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4-H LIVESTOCK ONLINE AUCTION

All profits go directly to the Vanderburgh Livestock fund for future projects.

CIRCULAR SAW, 2 HEATED JACKETS, COOKIE DECORATING BASKET, DRINK BASKET, BIRD FEEDER, 2 UTILITY GAS JUGS, 4 HANDMADE WREATHS, PET BASKET, GIFT CARDS, GIFT WRAPPING SET, AND MORE!

GET YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING DONE & SUPPORT 4-H LIVESTOCK!

BEGINS AT 12 NOON
DECEMBER 4TH. BID BY
PLACING YOUR AMOUNT IN
THE COMMENTS. ENDS
DECEMBER 8TH AT 12 NOON.
AN INVOICE WILL BE SENT
TO WINNING BIDDERS.

AUCTION IS ON THE VANDERBURGH CO. 4-H FACEBOOK PAGE

If you are not on Facebook give the office a call and we can bid for you.

Community Service Opportunity

Are you looking for a meaningful community service project? Junior Leaders will be helping with Boys & Girls Club Christmas Wrapping Store and are inviting any 4-H member to help. This will be held on December 15th from 4-6 pm at the Boys & Girls Club on Bellemeade Ave. This will be right before the Junior Leader Holiday Party. If you plan to attend, please let Jenny Deutsch know at (812) 431-1706.



2024 4-H Enrollment

4-H Online Enrollment is now open!

Enroll in 4-H at:

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



Be sure to re-enroll so that you stay up-to-date with all things 4-H!

Need help re-enrolling? Check out the instructions found [here](#) or reach out to our office at (812) 867-4935.

Policies

Did you know you can find all Indiana 4-H policies on our website [here](#)? We will be sharing details of project and guidelines changes for 2024 in upcoming newsletters once finalized.

Mini 4-H

Mini 4-H members will be celebrating the holidays at the next meeting on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 pm in the Expo Hall. We have lots of fun things planned for this holiday meeting! We can always use more volunteers, too - email Taylor at tvanmet@purdue.edu to help.



INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



**BROADBAND
INFLUENCER**

What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

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Checks your internet speed

pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest



2

Validates it on the FCC website

broadbandmap.fcc.gov

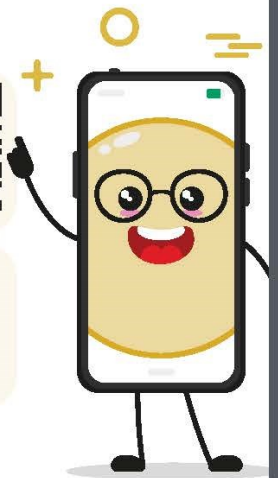


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Share what they've done with others

4

Reports work in the Broadband Influencers event in 4-H Online



Once you have completed all 4, you will receive your Broadband Influencer Pin and be eligible to win an iPad*!

Why should I be an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

There are a lot of different ways to connect to the internet. Some of them are *very fast*, and some of them are *very slow*. We would like everyone in the state of Indiana to be able to use the internet at fast speeds. While it might help you play games and watch videos more easily, it also can help people who are looking for jobs or trying to communicate, do business, or do schoolwork.

The FCC, or Federal Communication Commission, can't help everyone get fast internet unless they know all the places the internet is installed and how fast it is in each location.

I have more questions!



For more information contact your county extension 4-H educator OR email:

state4hleader@purdue.edu



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Development



*Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencers will be asked to write a short essay about their experience. The Broadband Influencer Program is a Purdue Broadband Team initiative.

Achievement Banquet

Congratulations to all the 4-H members and volunteers recognized at the 4-H Achievement Banquet! It was a wonderful evening celebrating the accomplishments of our 4-H family! If you received an award and were unable to attend the banquet, you may pick up your award at the Extension Office.

Junior Achievement Winners



Bryan Keil, Clayton Keil, Annabelle Keil, Isabella Schmitt

Senior Achievement Winners



Matthew Caldemeyer
Not Pictured: Rachel Pohl

Special County Award Winners



Matthew Caldemeyer, Isaac Pohl,
Kiley Standring

Not Pictured: Rachel Pohl, Tyler
Weinzapfel

Farm Bureau Achievement Award Winners



Kylie Weiss, Brooklyn Rogers, Luis Roblero, Elise Lousignont, Austin Groeninger, Aubrey Glaser, Kylee Fee, Emma Early, Maddie Bedel

Not Pictured: Ben King, Elisha Kroft, Grady Mowrer, Laney Randall, Lillie Smith, Anna Thomas, Ella Thomas

Congratulations Volunteers!

We recognize the following volunteers for their volunteer milestones with the Vanderburgh County 4-H program!



Bronze Clover - 1 Year of Service

Kellyann Walker, Liz Lovell, Julie Hart, Pat Brenner,

Not pictured: Nicholas Bullington, Norah Ferguson, Dana Pool, Stephen Walker, Anna Will, Sarah Wiederkehr



Silver Clover - 5 Years of Service

Jennifer Willett, Mark Welte, Cory Rexing, Davi Raber, Katelyn Dersch, Shawnetta Compton, Rajean Bergman

Not pictured: Rick Adler, Beau Brandt, Daniel Klueg, Mourine Schmitt, Gwen Wisnoski



Gold Clover - 10 Years of Service

Kimbra Parker, Marlena Bedel

Not pictured: Joshua Brenner, Robert Corbett, Tami Johnson, Chris Odom



Pearl Clover - 15 Years of Service

Robert Moreland

Not pictured: Carmen Hurley



Emerald Clover - 25 Years of Service

Sara Coomes



Ruby Clover - 30 Years of Service

Rhonda Klueg-Slater

Not pictured: Tony Miller



Thank you for your volunteer service!

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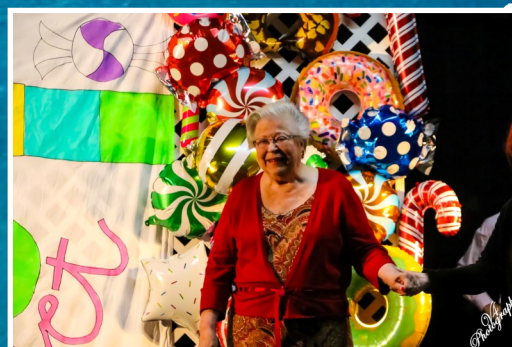


Sapphire Clover - 35 Years of Service
Jennifer Deutsch



Diamond Clover - 40 Years of Service
Carol Riggs, Dan Miller, Susan English
Not pictured: Paul Wagner

Emerald Clover - 45 Years of Service
Not pictured: Charles Wallis



Ruby Clover - 50 Years of Service
Janet Wagner



Congratulations to Judi Reininga and Kim Salmon! They were awarded the Rural Urban Award for their incredible service to the 4-H and Extension Community. We are so grateful for all that they do to support 4-H! Congratulations!





4-H ENTREPRENEUR ACADEMY

Do you have a unique idea and want to start a business? Join us for an 8-month program to make your dream a reality! We'll meet once a month for 2 hours and experts will share all you need to get your business started, including finances, goal setting, product development and design, marketing, legalities, and more! You'll also have the opportunity to sell your product at a public event!

Open to youth in grades 6-12

**When: 2nd Monday of the month from 6-8 pm from
January - August 2024**

Where: Various locations in Evansville & Newburgh
**Application: <https://tinyurl.com/4HEntrepreneur> by
December 1 (participants will be chosen by Dec 15)**

**Cost: \$50 for current 4-H members;
\$75 for non 4-H members**

**Contact Megan Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu with
questions.**



News & Celebrations



Jr. Leaders collected \$458.44 at the Achievement Banquet for the Tri-State Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who donated! Jr. Leaders also celebrated their 75th Anniversary by inviting all past Jr. Leaders to a celebration. The photo below is all the past and current Jr. Leaders that attended.



Star 4-H Club News

Star 4-H Club had a meeting on November 13, 2024. For our community service project, we all brought small gifts for the residents at North River Assisted Living. We installed our new officers for 2024, welcomed two new members to our club, and Mrs. Deutsch passed out our completion pins for 2023. We wrapped the gifts we brought to take with us Christmas caroling and played an icebreaker game with all 4-H members and leaders.

Sincerely, Chole Stock

Congratulations to Sarah Parker & Charlie English! They have been selected to represent Vanderburgh County at the National 4-H Conference in April. Way to go!

COOKING AROUND THE WORLD

Cook your way through the world with this 4-H virtual experience! Learn about new cultures as instructors lead participants through hands-on recipes that can be made from the comfort of your own home.

When: Each Saturday from
Jan 20 - Feb 24, 2024

Time: 10-11 am CT

Who: Youth in grades 3-12

Where: Zoom

Cost: \$30

Register in 4-H Online Events by
Jan 5. Sessions will be recorded in
case you miss one.

Questions? Email Megan Hoffherr
at mkron@purdue.edu

PACK YOUR BAGS!

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.



FORCES *Of Nature*



\$35

January

Join us as we kick-off our Forces of Nature SPARK Club! We will be taking a deeper dive into the Wildlife and Soil & Water Conservation 4-H Projects. Come to the Goose Pond FWA property to learn about and see a restored wetland, migratory birds, and the flora/fauna of this unique Hoosier property!

January 17th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

January 20th - Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area 10am-3pm

February

Join us at IU's Geology Learning Lab! One part each museum, lab, and classroom, you can compare thousands of rocks, minerals, and fossils, create art, and participate in interactive activities. 450 million years of Hoosier history will be at our fingertips as we explore Geology, Weather & Climate Science, and more!

February 21st - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

February 24th - Indiana University Geology Lab 10am-3pm

March

Join us as we learn more about Forestry and Weather & Climate Science! We will use tools to help with tree identification, learn about producing maple syrup, the role of slopes in microclimates and even learn about sandstone geology at Turkey Run State Park. We will also discuss career opportunities in both of these fields of study.

March 13th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

March 16th - Turkey Run State Park 10am-3pm

April

Exploration of benthic macroinvertebrates like what is the significance of a left or right handed snail for water quality? Local limestone geology and soil formation will be discussed. From the Indiana 4-H soil and water science project curriculum, we will conduct the clod comparison activity and learn about soil health.

April 3rd - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

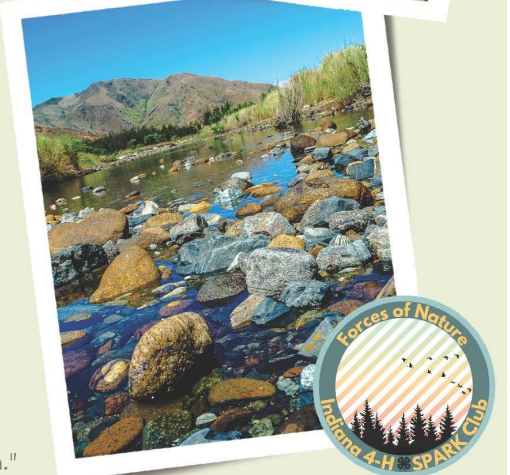
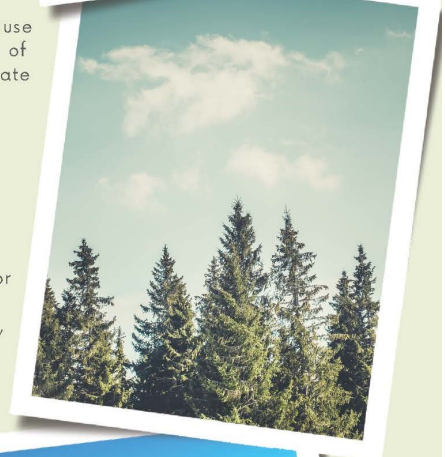
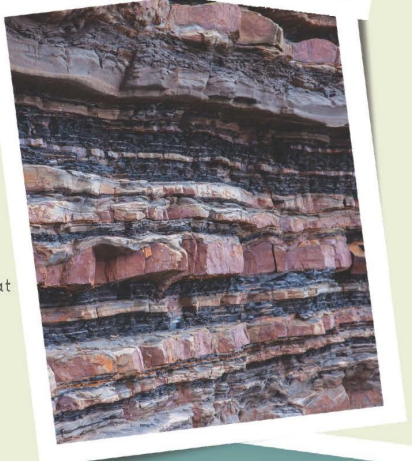
April 6th - DePauw Nature Park 10am-3pm

Lots of Ways to Participate!!

- 1 Go all in! Attend all 4 virtual sessions and all 4 in-person sessions
- 2 Attend whatever sessions that fit into your schedule!
- 3 Busy, but still crave the knowledge? All virtual sessions will be recorded & you can watch them at your leisure

REGISTER NOW
FORCESOFNATURE.4HONLINE.COM

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2024 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

Categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

Eligibility: Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

Awards: A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Visit bit.ly/4hscholarship to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.

Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.

\$166,725 AWARDED IN 2023



Volunteer Updates!

Adult Volunteers need to re-enroll each year as a 4-H volunteer at <https://v2.4honline.com>. After you have updated your profile, you will have the opportunity to complete the following trainings:



- Welcome Video
- Orientation to Indiana 4-H Youth Development
- Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and response and Guidelines for Youth Safety and Working with Minors

These video trainings may be completed all at one time or at different times. **ALL trainings must be completed PRIOR to working with youth in the 4-H program.** If you'd prefer an in-person training, please let Megan know. As we begin a new 4-H program year, we ask you to join us in embracing values we all hold true in 4-H - those of integrity, respect, honor, inclusion, innovation, and growth. Be on the lookout for a letter and email with more details.

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers that can share their skills during a short-term program during the school day or in an afterschool setting. Help us teach youth and encourage more youth to be a part of 4-H! If you are knowledgeable about a specific 4-H project area and have availability during the school day or afterschool, reach out to Megan Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu for more details. Thank you!

Head Leaders

It's time to begin setting up the 2024 Calendar. We **MUST** have a list of your meeting dates (with times and locations) to the Extension Office once you have your year planned out. If your club doesn't begin meetings until after the first of the year, please let us know. Your events won't be included in the LINK calendar if you do not share your information. Thanks for your help!



Please join us for
CARNIVAL OF LIGHTS
& SANTA'S WORKSHOP
Light Display open every evening 1/2/2024

Workshop Open:
Every weekend until Christmas!
Fri. & Sat. 6pm - 9 pm
Sun. 6pm - 8pm
Donations Welcome!

at Vanderburgh 4-H Center



Volunteer CELEBRATION DINNER

4-H CENTER EXPO HALL

December 6

appetizers 5:30

catered meal 6:00

Bring a white elephant gift
to exchange, and an
appetizer or dessert

RSVP to the Extension Office
at (812) 435-5287

Cancellation Policy

It is the policy of the 4-H program that if school has been cancelled or released early, all 4-H events are also cancelled. Please note - virtual meetings/events can still be held. County-wide activity cancellations will be posted on the Vanderburgh County 4-H Program Facebook page.


Kids Corner at Fair

Please save the following items to be used at Kid's Corner during the fair next year for recycled craft projects. Thank you for your help!

- 2 liter Bottles
- Toilet Paper Rolls
- Old Crayons



December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Armstrong Hi-Lighters 6pm	6 6 Adult Leaders/ Volunteer Appreciation	7	8	9
10	11 Centerrific 6pm Horse & Pony 7pm	12 Tech Club 5:30pm	13 Perry M & M's 6:45pm	14 German Gems 6pm	15 Jr. Leader Holiday Party	16
17	18 Scott Achievers - 4-H Center Banqt. Hall	19 Livestock Club	20 St Wendel All Star Clovers 6pm	21	22 Office Closed	23
24	25 Office Closed	26	27	28	29 Office Closed	30
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2024 4-H DATES

All dates and locations are subject to change.

January

- 1: Holiday, Office Closed
- 4: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: Holiday, Office Closed
- 18: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 25: 4-H Scholarships Due in 4-H Online
- 31: 4-H Trip Applications Due

February

- 1: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: 4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 15: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 19: Holiday, Office Closed
- 21: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall
- 29: 4-H Officer Training/Adult Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall

March

- 7: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 19: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training (After Livestock Club Meeting), 6:15 pm, Banquet Hall
- 20: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 21: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 25-29: EVSC Spring Break
- 29: Holiday, Office Closed

April

- 2-4: Ag Days, 4-H Center
- 4: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: 4-H Camp Applications Due
- 17: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 18: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 23: 4-H Performing Arts, 6:30 pm, Auditorium

May

- 2: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 4: Tagging Day for Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep, Small Animal Barns
- 6: Quality Livestock Care Training, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 7: Holiday, Office Closed
- 15: ANIMAL ID DEADLINE
- 15: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 24: EVSC - School's out for summer
- 27: Holiday, Office Closed
- 30: Quality Livestock Care Training, 3:00 pm, Extension Office

June

- 2: County Tractor Contest, 4-H Center
- 3-5: 4-H Camp, Santa Claus, IN
- 6: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Location TBD
- 12-14: 4-H Academy at Purdue
- 17: 4-H Workshops, Conference Room
- 18: 4-H Speech & Demo Contest, 6:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 19: Holiday, Office Closed
- 19: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm

June cont.

- 20: 4-H Workshops, Conference Room
- 20: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 22-24: State 4-H Band
- 22-25: State 4-H Chorus
- 24-26: 4-H Round-Up
- 27: Quality Livestock Care Training, 3:00 pm, Extension Office
- 27: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 29: Area Tractor Contest, Vanderburgh County

July

- 1: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Deadline & Fair Entry Deadline
- 4: Holiday, Office Closed
- 10-11: Mini 4-H Day Camp, 4-H Center
- 11: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 11: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Expo Hall
- 15: Fashion Revue (Judging in Expo Hall - AM, Show in Auditorium, PM)
- 17-18: Fair Set-up
- 20-21: Enter 4-H Projects
- 22-27: Vanderburgh County Fair
- 28: Projects Released

August

- 1: Jr. Leader Banquet, 6:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 2-18: Indiana State Fair (closed Mondays)
- 15: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office

September

- 2: Holiday, Office Closed
- 5: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 16: Achievement Records, 4-H Club Secretary & Treasurer Books, Club Scrapbooks, & Honor Club Apps Due
- 18: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 19: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 28-29: Extension Homemaker Craft Show

October

- 3: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 17: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 23: 4-H Promotion Event/ Mini 4-H, Expo Hall/Industrial Building

November

- 5: Holiday, Office Closed
- 7: Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 pm, Banquet Hall
- 12: 4-H Achievement Banquet, Auditorium
- 20: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 21: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 28-29: Holiday, Office Closed

December

- 4: 4-H Volunteer Appreciation/Holiday Party, Bqt Hall
- 5: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 18: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 24, 25, 31 - Holidays, Office Closed



FROM OUR HOMES TO YOURS...

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy Holidays and a Wonderful New Years! We have enjoyed working with each and everyone of you this past year and look forward to working with all of you in 2024. We wish you peace and good will in the coming year!

Purdue Extension, Vanderburgh County

