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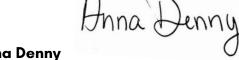
4-H SUMMER SUCCESS

Fair Season is a Wrap!

Whether you were chasing down a runaway chicken in the barns, rushing to finish that last-minute project, or courageously sampling a deep-fried "something" from the concessions stand, you've officially earned your badge of 4-H summer glory! As we close out the fair season and head into the heart of summer, I want to take a moment to recognize the incredible creativity, dedication, and hard work shown by our 4-H members, volunteers, and families. From spring workshops to educational programs and all the fair fun in between, the past few months have been full of hands-on learning and unforgettable memories.

Inside this newsletter, you'll find highlights from our busy spring and summer season—as well as important information about the upcoming Indiana State Fair, including dates, deadlines, and how to support our local exhibitors who are heading to the state level!

Take a well-deserved breath and a moment to celebrate all you've accomplished. Then let's get ready for the next exciting chapter in our 4-H year. As always, thank you for living out the spirit of 4-H: Learning by Doing.



Anna Denny

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4-II Fun Fact

Younger 4-H'ers thrive with teen mentors by their side! Research shows that having positive youth role models helps build confidence, encourage new experiences, and support growth.



Fair Highlights



Important Dates



July

- 7-4-H Council Meeting
- 9- Mini Day Camp
- 10-Food Preparation & Preservation
- 12- Area Horse and Pony Show
- 15- Area 2 Tractor Operator Contest
- 15- REX Robotics Club Meeting
- 16-Mini Day Camp
- 22- Nature Camp
- 24- Fowl Play Poultry Club Meeting
- 25- Deadline for Nonperishable State Fair Projects

August

- 1- IN State Fair Begins
- 4-4-H Council Meeting
- 4- Deadline for State Fair Food & Garden
- 5- REX Robotics Club Meeting
- 12- Harrison Hoosiers Club Meeting
- 19- REX Robotics Club Meeting
- 19- Extension Board Meeting
- 17- IN State Fair Ends
- 28- Fowl Play Poultry Club

2025 Harrison County Ag Day

September 9 & 10

Ag Days is an annual fall event designed for all Harrison County 3rd graders, including those in public, private, and homeschool settings. The program offers hands-on learning experiences that highlight the importance of agriculture in our everyday lives. Information about Ag Days is typically shared with schools as part of field trip planning. Homeschool groups are encouraged to contact

the Purdue Extension Office for more information or to make arrangements to participate.

WELCOME Gracelyn Burks!



WELCOME Sarah Gilmer!



Congratulations Seniors!

Ava Blackman

Dear 4-H Seniors, We are incredibly proud of you and all of the time and dedication you put towards your year(s) in 4-H. We wish you the best of luck on your future endeavors.

Congratulations on your



































Seniors Not Pictured Abby Bratcher Jesse Folz Avigayle McKim Isaac Wise Isabella Wise

Programs & Events

Horse & Pony Fair Show

July 18, 19, 20

Families and friends are invited to come cheer on our 4-H youth as they showcase their hard work, skills, and horsemanship at the 4-H Horse and Pony Fair Show! For those participating in the show, be sure you're ready! To exhibit, the Horse & Pony project must have entered your horse/pony in 4-H Online, and your vaccination forms should have been uploaded by May 15.







Upcoming Mini 4-11 Workshops

September 10- Why do Leaves Change Color & Leaf Craft September 24- Mini Graduation 6:00 PM

November 12 & 19- Stone Soup Cooking Class

December 6 Mini's Winter Wonderland Workshop

Mini 4-H is a noncompetitive 4-H program for youth in grades K-2. Classes start at 5:30 unless otherwise listed.

Registration is required on 4honline.com

Harrison County 4-11 Dog Show



Stay tuned for the upcoming 4-H Dog Show at the Windell Ag Building, where 4-H youth and their dogs will take the spotlight in a fun and impressive display of teamwork.

Participants will demonstrate the skills they've developed through hours of training and dedication, competing in both obedience and agility events. This event highlights the strong bond between each handler and their dog, showcasing what can be achieved through patience, practice, and care. The date will be announced soon, so keep an eye out for more details—you won't want to miss it.



Programs & Events

National 4-11 Dairy Conference

September 28 - October 2, 2025 Madison Wisconsin

Are you passionate about dairy? Do you want to learn more about the dairy industry while connecting with 4-H'ers from across the country? If so, the National 4-H Dairy Conference might be the perfect opportunity for you!

Held in conjunction with World Dairy Expo, this exciting conference brings together outstanding 4-H youth and volunteers for hands-on learning, educational tours, and leadership development. Participants explore careers in the dairy field, visit dairy-related businesses, and build lasting friendships with others who share their interests.



Go to national4hdairyconferencedotorg. wordpress.com for more information, or scan the QR code.



Who Can Attend?

- Youth enrolled in the dairy project
- Grades 10-12 (or completed 9th grade)
- Active 4-H members
- Volunteers interested in supporting and chaperoning youth
- Applicants must demonstrate knowledge and interest in the dairy industry

Registration Fee: \$650 for each youth and adult delegate.

What's Included?

- Transportation
- Lodging and Meals
- Educational workshop and tours
- Admission to World Dairy Expo
- Networking with youth across US & Canada

National 4-11 Week

October 5 - 11 120+ Years to Celebrate

A week dedicated to rally, inspire and connect 6 million 4-H'ers, 3,500 we now know as 4-H Week. educators, 500,000 volunteers and 35 million alumni. Events in every county and state celebrating and amplifying the 4-H mission: preparing youth to be Beyond Ready for life and career. Eighty years strong, 4-H Week began as an outgrowth of WWII, when a 4-H leader from Ohio rallied state-wide 4-H'ers to help support national defense efforts.

With the support of other state leaders and the Extension Service, Mobilization Week became what Along with celebrating the people who make 4-H an exceptional youth organization, this week is also experience started and how it's an opportunity to celebrate what 4-H does in communities across the from early on and one of you today country.

How it Started. How it's Going.

It may have been a while since you were last in 4-H, or you may still be a 4-H'er doing amazing things. We want to know how your 4-H going. Share a photo of yourself and a short description of how 4-H has made you Beyond Ready in your life and career by going to https://4-h.org/events/4-h-week/ or scan the QR code.



State Fair Info



State Fair Project Drop Off

If your exhibit hall project qualifies to go to the state fair **CONGRATULATONS!!**

If you would like staff to bring your project to the State Fair for you please see the following dates:

Non Perishable: July 25 by NOON (everything but foods and garden entries)

Perishable: August 4 by 8:15 AM (garden and food entries. The office will open at 7:00 AM for your convenience)

If you plan to take your state fair projects yourself, please read all of the following information from the State 4-H Office Below:

Check In: Monday, July 28, 8:00-8:00 PM

 All Exhibits, except foods (baked and preserved) and garden/herbs, are due in the Exhibit Hall or 4-H Centennial Hall.

It will take a minimum of 1–2 hours to check-in all of your exhibits. Bring a friend or co-worker to help with entry of exhibits

Monday, August 4 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- Foods Exhibits (baked products and preserved items) due in the Exhibit Hall, 2nd floor.
- Garden due in Centennial Hall, lower level
- Herb Exhibits due in Exhibit Hall, 1st floor near front foyer

Please take each project to the correct building and check-in area. Make sure your State Fair entry tag is securely attached to each exhibit. **Do not use your county tag!** Tags can be picked up at the Extension Office.

Unloading will take place at the back of the 4-H buildings, using the breezeways and back doors. Do not drive in front of the buildings.



Tentative Exhibit Check-In Locations Monday, July 28

4-H Exhibit Hall

- First Floor
 - Aerospace
 - Wood Working
 - o Soil & Water Science
 - Geology
 - Entomology
 - Veterinary Science
- Second Floor
 - o Tractor, LG, ZT Safety
 - Photography
 - o General Crafts
 - Sport Fishing
 - Needle Craft
 - ATV Safety
 - Model Craft
 - Fine Arts
 - Construction and Architectural Replica

4-H Centennial Hall

- Lower Level (down ½ flight)
 - o Child Development
 - Rabbit Posters
 - Electric
 - Small Engines
 - Forestry
 - Poultry Posters
 - Wildlife
 - Health
 - Floriculture
- First Floor (up ½ flight)
 - Creative Writing
 - Sewing
 - Home Environment
 - Consumer Clothing
 - Computer
 - Genealogy
- Second Floor (upper level)
 - Cat Posters
 - Shooting Sports Education
 - Dog Posters
 - Weather & Climate Sc.
 - Llama Posters & Crafts
 - o Cake Decorating
 - Beekeeping

State Fair Info (cont.)

Food & Garden/Herb Exhibits Exhibit Check Out Monday. Aug 4 (9AM - 3PM) Monday. August 18

- 4-H Exhibit Hall 2nd Floor: Foods
- **4-H Exhibit Hall 1st** Floor: Herbs
- Centennial Hall Lower Level:
 Garden

Individual exhibitors checking-in their own food (baked or preserved), garden or herb exhibit will have the opportunity to discuss their exhibit with the judge, if desired, when being evaluated. This is ONLY available for food and garden/herb exhibits.

Note - Baked and preserved food exhibits considered for Sweepstakes will be displayed. Baked food exhibits like cookies, muffins, breads, pies, cakes, etc. as well as preserved frozen exhibits will not be displayed again this year, instead donated to local homeless shelters. Exhibit results will, however, be displayed. Note - Only Sweepstakes vegetables will be publicly displayed. All other vegetable entries will again be donated to Second Helpings food bank, however, exhibit results will be displayed.

Exhibit Check Out Monday, August 18 (8AM -8PM)

If you are picking up your projects **YOURSELF**...

Release times will be Monday, August 18 from 8AM to 8PM.

 NO EXHIBITS WILL BE RELEASED PRIOR TO 8:00 AM MONDAY.

Preserved food exhibits will NOT be returned and will be destroyed, including canning jars.

If the Extension Office staff is bringing your 4–H Project back to the office, we will have your project ready for pick up the following day, Tuesday, August 19th from 8:00am–4:30pm.

Indiana State Fair Tickets

Complimentary Indiana State Fair tickets are now available at the Extension Office for Harrison County 4-H families and approved volunteers. Each 4-H member exhibiting a project at the State Fair will have one ticket reserved for them. To help families attend together, households may receive one ticket per family member, as long as they have a child enrolled in Harrison County 4-H or are an approved 4-H volunteer. Tickets are available on a first-come, firstserved basis and cannot be held, so stop by the Extension Office soon to pick yours up and enjoy the fair!

For More Info on the IN State Fair

General Information



For more information about the IN State Fair, scan the QR code or indianastatefair.com

Livestock Show Schedule



http://bit.ly/4lgxZS6

Important Info

Thank You Cards Thank

Many generous sponsors made this year's 4-H Fair possible by donating awards, meals, and more. Let's show them how much we appreciate their support.

Stop by the Extension Office to pick up free thank you cards and envelopes. Once you've filled them out, bring them back to the office and we'll take care of mailing them.

Bonus: For every completed card you return, you'll get an entry into a drawing at the October 4-H Banquet!

Karma for Cara Foundation Grant Opportunity \$250-\$1000

Deadlines: July 1 and Oct 1

The Karma for Cara Foundation seeks to support young people throughout the United States in their efforts to contribute to society and help repair the world through volunteerism and community service. Students 18 years of age and under may apply for funds between \$250 and \$1,000 to complete service projects in their communities. The microgrants support a wide variety of projects and events, such as turning a vacant lot into a community garden, rebuilding a school playground, or helping senior citizens ready their homes for the winter. For more info or to apply, go to

karmaforcara.org/microgrant-

<u>application</u>

Pick Up Your T-Shirts and Buckets!

Did you pre-order a 4-H T-shirt and forget to pick it up during project check-in? No worries—you can stop by the Extension Office to get it! We also have a few leftover livestock buckets generously donated by First Savings Bank. If you're in any of the following 4-H animal projects and haven't picked up your bucket yet, come grab yours: Beef, Dairy Beef, Dairy Female, Goats, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine, or Horse & Pony.

Andrew Family Foundation: Junior Board Grants

Applications Deadline: NONE for letters of inquiry

The Andrew Family Foundation's Junior Board Grants support nonprofit organizations in the United States that positively impact the lives of youth. The focus is on efforts that help people enrich their lives by providing opportunities for education in traditional academics and the arts. Support is also provided for programs that raise awareness about the importance of living sustainably and in harmony with the environment. The Foundation prefers to support wellestablished organizations with five or more years of operating experience and organizations with budgets of less than \$5 million. Grants are made for specific purposes or projects that will have a direct impact on the target population. For more info or to apply, go to online.foundationsource.com/andre w/juniorboard3.htm

WANTED: Club Leader for the Harrison County 4-H Junior Leaders

Are you passionate about youth development, leadership, and community service? Do you want to make a difference in the lives of teens in Harrison County?

The Harrison County 4-H Junior
Leader Program is seeking an additional qualified adult club leader to help guide and grow our next generation of leaders!

You must be 21 or older, and currently an approved volunteer to apply.

Check your 4-H Online email or reach out to the 4-H Educator, Anna Denny, for an application!

Requirements:

- Enjoy working with teens
- Desire to make a positive impact in the community
- Must be 21+
- Passion for Youth Development!

What You'll Do

- Support teen programs & service projects
- Mentor youth in leadership & teamwork
- Create fun & welcoming environment for all

Policies & Procedures

Review the Indiana 4-H Policies & Procedures by going to bit.ly/4ikSSde or scan the QR code:



Success Stories

Blue River All Stars 4-11 Club Awarded \$1,000 YES Grant to Brighten Lives of Local Nursing Home Residents

The Blue River All Stars 4–H Club has been awarded a \$1,000 Youth Engaged Service (YES) Grant from the Indiana 4–H
Foundation to fund their community service project, "Seasonal Sensations for Seniors." Through this project, 4–H members are creating and delivering handcrafted seasonal decorations to residents at Harrison Health & Rehab and Indian Creek Nursing Home. The goal is to bring color, joy, and personal connection to seniors throughout the year, while giving youth meaningful leadership and service experiences.

The project is already off to a strong start. For Easter, 4-H members filled and delivered dozens of plastic eggs for a lively egg hunt that brought smiles and laughter to the residents. In early May, 4-H'ers made festive flower pens to be used as table decorations at the Blue River Hills Extension Homemakers Spring Event, before being gifted to residents in time for Mother's Day.

Future plans include a patriotic "Flags for All" project for June and July, followed by themed crafts for fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

More than 50 4-H youth are participating in the project. The effort will wrap up in December with a Christmas caroling visit and final round of festive deliveries.

The YES Grant program empowers 4-H youth across Indiana to identify community needs and lead service projects that make a lasting impact.







Harrison County 4-11 Youth Awarded YES Grant for "Birthday Bundle Project"

Harrison County 4-H is proud to announce that local youth have been awarded a Youth Engaged in Service (YES) Grant from the Indiana 4-H Foundation to bring their Birthday Bundle Project to life. This youth-led initiative aims to spread joy by providing birthday celebration kits to children in food-insecure households across the community.

The Birthday Bundle Project was developed by the Abner Family, and is being carried out by 4–H members who recognized the importance of ensuring every child can celebrate their special day with dignity, regardless of financial circumstances. Each festive birthday kit includes cake mix, frosting, candles, tableware, and a small toy—all thoughtfully packed by youth

volunteers and distributed through local food pantries and community organizations.

The project, supported by local 4-H clubs including Junior Leaders, will benefit at least 75 children this year. Alongside this, the effort will promote youth leadership, community service, and collaboration with local businesses and nonprofits. A \$250 donation from the Abner Red Cart, a farm stand owned by 4-H members, is also helping jumpstart the project.



"We're so excited to see our youth identifying a need, stepping up, and leading this meaningful service initiative," said the Harrison County 4-H Youth Development Educator, Anna Denny. "It's a shining example of what 4-H is all about—hands-on learning, leadership, and giving back."

The project will conclude with a joyful Birthday Bash Celebration to honor volunteers, partners, and the lives impacted. The youth will also present the project's outcomes to the county council, highlighting the power of youth-driven service.

For more information on how you can be a part of this initiative through Harrison County 4-H, please contact the Extension Office at 812-738-4236 or denny4@purdue.edu.

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Success Stories

Southern Indiana 4-11 Camp

4-H Camp was a success again this summer. Our campers spent a few days away from home connecting with other youth, enjoying the outdoors, and trying new activities. From canoeing and crafts to team challenges and evening campfires, they stayed busy and had a lot of fun. Camp is always a great chance for kids to build independence and grow

more confidence, and this year was no different. We're proud of the way they represented our county and worked together throughout the week.

Thank you to our counselors and adults who gave their time to help lead and support our youth at camp. We appreciate you!









Peace, Love, and Tie Dye!

4-H members brought t-shirts, hats, bananas, and even beach towels to the Peace, Love, and Tie Dye Workshop at Lanesville and Corydon in May. They learned different techniques and experimented with color. Thank you to Lanesville Heritage Weekend for allowing us to use their lovely park!





This year, our judge was truly impressed by the 4-H'ers outstanding tiedyeing skills! Keep up the great work and continue developing your talent by joining our workshops and showcasing your creations at future exhibits.







Harrison County 4-11 REX Robotics Club wins Grand Champion at Area Robotics Competition

The REX Robotics 4-H Club had a strong showing at the Area 2 4-H Robotics Encounter! The junior team impressed with their skills and teamwork, earning great feedback. The senior team went above and beyond, bringing home the Grand Champion title. Congratulations to all our talented 4-H robotics members, and thank you to our 4-H volunteers and parents for helping our young innovators grow!



Do you have a Success Story you'd like to share?

If you or your 4-H club have a success story, shout out, or thank you that you would like to share in the next 4-H Clover Print Newsletter, please email Anna Denny at denny4@purdue.edu AND Sallie Carter at carte626@purdue.edu.

Success Stories

Sheep and Goat Showmanship Clinic at the Fair





Thank you to 4-H members and showmen Brody Whittaker, Cooper Clunie, Mattie Kintner, and Lily Kintner for stepping up to help fellow 4-H'ers prepare for their sheep and goat showmanship classes at the fair! Your leadership and willingness to share your knowledge gave others the chance to learn and gain hands-on experience with their animals.

4-11 and FFA Partner as Grand Marshals for the Popcorn Parade Festival!

Thank you to the Harrison County Popcorn Festival for giving Harrison County 4-H and FFA the honor of being Grand Marshals for the Popcorn Festival Parade today! Our youth had so much fun representing their chapter and club, and celebrating with the community in such a fun way.





Fashion Review



Harrison County 4-H members hit the runway at the 2025 4-H Fashion Review where they showcase their skills in the Sewing Wearable and Consumer Clothing projects. Youth modeled handmade garments and carefully selected outfits, demonstrating confidence, creativity, and knowledge of clothing construction and smart shopping.

Thank you to our volunteers, judge, and families for supporting this exciting event and cheering on our 4-H youth.

4-II Cat Show

The 2025 Harrison County 4-H Cat Show was a "purrrfect" display of dedication, care, and creativity from our 4-H youth exhibitors and their feline companions.

Fletcher Abner with Apollo claimed the top honors as Grand Champion Cat and Champion Short Hair Cat, while Fayetta Crone with Mazie earned the titles of Reserve Grand Champion Cat and Champion Long Hair Cat. Adrienne Vessels with Tally was named Reserve Champion Long Hair Cat, and Henry Schotter with Smokey took home Reserve Champion Short Hair Cat. We were grateful to have Dr. Levi Coyle, a former 10-year 4-H

the Georgetown Veterinary Clinic, serve as our judge, alongside veterinary technician Samantha, both of whom brought knowledge and professionalism to the show. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our generous sponsors for their continued support of the 4-H Cat Project. And a very special thank you to Cat Superintendent Amanda Uhl for her dedication in organizing 4-H Cat Project workshops and to this year's show. Your commitment makes opportunities like this possible for our youth. Congratulations to all exhibitors on

a job well done! We're already

looking forward to next year's







show!

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