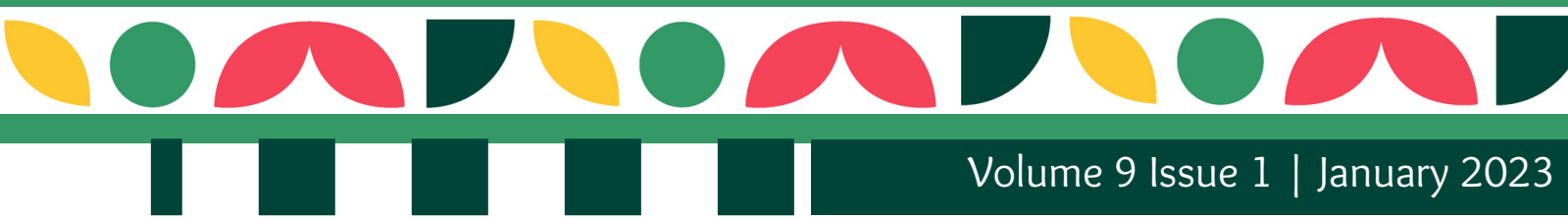




Hendricks County 4-H Clover Connection



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NEW YEAR, NEW LOOK!

Welcome by Kati Sweet - 4-H Educator

Happy New Year! I hope 2023 is a great year for you. 2023 will bring lots of new programs, opportunities and adventures! It also brings a new look to the Clover Connection! National 4-H has officially started a new campaign for 4-H, complete with new branding and an updated look. So, we thought this was a great time to update our Clover Connection Newsletter too! You will still get the same important information, just in a new view.

January is also a time where we officially switch over to the new year in 4-HOnline. **So, starting January 17th, only members who are CURRENTLY ENROLLED will receive email and communications from us!** If you don't want to miss out on information for trips, livestock, and much more, be sure you are enrolled today! We will stop sending emails/communications to our members who have not re-enrolled yet as we will only utilize the 2022-2023 year member lists.

There are also SEVERAL statewide activities coming up that you can be a part of starting this month!!! Be sure to check out the next few pages for details.

I'm so excited to see our New 4-H Families this month at our New 4-H Family Orientation!!

If you have questions or need assistance enrolling or signing up for activities, please let us know! We are here to help. Looking forward to a great year.

Happy 2023!

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Extension Office Info

The Fairgrounds Complex Center will have flooring construction continuing in January. We will try our best to work with everyone. Please watch your email and our Facebook for more details.

Extension Office CLOSED on:
Monday, January 16th
Monday, February 20th

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 Open 8 a.m.—4 p.m.
 Monday—Friday
<https://bit.ly/hendrickscounty4h>
<https://v2.4honline.com>



4-H OPPORTUNITIES



Next Junior Leaders Meeting:

Tuesday, January 17th

6:30-8 p.m.

MADE Center in Plainfield*

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

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. Starting this month, we will only send updates to those who are signed up for the project! It's not too late to sign up!

Vote for your favorite Hendricks County 4-H t-shirt design! Vote for your favorite design and the results will be tallied soon. You can complete the survey here: <https://forms.gle/ytXWfsY73kiy8ZX7>

Committee Sign Ups still available! Interested in being on a committee in Jr. Leaders? You can learn more about the committees, and you can sign up for committees here: <https://forms.gle/VfgG658nKATAZtrs9>

We still have a few open Officer Positions! We are still in need of two Fairboard Representatives, one Recreation Co-Director, and one Community Service Director. If you would like to apply to be an officer, you can do so here: <https://hendricksco4h.com/3iqtsRx>

Mark your calendar for the next couple meetings:

- Wednesday, February 15
- Monday, March 13

**Junior Leaders is open to ALL YOUTH in grades 7th-12th grade who are interested in taking on more of a leadership role within the community. We meet monthly to conduct business, participate in community service, and build leadership skills.



NEW PROGRAMS ALERT

Area VI 4-H has partnered with Indy Fuel Hockey for a fun event just our 5th and 6th grade 4-H members, to celebrate YOU!

On **Saturday, February 4th**, Hendricks County will be joining our other Extension Area VI Counties at the Indiana State Fairgrounds for supper, leadership activities, and then an Indy Fuel Hockey Game! The event will **start at 5 p.m. and conclude after the hockey game (roughly 9 p.m.)**.

You can register via your 4-HOnline account through January 20th. The cost of the event is \$15 and includes meal, Indy Fuel hat, Indy Fuel ticket, and other goodies.

More details will be sent closer to the event.



Learn how the stock market works and how to make informed decisions about investments using a stock market simulator.

Youth in grades 7-12 can join on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. This will occur from January to June from 7:30-8:15 p.m.

The cost is \$15.00 for the first youth and \$5.00 for each additional youth in the same family. Registration will be on v2.4honline.com, but 4-H membership is not required for participation.

Financial assistance available. Contact the Purdue Extension - Hendricks County Office at 317-745-9260 or email hendrces@purdue.edu.

The 2nd annual Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse will be on **Tuesday, February 7th from 8a-4p.**

Program activities for the day include a statehouse tour, meeting with representatives and learning how state government works. Youth must be in grades 7-12 to participate.

Cost is \$15 to attend.

You can register on 4-H Online once you are an approved 4-H member. **Registration deadline is January 15th.**



ATTENTION SENIORS

State and Local Scholarships are available! You can find links to all scholarships on our NEW website:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/hendricks/4h-youth/index.html>

All State Scholarships are due on January 25th!

Local Scholarships are due on March 15th, 2023!

Check out the resources on our site to help you fill out scholarships. Thank you to Pandora from Boone County for giving us these resources!

RETURNING PROJECT

ROBOTICS



4-H ROBOTICS PROGRAM EXCITES YOUTH ABOUT ROBOTICS AND STEM EDUCATION IN YOUTH PROGRAMMING, BUILDING, TEAMWORK, AND PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS



MEETINGS AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH AT THE HENDRICKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



MEET PEOPLE WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS

JOIN US

FOR A KICK OFF MEETING

DATE

January 19th

TIME

6-8 p.m.

LOCATION

Hendricks County Fairgrounds
North & South Hall

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 **Tuesday, January 24th** 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>

Blessing Box

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

Individuals and clubs can bring canned food, non-perishable items, and personal hygiene products to the Extension Office anytime and we can help stock the box!

Please help fill this box!



CLUB INFORMATION

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. Fill out this survey: <https://bit.ly/3y6OYxM> or contact the Extension Office to see how you can help!

Some clubs/projects looking for help are: Bulldog Clovers, Gifted 4-Hers, Working Wonders, Astronomy, Cat, Floriculture, Small Engines, & Wildlife.



Office Staff Addition!

Please help us welcome our new Part-Time Administrative Assistant, Gayle Kline! She is in the office a couple days a week now and will increase that time as it gets closer to fair. She started at the beginning of December and has already been a huge help to everyone!

She and her husband have 3 beautiful children together and they recently added their first grandson to their family! She resides in Plainfield, but grew up in Iowa and Minnesota. In her spare time, she loves reading, scrapbooking, puzzles and games!

She is excited to learn more about 4-H and what it takes to make our program run. If you are in the office or see her around, please say Welcome!



Mini 4-H

Attention Mini 4-H Members!

First Mini 4-H Meeting of the year:
February 22nd at 6:30 p.m.
Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds

We look forward to having you!

4-H Enrollment

4H Online is OPEN! Enroll at:
v2.4honline.com

If you need your password reset or need help enrolling, please call the office at 317-745-9260 or email hendrces@purdue.edu. Also, if you selected to pay by cash/check, please get those payments in ASAP so we can process your enrollment! THANKS!



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Starting January 17th, communications will ONLY be sent to those who are enrolled for the current 4-H year, 2022-2023. This means that if you have not re-enrolled, you will not receive the most up to date information. Please login into v2.4honline.com and complete your enrollment if you have not done so for this year.

VOLUNTEER & BOARD INFORMATION

New Volunteer Training

Save the Date for the New Volunteer Training. At this session, our 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator, Kati Sweet, will present what it means to be a 4-H Volunteer. She will go over the process of becoming a volunteer, what you can do as a volunteer and why we rely on lots of help with Hendricks County 4-H Program.

Tuesday, February 7th

More information coming soon.



More 4-H Volunteers Needed!

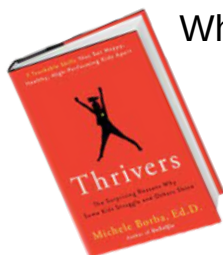
Attached to this newsletter is a list of current "volunteer openings" we have in Hendricks County. If you are interested in filling one of these roles, please reach out to Kati at kasweet@purdue.edu to discuss the volunteer process.

NEW Volunteer Book Club

Participants will be exploring the book "Thrivers" by Michele Borba! When:

Tuesdays- January 24, 31 and February 7, 14

Where: via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.



Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/4hthrivers>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

New Volunteer Training

February 7

More details coming

Spring Break Programs

March 28 & 29

More details coming

CHEF U

March 30-31

More details coming

Livestock Tag-in

May 9-10

More details coming

Mini 4-H Day Camp

June 1

Grades 1-2

4-H Academy

June 7-9

Grades 9-12

State Jr. Leader

Conference

June 13-16, Grades 9-12

4-H Camp

June 14-16

Grades 3-5

4-H Round-up

June 26-28

Grades 7-9

RT2 Book of the Month

Be sure to READ January's Book: "I Grew Up On A Farm" by A. Lewis. Make sure you TASTE BBQ chicken as mentioned in the book! In the book, they talk about family picnics under the big maple trees. Barbecued chicken and corn on the cob from vegetable gardens were often served.



Try this BBQ chicken recipe with your family:

BBQ Chicken Packets

4 sheets of aluminum foil (12x18") each 10 oz. frozen corn
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts 1/2 c. green pepper, diced
1 c. BBQ sauce

Center chicken on foil, top with sauce, corn, and peppers. Fold packets closed. Bake at 450 degrees F. for 12—15 minutes.

Talk N Take

What is a "Talk N Take"? It is a short, engaging, educational program offered by Beth Switzer, MS, RDN with Purdue Extension in Hendricks County. In one hour, we will talk about a topic and you will create something to take home. Four different sessions will be offered in the upcoming months at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds located at 1900 E Main Street, Danville, Indiana.

Join us on January 17th at 11:00 am for the first session to create a Vision Board for 2023. What is a vision board? Come and Beth will show you. Vision Boards are a useful tool to help meet your goals for 2023. There is a \$5 fee for supplies for the session, payable prior to the event in the Extension Office – cash or check only.



So sufficient supplies can be available, please register for the January 17th session by Friday, January 13, 2023 by calling the Hendricks County Extension Office at 317-745-9260 or on line at <https://hendricksco4h.com/TalkNTake>

Upcoming Talk N Take Sessions:

Jan 24 @ 11:00 am: Freezer Jam

TBA: Stop the Bleed

Feb 16 @ 11:00 am: Social Events and

Lowering Risks of diseases - FLU and COVID - Charcuterie Boards



Sign up for the 2023

Purdue Extension Master Gardener Basic Training Classes



Weekly from January 23rd - May 1st, 2023

The class will be offered from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Located at the
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
1900 E Main St, Danville, IN 46122

Registration Deadline:

January 12, 2023

Class Fee: **\$175**

(covers all fees and materials)

If interested, please contact Jeff Pell or the Hendricks County Extension Office for class details!

Email: jpell@purdue.edu or Phone: 317-745-9260

The Power of Negotiation & Communication

Land Leasing Strategies for Midwestern Ag Women



JAN. 18 | JAN. 25 | FEB. 1 | FEB. 8

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“The Power of Negotiation and Communication: Land Leasing Strategies for Midwestern Ag Women” is a three-state collaboration of extension women in agriculture programs. Sessions will be held simultaneously at multiple locations in Kansas, Indiana, and Nebraska.

These workshops will help raise your awareness of local land values and cash rental rates, along with the factors that influence them. Whether you are a landlord or a tenant, you’ll learn more about the importance of having a written lease, what should be included in it and how to ensure it is equitable for both parties.

The workshop costs **\$50 per person**. A virtual option is available for those unable to attend a workshop site. Registration is required by Jan. 13.

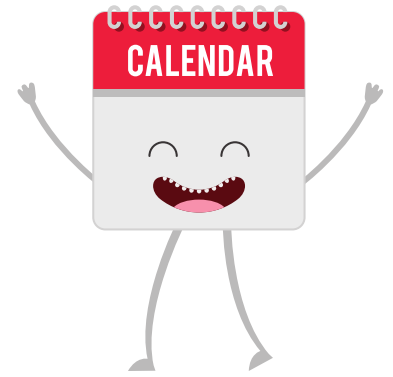
Find more information and register at:
puext.in/PowerOfNegotiation

IMPORTANT 4-H DATES

January and February Dates

- January 2 - Extension Office CLOSED!
- January 16 - Extension Office CLOSED!
- January 23 - Youth Council Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.
- January 24 - New Family Orientation; Fairgrounds- 6 p.m.

- February 6 - Fairboard Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.
- February 7 - New Volunteer Training; Fairgrounds
- February 20 - Extension Office CLOSED!
- February 27 - Youth Council Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.



4-H Youth Council

Monday, January 23rd
@ 7 p.m.



4-H Adult Leaders

Adult Leaders Meeting and New
Volunteer Training on **Tuesday,**
February 7th.

Adult Leaders Mtg
on **January 9th**
from 4-5 p.m.



4-H Fairboard

THERE IS NO JANUARY
MEETING! See you in
February!!



Club/Project Meetings in JANUARY

- 8 - Goat Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 4 p.m.
- 9 - Bridle Bunch Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 9 - Beef Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 10 - Hippology Class; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 11 - Swine Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- 12 - Discovery Club; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 12 - Poultry Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.
- 16 - Gifted 4-Hers Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 17 - Jr. Leaders Meeting; MADE Center @ 6:30 p.m.
- 17 - Sheep Club; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 17 - Hippology Class; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 19 - Robotics Kick Off; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- 19 - Llama Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- 24 - Hippology Class; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 31 - Hippology Class; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 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!