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Note from Barb Thuma

It's hard to say goodbye-but I want to say a big THANK YOU to all the 4-H families and 4-H volunteers for their kind well wishes on my retirement.

The Purdue Extension service offered an 'early retirement incentive' to those Extension Educators who fit two categories [based on age and tenure] and I fit them both, so I decided I would take the early retirement.

I will miss seeing people; watching 4-H members grow and learn new skills; teaching after school programs; chaperoning 4-H trips like 4-H Academy @ Purdue; fun times at the 4-H Plant Sale and the new 4-H Fling. And of course, the Fair and all the preparation that goes into that event. And I just want to say that 4-H Volunteers are the BEST!! You always amaze me every time/every year with your dedication and hard work! Thank you so much!

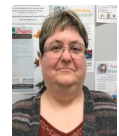
I'm planning to do some travel-I have a yearning to go visit Santa Fe, NM; Vancouver and Quebec City in Canada, and take a cruise in the middle of the winter here in Indiana!

All the best to all of you. Thanks so much for the 27 years in Allen County. I enjoyed my time working with you. Take care, Barb

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Allen County Indiana 4-H

2020 4-H Exhibition Enrollment Dates:

October 1, 2019 – May 15, 2020

4HOnline enrollment & payment of
program fees is due by May 15, 2020.

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, 2020.

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).

Save the Date

2020 4-H Fling

February 29, 5 pm

If interested in helping
collect auction items

contact Jean for dona-
tion letter.

Good News!

The 4-H Board voted to eliminate the county program fee of \$10.00 for 2020. The State program fee of \$15.00 per youth is still in effect for youth in Grade 3-12. Our 4-H Board will revisit this decision each year.

Parents & Alumni Volunteers Needed

Do you have some extra time and want to volunteer with 4-H! Contact the office and we will get you started!

Rules & Award Highlight Changes for 2019

The 4-H Board approved rules changes for the following projects in 2020:

Bicycle
Collections
Dairy
Dairy Beef
Digital Art-New Project
Goat
Microwave
Outdoor Cooking
Poultry
Reading
Sheep
Swine
Wildflowers

Please read through the rules for all projects you take each year to ensure you are completing your projects correctly.

We may have some additional rule changes for State Fair projects. All rule changes will be in the 2020 Rules Book, which will be available sometime in January.

Tractor Supply Company-Paper Clover Pledge October 9-20, 2019

Show your support of the Allen County 4-H Program by buying a paper clover at a local Tractor Supply Company Store sometime during their Fall Pledge—October 9-20, 2019. Allen County has two [2] Tractor Supply Company Stores. They are located at 2112 West Coliseum Blvd, Fort Wayne IN 46808 AND 5808 Meijer Drive, Fort Wayne IN 46835. 90% of the money raised is returned back to the state and local 4-H programs to support scholarships for camp and leadership activities.

Please Share Your Email Notices

The email you entered in your family profile in the 4HOnline system is the email we use to send newsletters and other important information. Please share these newsletters with everyone in your household so no one is left out. Double check to make sure the email you provided in 4HOnline is one you regularly check.

SPARK Clubs

These are new hands-on educational workshops for youth in grades 3-12 designed to SPARK interest in various fields. Youth do not have to be 4-H members to register to participate in a SPARK Club, but will become 4-H members with their payment of the \$15.00 annual program fee. Youth may choose to register for any and all SPARK Clubs they find interesting. Happy Learning!

Vermiculture Workshop

October 14, 15, & 16 from 6-8 PM. Will be held at the Environmental Recourse Center on the PFW Campus. Open to Grades 3-12. \$15.00 state program fee due at time of registration. Flyer attached to the newsletter

Drawing Workshop

November 1, 8, & 15 from 6-8 PM. Will be held at the Purdue Extension Service - Allen County Office. Open to Grades 3-12. \$15.00 state program fee plus a \$20.00 drawing supplies fee. Register by October 25 by completing the Flyer attached.

If you have ideas for a SPARK Club, please let us know and we will work to try to make it happen!



SHOOTING SPORTS

All Fall 4-H Shooting Sports are currently in progress. In January 2020 we will offer: Air Rifle and .22 Rifle. Registration materials will be released in November with RSVP and payments due in December. Air Rifle will be held Tuesday evenings in Hoagland at the Hoagland Pavilion, .22 Rifle will be held Wednesday evenings at Concordia Lutheran High School Shooting Range.

In Spring 2020 we will offer Archery and Muzzle Loading.

Fall 2020 we will offer Air Pistol and Shotgun.

HORSE & PONY



The Annual 4-H Horse and Pony Year End Celebration will be held November 10, 2019. Invitations have gone out and everyone is reminded to please RSVP to your leader the number of your family members who will be attending. **Remember to RSVP by November 1.** Doors open at 12 noon, Meal at 12:30 PM; Awards at 2 PM; Point Auction at 2:30 PM. Location is the American Legion Post 37, 601 Reed Road, Fort Wayne. Please bring a vegetable, salad or dessert according to the assigned list based on your family's last name. Table service, meat dish and drinks will be provided by Allen County 4-H Horse and Pony Leaders.

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.

Their first meeting will be on January 5, 2020 at the Extension Office. They normally meet on Sunday afternoons from January–April. The coaches are Lisa Didion and Jacob Taylor, 4-H Volunteers. Her contact information is 260-740-8313 or email lisagdidion.id@gmail.com. Please contact her for more details and information.



HEAD



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HEALTH

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2020 Animal Deadlines

PLEASE - Please, try to complete all enrollment in animal projects by January 15. 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.

Sample paperwork will be available at all TAGGING/ID events. They will occur in the Lion's Barn on the Allen County Fairgrounds. Premise ID numbers will also be required to complete 4honline ID.

February 8	TAGGING/ID for ALL - Beef Heifers & Steers, Dairy Beef Steers	8:00–10:00 a.m.
April 1	4HOnline Deadline for ID of all Beef Steers & Dairy Beef Steers	
April 18	TAGGING/ID – ALL Dairy Beef FEEDER Calves	8:00–10:00 a.m.
April 23	TAGGING/ID – ALL Sheep and All Goats	5:00-8:00 pm
May 15	4HOnline Deadline for ID of All Beef Heifers and Junior Calves, Dairy Beef Feeder Calves, Horse & Pony, Llama, Sheep, Swine. Also Project Add & Drop.	
June 30	Activity Sheets due to the Extension Office	By 4:30 pm
June 30	Fair Entry done online (what I am Exhibiting at the County Fair)	By 11:59 pm

Llama

If anyone is interested in participating in the 4-H Llama project in 2020, please call the office NOW and ask for additional information, and to have your name put on the list. There are several Llama Farms, and some of them are accepting new members. You do NOT need to own a llama to participate. Many 4-H members use the Llamas owned by the 4-H Leaders.

There will be a Llama Call out Meeting on Sunday, March8, 2020 at 3:00 PM at the Extension Office. Please plan to attend if you are new to 4-H Llamas.

JUNIOR LEADERS

For the October meeting - we would like to extend an invitation to you to attend the 4-H Annual Meeting/Volunteer Recognition, October 29. Check your email for your invite.

Our next meeting will be on November 26 from 7-8:30 pm at the Extension Office. All youth in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate in this group that focuses on leadership development and FUN! Junior Leaders will be FREE again in 2020! Bring your friends! If you have been interested in seeing what Junior Leaders is all about attend, this meeting.

4-H VOLUNTEERS

Please attend our Volunteer Recognition event on October 29.
Check you you email for your invitation.

SUPPORT PURDUE EXTENSION

Support the Extension Office: You can order Poinsettias for the Holidays. Attached is a file to place your order. Orders due by Noon on November 20, 2019 with payment. Pick up on December 5 from 3-6 PM or December 6 from 8 AM to 2:00 PM at the Extension Office.

COUNTY FAIR



2020 FAIR DATES

July 21-26, with the Auction on July 27

Other Extension Office Events

Horticulture Health & Human Sciences Educational Programs

“I CAN” A FREE Life skills program for individuals grade 6 to adult. Series ONE is beginner level. Classes Include: Allergy Friendly Cooking & Pantry Planning (October 26) Basic Breads (November 2) Home Care & DIY Cleaning Products (November 9) Hand Sewing for Beginners (November 16)DIY Gift Giving (November 23). Call 481-6826 to register. Class size limited.

October 8, 2019, 7:00 pm “Games and Crafts for All”

Learn how to build closer family connections, better family communication, and truly fun family times through the power of awesome board games. No MONOPOLY allowed - - this is about fitting family time onto busy lives and creating the kind of relationships you want. We'll talk about family communication and connection, look at what researchers say about making family time work, and identify types of games that work best for families of all ages. Bring your questions!

**Events Open to the Public
Call the Office to Pre-Register**

Check out the website www.extension.purdue.edu/allen for complete details.

Email Alert!

Please make sure your current email address is in your 4HOnline account. We use those emails that are listed in family profiles to send the newsletter and other correspondences. If you email is incorrect you will miss important information.



CALENDAR

**CEO = County Extension Office
FGs = Fairgrounds**

October 2019

- 15 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ CEO
- 19 State Soils Contest
- 22 Baking Club, 6 pm @ CEO
- 29 4-H Annual Meeting/Volunteer Recognition, 6:30 pm @ Walb Ballroom, PFW

November 2019

- 3 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 10 Horse & Pony Completion Banquet @ American Legion Post 37
- 11 Office Closed – Veteran’s Day
- 19 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ CEO
- 25 Area Crops, Forstry & Ento Judging, Whitley Co, 5 pm
- 28-29 Office Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday Break**

December 2019

- 3 4-H Board Meeting, 7:00 pm @ CEO
- 5 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 9 Extension Board Annual Meeting 6:30 @ CEO
- 24-25 Office Closed – Christmas Holiday**

January 2020

- 1 Office Closed – Happy New Year
- 7 4-H Board Meeting, 7:00 @ CEO
- 21 Horse & Pony Leaders Meeting, 7:15 pm @ CEO
- 15 4-H Volunteer Enrollments Due Online**
- 14-16 Fort Wayne Farm Show – Coliseum
- 20 Office Closed – Martin Luther King Jr Holiday**
- 25 Scholarship Apps Deadline 11:59 pm Online
- 25 Hunter Education Class – Pre Register Required Jr Leaders, 7 pm @ CEO

February 2020

- 1 Hunter Education Class – Pre Register Required
- 8 Beef & Dairy Beef Cattle Weigh in, 8-10 am @ FG’s
- 15 Beef & Dairy Beef cattle Weigh in SNOW DATE
- 19 Swine Committee 7 pm @ FG’s
- 18 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ CEO