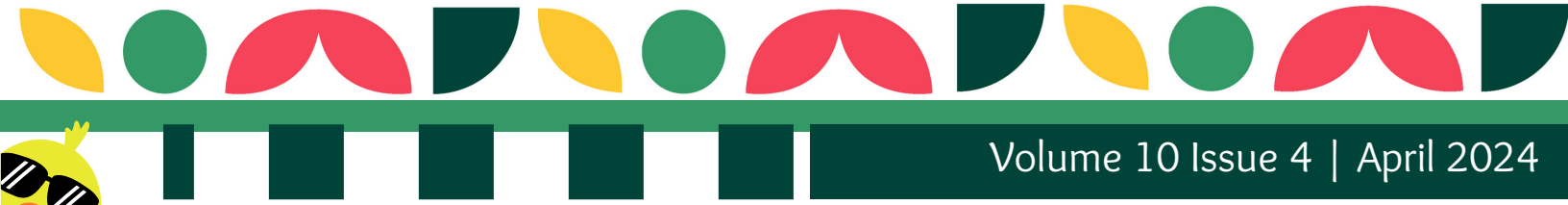




Hendricks County 4-H Clover Connection



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Spring is Coming!

Welcome Ashley Alexander - 4-H Educator

I don't know about you, but I am impatiently awaiting the warmer weather and the beautiful flowers that come with it! I cannot wait for all my flowers to bloom each year and sit on the deck to watch the world go by. If you don't have the beautiful flowers, you can still get flowers through the **4-H Flowers Open Sales on Saturday, May 4th from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.** at the Fairgrounds in the Small Animal Pavilion. Quantities are limited.

I sent out an email at the end of March regarding project manuals and completion cards. This year, **project manuals and completion cards are NOT required to exhibit at the fair.** This means you will not have to go to your club leader to get a completion card. We still encourage 4-H books as resources, they are not required for purchase. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Extension Office.

May 15th is coming and that means that you will need to have your animals registered in 4Honline, animal leases turned in (if needed), add new projects, and drop unwanted projects. Please, please, please make sure that you get your animals registered on time so that you can exhibit them at the fair!

Make sure to watch your email for emails from REGMAX! Those are from our office and they are most likely very important emails!

I plan to come visit various meetings and workshops in the coming months, and I would love to meet you!

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Extension Office Info

Extension Office CLOSED on:
Tuesday, May 7th
Monday, May 27th

HEADS UP!! The office will be **OPEN LATE on May 15th** for those that have questions, need to turn something in, or need help enrolling.
Hours will be 8am-7pm.

Contact Us

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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:

- Monday, April 15 @ Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
- Tuesday, May 14 @ Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
- Tuesday, June 4 @ Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
- Thursday, June 20 @ Hendricks County 4-H 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 30 from 6-8 p.m. (be there by 5:45)
- Mini 4-H Meeting - April 16 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (be there by 6)

FAIR NEWS

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.



4-H Fair Queen Contest

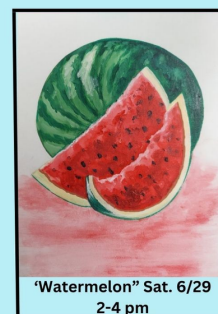
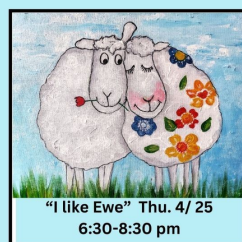


Fun Art Party

Join us again this year for a series of art painting workshops hosted by Flory Phillips! Register at: 4hcomplex.org

HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H FAIR 2024 FUN ART PARTIES

- Step by Step Instructions with Flory Phillips
- Templates to trace on your 12x16 canvas
- All supplies provided
- We're going to have a good time!



Reservations Needed!
Only \$25 Each
To learn more & register go to
www.4hcomplex.org
At the Fairgrounds
Conference Rooms 1 & 2

4-H OPPORTUNITIES

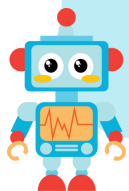
4-H Camp Info!

4-H Camp is June 6-8 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, 2024). Transportation is provided to and from camp. This year's theme: Star Wars!

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



- 1- Dog Workshop 6:30
- 2- Archery Workshop 6:00
- 6- RPM Workshop 8:00 AM
- 8- Dog Workshop 6:00
- 8- Llama/ Alpaca Workshop
- 9- Archery Workshop 6:00
- 9- Sewing workshop 6:00
- 11- Rabbit Workshop 6:30
- 11- Robotics 101 Workshop 6:00
- 13- RPM workshop 8:00 AM
- 13- Trapping Workshop 12:00 Noon
- 14- Horse & Pony Schooling Clinic 7:00 AM
- 15- Dog Workshop 6:00
- 15- Poultry Workshop 7:00
- 16- Archery Workshop 6:00
- 20- RPM Workshop 8:00 AM
- 20- Trapping Workshop 12:00 Noon
- 21- Goat Workshop 4:00
- 22- Dog Workshop 6:00
- 23- Archery Workshop 6:00
- 24- Little Critters 7:00
- 25- Robotics 102 Workshop 6:00
- 25- Rabbit Workshop 6:30
- 27- RPM Workshop 8:00 AM
- 27- Trapping Workshop 12:00 Noon
- 29- Dog Workshop 6:00
- 30- Archery Workshop 6:00

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 12-14
- 4-H Camp - 3rd-6th grade - June 6-8 (Camp Counselors are 9th-12th grade)
- 4-H Band - 9th-12th grade - June 22-24
- 4-H Chorus - 9th-12th grade - June 22-27
- 4-H Round Up - 7th-9th grade June 24-26

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

2024 Clover Craziness



Stay tuned for the final round of Clover Craziness on April 2nd! Who will be the Clover Craziness Champion?!?!?

Broadband Initiative

Is your internet service too slow? It's time to speak up! Indiana needs 4-H'ers to become Broadband Influencers and impact internet access across our state. Through a few at-home steps, our network of Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencers will help improve the Federal Communication Commission (FCC)'s map of internet connectivity across Indiana. This map will determine who is in the greatest need for improved internet connectivity, so it is important that your voice is heard! Learn more here:

[Broadband Access](#)

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, Ashley Alexander will be hosting a New Family Orientation on **Wednesday, April 30th**

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

CLUB INFORMATION



Mini 4-H

The next Mini 4-H meeting is:
April 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Hendricks County Fairgrounds



The theme for this meeting is **Cookie Decorating and Foods**. 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 11th - 9 a.m.-12 noon
*At the Hendricks County Fairgrounds
More info will come out closer to the date!

Purdue Day of Giving



#PurdueDayofGiving is less than one month away! Save the date to help support your local #PurdueExtension program and @Indiana4-H on April 24th!

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!



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!

SHOOTING SPORTS

Shooting Sports is starting for the 2024 year! Below you will find the *upcoming* safety meeting and live fire dates.

ARCHERY

Safety: April 9 and May 21

Regular: April 2, 9, 16, 23 May 7, 14, 21, 28

SHOT GUN

Safety: April 3, May 17

Regular: April 5, 19 May 3, 17, 31 June 14, 28 July 12

RIFLE, PISTOL, & MUZZLE LOADER (RPM)

Safety: April 9 and May 21

Regular: April 13, 27 May 11, 25 June 8, 22 July 6



Continue to check your email for updates!!

AWARD SPONSORSHIPS

If you are looking to sponsor an award for the 2024 Hendricks County 4-H Fair, please contact

Steve Patterson for more information!

SPatterson@4hcomplex.org



MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

New Family Orientation

April 30

See page 04 above

Livestock Tag-in

May 7 and 8

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 10; Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- May 21; Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- June 18; Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds @ 10 a.m.
- June 18; Hendricks County 4-H 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 7 and 8 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 26 and pick up starts May 1.**

SOLAR ECLIPSE



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND

This year Indiana is lucky enough to experience a full eclipse Monday, April 8th! As we get ready to celebrate with the hundreds of thousands of viewers (Hoosiers and travelers from near and far), let us dive into the science and wonder behind this phenomenon occurrence.

What is a Solar Eclipse?

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the sun and the Earth, casting its shadow on our planet. This alignment results in the temporary obscuration of the sun, transforming daylight into an eerie twilight. There are three main types of solar eclipses: total, partial, and annular, each offering a unique viewing experience.

Total Solar Eclipse: During a total solar eclipse, the moon completely covers the sun, revealing the sun's ethereal corona, a halo of plasma extending millions of kilometers into space. Totality, the brief period when the sun is completely obscured, unveils a surreal landscape as the sky darkens, stars emerge, and temperatures drop.

Partial Solar Eclipse: In a partial solar eclipse, the moon only partially covers the sun, creating a crescent-shaped silhouette. While totality is not achieved, observers can still witness a celestial alignment as the moon takes a bite out of the sun's radiant disk.

Annular Solar Eclipse: An annular solar eclipse occurs when the moon is too far from the Earth to completely cover the sun, resulting in a ring of fire effect. During this spectacle, the sun's outer edges remain visible, forming a luminous ring encircling the moon's silhouette.

Safety Precautions:

While solar eclipses are mesmerizing, it is crucial to prioritize safety when viewing these events. Staring directly at the sun, even during an eclipse, can cause severe eye damage or blindness. Therefore, it is imperative to use proper eye protection, such as solar viewing glasses or handheld solar filters, to safeguard your vision. If attending a Hendricks County Solar Eclipse event, ask if safety viewing glasses will be handed out. If not, make sure to bring your own.

Here are some tips for planning your eclipse viewing:

Location: Hendricks County will experience more than 3 minutes of totality starting approximately at 3:06pm. Check out VisitHendrickscounty.com to find the many local eclipse events.

Weather: Monitor weather forecasts leading up to the eclipse to increase your chances of clear skies. Cloud cover can obstruct visibility, so flexibility in your viewing location may be necessary.

Equipment: Invest in quality solar viewing glasses or telescopes equipped with solar filters to observe the eclipse safely. Never use improvised methods, such as sunglasses or unfiltered cameras, as they do not provide adequate protection.

Timing: Plan to arrive at your chosen viewing location well in advance to set up equipment and secure a prime viewing spot. Eclipse events are expected to attract large crowds, so arriving early ensures you won't miss a moment of the spectacle. Please check road closings to prepare for a safe and on-time arrival.

Capture the Moment: Consider documenting your eclipse experience through photography or videography. However, be mindful of proper techniques and equipment to avoid damaging your camera or eyes.

Most importantly, enjoy!!!



HHS UPDATE

PRESENTED BY:
AMANDA MARCIANO FEUTZ
HENDRICKS COUNTY
HHS EDUCATOR

MAY 14, 2024

1:30 PM

Cooking with Herbs



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Home and Family Arts Open Class Show

Sponsored by Hendricks County Extension Homemakers



Open class books now available! We have hard copies on the table outside the Extension Office or a PDF version can be found at www.4hcomplex.org.

The open class show will take place July 14-20, 2024. Take a look at the handbook for more details!

Junior Baking Contest

Thursday, July 18, 2024 at the HC Fair

Open to ages 9-12

The theme this year is
Apples!



ANR UPDATE

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



Link to apply:

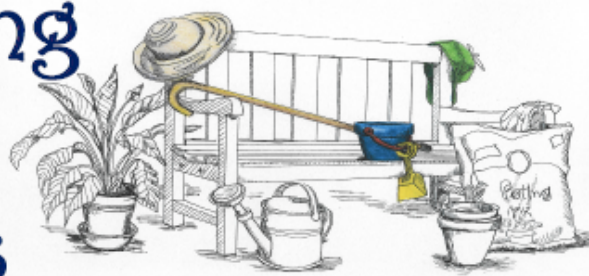
<https://www.hendricksgardeners.com/scholarship.html>



Deadline is APRIL 15th, 2024

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

Gardening for All Ages



A FREE Event from the **Hendricks County Master Gardeners**

April 27, 2024 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds

Expo Hall (1900 E Main St., Danville, IN)

GET EXPERT GARDEN ADVICE FROM:

Master Gardeners & Exhibitors PLUS Free Trees
and Free Seeds

SHOP FOR: Plants • Flowers • Tools

• Landscaping Items • Garden Decor

ENJOY: Family Activities • Children's Educational
Garden Activities with a Pioneer Theme

• Food Truck



An official
Hendricks County
Bicentennial Event



PURDUE EXTENSION
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

For more information, visit www.hendricksgardeners.com

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Hendricks County Master Gardeners' and Exhibitors' Will Present These Free Programs

- 9:30 a.m., Laura Graham, Bird and Butterfly Gardening
- 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., Town of Danville Tree Advisory Committee, Tree - planting Demonstrations
- 10:15 a.m., Barb Pantos, Dazzling Dahlias
- 11:00 a.m., Colletta Kosiba, I Wish I Had Known That! Gardening Tips for Success
- 11:45 a.m., Deb Pease, Self Sufficient Water-Wicking Plant Containers
- 1 p.m., Sara Fenton, The Hype about Hypertufa
- 2 p.m., Tom Setser, Keeping Raccoons out of Sweet Corn

IMPORTANT 4-H DATES

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 22 - Youth Council Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.

April 5 - New Family Orientation; Fairgrounds- 6 and 7 p.m.

May 1 - Fairboard Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.

May 2 - Office CLOSED (Election Day)

May 2-4 - Flower Pickup/Open Sales- varies by club

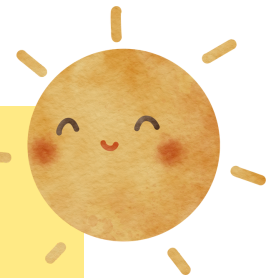
May 15 - Office Open Late; Fairgrounds- 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

May 20 - Youth Council Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.

May 27 - Office CLOSED (Memorial Day)

Club/Project Meetings in APRIL

- 1- Beef Club Meeting; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6:30
- 2- Hippology Class; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6:30
- 2- 4-H Explorers Meeting; Plainfield Library @ 7:00
- 8- Bridle Bunch Meeting; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6:30
- 10- Swing Club Meeting; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 7:00
- 10- Washington Winners Meeting; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6:30
- 11- Discovery Club Meeting; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6:30
- 15- Junior Leaders Meeting; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6:30
- 16- Mini 4-H Meeting; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6:30
- 16- Sheep Club Meeting; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6:00
- 17- Jr. Master Gardeners; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6:00
- 23- Happy Farmers Meeting; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 7:00
- 24 - Gifted 4-Hers Meeting; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6:30
- 30- 4-H Explorers Meeting; Plainfield Library @ 7:00



4-H Fairboard

Monday, April 3rd
@ 7 p.m.



4-H Adult Leaders

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

Leaders are invited to
help if they would like!



4-H Youth Council

Monday, April 22th
@ 7 p.m.

