



# Hendricks County 4-H Clover Connection



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## CHANGES, UPDATES, AND STARTING NEW

September is a month of transition within 4-H. 4HOnline shuts off to get ready for our new 4-H year that starts in October. Our office cleans and organizes to better serve our clients this fall. Our volunteers start planning programs and events for the coming year. Plus, we transition from "fair season" to "school season!"

Congratulations to all of our members who participated in the Indiana State Fair over the past month! Hendricks County was well represented! Best of luck to ALL our members as they head back to school this fall!

We have also set goals for the coming year for the Hendricks County 4-H Program. We are focusing on volunteer development, opportunities for members, growth of the program, and finding ways to simplify 4-H.

To help meet these goals, we are always on the lookout for more adult volunteers! If you are interested in being a 4-H volunteer, remember we do have an application and screening process. You can learn more about becoming a 4-H volunteer and get your paperwork started on our website <https://bit.ly/22HCVolunteers>.

Be sure to look through this newsletter to find out more about all of our upcoming opportunities as we take September to prepare for our new 4-H year in October!

Thank you for a great 2022-2023 4-H Year....Get ready for an even better 2023-2024 4-H Year!!

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## Extension Office Info

The Extension Office will be  
**CLOSED** on Monday,  
September 4th in  
observance of Labor Day

## Contact Us

Purdue Extension — Hendricks County  
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Danville, IN 46122  
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Open 8 a.m.—4 p.m.  
Monday—Friday  
<https://hendricksco4h.com/HCGS>  
<https://v2.4honline.com>



# 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Junior  
Leaders  
INDIANA 4-H



## Junior Leaders

### ***New Officers***

Congratulations to our newly elected Jr. Leader Officers for the 2023-2024 4-H Year!

- President - Lyric Burgess
- Vice President - Asher Dean
- Secretary - Trent Yoder
- Treasurer - Luke Preyss
- Youth Council Representatives - Susanna Miskimen and Xaden Neier
- Fairboard Representatives - Piper Crooks and Nathan Milharcic
- Community Service Director - Cora Slater
- Recreation Director - Susanna Miskimen
- Membership Director - Anna Dugan and Raelea Emsweller

We are so excited to Kick Off the 2023-2024 4-H Year! Stay tuned for more information about the kick off event that will be held in October.

**ATTENTION**

## Important Fairboard Update!

HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H FAIRBOARD DIRECTORS NOTIFICATION & ELECTION AT ANNUAL MEETING - September 25, 2023

The annual meeting of the Hendricks County 4-H and Agricultural Fair Association, Inc., will be Monday, September 25, 2023, starting at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Fairgrounds Conference Center, Danville, Indiana. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect directors to represent specified geographic areas on the Hendricks County 4-H Fair Board. **Directors will be elected from the following townships and district for a three-year terms: Brown Township, Liberty Township, Lincoln Township, Marion Township, and First Fair District which includes Eel River Township, Marion Township, Clay Township and Franklin Township. A director will also be elected from Center Township for a two-year term.**

Hendricks County residents in these respective townships or district, eighteen years old or over and interested in being nominated for one of these positions, must submit their intentions in writing to the:

*Hendricks County 4-H & Agricultural Fair Association  
1900 East Main Street P.O. Box 7  
Danville, Indiana, 46122*

*or email [spatterson@4hcomplex.org](mailto:spatterson@4hcomplex.org) by 4:00 pm on Friday, September 8, 2023.* The letter must specify the position requested for nomination. Any questions should be directed to the Hendricks County 4-H Fair Association, Inc., at 317-718-6156. All Hendricks County residents, eighteen years old or over, are eligible to cast a ballot in this election on September 25, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

I.E. Lewis  
Secretary  
Hendricks Co. 4-H & Agricultural Fair Asso.

Melissa Sexton  
Nominating Committee Chairman  
Hendricks Co. 4-H & Agricultural Fair Asso.

## 4-H OPPORTUNITIES



### FRESH PRODUCE PLEASE!



Is your garden overflowing with produce?

Please consider those in need.

We would like to give back to our community by donating excess garden produce to the local food pantries!

If your family is able to help, please drop-off your extra produce at the Extension Office Mon-Fri 8am-4pm.

\*As a reminder, please DO NOT leave fresh produce in the Blessing Box!

### 4-H Awards

We have project awards, achievement awards and volunteer appreciation gifts from both county and state fair in the Extension Office. Please get these ASAP as we will be discarding projects/ribbons/etc. very soon!! If you are an award recipient please be sure to write a thank you note to your award sponsor!!

### 4-H Open Enrollment

Remember to keep enrollment for the 2024 4-H year on your calendar!

**Begins October 1, 2023**

After October 1st youth and adult volunteers will be able to re-enroll in 4-H Online (<https://v2.4honline.com>).

Please use your current log-in information to re-enroll for this next year.

Reach out to the Extension Office if you need assistance of any kind!



### National 4-H Week is Coming!

Save the date for National 4-H week - **October 1st-7th.** We will be having contests, trivia, and more to celebrate 4-H!!



SCAN ME

Do you have a new idea for a 4-H project??

Follow the QR code or bit.ly link below to find out how to suggest NEW projects. YOUR interests are important to 4-H!

<https://hendricksco4h.com/NewProject>



This year's 4-H Open House will be ***NOVEMBER 12th from 3-5 pm at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds!***

Join us to learn more about the 4-H program, projects available, and how the **WHOLE** family can get involved!!

# CLUB INFORMATION & VOLUNTEER/BOARD INFORMATION



## "Inactive" 4-H Clubs

We have 3 clubs that will be going inactive for the 2023-2024 year. Amo Aces, Clever Clovers, and Hoosier 4-Hers are disbanded as of now. Members of these clubs will need to select a new club. For a full list of clubs, please visit our google site at: <https://hendricksco4h.com/HCGS>

## Fall Project Update Meeting for Leaders

Project Leaders/Advisors are invited to meet with Youth Council and Fairboard members on **October 9th** to discuss rule updates as well as any fair-related needs in preparation for 2024. More information coming soon!!

## Current Project Leaders Survey

**TAKE SURVEY**



If you are a current project leader, please be sure to fill out the survey below to inform us whether or not you plan to continue your leadership. You can also tell us your plans for your group or let us know if there will be dismantling or merging with another group. We want to start planning for this next year and your feedback will help! Thank you for your dedication to Hendricks County 4-H! Link to survey:

<https://hendricksco4h.com/ProjLdrSurvey>

## Blessing Box

We are looking for clubs and groups to help us stock our box. You can bring **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD OR TOILETRY ITEMS AT ANY TIME!** If the blessing box is full, please bring your items into the Extension Office and we will fill the box at a later time.



## NEW Hendricks County 4-H Facebook Page

Follow our NEW Facebook page for Hendricks County 4-H!

**Search: Hendricks County 4-H- Purdue Extension**

Follow us for up-to-date information about events, news, deadlines, and SO MUCH MORE!

We appreciate and thank each and every person, family, club, or group that has donated to our Blessing Box!! As school recently started and as the weather cools down (maybe..), we will need even more help keeping the box stocked. We have many more visitors taking advantage of the Blessing Box during this time of year.



# HHS UPDATE

Hosted by: Hendricks County  
Extension Homemakers



MUSIC



GUEST  
PRESENTER

## International Fest: GERMANY

Open to the public; everyone welcome!

October 24th, 6:30 PM

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds

Cost is \$5

Registration required by 10/16/23

RSVP by calling 317-745-9260

CRAFTS

TASTINGS



DOOR PRIZES

# ANR UPDATE

Presented by: Purdue Extension Hendricks County Master Gardeners

## Adventures in Gardening 2023:

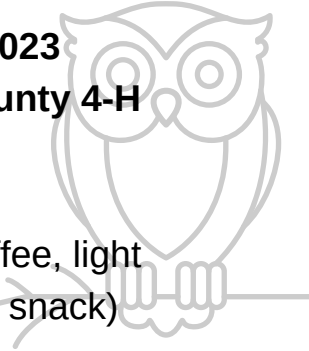
### Who's in Your Garden??

When: **OCTOBER 7, 2023**

Where: **Hendricks County 4-H  
Fairgrounds**

Time: **9 am-3:30 pm**

Cost: **\$35** (includes coffee, light  
breakfast, lunch, and a snack)



Registration is open at:

[www.hendricksgardeners.com](http://www.hendricksgardeners.com)

Scheduled speakers and general topics:

Charles Nardozi- No Dig Gardening

Laura Kearby- Backyard Habitats

Dr. Kathleen Hull- Medicine From the Garden

Randy Collins- A Mint for Every Garden

Amy Mullen- Designing with Native Plants

Nicole Harmon- Supporting and Managing Native  
Nature Wildlife In and Around Our Gardens

# IMPORTANT 4-H DATES



# SCHEDULE



## September and October Dates

September 4 - OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY

September 5 - 4-H Fairboard Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.

September 25 - 4-H Fairboard Annual Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.

September 25 - 4-H Youth Council Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.

October 2 - 4-H Fairboard Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.

October 9 - OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY

October 23 - 4-H Youth Council Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.

## 4-H Youth Council

Monday, September 25th  
@ 7 p.m.



## 4-H Adult Leaders

Details for the next  
meeting will be sent  
soon.



## 4-H Fairboard

Tuesday, September 5th  
@ 7 p.m.



# BETH SWITZER IS RETIRING

"As most of you have probably already heard - I am retiring from Purdue Extension on August 31, 2023. I've been in Extension for a total of 23 years, and it is time for me to move to next chapter in my life. Please know you have been a marvelous county to work with and I'm very happy to have had the pleasure of working with everyone. Oh, the things I have learned from many of you - I will cherish forever!

While in Hendricks County, I took pride and pleasure in developing many lessons/programs/events in Hendricks County. When I teach, I always try to make learning fun and meaningful. I hope I have touched you in some way and improved your life somehow. Thank you for allowing me to be part of the Hendricks County Purdue Extension Program."

-Beth Switzer

County Extension Director and Health and Human Sciences Educator

thank you

...for ALL you have done for our county! There are not enough words to say how much we appreciate everything you have done over the many years!

