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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 4-H Online. 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 (scroll down to Fair Entry) to indicate which exhibits you will be bringing to the fair. The website to enter is http://vanderburghcountyin.fairentry.com.



### **Project Supplies**

- Poster Backing: \$1.00
- Poster and Salon Print Sleeves: \$1.00
- Electric Circuit Board Kit: \$18.75
- Electric Shake Light Kit: \$20.50
- Electric Trouble Light Kit: \$31.50
- Electric Extension Cord Kit: \$21.50
- Fluorescent Trouble Light Head Only: \$22
- Electric Complete Lamp Kit: \$27
- Entomology Pins: \$6
- Insect Boxes \$40
- How to Study, Collect, Preserve and Identify Insects: \$5

Purchase items at the Purdue Extension Office.



# 2025 SEASON PASSES

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104TH VANDERBURGH COUNTY FAIR

Evansville, Indiana July 21–26, 2025

OPEN | Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm

# Fair Passes

Representatives from the Fair Association will be coming to several 4-H clubs in May & June to sell season passes to the Vanderburgh County Fair. Be on the lookout for more info from your club leaders.

The 4-H Handbook is now available online! Click to access it. All 4-H families will receive a hard copy of the 4-H Handbook from their primary club leader.







Purdue University is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access University. If you are in need of accommodations or an interpreter or translator to attend this program, please contact Megan Hoffherr prior to the meeting at 812 867-4935 or mkron@purdue.edu by June 20.



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Show off your shopping and

# 2025 SUMMER DATES

May 15: Animal ID Deadline

May 29: Quality Livestock Care Training

June 1: County Tractor Contest

June 2-4: 4-H Camp

June 9: Quality Livestock Care Training

**June 11-13:** 4-H Academy

June 17: Quality Livestock Care Training

June 21-23: State 4-H Band

June 21-24: State 4-H Chorus

June 23-25: 4-H Round-Up

July 1: QLC Deadline & Fair Entry Deadline

July 1: Speech & Demo Contest

July 1: BBQ Contest

July 14: Fashion Revue

July 16-17: Fair Set Up

July 19-20: 4-H Project Entry

July 21-26: Vanderburgh County Fair

July 27: 4-H Project Release









# Pageant Workshop

The Gibson and Vanderburgh County Queen Pageant Committees are hosting a "Mock Interview" workshop for young ladies who will be entering the Queen Pageants in their respective counties in 2025. For Vanderburgh County, this is for the contestants who will be 16 years of age by July 21, 2025 and have not reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday on or before June 1, 2026.

The workshop will take place on Sunday, June 22 at 1:00 pm in the Toyota Events Center at the Gibson County Fairgrounds, 709 N Embree Street, Princeton, IN 47670.

If you are interested in attending, RSVP by June 20, 2025, to Jacinda Hughen, (812)779-6154.

For questions, contact Beth Schmitt, (812)550-3487 or Rhonda Klueg-Slater, (812)459-4662





Vanderburgh County Fair Pageants for 2025

Are you interested in working on interview skills and self confidence? If you meet the requirements for one of the following pageants, please consider entering!

Miss Vanderburgh County Queen pageant, for young ladies who will be 16 years of age by July 21, 2025 and have not reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday on or before June 1, 2026. **The deadline to enter is June 27, 2025**. The judging is during the day on July 21, 2025 and the pageant follows the fair opening that evening. For rules and to enter go to <a href="https://www.vanderburghcountyfair.com/pageants">www.vanderburghcountyfair.com/pageants</a>

Vanderburgh County Young Miss pageant, for young ladies who will be at least 10 years old and have not reached her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday as of July 21, 2025. **The deadline to enter is June 27, 2025.** The judging begins at 10 am on July 21, 2025, and the pageant is at 5:00 pm the same day (this is a change from the past). For rules and to enter go to

www.vanderburghcountyfair.com/pageants

Miss Golden Pageant, for females with special needs. All contestants must be at least 10 years old, and cannot have reached their 35<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before June 1, 2025. For rules and entry information, go to <a href="https://www.vanderburghcountyfair.com/pageants">www.vanderburghcountyfair.com/pageants</a>

Little Miss and Mister Contest, for girls and boys who are at least 5 years old and cannot have reached his/her 8th birthday as of July 22, 2025.

The deadline to enter is June 27, 2025. The contest is on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, this is a change from the past as it is now on Tuesday instead of Wednesday of the fair. For rules and entry information, go to <a href="https://www.vanderburghcountyfair.com/pageants">www.vanderburghcountyfair.com/pageants</a>

There is also a Tiny Tots Contest, for more information, go to www.vanderburghcountyfair.com/pageants

# VANDERBURGH COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

#### 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the 2025
Vanderburgh County Fair
Association Scholarship are
now being accepted!
To apply please visit:
https://tinyurl.com/vandcofaira
ssocscholar25

Applications are due June 30<sup>th</sup> and late applications will not be accepted!

QUESTIONS?

Taylor VanMeter tvanmet@purdue.edu

#### Recorded Workshops

Poster Making: https://www.youtube.com/

watch?v=w9wQ8u6IGIk

Achievement Record: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/">https://www.youtube.com/</a> watch?v=KxQJTtHOfQM&t=1s



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Questions:

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Animal Projects



# I Livestock Shows

Looking for information on livestock shows/ workshops this summer? Check out our website where we post all information we receive on upcoming shows/events. Click here and scroll down to Livestock Resources, Shows, Judging Opportunities and Workshops.

# Petting Zoo Help

The Vanderburgh County Fair is looking for volunteers to help with the petting zoo at the fair. If you have any time, please text Rick Gish your availability at 812)483-7873.



Extension - Indiana 4-H



#### INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE

To exhibit BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, PYGMY GOATS, POULTRY, and RABBITS,

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, 2025.

- 1. This certification must be done an annual basis
- 2. Members must be registered BEFORE attending a training
- 3. Members may attend any training dates listed on this flyer OR a training in another county

OR complete the online YQCA training

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New for 2025! The Beef, Sheep, Meat Goat, and Swine Open Shows will be using the Showman App for entries and show administration. If you'd like to exhibit in the open show, go to https://showman.app/shows#/vanderburgh-co -indiana-open-show-fadc/ or use the QR code. All Vanderburgh 4-H members get a free entry to the open show so be sure to answer the entry question (show above) that says you are a 4-H member.

Training Dates	Training Locations	
1. Tues, March 18 - 6:15 pm (with Livestock Club Meeting)	4-H Center Banquet Hall	
2. Thurs, May 29- 3:00 pm	Purdue Extension Office	
3. Mon, June 9 - 7:00 pm	4-H Center Conference Rm	
4. Tues, June 17 - 3:00 pm	Purdue Extension Office	

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please use https://QLC25.4honline.com. Cost for the program is \$3.

Those planning to be certified through the YQCA program, will register at www.yqcaprogram.org and will present their completion certificate to their 4-H Educator.

> If you need to request special accommodations, please contact the Purdue Extension office at (812) 867-4935.



# Barnyard Olympics

Monday, July 21
10:00 Mini 4-H Division
11:00 4-H Division
All Mini 4-H and 4-H'ers welcome!



# Auction Photos

Swine photos will be taken 1 hour before the auction. All other photos will be taken at the backdrop immediately after leaving the auction ring. New for 2025 - Animals representing the Grand Champion of their species will still take a photo with the buyer (if they'd like one) at the backdrop (not in the ring). As a reminder, the livestock premium auction will take place on Friday, July 25 at 1:00 pm.

# SUPREME SHOWMANSHIP

Supreme Showmanship shall include a Level 3
Showmen from the species listed below. A Supreme
Showman for large animals and small animals shall be
awarded. 4-H Members will be asked to show each
species and answer questions related to each species.

Large Animals:
Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine,
Meat Goat
Small Animals:
Dairy Goat, Llama, Poultry,
Pygmy Goat, & Rabbit

4-Her may participate in both large AND small animal divisions contests.

4-H Supreme Showmanship will take place on Friday, July 25th at 8:00am in the Livestock Show Barn.

# Auction Cards

If you plan to participate in the Livestock Premium Auction, you do not need to enter in advance in Fair Entry. You will have an auction card mailed to you that will be turned in at Livestock check-in that will allow you to participate in the Livestock Premium Auction. You will receive this card in late June or early July. If you do not plan to participate, please still complete and return to let us know. Cards must be turned in at check-in or by noon on Monday, July 2. Changes can be made by Thursday, July 24 by 5:00 pm.

# Lan Leadership Award

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

# STOCK THE TRAILER

VANDERBURGH COUNTY JUNIOR LEADERS ARE COMPETING FOR PRIZE MONEY WITH OTHER COUNTIES JL. LAST YEAR WE PLACED 5TH.

The club that collects the most will get a prize from the Vanderburgh county JL. Last day to donate for the club prize is the 20th.

#### WHAT WE WILL TAKE:

- Shelf stable canned goods
- Cash/checks (Made out to JL)
- Location: Green trailer by Industrial Building
- Dates: July 19-26th
- Contact: 812-431-1706

#### SPONSORED BY FARM CREDIT







We had a great workshop for Dairy Goats on May 28! We have 2 more workshops coming up:

June 19 and July 2 at 6 pm at the back of the Show Barn. Bring your goat and a lawn chair.

If anyone is interested in showing dairy goats in the future, you are welcome to come watch and ask questions.





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- ENTRIES ARE DUE JULY 1
- 3 CATEGORIES: 5 & UNDER, 5-10, & 11-15 YRS OLD
- . USE ANY COLORING MEDIUM.
- 5 WINNERS TO BE CHOSEN PER CATEGORY. AT FAIR JULY 21-26, A PEOPLE'S CHOICE WILL BE SELECTED BY VOTING WITH A FINANCIAL DONATION FOR YOUR FAVORITE PIC. HIGHEST AMT RECEIVED WINS.
- WINNERS RECEIVE: 1 SINGLE DAY PASS, YOUNG DAIRYMEN ICE CREAM, JR LEADER KIDS MEAL
- RETURN YOUR ENTRY TO PURDUE EXT VANDERBURGH CO, 13301 DARMSTADT RD, EVANSVILLE IN 47725





# Welcome Summer Interns!

It's summertime and you know what that means! The Extension Summer Interns have started working hard at the Extension Office. We are thrilled to introduce them to you! Stop by and say hello!

#### **Emily English**

Emily was a 10 year 4-H member in Vanderburgh County. She will be a senior at Purdue University in the fall studying Ag Communication. Her favorite projects in 4-H were posters, livestock, cats, floriculture, Americana, and Foods. This is Emily's second year as a summer intern. We are happy to have her back!





# AGRICULTURE JOSS

#### Isaac Pohl

Isaac was a 10 year 4-H member in Vanderburgh County. He will be a sophomore at Murray State University in the fall and he has a dual major of Ag and Computer Science. Isaac's favorite 4-H project was the Garden project. This is Isaac's first year as a summer intern. We are so glad he's here!



# 7TH GRADERS

The Jr leaders would like to ask any 7th graders to come to our May, June and July meeting.

They will have the opportunity to work in the Jr leader booth during fair. Large snack will be provided at May and June meetings.

May meeting is 6:30 @ Purdue extension office.







# **CLUB NEWS**

#### **Energetics/Tech Club April Meeting**

Leo gave one about how to make lemon shake ups. Oliver gave one about spider silk and how it is stronger than steel. We had robot programing and we did a maze. - Submitted by Leo Adler





# 2025 LIVESTOCK ENTRY AND RELEASE TIMES

#### **4-H LIVESTOCK SET-UP**

Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Pygmy Goats, Rabbits: Tuesday, July 15: Parents at 6:00

pm and 4-H members at 7:00 pm

**Sheep, Swine:** Thursday, July 17 at 6:00 pm **Poultry, Llamas:** Friday, July 18 at 6:00 pm **Show Barn:** Saturday, July 19 at 12:00 pm

#### **4-H LIVESTOCK ENTRY TIMES**

Horse & Pony: Sunday, July 20 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sheep: Sunday, July 20 from 1-3 pm or Monday, July 21 from 8 am - 10:00 am

Pygmy Goats: Sunday, July 20 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Llamas, Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Swine: Sunday,

July 20 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm or Monday, July 21 from 8:00 am - 10:00 am

#### **4-H LIVESTOCK RELEASE TIMES**

Dairy: Heavy Milkers Only: Thursday, July 24 at 10:00 pm

Dairy Goats, Meat Goats: Friday July 25 from 8:00 pm-12:00 am

Sheep: Friday July 25 from 8:00 pm-12:00 am or Saturday, July 26 from 8:00-10:00 am

Remaining Dairy, Beef, Swine: Friday July 25 from 10:00 pm-12:00 am or Saturday,

July 26 from 6:00-9:00 am

Poultry: Saturday, July 26 from 7:00 - 8:00 am

Pygmy Goats, Rabbits: Saturday, July 26 from 8:00 - 9:00 am

Horse & Pony: Friday, July 25 from 12:00 - 2:00 pm or Saturday, July 26 from 9-10 am

**Llamas:** Saturday, July 26 11:00 pm-12:00 am or Sunday, July 27 7:00 - 8:00 am

#### **4-H LIVESTOCK CLEAN-UP**

Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Pygmy Goats, Poultry: Saturday, July 26 at 8:00 am

Rabbits: Saturday, July 26: 8:00 am cage cleaning; Sunday, July 27: 10:00 am clean-up

Sheep: Saturday, July 26 at 10:00 am

Other 4-H Livestock: Sunday, July 27 at 8:00 am



#### 2025 4-H & LIVESTOCK EVENTS AT THE VANDERBURGH CO. FAIR

Wednesday, July 16

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

Thursday, July 17

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

Saturday, July 19

10:00 am - 3:30 pm: 4-H Project Check-In (check

handbook for specific times for each project)

4:30 pm: Open Beef Show

Sunday, July 20

9:30: Open Swine Show

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

12:00 - 2:00 pm: 4-H Project Check-In for Garden,

Aquatic Science, Floriculture, and Pets

1:00 pm: Open Meat Goat Show 1:00 - 3:00 pm: Sheep Check-In 4:00 pm: Open Sheep Show

5:00 - 8:00 pm: Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Llamas, Meat

Goats, Poultry, Pygmy Goats, Rabbits & Swine Check-In 10:00 am: 4-H Horse & Pony Costume Contest

Monday, July 21

8:00 am: 4-H Dog Obedience Show

8:00 am - 10:00 am: Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Llamas,

Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep & Swine Check-In

9:00 am - Horse & Pony Trail, Versatility 10:00 am - Mini 4-H Barnyard Olympics

11:00 am - 4-H Barnyard Olympics 1:00 pm - 4-H Pygmy Goat Show 3:00 - 9:00 pm: 4-H Exhibits Open

3:00 pm: Open Pygmy Goat Show

6:30 pm: Fair Opening & 10 Year Member Recognition

Tuesday, July 22

9:00am: 4-H Rabbit Showmanship 9:00 am: 4-H Meat Goat Show

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

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

10:00 am: 4-H Rabbit Show 12:00 pm: 4-H Sheep Show 1:00 pm: Fun Fair Activity 4:00 pm: Open Rabbit Show 6:00 pm: 4-H Dog Agility Show 7:00 pm: Dairy Showmanship

Wednesday, July 23

8:00 am: 4-H & Open Poultry Show 9:00 am: 4-H & Open Dairy Show

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

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

Wednesday, July 23 cont.

1:00 pm: Fun Fair Activity

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

6:00 pm: 4-H Swine Show

Thursday, July 24

9:00 am: 4-H Beef Show

9:00 4-H Horse & Pony Speed Events 10:00 am - 9:00 pm: 4-H Exhibits Open 1:00 pm: 4-H & Open Dairy Goat Show

1:00 pm: Scavenger Hunt

4:00 pm: Pygmy/Dairy Goat Agility & Costume Contest

10:00 pm: Heavy Milking Dairy Released

Friday, July 25

8:00 am: 4-H Livestock Supreme Showmanship 9:00 am: 4-H Model Airplane & Rocket Performance-

Field South of Horse Pavilion

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

12:00 pm: Horse & Pony Release

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

Released

10:00 pm- 12:00am: Dairy, Swine, Beef Released

Saturday, July 26

6:00 - 9:00 am: Dairy, Beef & Swine Released

7:00 - 8:00 am: Poultry Released

8:00 - 9:00 am: Pygmy Goats, Rabbit Released

8:00 - 10:00 am: Sheep Released

8:00 am: Poultry, Dairy Goat, Pygmy Goat, Rabbit

Cage Clean-Up

8:30 am: 4-H Cat Show

9:00 - 10:00 am: Horse & Pony Released

10:00 am: Sheep Clean-up

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

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

Fun Show

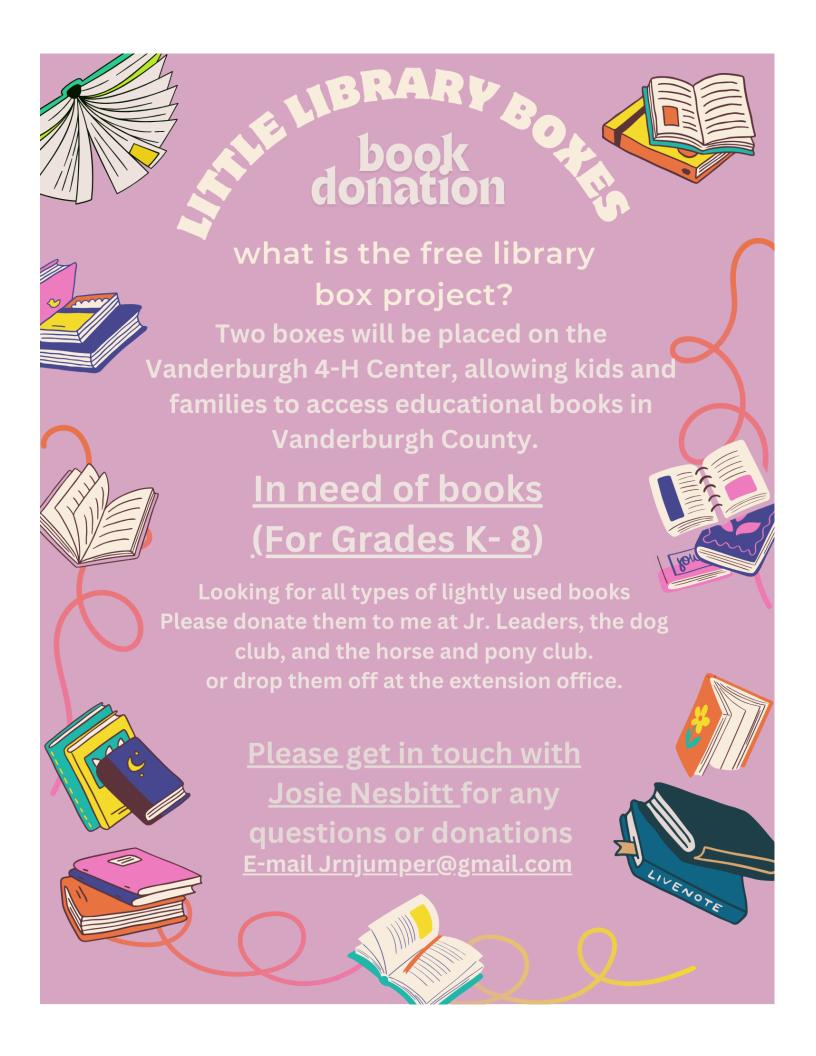
2:00 pm: 4-H Llama/Alpaca Costume & Fun Hour

5:00 pm: 4-H Parade of Champions 11:00 pm-12:00 am: Llama Released

Sunday, July 27

7:00 - 8:00 am: Llama Released 8:00 am: Livestock Clean-Up 10:00 am: Rabbit Clean Up

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







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# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR TEN-YEAR MEMBERS!

**BRADY ANDRECHT** 

**ADAM KEMPER** 

KATELYN WIEDERKEHR

**ALYSSA BEYER** 

JOSEPH KNEA

**ADDISON WILLETT** 

**LUKE DILGER** 

ISAAC LUIGS

**ELI WININGER** 

**AVERY DUPRE** 

JOSIE NESBITT

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**GIDEON GOEBEL** 

KILEY STANDRING

**JACK HIRSCH** 

**ELLA THOMAS** 

**BLAIRE HOLLIS** 

**AIDEN WARGEL** 



# **Brady Andrecht**



Parents: Pete & Tera Andrecht

**Graduate of:** Homeschool **4-H Club:** German Gems

Favorite Project: Photography

Future Plans: I plan to go into the Electric trade.

What difference has 4-H made in you life?
Being in 4-H for 10 years has made a big difference in my life. It has helped me become more responsible, confident, and more dedicated. I've learned a lot of skills by working on different projects and being a part of events. I've also made great friends and had a lot of fun along the way. 4-H taught me how to work with others, try new things, and give back to my community through volunteer work. It's been a big part of my life and given me lots of new skills and opportunities.

# Alyssa Beyer

Parents: Jamie & Matt Beyer Graduate of: FJ Reitz High School 4-H Club: St. Wendel All-Star Clovers Favorite Project: Fine Arts & Gardening Future Plans: Attend University of Southern

Indiana and study business.

What difference has 4-H made in your life? 4-H has helped me know who I am and given me opportunities to grow in my community involvement.





# **Avery Dupre**

Parents: Desiree Bauer & Roch Dupre

**Graduate of:** North High School

**4-H Club:** Horse & Pony **Favorite Project:** Horses

Future Plans: I will be attending USI to be a

dental hygienist.

What difference has 4-H made in your life?
4-H has given me many opportunities and lifelong skills. It has given me many friendships through what I love doing which is riding





# Averye Engelhardt



**Parents:** Zana Engelhardt, Matt Engelhardt

**Graduate of:** Tecumseh High School

4-H Club: Livestock Club

**Favorite Project:** Arts & Crafts, Sheep **Future Plans:** I will be attending Indiana University Bloomington majoring in Human Biology on a pre-health track planning to work in Cardiothoracic Surgery.

What difference has 4-H made in you life?

Through 4-H I have made lifelong friends that have truly become family. I've been taught important lessons I will never forget and been raised into a hardworking, full of integrity young adult. This industry has taught me that no success in life will come if you choose to take the easiest route in every circumstance. True success comes to the ones who work towards their goals each and every day; the ones who strive to be the best version of themselves. not only for their health and wellness but for the influence that your actions and leadership have on your peers and those who look up to you.

# Charlie English

**Parents:** Susan & Charlie English **Graduate of:** North High School

**4-H Club:** Junior Leaders, Armstrong Hi-Lighters,

Dog Club, Tractor Club, Shooting Sports

Favorite Project: Americana

Future Plans: Pursuing Agricultural Engineering at

Purdue University

What difference has 4-H made in you life? 4-H has provided me with vast amounts of opportunities and knowledge that I hope to be able to pass on to the next generation of young 4-H members. Through 4-H I have been able to grow my leadership, accountability and communication skills. 4-H has given me the opportunity to be President of the Vanderburgh County Junior Leaders, Treasurer of Armstrong Hi-Lighters, Junior Director at 4-H Camp, and to go on several state/national 4-H trips. I am very thankful for everything the 4-H program has provided me and to all the mentors and friends I have gained along the way. I hope to return and give back to the local 4-H program as a leader and advisor to the Junior Leaders.



# Tate Farney



Parent: Dirk Farney

Graduate of: North High School & SICTC

4-H Club: Dog Club

Favorite Project: Model Craft

Future Plans: Continue my career in Heating

& Air.

What difference has 4-H made in you life?
4-H has been a cornerstone in my life, providing a nurturing environment where I've not only learned invaluable life skills like leadership and responsibility, but also discovered passions through hands-on projects that have shaped my interests and future path. The friendships and mentorships I've gained have created a strong support system, fostering my confidence and helping me grow into the person I am today. Ultimately, 4-H has instilled in me a deep sense of community and the drove to make a positive impact on the world around me.

# Jedidiah Galvin

Parents: Michael & Varbi Galvin

Graduate of: North Posey High School

4-H Club: Livestock Club

Favorite Project: Showing my llama and

creating related posters.

Future Plans: Attend Taylor University to play football and study Exercise

Science

What difference has 4-H made in you life?

It has introduced me to a group of supportive peers and taught me responsibilty of taking care of my animals



# Jack Hirsch



Parents: Bernie & Amanda Hirsch Graduate of: North Posey High School 4-H Club: St. Wendell All Star Clovers Favorite Project: Showing Animals Future Plans: Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 136

What difference has 4-H made in you life? 4-H has taught me to step out of my comfort zone and perservere through difficult projects. I have developed many friendships, skills, and memories throughout my years in 4-H.







#### **Blaire Hollis**

**Parents:** Robbie & Rachel Hollis **Graduate of:** Reitz High School

**4-H Club:** Perry M&Ms

**Favorite Project:** Minnie Mouse Costume for Fashion Revue & Minnie Mouse tote bag I

made for Sewing Non-Wearable

**Future Plans:** I plan to attend college at USI for Exercise Science to become a Pediatric

Occupational Therapist.

What difference has 4-H made in you life? Ever since 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4-H has taught me that hard work and dedication pays off. Learning to sew with my Mimi throughout the summer for the past 10 years has meant so much to me and I cannot thank her enough.



Our club meetings, field trips, and activities have taught me communication skills I will continue to use my entire career. All the experiences I have had were fun and I didn't realize how much I was learning along the way.

# **Adam Kemper**



**Parents:** Jennifer and Mark Kemper **Graduate of:** North High School

**4-H Club:** Livestock Club

**Favorite Project:** Baking my apple pie and

showing my rabbit

**Future Plans:** I plan on attending Purdue University in the fall and studying Engineering.

What difference has 4-H made in you life?

4-H has helped me with skills as time management. For example, when I made my apple pie for the fair I wanted to make it just in time so that it was warm for the judges. After making the pie many times I got a feel for how long it would take me to make it the day of judging. I planned how long it would take to fully complete the process and I woke up accordingly that morning and finished my pie right on time.



# Isaac Luigs

Parents: Eric & Nicole Luigs

**Graduate of:** North Posey High School **4-H Club:** St. Wendel All-Star Clovers

Favorite Project: Rabbits

Future Plans: I plan to attend USI to

study Ag Business.

What difference has 4-H made in your life? It has shown me how to care for projects and animals. It has also given me people skills.





# Josie Nesbitt



**Parent:** Kim Nesbitt

**Graduate of:** New Tech Institute

**4-H Club:** Dog Club, Horse & Pony Club,

Livestock Club, Junior Leaders

Favorite Project: Showing my horses and

showing my dog at the Fair.

Future Plans: I plan to attend St. Mary's of the

Woods College for Equine Science.

What difference has 4-H made in you life? I am grateful for the amazing mentors, volunteers and friends I have met in 4-H. Over the years 4-H has been a foundation for developing many of my life skills, such as public speaking, social skils, self-reflection and responsibility. Without 4-H I would not have had the opportunity to explore different interests and ideas. It's about the process and

improvement from year to year that is most important than the final ribbon. For me 4-H is a life path way that I will always be thankful I had the opportunity to experience.

# Natalee Polage

**Parents:** Valerie & Craig Polage **Graduate of:** Reitz High School

**4-H Club:** Perry M&Ms

Favorite Project: Woodworking & Creating With A

Mix

**Future Plans:** I plan to attend Indiana State University to major in Applied Medicine to become a Physical Therapist.

What difference has 4-H made in you life?

4-H has taught me the importance in creativity and being able to express ourselves in the things that we do. It has also brought me closer to my grandpa. He helps guide me through my woodworking projects every year and we always have so much fun. 4-H has gave me amazing memories that I will never forget.



# **Brody Riggs**



**Parents:** Todd & Shawna Riggs

**Graduate of:** Gibson Southern High School

**4-H Club:** Scott Achievers **Favorite Project:** Dairy

Future Plans: Major in Civil Engineering and run

Track at the University of Evansville

What difference has 4-H made in you life? 4-H has taught me how to take care of animals and do things

on my own.





# Aiden Wargel

Parents: Stephanie Wargel & Craig Wargel

Graduate of: North High School

4-H Club: Livestock Club

Favorite Project: Basic Crafts & Swine

Future Plans: Join the workforce.

What difference has 4-H made in you life? 4-H has given me leadership opportunities and personal growth opportunities through community involvement and hands-on life experiences.

### Katie Wiederkehr



**Parents:** Lorrie & Mike Wiederkehr **Graduate of:** North High School

4-H Club: Scott Achievers

**Favorite Project:** Creating With A Mix & Cat

Show

**Future Plans:** I plan on attending the University of Evansville in the fall and will be majoring in

Marketing.

What difference has 4-H made in you life? I have been able to experience unique activities in 4-H that are out of my comfort zone. I have explored various careers through the 4-H Academy, which has been a lot of fun. The cat show has allowed me to express my creativity, while strengthening my confidence. I am thankful for the opportunities and knowledge that I have gained from 4-H because it has helped prepare me for my future.

**Parents:** Ken & Jennifer Willett **Graduate of:** Mater Dei High School

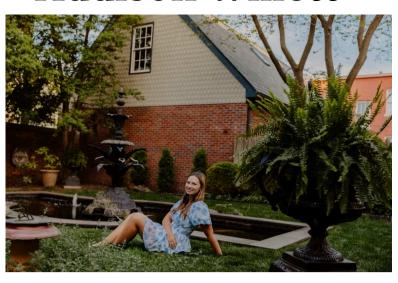
**4-H Club:** Perry M&Ms **Favorite Project:** Poultry

**Future Plans:** Study Biology and Exercise Science on a pre-med track

at USI.

What difference has 4-H made in you life? 4-H has allowed me to form deeply rooted connections with my community along with allowing me to practice and grow leadership skills that I will cherish throughout my life.

### **Addison Willett**



# Eli Wininger



**Parents:** Ty & Kristin Wininger **Graduate of:** Central High School

4-H Club: Centeriffic

**Favorite Project:** Creating With Legos

Future Plans: Attending USI in the fall to study

Kinesiology.

What difference has 4-H made in you life? It has allowed me to connect with other people. It has taught me responsibility and how to be a leader.

# **Not Pictured**

Luke Dilger, Joseph Knea, Madelyn Schnell, Meredith Smith, Kiley Standring, Ella Thomas





