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Mini 4-H

Thank You!

The next Mini 4-H meeting will take place on Wednesday April 19th beginning at 6:00pm. The Junior Leaders have a fun Easter themed meeting planned for us complete with an Easter egg hunt! There will be games, crafts, snacks and maybe even an Easter bunny sighting!

Sign up will be coming out soon so please be sure to RSVP. We hope to see you there!



4-H Center Board had a successful Spring Gala. Special thanks to Armstrong Hi-Lighters, Dog, Energetics, German Gems, Horse and Pony, Jr. Leaders, Livestock, Scott Achievers, Star, and Tech clubs for their support to this fund raising event. It's important to work together in order to maintain our 4-H Center grounds and buildings. We're so glad you are able to enjoy the facilities for your meetings and activities. Your efforts are much appreciated.

- Sara Petrig, President, and the Gala Committee



Click here for the 2023 4-H Handbook

Hard copies have been printed. Club leaders will be picking up copies for their club members.

4-H CAMP 2023

When: June 5-7, 2023
Where: Historic Santa Claus Campground
Who: 4-H members in Grades 3-6 (Gibson, Knox, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh)

Cost: \$105 - includes all activities, food, and bus transportation to/from camp

Congratulations!

The following 4-H members were chosen to be camp counselors: Ireland Guetling, Tate Farney, Charlie English, Aly Jones, Hadassah Goebel, Kylie Weiss, Anna Thomas, and Ella Thomas. Congratulations to Aly Jones and Charlie English, who have been selected as 2 of 3 Camp Jr. Directors! Way to go 4-H members!



Register in 4-H Online under the Events Tab by April 15!

Hand Made

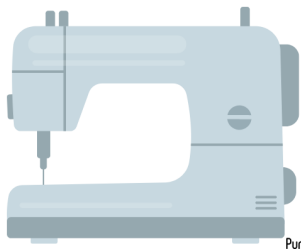


Have you ever wanted to learn how to sew but didn't know where to start? Now is your chance! We are offering a sewing workshop where you can complete your entire first year project in one day! We will also help prepare you for the Fashion Revue too!

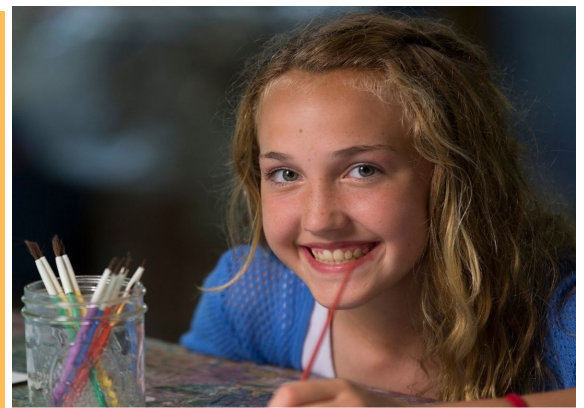
WHO: 3RD GRADE 4-HERS AND NEW SEWING ENTHUSIASTS
WHAT: SEWING WORKSHOP TO COMPLETE ELASTIC WAISTBAND SKIRT OR SHORTS
WHERE: BANQUET HALL AT THE VANDERBURGH CO. 4-H CENTER
WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND 9 AM - ABOUT 3 PM
COST: FREE

You will need to bring fabric (2 more inches wide than your waist), coordinating thread, and a parent or other adult with you. Please also bring a sack lunch and a drink. All other supplies (including sewing machines) will be provided.

PLEASE CALL AUDREY PETERS FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP BY APRIL 15TH AT 812-598-2007.



Purdue University is an equal access/equal opportunity institution. If you have special needs, please call us prior to the event at (812) 867-4935.



JOANN

Have a sewing or craft idea? Our friends at JOANN are giving you a chance to support 4-H members with a donation at the register in stores through May 1st!

Congratulations!

Vanderburgh 4-H members did an awesome job earning 4-H scholarships! Congratulations to:

Accomplishment Scholarship winner:

Rachel Pohl

Senior Year Scholarships

winners:

Sydney Woodard

Gabriel Raber

Reagan Koester

Rachel Pohl

Levi Kunkler



ART CONTEST 2023

Spring into action! Express yourself for Earth Day in this unique art contest! Create a work of art with recyclable elements that demonstrates your individual perspective of our Earth and its plants, animals, water, soil, sky, or people. *How do you see your Earth?*

Contest Guidelines:

- Entries must be made using recyclable materials.*
- Entries must display an entry form (below).
- Educators supervising entries for their class / school - register via email.
- Entries will be judged in divisions: Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, and Adult.
- Judge criteria: use of materials, creativity of expression, theme appropriateness.
- Winners will be notified via phone/email, and announced via media.
- Winners will be awarded a Mesker Park Zoo family fun package.
- Schools with the top participation will receive a Zoo program!
- Entries will be accepted at the Zoo front entry April 14-17, 1-4pm.
- Entries may be picked up April 21-24, 1-4 pm.
- Entries not claimed on or by April 25 will be recycled.

* Recyclable materials include anything that can be broken down and used as ingredients to make new products: paper, cardboard, metal, plastic, glass, fabric, tech, etc.

Register / Get Details:

education@meskerparkzoo.com / 812-435-0809
 1545 Mesker Park Dr. Evansville, IN 47720
www.meskerparkzoo.com



Projects will be on display at our event:

Party for the Planet!
 April 22, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Art Contest Entry Form

Name: _____ Division: _____
 School: _____
 Teacher: _____
 Contact Email / Number: _____
 I intend to: PICK-UP artwork DONATE artwork







VANDEBURGH COUNTY 4-H



4-H CENTER DAY OF SERVICE

Join Junior Leaders in celebrating their 75th anniversary by supporting the Vanderburgh 4-H Center!



All 4-Hers and families, Leaders, SIAM, Extension Homemakers, Fair Association members are invited to participate in a Day of Service at the Vanderburgh 4-H Center. Registration will begin at 8:30am with work starting at 9am. The job will wrap up around 2pm.



Lunch will be served!

**APRIL 15
2023**

SIGN UP HERE:

<https://tinyurl.com/4hcleanupday2023>

Attention 4-H members! The Extension Homemakers have generously agreed to sponsor the first 7 Vanderburgh County 4-H members that want to participate in this workshop! Register today - first come, first serve!



Space is limited! First come, first serve!

BECOME A PRESERVATION PRO

FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

Wednesday, May 31

9 AM - 3 PM CT / 10 AM - 4 PM ET

Vanderburgh 4-H Center

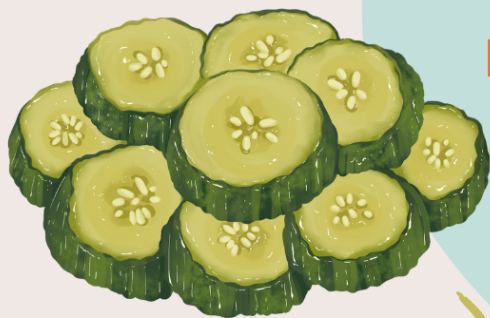
Banquet Hall, 201 E Boonville New

Harmony, Evansville

For youth in grades 3-12

Cost: \$70

Lunch provided



Register in 4-H Online at v2.4honline.com by **May 19**. You do not have to be a 4-H member to participate. Contact Purdue Extension - Vanderburgh Co. at (812) 867-4935 with questions.



Join us to learn freezing, drying, boiling water bath canning, jams/jelly, pickling, and more! We will be covering levels A-C of the 4-H Foods manuals. Leave with completed 4-H preserved foods project and a copy of the University of Georgia's "So Easy to Preserve" book.

POSEY & GIBSON CO. 4-H

WHAT'S THE BUZZ

SPARK CLUB



Join us for a day of learning about flowers, gardening and beekeeping!

Grades 3-12

\$20

Current 4-H'ers

\$35

Non 4-H'ers

APRIL 29, 2023

POSEY COUNTY
COMMUNITY
CENTER

FROM 9 AM
TO 3 PM

INCLUDES LUNCH AND SUPPLIES FOR ACTIVITIES.
REGISTER NOW ON 4-H ONLINE!
V2.4HONLINE.COM

Payment should be sent to Posey Co. Extension Office by April 21.

Questions? Contact bender14@purdue.edu or jashuman@purdue.edu.

Purdue University is an equal access/opportunity/affirmative action institution. If you need accommodations to attend the event, please notify us five business days in advance of the event.

4-H Manuals, Tags, & Supplies

Did you know that each 4-H member can get a manual for most 4-H projects for free? These manuals help provide supplemental learning for the project area and are a great resource for helping to create your exhibit. Please note - not all projects have manuals.

4-H members can pick up 4-H manuals, handbooks, and livestock tags from the Purdue Extension Office. You're welcome to drop in to pick up the items or you can order in advance so they're ready when you stop by. We can also put the items in the drop box if you can't come during business hours. Sign up for manuals and project supplies [here](#) and livestock tags [here](#). Club leaders may order manuals for their members.

Project Supplies

Poster Backing: \$0.50

Poster and Salon Print Sleeves: \$0.50

Electric Circuit Board Kit: \$15

Electric Shake Light Kit: \$20

Electric Fluorescent Trouble Light Kit: \$31.50

Electric Extension Cord Kit: \$21.50

Electric Complete Lamp Kit: \$22.50

Entomology Pins: \$6

Insect Boxes \$40



Volunteers Wanted!

We're looking for caring adults to serve as 4-H Superintendents for the following projects:

- Computer
- Entomology/Geology
- Model Crafts

And club leader(s) for German Gems

If you or someone you know is interested in any of these opportunities, contact Megan Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu for details on how to apply.

VANDEBURGH COUNTY 4-H
**PERFORMING
ARTS
CONTEST**



**TUESDAY APRIL 25TH
VANDEBURGH 4-H CENTER
AUDITORIUM
6:30PM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP; VISIT:
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/4HPERFORMINGARTS2023](https://tinyurl.com/4Hperformingarts2023)**



Animal Projects

Quality Livestock Care Training

In 2023, Indiana 4-H is implementing a program called Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care that will be replacing the requirement for Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). The Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program will be a \$3 in-person training that will be offered several times in 2023. You should have received a letter in late February with more information and training dates ([you can also find it here](#)). Remaining trainings will be held on June 1 and 15.

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, pygmy goats, rabbits, sheep, and swine, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training OR the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA) by July 1.

Please note - Indiana 4-H will still accept YQCA certification for county and state fair. 4-H members may choose to continue to complete YQCA as it may be required for some livestock shows. Members who wish to complete YQCA will only be allowed to complete the online version. No in person meetings of YQCA will be held. Proof of YQCA completion is due to the Extension Office by July 1.

Horse & Pony Helmet Recall

This recall involves Ovation Protégé model equestrian helmets manufactured from December 2020 through December 2022 and sold in multiple colors and finishes. The Ovation Protégé is an equestrian helmet that is certified by the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) to the ASTM F1163-15 standard. An SEI certification label, which includes the model name and date of manufacture, is located inside the helmets. "OV" is printed on the front of the helmets.

The recalled helmets fail to meet the impact requirements of the ASTM F1163-15 standard for this type of helmet, posing an impact injury hazard to riders who fall.

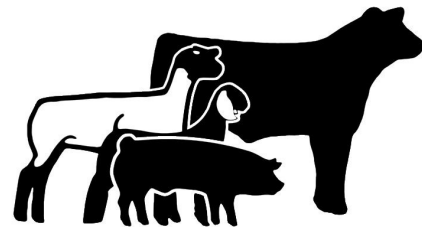
For more information on the recall and action steps can be found [here](#).

Tagging Day

Beef, Meat Goat, and Sheep exhibitors will be required to attend a Tagging Day to receive tags for their animals. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 6 at the 4-H Center from 9 - 11 am. If you cannot attend, work with your species superintendent for options. More details will be sent closer to the date.

Livestock Shows

Looking for livestock shows or workshops this spring and summer? Check out our website where we post all information we receive on upcoming shows/events. Click [here](#) and scroll down to the Livestock Resources.



Animal Identification

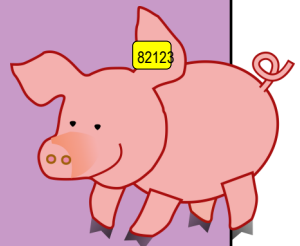
Plan ahead to complete your animal ID information before the deadline below:

May 15, 2023

Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Horse & Pony, Llamas, Meat Goats, Pygmy Goats, Sheep, and Swine via 4-Online
Poultry & Rabbits via Paper copy

Animals not enrolled by these deadlines cannot be exhibited at the county or state fair.

You should have received a letter in the mail with Animal ID information. If not, let us know. You can also find it [here](#) under Livestock Resources.



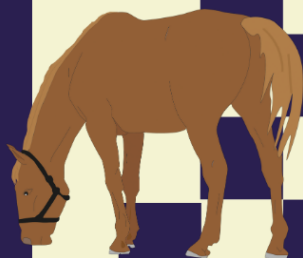
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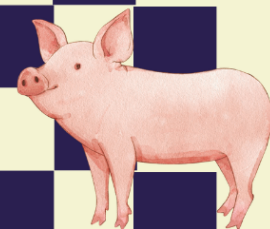
AFTER SCHOOL AG DAY



Join our Vanderburgh County 4-H members for an informative and exciting afternoon of all things ag!



Vanderburgh County 4-H is hosting an After-School Ag Day! Everyone is invited to come see, hear, touch, taste and smell the wonders of agriculture. Animals will be on site and presenters will be around to answer your questions! Please join us!



Agriculture is awesome!

**APRIL 12
2023**

4:00PM-6:00PM
Vanderburgh 4-H Center
Livestock Barns

If you have any questions regarding the event, please email Taylor at tvanmet@purdue.edu.



Extension - 4-H Youth
Development



OUTING WITH THE



NO COST FOR GAME
AND TOUR

MAY 20

BRING MONEY FOR FOOD
AND SOUVENIRS

FIRST 50! REGISTER IN 4-H ONLINE BY MAY 16

4:00 PM CST/ 5:00 PM EST

AREA 3 4-H MEMBERS

GRADES 6-8

DAVISS, DUBOIS, GIBSON, KNOX, MARTIN, PERRY, PIKE, POSEY, SPENCER, VANDERBURGH, AND WARRICK COUNTIES

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National 4-H Congress

National 4-H Congress will be November 24-28 in Atlanta, Georgia and brings together nearly 800 high school age 4-H members from across the nation and US territories. This is the premier national 4-H leadership event. Indiana 4-H plans to send a delegation of 8-9 youth and one adult chaperone.

Visit the [National 4-H Congress web page](#) to learn more about this event and to obtain an application. Completed applications are due **May 1** and must be submitted through 4-H Online. Contact your Purdue Extension county office for more information.

State Fair Education Station

Would you like to have attention drawn to your 4-H club at state fair? Would you like 4-H members to share with the public skills learned from their 4-H experiences? Would you like to provide 4-H members the opportunity to teach at the state fair? Finally, would your 4-H club like to earn money?

If the answer to all those questions was YES, please visit the [Indiana 4-H web site](#) to learn more about 4-H Education Stations at the Indiana State Fair. Applications must be submitted to your county Purdue Extension Office by June 15. Please contact your county 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator to learn more.

Kitchen Skillathon

Check out this new opportunity! Kitchen Skillathon is an educational opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate increased knowledge and competence with common kitchen equipment, small appliances, herbs/spices, and hazards/safety in the kitchen. Teams will be made up of 3-4 youth in grades 6-8. Participants will work individually to complete four identification stations, a written test and a skills demonstration. A state contest will be held October 28. Grab a few other 4-H members and form a team! Find out more [here](#).



April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Armstrong Hi-Lighters	5 Dog Club	6 Jr. Leaders	7 Good Friday Holiday Office Closed	8
9	10 Star Horse & Pony Centerrific	11 German Gems Shooting Sports	12 Perry M&M's After School Ag Day	13	14	15 Camp Apps Due Day of Service
16	17 Scott Achiev- ers	18 Livestock Club Energetics	19 St. Wendel Tractor Club	20	21	22
23	24	25 Performing Arts	26	27 Happy Hoosiers	28	29
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2023 4-H DATES

All dates and locations are subject to change.

January

- 2: Holiday, Office Closed
- 5: Jr. Leader Meeting
- 11: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 16: Holiday, Office Closed
- 19: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 25: 4-H Scholarships Due
- 31: 4-H Trip Applications Due

February

- 2: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: 4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 15: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 20: Holiday, Office Closed
- 27: 4-H Officer Training/Adult Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall

March

- 2: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Center Conference Rm
- 8: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 14: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training (After Livestock Club Meeting)
- 15: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 16: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 22-26: Buckeye Leadership Conference
- 27-31: EVSC Spring Break

April

- 6: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 7: Holiday, Office Closed
- 11-13: Ag Days
- 15: 4-H Camp Applications Due
- 19: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 25: 4-H Performing Arts, 6:30 pm, Auditorium

May

- 2: Holiday, Office Closed
- 4: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Small Animal Barn
- 6: Tagging Day for Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep
- 15: ANIMAL ID DEADLINE
- 17: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 18: Livestock Committee 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 24: EVSC - School's out for summer
- 29: Holiday, Office Closed

June

- 1: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training, 3:00 pm, Extension Office
- 1: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 4: County Tractor Contest, 4-H Center
- 5-7: 4-H Camp, Santa Claus, IN
- 7-9: 4-H Academy at Purdue
- 13-16: State Jr. Leader Conference
- 14: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 15: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall

June cont.

- 21: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 24: Area Tractor Contest, Warrick County
- 24-26: State 4-H Band
- 24-26: State 4-H Chorus
- 26-28: 4-H Round-Up
- 29: 4-H Speech & Demo Contest, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall
- 30: Fair Entry Deadline

July

- 1: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Deadline
- 1-7: Citizenship Washington Focus
- 4: Holiday, Office Closed
- 6: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 6: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 12: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 17: Fashion Revue, Expo Hall
- 19-20: Fair Set-up
- 22-23: Enter 4-H Projects
- 24-29: Vanderburgh County Fair
- 28 - Aug 20: Indiana State Fair
- 30: Projects Released

August

- 3: Jr. Leader Banquet

September

- 4: Holiday, Office Closed
- 7: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 13: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 18: Achievement Records, 4-H Club Secretary & Treasurer Books, Club Scrapbooks, & Honor Club Apps Due
- 20: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 21: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 23-24: Extension Homemaker Craft Show

October

- 5: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 18: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm

November

- 2: Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 pm, Banquet Hall
- 7: Holiday, Office Closed
- 8: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 8: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 15: 4-H Achievement Banquet, Auditorium
- 16: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 23-24: Holiday, Office Closed

December

- 6: 4-H Volunteer Appreciation/Holiday Party, Bqt Hall
- 7: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 20: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 22, 25, 29 - Holidays, Office Closed

