology, Geology, & Bicycle (CB)
	Forestry, Weather, & Wildlife (CB)
	Farm Toy Scene & Horseless Horseman (EB)
	Shooting Sports & Sport Fishing (CB)
	Sports, Genealogy, Memory Book, & Achievement Resume (CB)
	Electric (EB)

Just a reminder: Each 4-H member is allowed one (1) adult helper to be with them during the 4-H project judging in the exhibit building. This can be a parent, older sibling, grandparent, adult who helped you with the 4-H project.

Welcome, Gwen Rentz!

Purdue Extension—Starke County would like to welcome our new Office Manager, Gwen Rentz! Gwen has been employed with Starke County Government for 14 years and began her new position of Extension Office, Office Manager on April 26th. Gwen is a former 10 year 4-H member in Marshall County and is looking forward to working with Starke County 4-H members and their families. She has a love for taking care of animals. Gwen and her husband have a hobby farm which includes 4 dogs, 6 cats, poultry, a horse and 2 mini donkeys! In her free time some of Gwen's hobbies are fishing, deer hunting, and participating in car shows with her husband.

Welcome, Gwen!

Indiana 4-H Foundation Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the 4-H members who received Scholarships from the Indiana 4-H Foundation:

Carissa Kulpa

Best of luck in your future endeavors!

10 Year Member Recognition @ the Fair

The Opening Ceremonies of the 2021 Starke County Fair will be a great way to start the fair with a celebration of our older youth. Beginning at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, July 12th we will be recognizing our 10 year members, awarding the Junior Leader and Fair Board Scholarships, and naming the 2021 4-H Royalty. We will also recognize our 2020 Ten Year 4-H Members during the Opening Ceremonies. All 10 year members should plan to attend this event, as they will be recognized for their ten years of hard-work and achievement in 4-H. Please dress appropriately as we will be recognizing you and taking pictures for the yearbook!

Congratulations

2021 4-H TEN YEAR MEMBERS!!

Emma Binkley	Ashleigh Bolze	Jared Bryan	Tanner Craig	Samantha Goetz
Adalynn Harper	Kara Hickman	Madilyn Kiff	Kaitlyn Krueger	Carissa Kulpa
Jordan Lozzi	Kerry Madsen	Jordan Maynard	Maggie Rodgers	Cassidy Sleas
George Thomason				

2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Gavin Barnes	Ashleigh Bolze	Jared Bryan	Tanner Craig	Taylor Foster
Samantha Goetz	Adalynn Harper	Kara Hickman	Madilyn Kiff	Kaitlyn Krueger
Carissa Kulpa	Jordan Lozzi	Kerry Madsen	Jordan Maynard	Daisy Neeley
Maggie Rodgers	Cassidy Sleas	Hemi Stone	George Thomason	Faith Travis

2020 4-H TEN YEAR MEMBERS!

Jaigan Allport	Madeline Back	Michael Bachert	Dennis Cooley	Hayden Danford
Reece Danford	Alison Fields	Joshua Kelley	Alexander Hesters	Sofia Klindedinst
Caitlin Kulpa	Hope Louderback	Hayley McIntosh	Ashley Moore	Katherine Moore
Aubriann Neumann	Julianna Noble	Ainsleigh Podell	Rikki Risner	Laine Roach
Victoria Roach	Mason Shively	Mary Stasiek	Koy Wagner	

Exploring 4-H Exhibits

Exploring 4-H project exhibits are due Wednesday, July 7th between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. or Thursday, July 8th between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Please bring them to the 4-H Exhibit Building at the Starke County Fairgrounds.

Project labels will be available in the Extension Office starting June 25th and during project check-in. At that time, project manuals and signed record sheets will be due. The following number of activities should be completed in the project manual: Kindergarten—one; 1st Grade—two; 2nd Grade—three.

Exploring 4-H Fun Day

Exploring 4-H Fun Day will be held Saturday, June 26th from 9:15—11:00 a.m. at the Starke County Fairgrounds. Registration is in the Show Arena. All Exploring 4-H members are encouraged to attend this fun, educational day!

Exhibit Labels

Exhibit labels will be used for all projects in the exhibit building. The labels will be printed with your name and project information already on the label. Labels will be available June 25th in the Extension Office & during project check-in. Please be sure to bring the labels when you bring your projects. Extra labels will not be available!

Extension Office @ the Fair

The Starke County Extension Office will be moving to the Starke County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, July 7th. You will be able to find us at the Fair Office from July 8th—July 16th. The main office in the Annex 2 building will stay open July 8th and 9th and be closed from July 12th-16th. The phone number at the Fairgrounds is 574-867-6385. We will move back to the Extension Office on Monday, July 19th

4-H Junior Leader News

Next Meeting

- ◇ **Monday, June 21, 2021 at the Starke County Fairgrounds, 6:00 pm.** We will be cleaning and landscaping Supper provided.
- ◇ **Monday, July 5, 2021, location TBD for 4-H Achievement Royalty speeches from 6:00—7:00 pm**

Important reminders:

- Be on the lookout for project check-in assignments.
- Each 4-H Junior Leader is to work at least one shift in the Dairy Barn and a second shift in either the Dairy Barn or Pork Booth. Be on the look-out to sign up on sign-up genius this year!

4-H Junior Leaders is recognized as a 4-H project to encourage older 4-H members to learn leadership skills, participate in community service, and support 4-H leaders at the local and county level. Some of the activities Jr. Leaders participate in are: community service activities, serve on committees for different activities and events, and opportunities to work at the Fair with project check-in or judging, the Dairy Barn, or in the Pork Booth.

4-H Mission: The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and world.

4-H Vision: Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.

Dress Code

Please review this policy in its entirety on pages 13-14 of the Starke County 4-H Resource Handbook. All 4-H members are responsible for following this policy!

Cats & Pocket Pals

4-H members enrolled in the Cat and Pocket Pals projects are required to exhibit a poster or notebook, as well as a manual. The poster or notebook is due Wednesday, July 7th from 5:00—6:30 p.m. or Thursday, July 8th from 8:30—11:30 a.m. in the Exhibit Building. They will be on display and judged on Sunday, July 11th. The Cat and Pocket Pal Shows are Sunday, July 11th. Pocket Pal entry is at 9:00 a.m. with the show beginning at 9:30 a.m. Cat entry is at 10:30 a.m. with the show beginning at 11:00 a.m. All events will take place in the arena. All cats must have a valid certificate of vaccination for the Feline Leukemia virus. The certification form must be signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian and must be available at the time of check-in. The Cat and Pocket Pal manuals are due at animal show check-in.

Poster Projects

Plastic sleeves for your posters and salon prints are available for purchase in the Extension Office. The salon size cost is \$1.00 and the 22" X 28" poster size is \$2.00. Again this year, we are also selling poster size foam core board to be used as a stiff backing on your poster projects. These will be sold for \$3.00 a piece. We would like to encourage you to use the foam boards instead of heavier materials, as this will help with moving and transporting the posters.

All Posters Notebooks and Display Boards

All posters, notebooks, and display boards 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 or display board, be the last page of the notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.

White Achievement Sheets/Permanent Record Sheets

In an effort to improve efficiency and recordkeeping, each 4-H member will now complete only the white "My Record of 4-H Achievement" sheet. The white permanent record sheets are due to the Fair Office Friday, July 16th by 10:00 p.m. It is recommended each 4-H member keep a copy of the white achievement sheet, which will allow them to have these available when it is time to apply for awards and scholarships. Many awards, trips, and scholarships are selected from this form; it is very important that you fill out completely.

Project Manuals & Record Sheets

Project manuals and/or record sheets are to be turned in prior to the project being judged. If the manuals and record sheets are not turned in, the project will be lowered one letter grade. Manuals and record sheets are due according to the following schedule:

- * **Community Judging Projects**—Tuesday, July 6th
- * **Exhibit Building Projects**—when the project is entered
- * **Rabbits, Poultry, Horse & Pony**—when animal is checked in at the Fair
- * **Cats & Pocket Pals**—due by the Check-in of each show, Sunday July 11th.
- * **Livestock Projects**—by 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 12th to the Fair Office

Record books will be graded after the fair. Grades and merit stickers will be given; books receiving merit stickers will be considered for the County Achievement medal award.

4-H Livestock Information

Swine

REMINDER: Check-in at the fair will be Sunday, July 11, 2021 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Animals will be temperature checked on trailers before unloading, tags/ear notches checked, and then penned.

- Swine animals will be weighed on Monday, July 12, 2021 starting at 7:00 am.
- The Swine committee will weigh the animals starting with Pen #1 in the Northeast corner and work through the barn to the last pen on the Southeast corner. This is the same order as the auction for swine animals.
- A family representative **MUST** be present during the weighing process. 4-H members are to declare which animals will be sold or not sold through the auction. Reweigh will begin at 11:30 am.

Beef & Starter Calves

All animals in the Beef barn are required to have wood chips for bedding. Cow/calf exhibits are brought to the Fairgrounds the day of the show and returned once the show is complete. Please be sure to move your trucks and trailers as soon as you unload your animals; this will help speed up the check-in process.

REMINDER: Check-In Time Sunday, July 11th from 8:00-10:00 am

Sheep and Goats

Goat and sheep owners are required by law to identify their animals with state issued Scrapies ID tags before animals may be sold off their property or transported to any sale, show, or exhibition. All breeding stock and wethers **older** than 18 months are required to have state Scrapies ID tags. Scrapies tags are not available from the Extension Office. If you purchased your animals without the tags, you will need to contact the person from whom you bought your animals for the tags or Flock ID number. Sale barns are required to have these tags on the animals they sell. If animals were born on your farm, call BOAH at 1-877-747-3038—ext. 318 to get a Flock ID number or scrapies tags.

REMINDER: Check-In Time Monday, July 12th from 6:00-9:00 am

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

YQCA is a national multi-specie Quality Assurance Program. This an annual program can be completed via online modules, in-person trainings, or online test out option. **All** in-person trainings were completed in April and May. Letters with detailed information were sent to all 4-H members who need to complete and livestock superintendents. This is a great educational opportunity for all our 4-H livestock members. **Training needs to be completed by July 1, 2021.**

How do I complete the YQCA program and what does it cost?

There are three ways to complete:

- Online—\$12.00
- In-Person Training—\$3/00 (Already completed for 2021)
- **Test-Out Option (See information below)**
- The cost of these trainings will need to be **paid online** (for online training or an instructor led training) to the YQCA Company. The fee covers the cost of training materials.

Those individuals wishing to test out must meet the following criteria:

- This is only available to youth in the first year of intermediate (age 12) and senior (age 15). There is no test-out option for juniors. At the bottom of the “Course List” page are the test-out options for these age levels.
- The test consists of 50 questions and requires a pass rate of 80% or better for certification.
- If passed, the certification will last through the end of a user’s age level.
- The intermediate test-out course will cost \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification) and the senior test-out course will cost \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification.) If passed, users will receive access to online modules that correspond with the age levels indicated above, found on the user’s “My Library” page.
- Users will have one chance to take the test-out option. If they fail, they will not be provided another opportunity for that level of certification. If the youth passes, payment for the completed test out course will be required after the completion of the test. No payment is required to attempt the test.

Livestock Auction

Each 4-H member is limited to selling six animals at the auction. Beef, swine, sheep, and goats are counted individually. A pen of rabbits, pen of broilers (poultry), and a pen of roasters (poultry) each count as one sale. The maximum number in each individual species is 2 beef, 2 swine, 2 sheep, 2 goats, 1 pen of rabbits, 1 pen of broilers, 1 pen of roasters, 1 turkey, 1 goose, and 1 duck. Cavy are not sold at the auction.

The Starke County Fair Board is requiring that all livestock exhibitors declare which livestock animals they are selling in the auction at the time of check-in at the Fair. Changes will be allowed for those animals that are chosen as the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion, and those changes can be made in the Fair Office no less than one hour following each respective livestock show.

The **required check-offs** will be deducted from the 4-H member's sale checks before they are issued by the Fair Board. The species association uses the check-off money for education and promotion of consumer products.

Auction checks are mailed by the Fair Board four to six weeks after the Fair. The accounts have to balance before the checks are issued. Auction checks will not be given to a 4-H member until all required manuals and records are completed and turned in.

Animal Affidavits

Animal Affidavits were provided to each 4-H member with the FairEntry Pen Reservation information. A copy of the affidavit is available on our website at extension.purdue.edu/starke

The animal affidavit form must be completed for any market animals you are entering in the Fair. **One form is required for each species—Beef, Goat, Sheep, and Swine. The completed, notarized forms are due at livestock check-in.**

Animal Health Requirements

In accordance with the Indiana Board of Animal Health, health papers for swine, sheep, goats, beef, dairy, and starter calves are not required. The Barn Superintendents and/or their designated representatives are to inspect animals at the trailer. Animals that are not healthy will be sent home. If the 4-H member does not agree, they may contact a veterinarian to come inspect the animal and make a final decision. The 4-H member is responsible for the cost of the veterinarian.

Livestock Judging Contest

On Friday, July 16th all 4-H members can participate in this fun, educational activity. Participants will place three species of market animals, and be asked five questions about each class. Participants may register as an individual or a team, in both Junior and Senior Divisions. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m., with the Contest beginning at 10:30 a.m.

General Livestock Information

Animals not selling in the auction will be released and must be removed on Thursday, July 15th from 9:00—11:00 p.m. or Friday, July 16th from 8:00 a.m.—noon. You must check with the Project Superintendent or their designated representative before removing your animals. The Fair Board and 4-H Council are not responsible for any animal that is not going thru the auction that is left on the Fairgrounds after noon on Friday, July 16th. Help is needed with clean-up on Saturday, July 17th. The barns will need to be cleaned out, and the gates put away. All help is greatly appreciated.

Overnight Policy

Due to security and liability, **ALL** 4-H members who stay overnight at the Fairgrounds must do the following:

1. Sign-in by 10:00 p.m. each night at the Fair Office, and pick up a card indicating you met the requirements to stay.
2. Have a permission slip signed by your parents indicating which nights are approved by them, an emergency phone number, and the name of the adult you are staying with.

If this policy is not followed, the 4-H member's parents will be called to come and pick up the 4-H member.

Battle of the Barns

The Battle of the Barns will be held on Friday, July 16th at 1:00 p.m. The sign-up to participate will be located in the Fair Office. Permission slips can be picked up in the Fair Office and **MUST** be returned by noon on Friday, July 19th for you to participate. You will not be allowed to participate if we do not have a signed permission slip.

Clean Pen Checks

Livestock pens will be checked at 6:00 p.m. each day. One warning will be attempted verbally and posted in the respective barn. With the second warning a fine of \$25.00 will be assessed by the Barn Superintendent, or their representative. If the pens are not cleaned, an additional fine of \$25.00 will be assessed each day the pen is not cleaned. The fine will be taken out of the livestock auction check. If animals are not sold, a check must be given to the Fair Board to pay the fine. If the fine is not paid, the 4-H member will not be allowed to exhibit the next year.

Attention Fair Campers

No vehicles will be allowed in the Camping Area. Self contained RV's are permissible, as are campers and trucks. No additional carts, trucks, etc. are allowed. Vehicles need to park in the general parking areas. **Violators will be towed at their own expense.**

Awards & Recognition Program

All projects receiving a trophy in the Exhibit Building will be listed. Trophies are for Grand Champions, Junior & Senior Champions, and Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced Champions. Please check your projects when the Exhibit Building opens. **The Awards and Recognition Program will be on Thursday, July 15th at 5:00 p.m. Please note the time change.** The 4-H Fashion Revue and Open Class Fashion Show will start following the awards, approximately 5:45 pm.

Exhibit Release Times

Projects will be released on Saturday, July 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. It is your responsibility to pick up your projects or arrange for someone to pick them up. Projects left on Saturday, July 17th will not be transported to the Extension Office due to a lack of storage.

Fans in the Livestock Barns

In an effort to prevent electrical issues within the livestock barns, the Starke County Fair Board is requesting that all swine exhibitors follow the following specifications:

- use only standard 20" box fans.
- use only one fan per pen.