



Hendricks County 4-H Clover Connection

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WHAT A GREAT FAIR!



Welcome by Ashley Alexander - 4-H Educator

With the County Fair ending and the Indiana State Fair starting, I have to look back and remember all the great things that happened during our fair. I hope that you took lots of pictures and videos to document the great week that we all had.

If you are exhibiting your project(s) at the Indiana State Fair, we want to highlight you! Send us your pictures from the state fair so that we can celebrate your success! Send your pictures to hendrces@purdue.edu or tag us on Social Media.

If you have projects or awards that you have left behind, please make sure that you pick them up from the Extension Office ASAP! We do not have room to store all of the leftover projects, so please come get them.

I hope that you all enjoy the Great Indiana State Fair! Enjoy your time there before school starts soon.

Thank you to everyone that made the 2025 Hendricks County 4-H Fair possible! It takes a village to run this fair, and it was a good one!

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Extension Office Info

**The Extension Office
will be closed Monday
September 1 in
observance of
Labor Day**

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



2025 Hendricks County 4-H Fair Recap

Our 2025 Hendricks County Queens Court

Miss Hendricks County 4-H Fair Queen - Hallie Philips
1st Runner Up - Mary Van Ness
Court - Sadie Mercurio, Olivia Gibson, and Shelby Miller
Miss Congeniality - Christina Samuel



10-Year 4-H Members

Hendricks County 4-H recognized 53 10-year members/9-year seniors this year. During their final year in 4-H, they completed 260 total entries.

Supreme Showman

Brinley Tennery was named 2025 Supreme Showman after showing seven species during the contest on Saturday, July 19th.

Disability Inclusion Day

Around 600 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 5,453 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 200+ non-livestock projects promoted to the state level from our county! We are also going to be well represented in the livestock barns!

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 support of our 4-H members!!

County Fair Visitors

There were over 50,000 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, and supporters for a great year!

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE
2026 HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H FAIR - JULY 19-25, 2026!!

4-H Information

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, please let us know!



We Need YOU!

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!



4-H Projects & Awards

In all 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 9th 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!!

4-H Open Enrollment

We know county fair just ended and the state fair just started, but.... keep in mind that enrollment for the 2026 4-H year will begin October 1, 2025.

After October 1st, youth and volunteers will be able to enroll in 4-H Online at:

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

Volunteers must re-enroll each year

4-H Opportunities

INDIANA STATE FAIR

4-H Participants and Volunteers: Are you interested in attending the 2025 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/>

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



2025 results are available for all Hendricks County Exhibitors



<https://hendricksco4h.com/2025fairresults>

Congratulations 4-H'ers!



Junior Leaders

Congratulations!!

We had such a great time at the Indianapolis Zoo and the Indians game for our 2025 Completion Trip! Thank you so much to everyone who attended!



4-H Information



Officer Elections will occur in September! Be on the lookout for an email from Ashley about how you can be a part of the 2025-2026 Officer Team!

LESSONS

Tuesday, October 7, 2025
Hendricks County 4-H
Fairgrounds



Afternoon Lessons

1:00 pm Mandy Gray **De-clutter & De-Stress**

Helps participants explore the connection between physical clutter and emotional well-being. This lesson offers practical strategies to simplify the home environment and reduce stress through small, manageable steps. Participants will leave with tools to create a more peaceful, organized space that supports mental clarity and calm.

2:00 pm Rachel Peine **Creating a Beautiful & Healthy** **Edible Centerpiece**

Participants will learn how to create an edible centerpiece using fruits and vegetables. This lesson will offer nutritional and safe food handling information. The participants will leave with skills on how to create a fruit arrangement that is artistic, safe, and nutritious.

Evening Lesson 6:00 pm

Pandora Taylor Cooking for One or Two

Preparing healthy meals at home can be challenging when cooking for just one or two people. Meal planning, food storage, and using leftovers efficiently are key to reducing food waste, saving money, and maintaining a balanced diet. This program provides practical strategies and confidence-building techniques to make cooking at home enjoyable and manageable.

What You'll Learn:

- Easy and practical meal preparation for one or two
- How to modify recipes for smaller portions
- Smart ways to repurpose leftovers
- Strategies to reduce food waste and grocery costs
- Essential food safety tips

This interactive session includes discussions and hands-on activities to help participants develop skills they can use immediately. Whether you're a college student, single parent, or retiree, this program will empower you to create healthy, delicious meals with ease.

Lessons are
FREE
Registration is
required to
provide sufficient
materials to
participants.
Link to register
below:

<https://bit.ly/EHMOctLessons>

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Hendricks County Master Gardeners
presents
ADVENTURES IN Gardening

October 11, 2025
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
more details here: <https://www.hendricksgardeners.com/>




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Establishing Lawns in Indiana

It is once again the optimal time of year to establish or reestablish your lawn with your cool season grass seed. A lot of people don't realize the best time to seed a lawn in Indiana is August 15th to September 15 time frame. Late summer and early fall allow for adequate soil moisture, warm soil, and limited weed pressure to allow proper seed and plant establishment. When applying new grass seed, it is important to prepare the site properly before seeding to reduce weed competition. However, selecting the correct seed for your lawn and providing adequate watering and fertilization is important as well. The Purdue Turfgrass specialists have created publications over the years to help homeowners with lawn establishment. Find the links at: "Purchasing Quality Grass Seed for Your Lawn"

<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/AY/AY-25-W.pdf>
and
"Establishing Turfgrass Areas from Seed" -
<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/ay/ay-3-w.pdf>

2025

OISC Clean Sweep Pesticide Disposal



**Disposal Pesticide Sweep Day at the
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds**
1900 E. Main St. Danville, Indiana 46122

Date: August 21st

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Cost: 250 lb per participant for free
\$3.00 per lb over 250 lbs**

This is open to public and private schools, golf courses, nurseries, farmers, ag dealers, public, cities, towns, municipalities and county units of government or others receiving this notice.

The OISC Clean Sweep Pesticide Disposal Program is designed to collect and dispose of suspended, canceled, banned, unusable, opened, unopened or just unwanted pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, miticides, etc.). This disposal service is free of charge up to 250 pounds per participant. Over 250 pounds there will be a \$3.00 per pound charge. This is a great opportunity for you to legally dispose of unwanted products at little or no cost.

Find the participation form with more information at the following link:
<https://hendricksco4h.com/2025OISCCleanSweepPesticideDisposalProgram>

Mail, fax or e-mail the completed form to Mitch Trimble at 765-494-4331 or cleansweep@groups.purdue.edu no later than **Fri., August 8, 2025**. Questions may be directed to Mitch at 765-494-7142.

Thank you



We want to extend a huge THANK YOU to this year's 4-H summer assistants, Lauren Fry and Molly Land! They were such vital members of our team this summer and we couldn't be more grateful for the long hours, hard work, and infectious humor they provided to our office.

These ladies worked hard to oversee Mini 4-H Day Camp and Mini Day at the Fair, Jr. Leader and Mini 4-H meetings, project and animal judging prep, and SO many more.

Best of luck to you ladies, we can't wait to see what great things you accomplish!



Calendar of Events



HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday,
November 9
3-5 p.m.



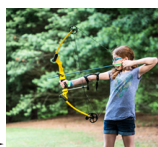
WHO

Mini 4-H: Youth in grades 1-2
Regular 4-H: Youth in grades 3-12
****Also looking for additional adult volunteers!**



WHERE

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



WHAT TO EXPECT

- More than 60 projects to explore
- Talk to 4-H Leaders
- Enroll in Hendricks County 4-H
- Purchase your project manuals
- Free **Snacks**
- Free **Family Activities and Games**
- **Prizes** for everyone

LEARN MORE
ABOUT 4-H



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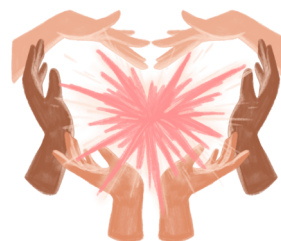
August Dates

4 - Fairboard; 7pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
15 - Dog Club State Fair set-up
16 - 17 State Fair Dog Show
18 - State Fair Project Pick-up
25 - Youth Council; 7pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds

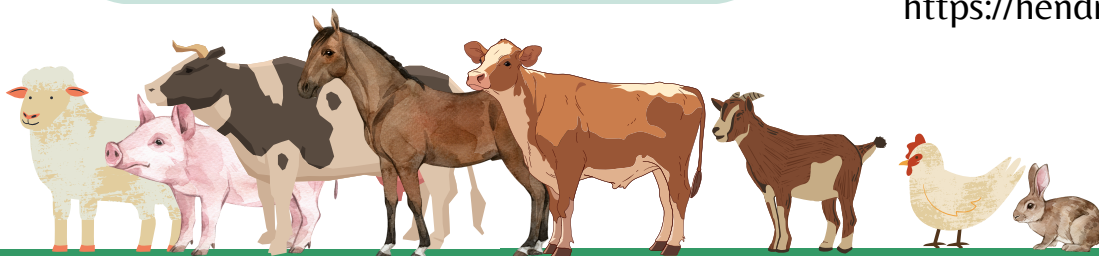
September Dates

1 - Fairboard; 7pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
9 - Pittsboro Trailblazers Meeting; 7pm @ Truax Farms
14 - Bridle Bunch Banquet @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
22 - Youth Council; 7pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds

Community Needs Assessment



The Hendricks County Community Needs Assessment is now live!
Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey and share your thoughts on the needs of our community!
<https://hendrickscountycf.org/>



4-H Youth Council

August 25th
7 p.m.



4-H Adult Leaders

August 26th
7 p.m.



4-H Fairboard

August 4th
7 p.m.

