

The LINK June 2022



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Handbook & Supplies

The 2022 4-H Handbook is available online [here](#). Paper copies are available at the office. You can sign up on this [form](#) if you'd like to pick up manuals, project supplies (poster backings/sleeves, electric kits, etc.) and the printed handbook. You may also call the office and request materials for pick up. Our office will let you know when the order is ready to minimize contact.

Supplies available at the Extension Office:

Poster Backing: \$0.50

Poster and Salon Print Sleeves: \$0.50

Electric Circuit Board Kit: \$9

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



Mini 4-H

The next Mini 4-H meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 15th from 6-7pm in the Activities Building. We will be celebrating our 2nd graders who will be moving on to 4-H next year. We will also be building and launching two liter bottle rockets. If you can help, please email Taylor at tvanmet@purdue.edu.



State Fair Education Station

Ten 4-H clubs will be selected to present an education station at the 2022 Indiana State Fair and will be compensated \$400. Applications are due June 15. More information and the application can be found on the [state fair education station web page](#).



Congratulations to Vanderburgh County 4-H member, Emma Roemke, who earned 3rd place at the Area Performing Contest a few weeks ago. Emma is a member of Scott Achievers 4-H Club. We are so proud of you, Emma!

We would also like to congratulate Kylie Weiss who was selected to perform at the Area Contest.

CHECK OUT VANDERBURGH CO. 4-H



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Fair Entry

The Vanderburgh County Fair is right around the corner! Now that you know the projects you plan to exhibit at the fair, we need you to complete one more step in the registration process. The Fair Entry system is designed so that you can enter the exact exhibit or animal you're planning to bring to the fair. For instance, you may have signed up for Photography in 4HOnline. In the Fair Entry system, you will choose the exhibit that you're bringing to the fair, such as a Color Salon Print. This helps us to create labels, judging scorecards, and show bills for the fair. Also, by letting us know which animals you plan to exhibit, livestock superintendents can have an accurate count for setting up animal pens.

Please follow the instructions found [here](#) to indicate which exhibits you will be bringing to the fair in person or virtually. Fair Entry will open on June 1, 2022 and close on June 30, 2022. The website to enter is <http://vanderburghcountyin.fairentry.com>.

JUNE 30, 2022

Welcome Summer Staff!

It's almost summertime and you know what that means! The Summer Staff has started working hard at the Extension Office. We are thrilled to introduce all three to you!



Amanda Deutsch

Amanda was a 10 year 4-H member in Vanderburgh County. She will be a sophomore at Purdue University in the fall studying Design and Construction Integration. Her favorite projects were llamas, goats, home environment, garden, sewing, cake decorating and model crafts. This is Amanda's first year on the Summer Staff. We are so glad she's here!

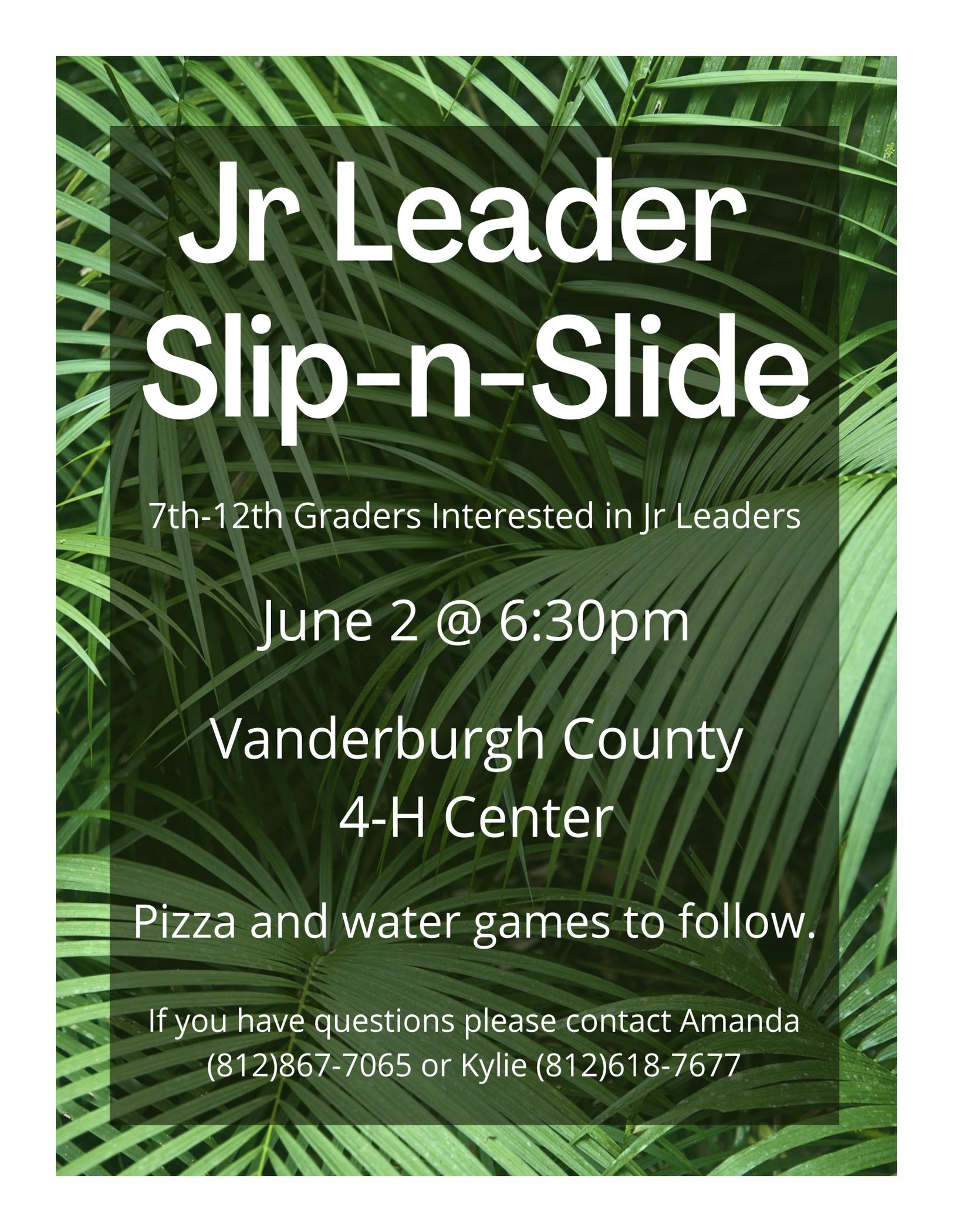
Grace Glaser

Grace was a 10 year 4-H member in Posey County. She will be a sophomore at Murray State University in the fall studying Ag Education. Her favorite project was livestock. This is Grace's first year on the Summer Staff. We are so glad she's here!



Mallory Motz

Mallory was a 10 year 4-H member in Posey County. She will be a junior at Purdue University in the fall studying Biological Engineering. Her favorite projects were ceramics and meat goats. This is Mallory's first year on the Summer Staff. We are so glad she's here!



Jr Leader Slip-n-Slide

7th-12th Graders Interested in Jr Leaders

June 2 @ 6:30pm

Vanderburgh County
4-H Center

Pizza and water games to follow.

If you have questions please contact Amanda
(812)867-7065 or Kylie (812)618-7677



SUMMER EVENTS



Fashion Revue

The Fashion Revue judging will be held on **Monday, July 18** at 9am in the 4-H Center Expo Hall. Registration begins at 8am. The public show will be on **July 18, at 7pm** in the Expo Hall. The description forms for Consumer Clothing and Sewing are due on **July 11** at the Extension Office. If you have any questions please contact **Amanda Deutsch** at (812) 867-7065 or deutsch1@purdue.edu.



Speech & Demo Contest

The Speech & Demonstration Contest will be held **Thursday, June 23** at 6:00 p.m. in the Expo Hall. If you are participating in the contest, remember to include Communications Project when entering your projects in Fair Entry as well as add the information to your 4-H Achievement Record. Enter the contest in Fair Entry. The Speech & Demonstration contest is listed under State Projects - you will choose your division (such as Interactive Demonstration and then choose your age division).

Garden Contest



Contact your Club leader if you would like to participate. Club judging for large and small gardens will be held soon and champion club gardens will compete in the county contest on **June 27**. Club winner forms are due **June 21** to the Extension Office. Any questions contact Amanda Deutsch at (812) 867-7065 or deutsch1@purdue.edu.

TRACTOR DRIVING CONTEST



June 5 @ 1:00pm
SIAM Area

Register in Fair Entry By June 3

Summer Workshops

We will be having a few Project Workshops this year! Flyers are located throughout the LINK and 4-H members enrolled in the projects will receive info about them.

BBQ Contest

This year's BBQ Contest will be on **Thursday, June 23** at 6:00pm outside of the Expo Hall.

This contest will take place alongside the Speech and Demonstration Contest. If you are planning to participate in the BBQ Contest remember to sign up in Fair Entry no later than June 20st. The BBQ Project is listed under County Projects. You will choose BBQ and then your division.



Fundraising Update

A huge thank you to all that have supported Livestock & Horse & Pony fundraisers! We raised over \$2,000 from the Yard Sale, online Silent Auction, and animal display at the music festival. Thank you to everyone that donated items or baked goods to the yard sale, donated silent auction items, bought items on the sale, and for all of the work making it possible. We truly appreciate everyone that pitched in to help and we're excited to keep raising money to make improvements for livestock and horse & pony. We already have enough to buy new poultry and rabbit pens!



10 Year Members

We are pleased to have 27 Ten Year Members in Vanderburgh County this year! You can learn more about these 4-Hers in this issue of The LINK! Be on the lookout for information regarding Ten Year pictures to be taken. Amanda Deutsch, summer staff intern, will be taking care of the pictures and will be in contact soon with information.

Project Monitors

Project Monitors are needed to keep all our 4-H members' projects safe. We can only do this with help from parents and 4-H leaders. Project Monitors make sure fair goers don't touch the exhibits and remind individuals to keep food and drinks out of the exhibit areas.

Please sign up at [Signup Genius](#). We need two adults for each time slot. 4-H'ers in high school may assist as project monitors as long as the other monitor is an adult. Please plan to arrive about 10 minutes early. Please type your club name in the comment section. Feel free to contact Mallory Motz with any questions at motzm@purdue.edu Thanks!

4-H At Home

Looking for hands-on lessons for your child or club? Check out [4-H at Home!](#) There are over 250 short lessons in there. Many would be very easy to modify and use in a club or camp setting, or even as a short activity during the fair. They are organized by topic and age range and include Ag, Animal Science, Computer Science, cooking, crafting, engineering, cooking, gardening, healthy living, photography, robotics, and of course STEM.

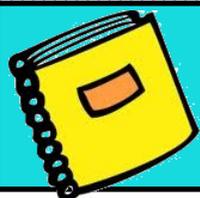
Blacksmithing Resources

Steve Seib, with the Southern Indiana Antique and Machinery Club (SIAM) Blacksmithing group would like to offer their group as mentors for anyone interested in doing a forged project for an Arts & Crafts project. They have regular meetings at the blacksmith shop in the club machinery building on 4-H Center. Please contact Steve at seib.forge@gmail.com or leave a message on his cell (812)589-8160. 4-H members can to attend a meeting. They meet on the second Saturday of the month in the blacksmith shop at 9:00 am.



Manuals & Livestock Tags

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. If you order online, we can put the items in the drop box if you can't come during business hours. Sign up for manuals [here](#) and livestock tags [here](#). Club leaders may order manuals for their members.



Click here for the 2022 4-H Handbook

Hard copies are available at the office if your family would like a printed copy.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY 4-H

BARBEQUE CONTEST



WHEN: JUNE 23, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

WHERE: ACTIVITY CENTER/ EXPO HALL

SIGN UP IN FAIR ENTRY BY JUNE 20TH

Vanderburgh County 4-H

**SPEECH & DEMO
CONTEST**

WHERE

Vanderburgh 4-H Center -
Activities Center

WHEN

June 23, 2022 @ 6PM

Sign Up In Fair Entry By June 20th



2022 SPRING/SUMMER DATES

May 16: Animal ID Deadline

June 1: YQCA Training

June 5: County Tractor Contest

June 6-8: 4-H Camp

June 8-10: 4-H Academy

June 13: YQCA Training

June 14-17: State Junior Leader Conference

June 20-22: 4-H Round Up

June 23: Speech & Demo Contest & BBQ Contest

June 25-July 2: Citizenship Washington Focus

July 1: YQCA Deadline

July 18: Fashion Revue



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VANDEBURGH COUNTY FAIR OUTDOOR DISPLAY CONTEST

Join the fun by adding beauty and interest to our fairgrounds during our fantastic county fair.

THEME: Homegrown in Southern Indiana

This theme means anything that is homegrown (or handmade) and may include crafting, woodworking, yard ornaments, flowers, plants, or you name it. You may include any educational information about your display or just make it for fun. Judges will consider the theme and its use of creativity, originality, and attractiveness.

CONTEST RULES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. Prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st Place - \$100 2nd Place - \$50
3rd Place - \$25
2. Entrants must provide their own items for display. Displays should be free-standing and will be outside so weather-proofing is recommended.
3. Names of individual or group should not be part of the display. A laminated sign will be attached after judging with names and placings. Items will remain on display during the entire fair. The winners will be posted on the Expo Center's glass window.
4. Display must be contained in a 4 ft. X 6 ft. area.
5. Registration Fee: \$10 Preregistration due by Monday, July 18, 2022 payable to Vanderburgh County Fair. Send fee with completed form below.
6. Set Up: Sunday, July 24, 2022, between 3:00 and 5:00 PM. Check in at the tent in front of the Exposition Hall for your assigned location.
7. Take down: July 30 after 10:00 PM through July 31, 2022, at 1:00 PM.
8. VCF Assn. is not responsible for any items stolen, lost, or damaged.
9. VCF reserves the right to use photographs of the displays.
10. For questions, email: lalalindaaa@yahoo.com or carol.riggs@twc.com.

REGISTRATION FOR OUTDOOR DISPLAY CONTEST

Contact Name & Address _____

Phone No. _____

Theme of Display _____

Please send entry form and \$10 fee to: (By July 18, 2022)

VCF Outdoor Display Contest

13301 Darmstadt Rd.

Evansville, IN 47725

Animal Projects

Upcoming Livestock Shows

There are many upcoming livestock shows going on across the state in the coming months. If you are interested in more details about when and where these shows and workshops are taking place please visit our website [here](#) and look for the Livestock Resources tab.



To exhibit beef cattle, meat goats, dairy cattle, dairy goats, poultry, pygmy goats, rabbits, sheep, and swine, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program by **July 1, 2022**. This training can be completed online or in person. The cost for in-person training is \$3 per person and the online training is \$12 per person.

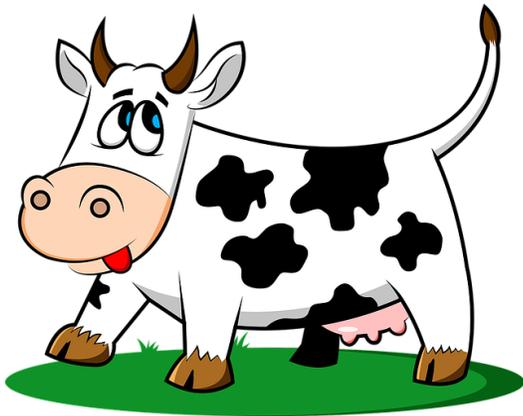
In-person trainings will be held on:

- Wednesday, June 1 at 3:00 pm, Purdue Extension Office Conference Room
- Monday, June 13 at 7:00 pm, 4-H Center Conference Room

Sign up at yqcaprogram.org. You will create a new account with instructions found [here](#) under Livestock Resources.

2022 Auction Order

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|---------------|------------|
| 1. Rabbit | 6. Poultry |
| 2. Llama | 7. Beef |
| 3. Dairy Goat | 8. Swine |
| 4. Meat Goat | 9. Sheep |
| 5. Pygmy Goat | 10. Dairy |



PYGMY GOAT EXHIBITORS!




Pygmy Goat Workshop
Sunday June 5th @ 2pm
Vanderburgh 4- H Center Cattle Barn

Bring the goat you will be using for the agility course!
We will be discussing the t-shirt design.



We hope to see all of our pygmy goat exhibitors there!!



Supreme Showmanship

Supreme Showmanship shall include a Level 3 Showman. A Supreme Showman for large animals and small animals shall be awarded.

Large Animals

Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Boer Goat

Small Animals

Dairy Goat, Llama, Poultry, Pygmy Goat, & Rabbit

4-H Supreme Showmanship will take place on Friday, July 29th at 8:00am in the Livestock Show Barn.

4-H Members will be asked to show each species and answer questions related to each species.

Barn Leadership Award

The Barn Leadership Award will be given in each species to an exhibitor demonstrates integrity, discipline, positive attitude, humble spirit, sense of humor and is a team player.





INDIANA STATE
FAIRGROUNDS
& EVENT CENTER

Junior Vet Camp

Junior Vet Camp is an experience for future veterinarians in grades 6th thru 8th to provide an opportunity to be the doctor for the day. Hands-on sessions will include exploring blood and placing catheters in animal models. You will get to practice your surgery skills by suturing up simulated incisions. The opportunity to look at radiographs (x-rays) to learn what is inside of our patients. Spend time learning about animals in a fun way from current veterinary students from the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine. Learn about the educational pathway to veterinary school and how you can prepare for what awaits you as a veterinarian. Don't miss out on the opportunity to investigate being a veterinarian.

Junior Vet Camp Dates and times:

Saturday, July 30`9 AM - 11 AM
Sunday, July 31.....9 AM - 11 AM
Wednesday, August 3.....5 PM - 7 PM
Saturday, August 69 AM - 11 AM
Sunday, August 79 AM - 11 AM
Thursday, August 115 PM - 11 AM
Saturday, August 13.....9 AM - 11 AM
Sunday, August 14.....9 AM - 11 AM
Saturday, August 209 AM - 11 AM

Pre-registration is required, the cost is \$40, and participants will receive a t-shirt, two admission tickets, and a parking pass.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR JUNIOR VET CAMP](#)

Senior Vet Camp

Senior Vet Camp is an experience that will offer many hands-on sessions, which will challenge future veterinarians in grades 9 thru 12 to learn and develop their animal doctor skills. During the senior camp, campers will learn and practice their suturing skills, develop their physical exam technique, learn about how radiographs (x-rays) are made and what you can learn from them. You will work with current veterinary students from the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine who will also share with you the educational pathway to veterinary school and what careers options await you as a veterinarian. Veterinarians work with animals in hospitals, on farms, in zoo as well as use their training to protect human health via our food chain and general disease outbreak control, development of new drugs and even work to ensure that our country is safe from animal diseases in general. You don't want to miss this great camp.

Senior Vet Camp Date and times:

Saturday, July 30.....1 PM - 3 PM
Sunday, July 31.....1 PM - 3 PM
Friday, August 5.....5 PM - 7 PM
Saturday, August 61 PM - 3 PM
Sunday, August 71 PM - 3 PM
Friday, August 125 PM - 7 PM
Saturday, August 13.....1 PM - 3 PM
Sunday, August 14.....1 PM - 3 PM
Friday, August 195 PM - 7 PM
Saturday, August 201 PM - 3 PM

Pre-registration is required, the cost is \$40, and participants will receive a t-shirt, two admission tickets, and a parking pass.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR SENIOR VET CAMP](#)



2022 4-H & LIVESTOCK EVENTS AT THE VANDERBURGH CO. FAIR

Wednesday, July 20

5:00 pm: 4-H Expo Hall Set-Up

Thursday, July 21

9:00 am: 4-H Expo Hall Set-Up cont.

Friday, July 22

6:00 - 8:00 pm: 4-H Project Check In

Saturday, July 23

9:00 am - 1:00 pm: 4-H Project Check-In

Sunday, July 24

9:30: Open Swine Show

10:00 am - 2:00 pm: Horse & Pony Check-in

12:00 - 3:00 pm: 4-H Project Check-In for Garden, Aquatic Science, Floriculture, and Pets

1:00 pm: Open Meat Goat Show

4:00 pm: Open Sheep Show

5:00 - 8:00 pm: Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Llamas, Meat Goats, Poultry, Pygmy Goats, Rabbits, Sheep & Swine Check-In

Monday, July 25

8:00 am: 4-H Dog Obedience Show

8:00 am - 12:00 pm: Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Llamas, Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep & Swine Check-In

3:00 pm: 4-H & Open Pygmy Goat Show

3:00 - 10:00 pm: 4-H Exhibits Open

7:00 pm: Fair Opening & 10 Year Member Recognition

Tuesday, July 26

8:00am: 4-H Rabbit Show

9:00 am: 4-H Meat Goat Show

9:00am: 4-H English Horse and Pony Show

9:00 am - 10:00 pm: 4-H Exhibits Open

11:00 am: Open Rabbit Show

12:00 pm: 4-H Sheep Show

1:00 pm: Fun Fair Activity

6:00 pm: 4-H Dog Agility Show

7:00 pm: Dairy Showmanship

Wednesday, July 27

8:00 am: 4-H & Open Poultry Show

9:00 am: 4-H & Open Dairy Show

9:00 am: 4-H Western Horse & Pony Show

9:00 am - 10:00 pm: 4-H Exhibits Open

1:00 pm: Fun Fair Activity

4:00 pm: 4-H Llama/Alpaca Show

Wednesday, July 27 cont.

6:00 pm: 4-H Swine Show

6:00 pm: 4-H Parade

Thursday, July 28

8:00 am - 6:00 pm: Drop off State Fair garden projects to Extension Office in Darmstadt

9:00 am: 4-H Beef Show

9:00 4-H Horse & Pony Speed Events

9:00 am - 10:00 pm: 4-H Exhibits Open

1:00 pm: 4-H & Open Dairy Goat Show

1:00 pm: Scavenger Hunt

10:00 pm: Heavy Milking Dairy Release

Friday, July 29

8:00 am: Supreme Showmanship

9:00 am: 4-H Model Airplane & Rocket Performance-Field South of Horse Pavilion

9:00 - 10:00 am: Individuals can pack State Fair eligible projects (Extension Office will pack remaining projects)

9:00 am - 10:00 pm: 4-H Exhibits Open

10:00 am: 4-H Horse & Pony Versatility Class

1:00 pm: 4-H Livestock Premium Auction

6:00 pm: Frog Jumping Contest

8:00 pm - 12:00 am: Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Sheep Release

10:00 pm- 12:00am: Remaining Dairy, Swine Release

Saturday, July 30

6:00 - 9:00 am: Remaining Dairy & Swine Release

8:00 - 9:00 am: Poultry, Pygmy Goats, Rabbit Release

8:00 am: Poultry, Pygmy Goat, Rabbit Clean-Up

8:30 am: 4-H Cat Show

9:00 am - 9:00 pm: 4-H Exhibits Open

10:00 am: 4-H Horse & Pony Costume Classes & Free Fun Show

11:00 am: Open Beef Show (4-H Beef release after)

12:00 pm: Horse & Pony Release

2:00 pm: 4-H Llama/Alpaca Costume & Fun Hour

4:00 pm: 4-H Club Cook Off

6:00 pm: 4-H Parade of Champions

11:00 pm-12:00 am: Llama Release

Sunday, July 31

7:00 - 8:00 am: Llama Release

8:00 am: Livestock Clean-Up

11:00 am-1:00 pm: 4-H Projects Released



VANDEBURGH COUNTY

Mini 4-H summer day camp

Come Join
the fun!

Fun, Friends, 4-H!

Thursday July 14th
and Friday July 15th

at the Vanderburgh 4-H Center
from 9:00am-12:00pm

\$50 Fee Includes:

- 2 days of camp fun!
- snacks and drinks
- t-shirt
- 1 adult season pass to the 2022 Vanderburgh County Fair (\$30 value)

Register
Online
Today

Registration and payment due to Extension Office no later than June 21st. Camp is limited to the first 30 registrants.

Cash or checks only. Make checks payable to Vanderburgh County 4-H Council

<https://tinyurl.com/mini4hdaycamp2022>

Must be a registered Vanderburgh County Mini 4-H member to attend. Must have completed kindergarten!

Volunteers Wanted!



We're looking for caring adults to serve as 4-H volunteers for:

- **Superintendent of Crafts - Construction & Architectural Replicas (formerly Building Toys)**

Caring adults are also needed for 4-H Spark Clubs, short-term experiences on specific topics, such as Coding, Careers, Marketing, Welding, Baking, or Website Design, just to name a few! If you have a skill you're willing to share, you can lead a Spark Club!

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

JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 YQCA 3pm Extension Office Dog Club Business Mtg	2 Junior Leader Meeting & Slip N Slide	3 Coast Into STEM	4
5 County Tractor Contest Dog Club - S of Horse Barn	6 4-H Camp Scott Achievers / Star / Horse & Pony / Tech	7 4-H Camp German Gems / Shooting Sports - Archery	8 4-H Camp 4-H Academy St Wendel / Perry M & M's	9 4-H Academy	10 4-H Academy	11
12 Dog Club - S of Horse Barn	13 YQCA Training	14 SJLC Energetics / Live-stock Club/	15 SJLC Tractor Club/ Mini 4-H	16 SJLC	17 SJLC	18
19 Dog Club - S of Horse Barn	20 4-H Round-Up	21 4-H Round-Up	22 4-H Round-Up	23 Speech & Demo Contest BBQ Contest	24	25 CWF
26 CWF Dog Club - S of Horse Barn	27 CWF	28 CWF	29 CWF	30 CWF		



*Congratulations to All of Our
Ten-Year Members!*

Kylie Bedel

Korey Berg

Faith Bittner

Caroline Bossman

Joseph Caldemeyer

Mia Carter

John Early

Luke Elpers

Keely Elsner

Emily English

Emma Farney

Ella Galvin

Anna Gries

Audrey Hirsch

Erick Hirsch

Abigail Jackson

Lillian Kemper

Hank Kissel

Grant Lee

Rachelle Parker

Johnathon Pulling

Levi Riggs

Cordale Straub

Derek Temple

Austin Walker

Olivia Wargel

Kelsey Wassmer

Kylie Bedel

Parents: Kurt & Marlena Bedel

Graduate of: North High School and EVSC Early College / Ivy Tech

4-H Club: Scott Achievers (President), Livestock Club (President), and Jr Leader (President)

Favorite Project: Meat Goats, Animal Posters, and Floriculture

Future Plans: I will be attending Purdue University to study Agribusiness and Animal Science as double majors.



What difference has 4-H made in your life?

In my life, 4-H has made me the person I am today. It has given me a multitude of experiences and life skills that I will forever be grateful for. 4-H has also allowed me to meet wonderful people that will forever have an impact on my life. Throughout my 10 years, I have been able to learn from my peers, hold leadership positions, and create lifelong memories.



Korey Berg

Parents: Alex and Carolyn Berg

Graduate of: Boonville High School

4-H Club: Livestock

Favorite Projects: Swine and Goats

Future Plans: Attending Vincennes University in the Agriculture Program

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

Over the past 10 years 4-H has taught me the responsibility, time management, friendships, and love for animals.

Faith Bittner

Parents: George and Lonna Bittner

Graduate of: North High School

4-H Club: Star

Favorite Projects: Crafts and Sports

Future Plans: I will be double majoring in Forensic and Investigative Science and Chemistry at IUPUI in the fall.

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has taught me several valuable lessons that I will carry on into my life in the outside world. My first experience with community service was in 4-H. Since elementary school, I have learned how to be a part of the bigger picture and help those who are less fortunate. Also, I have learned several vital life skills like time management, hard work, and dedication. To successfully complete projects, I had to learn how to make ample time during the summer. I also had to put effort into them, which included making time to come to meetings. If I did not reserve enough time for projects, then it would be pointless because they would not score as well. These characteristics will aid me in my college life. College will be much more strenuous than high school, so I will need to know how to overcome the obstacles I face. I cannot afford to be lazy in college because my degree is of utmost importance. These life skills were developed in 4H but will aid me in the rest of my life.



Caroline Bossman

Parents: Laura and James Bossman

Graduate of: Signature School

4-H Club: Scott Achievers, Dog Club, and Jr Leaders

Favorite Projects: Dog, Rabbit. Sewing

Future Plans: Attending the University of Southern Indiana and majoring in nursing with hopes of becoming a Pediatric RN .

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has been about more than just ribbons and awards for me. I've gained friends and leaders who are now family and practically grown up in the program with them. 4-H has helped me grow into the person I am today and taught me almost every leadership skill I have. I have gotten many opportunities through 4-H and these experiences will last a lifetime. I have loved my 10 years and the program and will carry the skills I have learned with me into the future.

Joseph Caldemeyer

Parents: Marva & Rod Meeks and Carl Caldemeyer Jr.

Graduate of: Central High School and SICTC

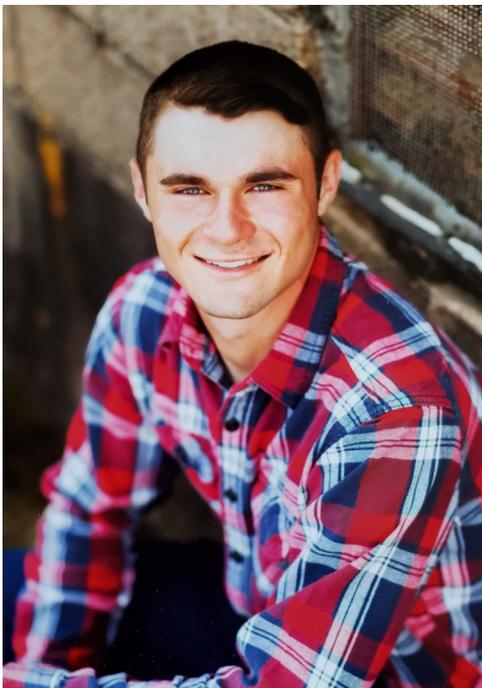
4-H Club: Armstrong Hi-Lighters and Jr Leaders

Favorite Projects: Shooting Sports

Future Plans: Joe plans to continue working on the family farm, Zwahlen

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has allowed me to meet other 4-Hers and become good friends as well as learn some vital time management, communication, and life skills.



Luke Elpers

Parents: Steve and Beth Elpers

Graduate of: Holy Family Academy

4-H Club: Shooting Sports

Favorite Projects: Hand-turned wooden duck call, Antique pistol display box

Future Plans: Join and complete an Electrical Apprenticeship with IBEW Local 16

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

Participation in 4-H has taught me greater perseverance, sportsmanship, and the continuation of developing new skills that I can use in my life going forward.

Mia Carter

Parents: Keith and Louise Carter

Graduate of: Reitz Memorial High School

4-H Club: Green River Greenies

Favorite Projects: Pygmy Goat and Llama/Alpaca

Future Plans: Study at the University of Washington (majors: bioengineering and medical lab sciences); get PhD and do medical research; long-term goal- visit all of the National Parks

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has given me the opportunity to have a hands on experience with livestock while living in an urban area. Interacting with the animals that I showed taught me perseverance and quick thinking. Being a member has also connected me to others in my school who had similar interests.



Drew Early

Parents: Kimberly and Benjamin Early

Graduate of: Reitz Memorial High School

4-H Club: Energetics, Dog, Tech, Shooting Sports, and Jr Leaders

Favorite Projects: Computer, Dog, Robotics, Aerospace, and Photography

Future Plans: Majoring in Computer Science at The University of Alabama in Huntsville with minors in Mathematical Sciences, Astronomy & Astrophysics, and Music Technology

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has allowed me to make connections outside of my school with peers and mentors who will gladly help me work on projects that interest me and others in my clubs, and has also provided numerous leadership opportunities to help me build my leadership skills early in life.

Emily English



Parents: Susan and Charlie English

Graduate of: North High School

4-H Club: Armstrong Hi-Lighters, Jr Leaders, and Livestock

Favorite Projects: Cat, Dairy Cattle, Boer Goats, and Animal Posters

Future Plans: I plan to study at Purdue University, I will be studying at the College of Agriculture, Agriculture Communications.

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has been a part of my life since I was born and will continue to be. My mom likes to tell people about my very first 4-H meeting I ran and hid in the bathroom so I didn't have to say a pledge, (as most of you know I've changed a lot since then). It's hard to just say one difference 4-H has made because 4-H is the reason why I have accomplished so much. 4-H truly has changed my life. Because of 4-H I am able to stand in front of any amount of people and talk, I learned how to be a leader through my many office roles I have partaken in, I have learned how to be organized, I have gained planning skills through planning events for my clubs and the fair. And most importantly responsibility, I have learned so much about responsibility because of this program. 4-H has also made a difference because I am able to create any dish, I know so much about vet science, goats, dairy, sewing, photography, and so much more. 4-H has brought me some of my closest friends and has created bonds with people that last a lifetime. 4-H has taken me on so many trips, and different community service opportunities. 4-H is the reason I am where I am at today.

Keely Elsner

Parents: Joseph and Amy Elsner

Graduate of: Reitz Memorial High School

4-H Club: Star

Favorite Projects: Crafts and Sports

Future Plans: I will be double majoring in Forensic and Investigative Science and Chemistry at IUPUI in the fall.

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

First, 4-H has helped me acquire planning skills. I know after 10 years that I have to plan ahead for fair week. Second, I have learned how to work hard, and accomplish my goals. Even if I was feeling like I was under pressure, I always enjoyed doing activities and competing in my club. Third, I have learned how to be patient and understanding to others, and different situations. Not everything will go as planned. Finally, I have grown to be independent. In the beginning, I counted on my parents to do everything for me, and now I can do everything by myself. When I become a nurse, I will think of my 4-H Pledge of Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.



Emma Farney

Parents: Dirk and Jamie Farney

Graduate of: North High School and EVSC Early College / Ivy Tech

4-H Club: Dog Club and Jr Leaders

Favorite Projects: Dog

Future Plans: Attend Grace College; studying Exercise Science with Pre-Physical Therapy concentration.

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has played a huge role in my life. It has helped me learn valuable life lessons that I will carry with me for a lifetime. It has taught me to be resilient, independent, compassionate, and so much more. I wouldn't be the person I am today without 4-H and all the leaders that have crossed my path.

Ella Galvin

Parents: Michael and Varbi Galvin

Graduate of: North Posey High School

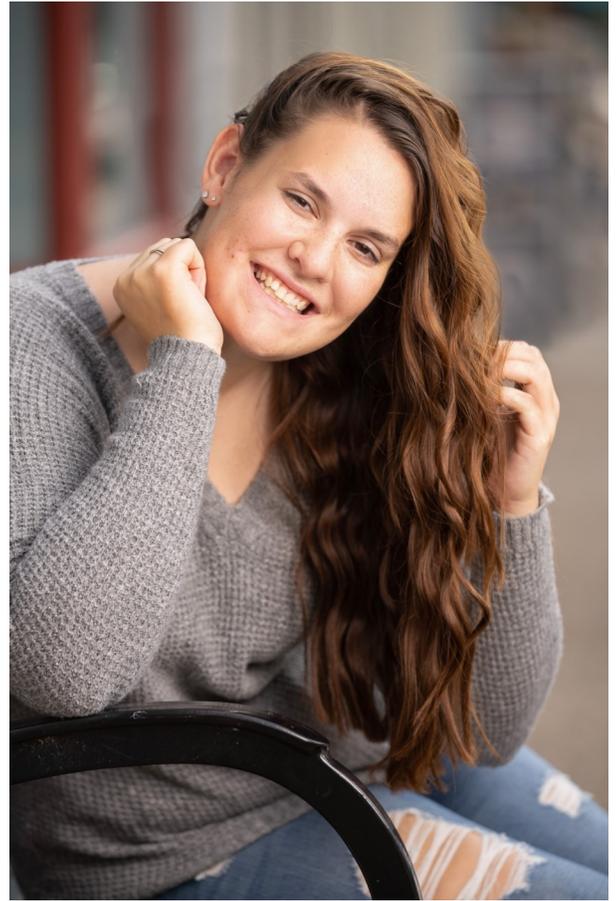
4-H Club: Livestock

Favorite Projects: Sheep

Future Plans: study marketing and communication at Western Kentucky University

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

I have made countless friends and connection through 4-H that I will have for a lifetime. I have also made countless memories that I will cherish forever.



Anna Belle Gries

Parents: Julie and Michael Gries

Graduate of: North Posey High School

4-H Club: St Wendel All-Star Clovers

Favorite Projects: Cake Decorating

Future Plans: Study dietetics at Indiana University

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has made me learn how to be a better leader.

Audrey Hirsch

Parents: Bernie and Amanda Hirsch

Graduate of: North Posey High School

4-H Club: St Wendel All-Star Clovers

Favorite Projects: Rabbit, Poultry, Foods, and Garden

Future Plans: Study Agribusiness at Murray State University

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has allowed me the opportunity to meet new people, stretch my comfort zone, and become a more confident leader.



Erick Hirsch

Parents: Donald and Nancy Hirsch

Graduate of: Gibson Southern High School

4-H Club: Livestock

Favorite Projects: tractor poster and collections

Future Plans: I plan to attend Indiana University and earn a bachelor's degree in the financial or accounting field.

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has helped me mature as an adult and helped me greater serve my community. It makes me feel like I am doing something more to help the people in my community so that it can grow. I have learned many things from 4-H and irons has given me more experience in life.



Abby Jackson

Parents: Krista and Shawn Jackson

Graduate of: North High School

4-H Club: Livestock, Shooting Sports, and Horse & Pony

Favorite Projects: gift wrapping, creating with a mix, showing my rabbit (Ollie) and showing my horse (Wrangler)



Future Plans: My plans are to attend University of Southern Indiana for one year then transfer to Indiana University to study at the Eskanazi School of Design and get a bachelors degree in Interior Design with a minor in Business.

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has taught me life long lessons such as being organized, having good time management, and stepping out of my comfort zone to try new things. Through 4



Lillian Kemper

Parents: Mark and Jennifer Kemper

Graduate of: North High School

4-H Club: Armstrong Hi-Lighters and Jr Leaders

Favorite Projects: Buttermilk Biscuits

Future Plans: I will go to University of Southern Indiana for nursing.

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

I have developed leadership skills and learned how to serve my community with those around me.

Hank Kissel

Parents: Aaron and Carrie Kissel

Graduate of: Gibson Southern High School

4-H Club: Armstrong Hi-Lighters

Future Plans: Attend Purdue University, majoring in Agribusiness

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has taught me life long lessons such as being organized, having good time management, and stepping out of my comfort zone to try new things. Through 4-H I have made so many life long friends and many memories that I will cherish forever.



Grant Lee

Parents: Russell and Sheila Lee

Graduate of: Central High School and EVSC Early College / Ivy Tech

4-H Club: Centrific

Favorite Projects: Llama & Alpaca, Woodworking, and Recycling

Future Plans: Attend University of Southern Indiana for Bachelor's in Criminal Justice.

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

It has taught me how to work hard in learning skills and habits for a better life. I have learned presentation skills in speaking and demonstration that will benefit me in any area of study I go into. Also I have enjoyed meeting new people and the trip opportunities that I have been able to participate in.

Rachel Parker

Parents: Kimbra and Russ Parker

Graduate of: North High School

4-H Club: Star

Favorite Projects: Cats, Photography, Foods, and Home Environment

Future Plans: I plan to attend Ivy Tech in the fall to pursue my degree in Business Administration.

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has helped me develop many essential life skills. I have learned skills such as cooking, sewing, photography, communication, and professional skills. Throughout my time in 4-H, I was able to go on many trips that were both educational and fun. On those same trips, I got to meet lots of new friends. 4-H will always have a special place in my heart.



Jonathan Pulling

Parents: Heather Lawson

Graduate of: Boonville High School

4-H Club: Livestock

Favorite Projects: all livestock projects

Future Plans: Attend Western Welding Academy in Gillette, Wyoming

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has taught me how to work with others.



Levi Riggs

Parents: Mark and Rachel Riggs

Graduate of: North High School

4-H Club: Scott Achievers and Jr Leaders

Favorite Projects: Rabbits and Goats

Future Plans: Get a job at a Grocery Store

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has taught me how to take care of my animals.



Cordale Straub

Parents: Rick and Renea Straub

Graduate of: North Posey High School

4-H Club: St Wendel All-Star Clovers and Jr Leaders

Favorite Projects: Garden, Aquatics, and Woodworking

Future Plans: Attending Murray State University and majoring in Agricultural Science/Agronomy. After completing my degree in Agriculture, I plan to further my education in Diesel Technology.



What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has made a difference in my life by providing me an opportunity to grow and develop critical life skills that prepare me for my future career. It has given me the opportunity to develop leadership and communication skills along with serving my community. With these skills, I have learned that good work ethics give me the confidence to be successful and the willingness to help others achieve success.

Olivia Wargel

Parents: Craig and Stephanie Wargel

Graduate of: North High School

4-H Club: Livestock and Jr Leaders

Favorite Projects: Crafts and Foods

Future Plans: I plan on studying nursing at IU-PUI

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has provided me with opportunities to be a better leader in my community. It has helped me gain confidence in my communication skills and life skills.



Kelsey Wassmer

Parents: Jeff and Jollen Wassmer

Graduate of: Mater Dei High School

4-H Club: Happy Hoosiers

Favorite Projects: Cat

Future Plans: Attend USI currently undecided on a major

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

The difference 4-H has made in my life is it has taught me leadership skills and how to better serve my community.



Congratulations



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