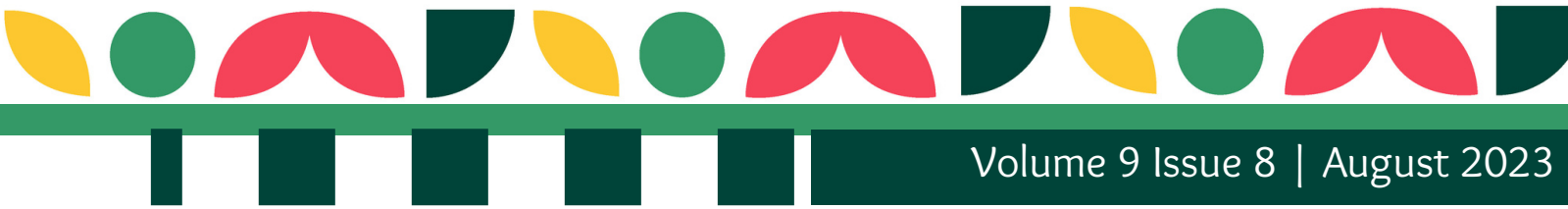




Hendricks County 4-H Clover Connection



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Adventure Awaits

Welcome by Kati Sweet - 4-H Educator

This year's Fair theme of Adventure Awaits was perfect for so many reasons. At our Achievement Program, we recognized our Mini 4-H members. These are the kids that are just starting their 4-H career with so many adventures ahead of them. Then, we recognized our 10-year members - kids who have had a lot of adventures already, but are getting ready to face different types of adventures.

For me, this marked my 10th year as a 4-H Educator and 11th fair overall. I thought about doing a Top 10 Things I have learned over the years...But, in true 4-H fashion, I waited until the last minute... So just a few things I have learned:

- I am not good at milking a goat as proven by this year's celebrity Goat Milking Contest.
- Fair week is the LONGEST and SHORTEST week of the year - all at the same time.
- 4-H members are the hardest working youth in the state.
- Hendricks County is the best. Period.

After 10 years in this career, I am sad to say that this was my last fair as the Hendricks County 4-H Educator. My last day with Purdue Extension will be August 11th. It's hard to put into words how much I will miss all of you and a lot of things about my job. I will still be around because my oldest will start Mini 4-H this coming year.

I hope you know how much I have loved working for you and our program. Thank you for all of the memories, laughs, tears, support, and opportunities you all have given me and my family over the last several years.

I know all of our 4-H members are going to do great things and I can't wait to see what the future holds for them. Congratulations to all of our members on another great year. And, thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for this great adventure we have had.

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Extension Office Info

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

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<https://v2.4honline.com>



2023 Hendricks County 4-H Fair Recap

2023 4-H Fair
Queen & Court



From L to R: Court Members Megan Thompson and Mary Van Ness, 1st Runner Up Sadie Mercurio, Queen Kate Alsdorf, Miss Congeniality Mollie Dial, and Court Member Amanda Fulcher



10-Year 4-H Members
Hendricks County 4-H recognized 64 10-year members/9-year seniors this year. During their time in the program, these youth exhibited more than 1,600 projects combined.



Supreme Showman
Anastasia Burnett was named Supreme Showman for 2023 after excelling in showing seven species during the contest.



Disability Inclusion Day
Around 700 participants attended this event that allowed individuals of any age with any type of disability to visit and enjoy the fair along with their families. Accommodations such as lowered lights and sounds were available at the carnival.

Exhibits

There were 4,917 entries at this year's fair. This included both indoor projects and livestock exhibits by almost 1,200 exhibitors.

State Fair Exhibitors

Congratulations to our exhibitors who are showing livestock or have projects on display! We had approximately 150+ non-livestock projects promoted to the state level from our county! We were also well represented in the livestock barns at the Indiana State Fair!

4-H Super Sale

Thank you to all of the Super Sale contributors who donated to support the livestock participants in this year's event. We appreciate all that our supporters do for our 4-H members!!

County Fair Visitors

There were approximately 51,000 individuals that visited our fair this year!

Volunteer Appreciation

A BIG thank you to the HUNDREDS of volunteers who made the fair happen!

Thank you to ALL of our 4-H families, volunteers, sponsors, & supporters for a great year!

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE
2024 HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H FAIR - JULY 14-20, 2024!!**



Junior Leaders



Congratulations!!

We had such a great time at Kings Island for our 2023 Completion Trip! Thank you so much to everyone who attended!

New Officers and Open Positions

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

- President - Lyric Burgess
- Vice President - Asher Dean
- Secretary - OPEN
- Treasurer - Luke Preyss
- Youth Council Representatives (2) - OPEN and OPEN
- Fairboard Representatives (2) - Piper Crooks and OPEN
- Community Service Director - Cora Slater
- Recreation Director - OPEN
- Membership Director - OPEN

As you can tell, we still have a few positions open. To try and get these spots filled, we will be having an ice cream social and short meeting later this month for all Jr. Leaders from this past year. We will vote for any open officer positions, review the year, and discuss the 2023-2024 Kick Off Event. Additional information will be sent via email soon! Thank you all for a great year!

INDIANA STATE FAIR

4-H Participants and Volunteers: Are you interested in attending the 2023 Indiana State Fair and unsure of what the schedule is? Here is the website for you to find the schedule, events and more!

<https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair>

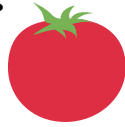
Congratulations to all of our 4-H members who have projects and/or livestock being exhibited at the Indiana State Fair!



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!



2023 Hendricks County Queens Court

4-H Open Enrollment

We know County Fair just ended and the State Fair just started, but.... keep in mind that enrollment for the 2024 4-H year will begin October 1, 2023.

After October 1st youth will be able to 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!

4-H Feedback Survey

We want to hear from you!! Please take a few moments to provide your feedback on the 2023 Hendricks County 4-H Fair and the 4-H Program.

<https://hendricksco4h.com/HCreview23>



TAKE SURVEY



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!

SCAN ME

<https://hendricksco4h.com/NewProject>



This year's 4-H Open House will be **NOVEMBER 12th 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!!

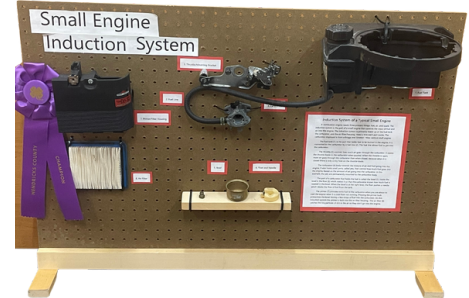
More details coming soon!

4-H OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Projects & Awards

In all of the **CRAZINESS** of the fair, did you forget to pick up an indoor project?? We still have several in the Extension Office that are ready to be taken home.

All projects not picked up by Friday, August 4th will be disposed, recycled or used as future examples of 4-H projects.



We also have project awards, achievement awards and volunteer appreciation gifts in the Extension Office. If you are an award recipient please be sure to write a thank you note to your award sponsor!!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR GENEROUS AWARD SPONSORS!!!

CONGRATULATIONS 4-HERS

2023 RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL HENDRICKS COUNTY AND STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS



Hendricks County Fair Results

<https://hendricksco4h.com/HCRResults23>

Indiana State Fair Results

<https://hendricksco4h.com/StateFairResults23>



CLUB INFORMATION



Current Project Leaders 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, 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>

Mini 4-H

Thank you to all of the Mini 4-H members who participated in our program this year!



We are looking to update a few projects for Mini 4-H in the coming years. If you have feedback (especially for livestock mentors), please let us know!



VOLUNTEER & BOARD INFORMATION

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!**

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. 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. **THANK YOU!**



HHS UPDATE

Where Does Your Money Go

With increasing costs for necessary expenses, learn how you can stretch your paycheck and make your money go further.

August 15 & 22, 2023
11:00 am - Noon



Presented by: Beth Switzer, MS, RDN
Purdue Extension- Hendricks County
1900 E Main St, Danville 46122

This is a FREE program, but registration is required.
Register by August 7th here:
<https://hendricksco4h.com/WDYMGAug2023>
or by calling 317-745-9260

ANR UPDATE

Project Pesticide Clean Sweep

As part of the 2023 Clean Sweep Pesticide Disposal Program sponsored by the Office of the Indiana State Chemist (OISC), **HENDRICKS COUNTY** will be the drop-off site on **Thursday, August 24 from 9:00am-3:00pm** at the **HENDRICKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**- Small Animal Building.

An OISC Pesticide Clean Sweep Project designed to collect and dispose of suspended, canceled, banned, unusable, opened, unopened or just unwanted pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, miticides, etc.) is being sponsored by the Office of Indiana State Chemist (OISC). This disposal service is free of charge up to 250 pounds per participant. Over 250 pounds there will be a \$2.00 per pound charge. This is a great opportunity for you to legally dispose of unwanted products at little or no cost. Visit the OISC website (www.oisc.purdue.edu) to download the participant form.

Complete the enclosed Pesticide Clean Sweep Participant Form and send the completed form to Nathan Davis at cleansweep@groups.purdue.edu no later than Friday, August 9, 2023. Then bring your leak-free and safe-to-transport containers to the collection site. DO NOT mix materials. In case of an emergency, you should bring with you a list of products you are carrying and a contact phone number.

*NOTE: OISC reserves the right to cancel this Pesticide Clean Sweep Project if there is not adequate demand.

BE HEART SMART

Learn more about preventing heart disease by making heart-healthy lifestyle changes.

August 15 & 22, 2023
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
at the
Hendricks County 4-H
Fairgrounds



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The program is FREE, but Registration is required

Register by August 7th here:
<https://hendricksco4h.com/BeHeartSmart>
August 2023
or call 317-745-9260

IMPORTANT 4-H DATES



4-H Youth Council

Monday, August 28th
@ 7 p.m.



August and September Dates

August 7 - 4-H Adult Leaders Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 p.m.
August 7 - 4-H Fairboard Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.
August 28 - 4-H Youth Council Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.

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.

4-H Adult Leaders

Next meeting:
August 7 @ 6 p.m.
Debrief the fair/year



Club/Project Meetings in August

- 1- Rabbit Ambassador SF Prep; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 7- Dog Club Practice; Fairgrounds @ 5:30 p.m.
- 14- Dog Club Practice; Fairgrounds @ 5:30 p.m.
- 16- Dog Club Practice; Fairgrounds @ 5:30 p.m.

4-H Fairboard

Monday, August 7th
@ 7 p.m.



OFFICE UPDATES

We want to give a huge THANK YOU to our summer assistants this year!

They have been an integral part of our team and helped make the 2023 Hendricks County 4-H Fair such a success!!



Alyson Owen was our part-time summer assistant. She will be heading back to Purdue University to start her 2nd year as a Agriculture & Biological Engineering student.

Lauren Fry was our full-time summer assistant. She will be going back to Kansas State University to start her 2nd year as a Agriculture Education student.



We will certainly miss their witty humor, positivity, and willingness to do the job at task!
Good Luck to both of you girls in your future!



Kati,
Thank you for
your
commitment to
Hendricks
County 4-H! We
will definitely
miss you!



Thank You

