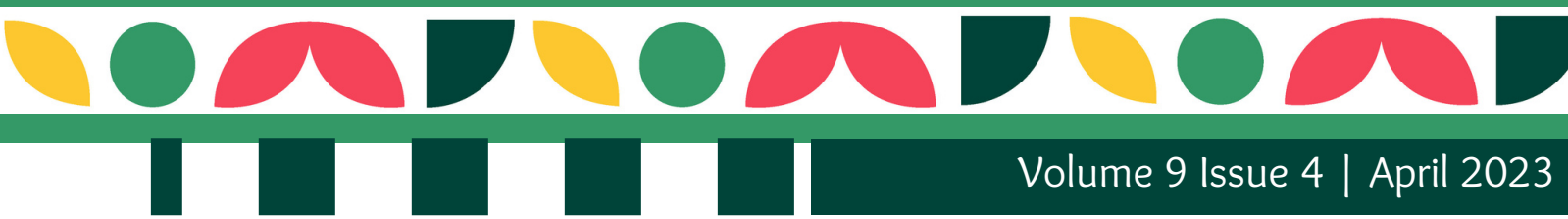




Hendricks County 4-H Clover Connection



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April Showers DO Bring May Flowers!

Welcome by Kati Sweet - 4-H Educator

The saying "April showers bring May flowers" will certainly be true in Hendricks County! That is because in May, we will have our 4-H Flowers delivered and ready for pick up!

In addition to the excitement of May flowers, April holds a lot of activities, workshops, and programs! Be sure to check out page 4 for information on our **New 4-H Family Orientation**. This is a repeat of what we did in January. But, we have had several new families enroll since January, so this is a great opportunity to learn more about our 4-H Program if you weren't able to make it in January.

4-H Trip registrations are gearing up this month. This includes a second round of Trip applications for 7th-12th graders and our **4-H camp information** coming out for 3rd-6th graders! Lots of exciting things to do this summer, but you need to start planning now!

Several 4-H Clubs have meetings this month and many Projects have workshops starting up! Don't forget to stop by the Extension Office and pick up any workbooks you may need for your 4-H Projects. If you need help figuring out which workbooks you might need, feel free to call before coming in and we can help you out!

There will also be a lot of mailings coming out this month including information on livestock updates, 4-H Camp, and more. Be sure to watch your mailbox and email inbox this month!

Happy April!

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Extension Office Info

Extension Office CLOSED on:

- Friday, April 7th
- Tuesday, May 2nd
- Monday, May 29th

HEADS UP!! The office will be **OPEN LATE on May 10th and 15th** for those that have questions, need to turn something in, or need help enrolling.

Hours will be 8am-7pm those days.

Contact Us

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 1900 E. Main St. P.O. Box 7
 Danville, IN 46122
 317-745-9260
 Open 8 a.m.—4 p.m.
 Monday—Friday
<https://hendricksco4h.com/googlesite>
<https://v2.4honline.com>



4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Junior Leaders

Be sure you have signed up for the Jr. Leaders Project on 4-HOnline! In order to keep getting information about the Jr. Leaders project, you will need to sign up on 4-HOnline. It's not too late to sign up!

Mark your calendar for the next few meetings:

- o Tuesday, April 11 @ Hendricks County Fairgrounds
- o Monday, May 15 @ Hendricks County Fairgrounds
- o Tuesday, June 6 @ Hendricks County Fairgrounds
- o Thursday, June 29 @ Hendricks County Fairgrounds

*Watch email for additional details! For our Community Service for this month, we will be helping the **Hendricks County Department of Child Services** fill their fun boxes for youth! Please bring in one or two coloring books, sets of crayons, colored pencils, small travel games, and/or books!

Jr. Leader Help Needed

Upcoming opportunities for Jr. Leaders to help at include:

- New 4-H Family Orientation - April 5 from 6-8 p.m. (be there by 5:45)
- Mini 4-H Meeting - April 18 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (be there by 6)

FAIR NEWS

Be sure to check out the **attached flyer** at the end of this newsletter for a creative opportunity to support the fair with our Fair Fun Art Party!

Queen Contest information is now available! See information on page 02 to learn more!

Barn Crew Help Needed!! We are in need of barn crew members to assist in the preparation, set up, tear down, and logistics of before, during, and after Fair. Contact Chris Feuquay if interested at 317-829-4335. Should be at least 18 years old to apply.

FAIR SCHEDULE is now available! Visit our Hendricks County Google Site to see the full schedule at <https://hendricksco4h.com/googlesite>.

4-H Fair Queen Contest



Are you interested in becoming the 2023 Hendricks County 4-H Fair Queen? More information to the right!

All members enrolled in 4-H in Hendricks County who are 16 years of age or older by June 1, 2023, or completed 4-H in Hendricks County their Sophomore through Senior years of high school and have not reached their 20th birthday by June 1, 2023, are encouraged to participate in the 4-H Fair Queen Contest.

Each contestant must be an active or past member of 4-H. You can find more information such as rules, schedule, and the application at:

<https://www.4hcomplex.org/p/2022fair/2019-4-h-fair-queen>

Application is DUE May 15th, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Next Junior Leaders Meeting:

Tuesday, April 11

@ 6:30 p.m.

Hendricks County Fairgrounds

We will be preparing T-shirt orders at this meeting! Come ready to help sort!!

*We are encouraging in-person participation, but we understand it may not be an option for some. You may request a Zoom link by emailing hendrces@purdue.edu.



Open to all Hendricks County 4-Hers who are 16 years of age or older by June 1, 2023, or completed 4-H in Hendricks County their Sophomore through Senior years of high school and have not reached their 20th birthday by June 1, 2023.

4-H OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Camp Info!

4-H Camp is June 14-16 this year at Shakamak State Park. The three day camp is open to all 4-H members in 3rd-6th grade (as of January 1, 2023). Transportation is provided to and from camp. This year's theme: Music!

The full cost of camp this year is \$148, but because the 4-H Youth Council wants to see more youth attend, **you will only pay \$120!!** Financial assistance is available!!

Registration will open on 4-HOnline by the end of the week and will close at the end of April. Information will be coming to youth in 3rd-6th grades via email and mail soon! Keep an eye out as spots will fill fast!!

Upcoming 4-H Workshops

4-H Floriculture Workshops



Beginner Workshop: Round Arrangements

May 16th 6-8 PM
Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds
\$40

Topics Covered- Bud vase design, color theory, tools of the trade, and floral design profession.

All attendees will make and design a round arrangement.

Advanced Workshop: Specialty/Modern Arrangement

June 7th 6-8 PM
Hendricks Co. Fair Grounds
\$50

Topics Covered- Tools of the trade, pricing, business marketing, bridal bouquet design, and corsage design.

All Attendees will make a specialty or contemporary floral arrangement.

To register for either workshop, please fill out the google form below:

<https://hendricksco4h.com/floriculture>

Please contact the Purdue Extension -Hendricks County Office by emailing hendrces@purdue.edu or call 317-745-9260 for more information.

Workshop Instructor: Chrissy Hudacin of
Special Occasion Designs
Sorgc@yahoo.com



Financial Assistance is available. Please contact the Extension Office for more information.

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*All flowers and materials will be provided for the design. All attendees are asked to bring their own tools that they use when designing.

You still have time to apply for 4-H Trips!!

4-H Summer Trips

There are still spots available for 4-H trips! Members who already applied will receive their acceptance letters soon! Apply before the open spots fill!

- **4-H Academy** - 9th-12th grade - June 7-9
- **State Jr. Leader Conference** - 9th-12th grade - June 13-16
- **4-H Band** - 9th-12th grade - June 24-26
- **4-H Chorus** - 9th-12th grade - June 24-26
- **4-H Round Up** - 7th-9th grade - June 26-28
- **Citizenship Washington Focus** - July 1-7

Find More Information HERE: <https://bit.ly/3L1YI3b>

NEW DUE DATE: APRIL 21, 2023!

Print version of Hendricks County Trip Application:
<https://hendricksco4h.com/trips2>

2023 Clover Craziiness



Clover Craziiness is STILL HAPPENING! We are waiting to see who will be crowned the 2023 Clover Craziiness Champion! Clover Craziiness is our version of "March Madness". Each project is represented and all vie for the title of Clover Craziiness Champion!

CHECK OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR VOTING!



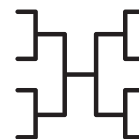
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4-H OPPORTUNITIES

New Family Orientation

Are you new to Hendricks County, or would you like some more guidance on what to expect in 4-H?!? This meeting is for YOU! Our Extension Educator, Kati Sweet will be hosting a New Family Orientation on **Wednesday, April 5th**

*At the Hendricks County Fairgrounds
Mini 4-H: 6-6:45 p.m.
Regular 4-H: 7 p.m.*

We will have New Family Guides available and will be able to answer the questions that you may have regarding 4-H.

Please RSVP at:
<https://hendricksco4h.com/2023NewFamily>

NEW

CLUB INFORMATION



Mini 4-H

The next Mini 4-H meeting is:
April 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Hendricks County Fairgrounds

The theme for this meeting is **Civic Engagement & Agriculture**. At this workshop, we will have **live animals** to learn more about showing livestock in 4-H! Our **service project** this month will be to bring in coloring books and crayons to donate to Hendricks County Department of Child Services. This is in partnership with the Jr. Leaders!

Mark your calendar for the next couple meetings as well:

- **May 8th - 6:30-7:30 p.m.**
*At the Hendricks County Fairgrounds
- **MINI 4-H DAY CAMP!!**
June 1st - 9 a.m.-12 noon
*At the Hendricks County Fairgrounds
More info will come out close to date!

Facilities Reminder!!

We are very grateful to be able to use our amazing facilities here on the Fairgrounds for our 4-H events and activities. We want to make sure to respect the space and follow the saying "Leave it better than you found it". We love the new flooring and other updates that have happened in the last few months and we want them to stay nice for as long as we can! Check your email for a document that contains reminders about procedures to follow when using space at the Fairgrounds. Contact the Extension Office if you need this sent to you!



Club and Project Leaders Needed!

Are you interested in helping with a 4-H Club or leading 4-H project workshops throughout the year? We have numerous clubs and projects that need additional adult volunteer help! Needs range from club leaders to co-leaders to extra sets of hands to help with meetings and workshops. Contact the Extension Office for more information!

CLUB INFORMATION

CLUB FLOWER PICK-UP

4-H Club Leaders should sign-up for a time slot for your club to pick up their flowers.

Please use the link below:

<https://hendricksco4h.com/FlowerPickUp>

Don't forget to inform your club members what date and time you selected. If you need the Extension Office to send a message, please let us know and we would be glad to do so!



VOLUNTEER & BOARD INFORMATION

AWARD SPONSORSHIPS

If you are looking to sponsor an award for the 2023 Hendricks County 4-H Fair,

please contact

Steve Patterson for more information!



SPatterson@4hcomplex.org



SHOOTING SPORTS

Shooting Sports is starting for the 2023 year! Below you will find the *upcoming* safety meeting and live fire dates.

ARCHERY

Safety: April 4 and May 16

Regular: April 11, 18, 25 May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



SHOT GUN

Safety: May 26

Regular: April 14, 28 May 12, 26



RIFLE, PISTOL, & MUZZLE LOADER (RPM)

Safety: April 8 and May 20

Regular: April 22 May 6

Continue to check your email for updates!!

BLESSING BOX

We are always looking for volunteers to help keep our blessing box filled!

We are looking for clubs and groups to help us stock our box. Below is a link to sign up for a 2 week slot where you would be responsible for filling the box. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please contact the office if you have any questions:

<https://bit.ly/BlessingBox2023>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

New Family Orientation

April 5

See page 04 above

Livestock Tag-in

May 9 and 10

More details coming

Enrollment Deadline

May 15

*Livestock ID info DUE on 4-HOnline
**Poultry is NOT online - paper forms available in the Extension Office, all due May 15

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

4-H LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM UPDATE

In previous years, livestock members were required to participate in a Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training - with the exceptions of Horse & Pony, Llama/Alpaca, Cat, Dog, and Little Critters. This year, a livestock quality assurance program is still required, but there are two options now.

Option 1: In person training of the NEW Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program. Cost is \$3. We have several trainings set for Hendricks County and will share surrounding County options as well.

Option 2: Online training through YQCA. Cost is \$12. Or there is a test out option for an additional fee. Link for YQCA is: www.yqcaprogram.org

You DO NOT have to complete BOTH! ONLY ONE is required. You can pick the best option for you. Additional information will be sent out to all of the members in the projects for which a quality assurance training is required.

Both of these are also the options available for participating in the Indiana State Fair livestock shows for the designated species.

Dates for the in person Hendricks County trainings are currently:

- April 25; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- May 23; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- June 12; Fairgrounds @ 10 a.m.
- June 12; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.

Check out the flyer attached at the end for more information!



REMINDER FOR TAG-IN

If you plan on showing **beef, dairy beef, goats, or sheep**, make sure you have your calendars marked for **May 9 and 10 for tag-in days!**

All sheep, goat, and cattle that have required taggings will be done at the same time. This is different than in the past. This will allow those with multiple species to come all at once instead of having to come two days.

You should be receiving additional information and details about tag-in soon!

IMPORTANT!

GROOMING ASSISTANCE

Are you an adult wanting to groom in the Hendricks County 4-H Program? Applications will be coming out soon. Forms will be sent in the mail and will also be available on our Hendricks County 4-H Google Site (found in our contact info on page 01) mid-April and will be **due back June 15th!**

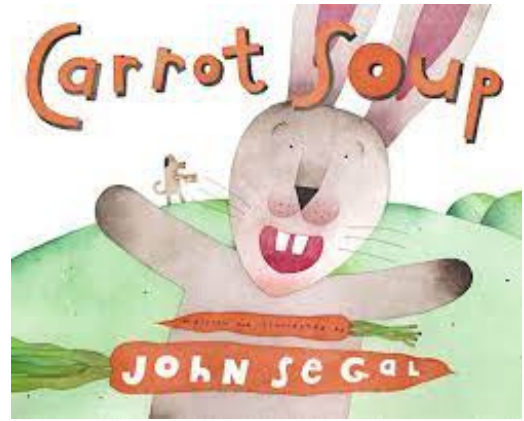


SWINE RFID TAG ORDER FORMS are now available! They will be sent in the mail to all Swine members and will be available on the Hendricks County 4-H Google Site found in our contact info on page 01!.
Orders due April 29 and pick up starts May 2.

RT2 Book of the Month

READ-April's Book:

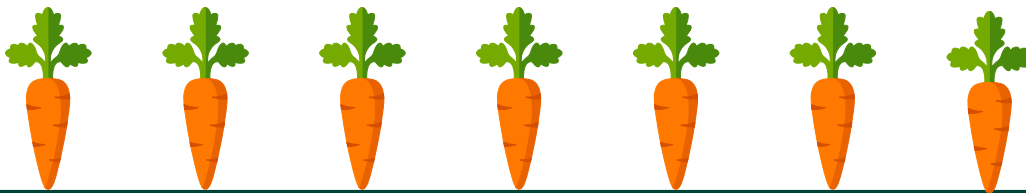
CARROT SOUP by: John Segal



TASTE- In the book, you will read about many different types of carrots which can be grown. Some are big and some are small

TOUCH- Dirt, seeds and water are all things necessary for plants to grow. The book tells us how Rabbit looks forward to Spring when he will start his garden

To become a member of the RT2 Book Club, call the Hendricks County Extension Office at 317-745-9260.



Dining with Diabetes

“Dining with Diabetes” is a program for individuals with diabetes, those at risk for diabetes and caregivers of those with diabetes. While diabetes is a serious condition, it can be managed through lifestyle changes and medication to help lower the risk of complications. Lifestyle changes can also prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes. The “Dining with Diabetes” program is a positive and proactive approach in reducing the effects of diabetes.

Cost: \$40.00

When: (4 session program) April 24, 25 and May 2 & 4 from 11am-12pm

Registration: Due by April 14, 2023 at 4:00 pm – register and pay online only at <https://cvent.me/Yw4AIY>



ANR UPDATE

The Hendricks County Master Gardeners are giving out TWO \$2,000 scholarships to eligible participants!!



Deadline is APRIL 15th, 2023

Contact the Purdue Extension Office at 317-745-9260 for more details.

Get Growing!



Get Expert Advice From:
Exhibitors • Master Gardeners • Speakers

OUR SPEAKERS:

- 9:00 AM **Container Gardening is Fun & Easy** presented by **Kathe Rae**
- 10:00 AM **Beware of Jumping Worms and Spotted Lanternfly!** presented by **Colletta Kosiba**
- 11:00 AM **Sweetness Created by Roses and Honeybees** presented by **Eloisa Garza**
- 12:00 PM **Growing and Hybridizing Zinnias** presented by **Jackie Rosales**

Children's Activities area will include games, crafts and education with a theme of Pollinators, Veggies and More!

What:
Gardening for All Ages

When:
April 29, 2023
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where:
Hendricks County
4-H Fairgrounds, in
the Exposition Hall.

(1900 E Main St. Danville IN)

Admission: **FREE**

TAKE HOME:

Free Trees • Free Seeds
Free Purdue Publications

SHOP FOR:

Plants • Flowers • Tools
Landscaping Items

ENJOY: Family Activities •
Children's interactive garden
activities • Food Truck Too!

This is a **FREE** Event produced by the
Hendricks County Master Gardeners
(HCMG)



For more information, visit www.hendricksgardeners.com

IMPORTANT 4-H DATES



4-H Youth Council

Monday, April 24th
@ 7 p.m.



4-H Adult Leaders

New Family Orientation
Wednesday, April 5th @ 6:30 p.m.
Hendricks County Fairgrounds

Leaders are invited to
help if they would like!



4-H Fairboard

Monday, April 3rd
@ 7 p.m.



Bad Weather Policy

NOTE: As the weather is constantly changing, we want you to know that SAFETY is the number one concern of Purdue Extension—Hendricks County and Hendricks County 4-H. Therefore, should inclement weather happen, please pay close attention to our website and social media accounts for cancellations. If schools have been canceled for the day, MOST LIKELY 4-H related events will be canceled as well for that day. When bad weather happens, please make sure that you only attend meetings where you are comfortable getting to and from the meetings. Again, we want you to stay SAFE while driving this winter!

April and May Dates

April 3 - Fairboard Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.
April 5 - New Family Orientation; Fairgrounds- 6 and 7 p.m.
April 7 - Office CLOSED (Good Friday)
April 24 - Youth Council Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.

May 1 - Fairboard Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.
May 2 - Office CLOSED (Election Day)
May 3-6 - Flower Pickup/Open Sales- varies by club
May 8 - Office Open Late; Fairgrounds- 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
May 15 - Office Open Late; Fairgrounds- 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
May 22 - Youth Council Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.
May 29 - Office CLOSED (Memorial Day)

Club/Project Meetings in APRIL

- 3 - Beef Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 3 - Dog Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- 4 - 4-H Explorers Meeting; Plainfield Library @ 7 p.m.
- 5 - Gifted 4-Hers Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 10 - Bridle Bunch Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 10 - Dog Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- 11 - Jr. Leaders Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 12 - Swine Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 13 - Amo Aces Meeting; Amo Community Bldg @ 7 p.m.
- 13 - Discovery Club; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 13 - Rabbit Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 13 - Happy Farmers Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.
- 13 - Washington Winners Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 16 - Goat Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 4 p.m.
- 17 - Gifted 4-Hers Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 17 - Dog Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- 18 - Mini 4-H Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 18 - Sheep Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 18 - Poultry Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.
- 20 - Robotics Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- 20 - Llama/Alpaca Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- 23 - Bridle Bunch Open Ride; Fairgrounds @ 1 p.m.
- 25 - 4-H Explorers/Washington Winners Meeting; Field Trip to Starkey Farms (TBA)
- 24 - Dog Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- 27 - Rabbit Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 30 - Bridle Bunch Halter Clinic; Fairgrounds @ 8 a.m.

INDIANA 4-H LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

Livestock members are required to participate in a livestock quality assurance program. Two options (found below) are available to our members for completion of the requirement.



Beef/Dairy Steer, Dairy, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Rabbit, & Poultry members are REQUIRED to complete ONE of the options listed below to be eligible for show at the 2023 Hendricks County Fair!



OPTION 1: In-Person Training

In-person training for the NEW Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program is scheduled to take place at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. Dates are listed below. *Only need to attend ONE training time. Cost is \$3.

OPTION 2: Online Training

Online training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is available at www.yqcaprogram.org. Cost is \$12. Test-out option is available for an additional fee.

! ONLY ONE OPTION IS REQUIRED. Please pick the best option for you. You do not have to complete both in-person and online training. You MUST be able to prove you took one of the two trainings!



DATES FOR IN-PERSON TRAINING AT HENDRICKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS:

April 25
6pm

May 23
6pm

June 12
10am

June 12
6pm

NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION



Hendricks County
4-H invites first
and second year
4-H families to
our New Family
Orientation!

APRIL 5, 2023
MINI 4-H AT 6 P.M.
REGULAR 4-H AT 7 P.M.

**At The Hendricks County
4-H Fairgrounds**

Please RSVP at:
<https://hendricksco4h.com/NFOsurvey>

For questions regarding the
event please contact our
office at

☎ 317-745-9260 or

✉ hendrces@purdue.edu





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This Little Piggy...
April 20



"Buttercup"
May 18



"Fancy"
June 15



Cock-A-Doodle-Do
July 6

Thursdays
at 6:30 pm

Conference
Rooms 1 & 2

\$25 Each

Reservations
Needed!

To learn more &
Register go to
www.4hcomplex.org
click on 4-H Fair 2023

Hendricks County
4-H Fair

July 16-22