

4-H LINK Newsletter

June 2026



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2026 SUMMER DATES

May 15: Animal ID Deadline

May 28: Quality Livestock Care Training

June 1-3: 4-H Camp

June 7: County Tractor Contest

June 10-12: 4-H Academy & 4-H Round-Up

June 17: Quality Livestock Care Training

June 29: Quality Livestock Care Training

July 1: QLC Deadline & Fair Entry Deadline

July 8: Speech & Demo Contest

July 8: BBQ Contest

July 13: Fashion Revue

July 15-16: Fair Set Up

July 18-19: 4-H Project Entry

July 20-25: Vanderburgh County Fair

July 26: 4-H Project Release



HANDBOOK

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.



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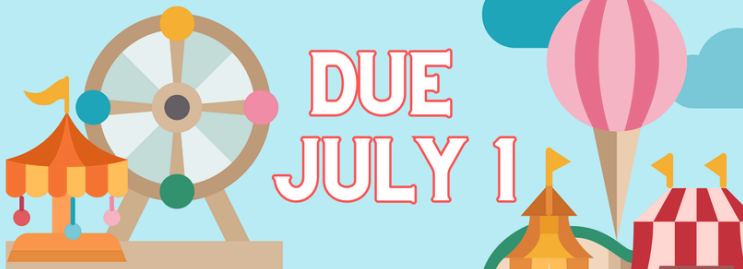
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Check out our new 4-H shared calendar that has ALL 4-H events and club meetings on it! Click [here](#) to access!

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 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>.

**DUE
JULY 1**



Driver Needed!

We are looking for someone willing to drive a rented box truck to/from the State Fair on Monday, August 3 and Monday, August 24 to drop off and pick up 4-H projects from our county. If interested, please let Megan know at mkron@purdue.edu. Thank you!



YES Grants

2026

YES Grants:
\$46,000
awarded
to **48 projects**
in **33 counties!**

THANKS TO



**Congratulations to Vanderburgh County
YES Grant Awardees:**
**Carly Stock- Celebrating America's 250th
Birthday Story Time**
Seanan Walker - Homeless Backpacks
We're excited to see your projects!

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.



New 4-H Projects!

4-H My Way

Show how you live the pledge in any activity! Bring a notebook, poster, display or video showing what you like to do outside of 4-H. Ideas include video gaming, welding, sports, academic super bowl, etc. How has 4-H helped you succeed in other areas? We'd love to see!



4-H Pass It On

Do you have a parent, grandparent, or other mentor that has helped you learn a new skill? Bring a notebook, poster, display, or video showing what they taught you that isn't already another 4-H project. Topics could include cooking, garage skills, etc.

Why 4-H?

Show us why you love 4-H! Create a video showing a 4-H activity/project you participate in. Ideas could include showing an animal, being a club officer, going to State Fair, going on a 4-H trip, participating in a contest. Why do you love 4-H?

Want to add one of these projects? Add it to your project list in 4-H Online or contact the Extension Office to add it. We can't wait to see the new projects!





4-H Exhibit Hall Workers live and work at the Indiana State Fair. Duties include checking in non-animal 4-H exhibits, preparing exhibits for display to the public, record keeping, interacting with fair attendees, assisting with a variety of state fair events, and releasing exhibits. Exhibit Hall Workers must be a minimum of 14 years of age, and may continue working as college-age young adults. Apply at purdue.ag/IN4Hehw.

Learn from a 4-Her

4-H members are invited to speak about their projects during State Fair weekends. Advance registration is not required; members may simply attend on the day they wish to participate. Reach out to the Extension Office if you are interested.



4-H clubs: want to be a part of the Indiana State Fair? Education Stations at the fair allow you to share 4-H with the public, have fun at the fair, and earn \$400 for your 4-H club. Learn how to host an Education Station and apply before June 15 at purdue.ag/educationstation.

Project Resources

Did you know you can find a TON of great resources about state fair eligible 4-H projects [here](#)? Find your project and check out the resources, such as scorecards, instructional videos, help sheets, and more!

Welcome 4-H Summer Interns!



Brody is student at University of Evansville studying Accounting. He says he is excited to get to learn the behind-the-scenes of the Fair and the 4-H program this year. His favorite food is Meat Lovers pizza and his favorite animal is a cat. Welcome Brody!

We are pleased to introduce you to Brody Riggs and Natalie Nenneker who are our 4-H summer interns this year! Brody was a 10 Year Member in Vanderburgh County and Natalie joins us from Posey County. We are so excited to have them working with us this summer. Make sure to say Hi when you see them! They will be working with the 4-H members through camp, contests and many Fair events.



Natalie is student at Purdue studying Sustainable Food and Farming Systems. She says she is excited about getting to work with kids and teaching them about agriculture. Her favorite food is peanut butter and her favorite animal is a deer. Welcome Natalie!



Summer Contests



COUNTY TRACTOR CONTEST

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 AT 1 PM

VANDEBURGH 4-H CENTER
GATE 2, GRASSY AREA BY SIAM

REGISTER IN FAIR ENTRY BY JUNE 3



VANDEBURGH COUNTY BARBECUE CONTEST



REGISTER IN FAIR ENTRY BY JULY 1

July 8 at 6:00 PM

AMERICAN HONEY PARKING LOT
CALL (812) 435-5287 FOR QUESTIONS

Speech & Demonstration Contest

Wednesday, July 8 6:00 PM
Purdue Extension -
Vanderburgh County
13301 Darmstadt Rd,
Evansville IN 47725

Register in Fair Entry by July 1!



Fashion Revue



Judging: Monday, July 13 at 9:00 am
4-H Exposition Hall

4-H Show: Monday, July 13 at 7:00 pm
(Open Class Show at 6:00 pm)

Model your sewing or consumer clothing outfit.
Mini 4-H can participate! Register in Fair Entry by July 6.



COUNTY GARDEN CONTEST

Any youth can participate in the County Garden Contest- you do not have to qualify from your club. The contest will be held in early July. Judges will come around to look at your garden and ask questions. There is a small garden division (less than 150 square feet) and large garden division (larger than 150 square feet). Register in **Fair Entry** under Exhibit (County Projects): County Garden Contest by **July 1st.**

JUNIOR LEADERS

STOCK THE TRAILER

BRING CANNED FOOD TO PROJECT DROP OFF ON SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

THE CLUB THAT DONATES THE MOST CANS WILL WIN FREE DRINK FROM THE JUNIOR LEADERS BOOTH



Baking BONANZA

Discover the art of bread baking, explore the science of gluten, mix up delicious muffins, and use your baking skills to give back by baking for those in need!

Monday, June 15

9:00 am- 3:00 pm

4-H Center Banquet Hall

201 E Boonville New Harmony Rd.

Grades 3-8

\$40 per person

Lunch is provided

Register at
<https://BakingBonanza.4honline.com>
by June 8

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Coloring Contest

Be a part of the livestock coloring contest! Color the coloring sheet on the next page and include name, parent's name, address, and age.

- Entries are due July 1.
- 3 categories: 5 & under, 6-10, and 11-15 years old
- Use any coloring medium
- 3 winners per age category. A People's Choice will be selected by voting with your donation for your favorite pic at the fair. Highest amount received wins in each category. Pictures will be displayed in the Expo Hall fair week.
- The top nine winners will receive: Young Dairymen ice cream and Jr. Leaders Kids Meal
- Return your entry to Purdue Extension Vanderburgh County, 13301 Darmstadt Rd, Evansville IN 47725
- By entering you are releasing the sharing of your entry. Names and addresses will be kept private.

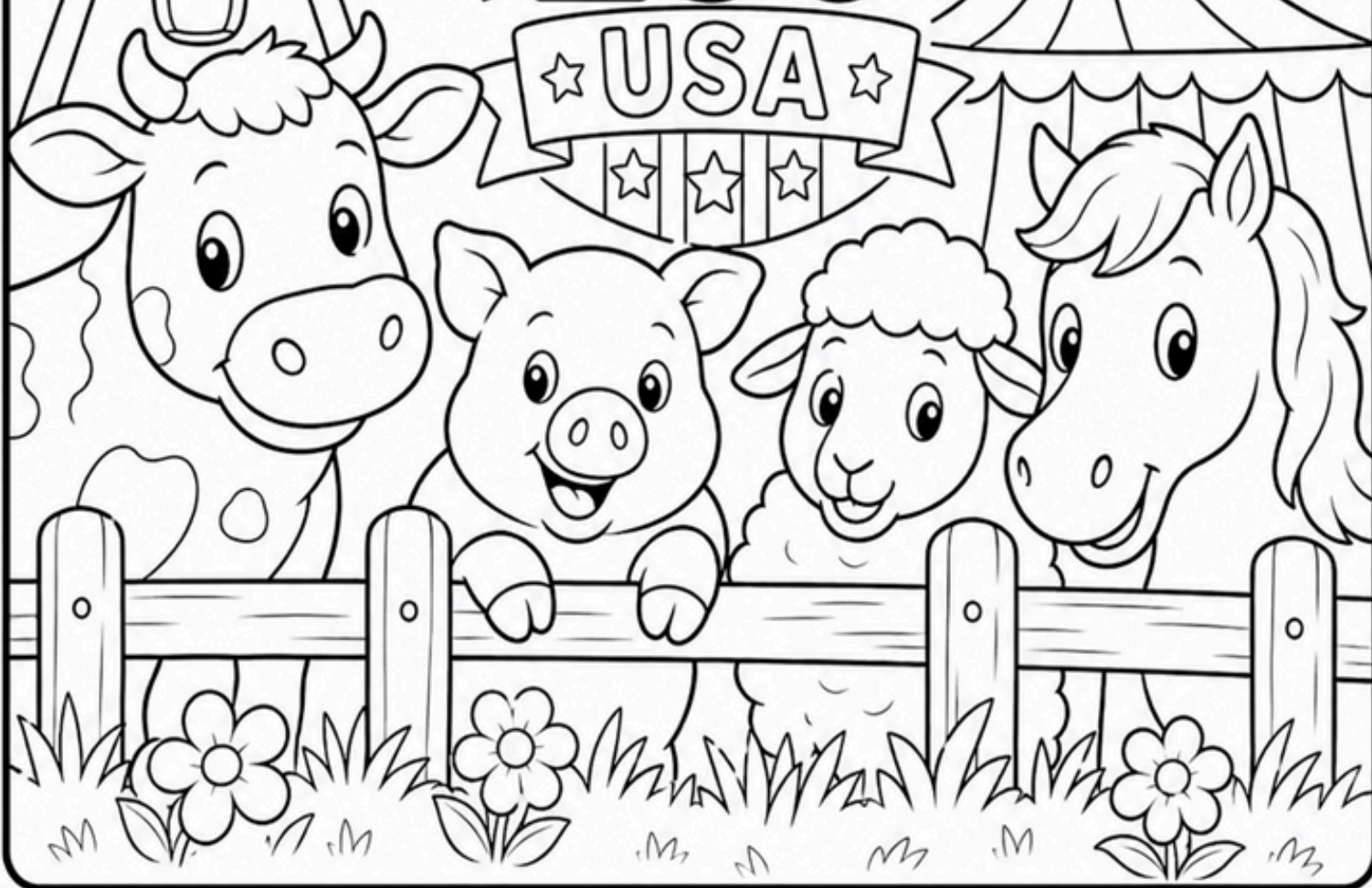
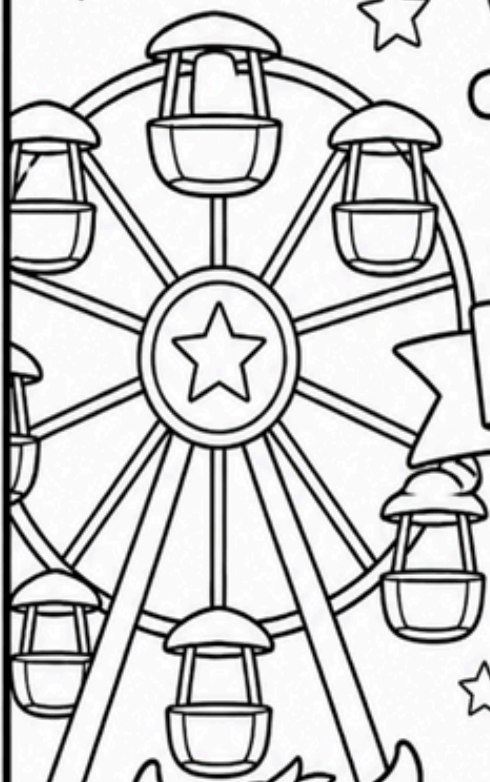
VANDERBURGH COUNTY FAIR

July 20-25, 2026

CELEBRATING

250th

★ USA ★





CREATIVE CLOVER STUDIO



Join us for an exciting day of hands-on learning as we explore 6 different 4-H project workshops! Choose the workshops that interest you most or take advantage of dedicated project work time to focus on your own projects (some project supplies provided). There's something for everyone to learn, create, and explore!

9:00 - 10:00: Poster Basics	12:30 - 1:30: Microwave
10:00 - 11:00: Gift Wrapping	1:30 - 2:30: Floriculture
11:00 - 12:00: Cake Decorating	2:30 - 3:30: Scrapbook
12:00 - 12:30 Lunch	

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

4-H CENTER BANQUET HALL

LUNCH PROVIDED

COST: \$10

REGISTER BY JUNE 16 AT

[HTTPS://CLOVERSTUDIO.4HONLINE.COM](https://cloverstudio.4honline.com)

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4-H & Club News

Centerrific 4-H Club

April Meeting

- Laid Mulch for Old North United Methodist playground.
- Our givesback for Centerrific was April 15th at Azzip Pizza
- Kayla talked about her time at 4H Camp when she went to Camp Tecumseh.
- Maggie talked about AG Day and her Bee Project.

May Meeting

- Found out total from givesback day that was help at Azzip Pizza \$223.50
- We have 4 members going to 4H camp in June.
- June 8th and 22nd is our meeting for show and tell.
- July 8th BBQ contest
- Health and Safety leader elected Leo Adler
Leo was able to give a report about Tornados that included how many in Indiana and what to do when one is near, as well as the difference between tornados stages.
- Make blonde brownie kits, was also able to sample the since Kim was kind enough to make them as well for the snack.

- Submitted by Kayla Sapp



Barneyard Olympics

Monday, July 20

10:00 Mini 4-H Division

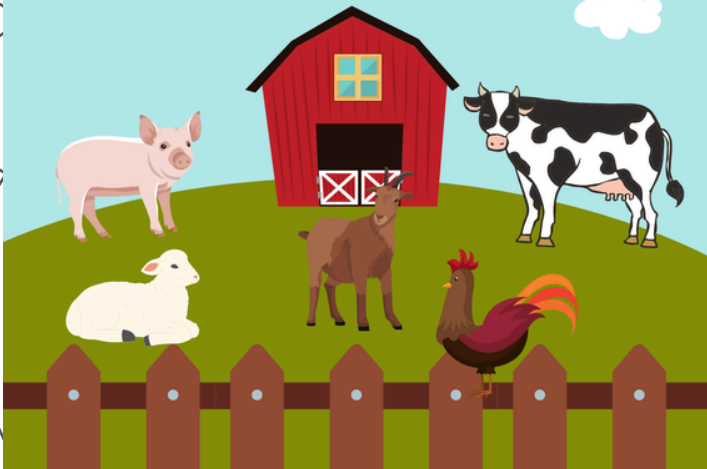
11:00 4-H Division

All Mini 4-H and 4-H'ers welcome!

Vanderburgh
4-H Center
Show Barn



You can win
Prizes!



4-H SPOTLIGHT Celebration

Join us for a big celebration as we recognize Champion winners, 4-H Clubs, and Graduating Seniors! All 4-H members that receive a Champion at the fair will receive a small prize. Seniors will sign that they are beyond ready for life and work. And 4-H clubs will be recognized.

Saturday, July 25

5:00 pm

4-H Center Auditorium

Animal News

DAIRY GOAT WORKSHOPS

Join us to learn more about your dairy goat project! Whether you're wanting to learn more, just getting started, or looking to build your skills, all are welcome.

Bring your goat and a chair for parents.

FRIDAY, MAY 15
MONDAY, JUNE 15
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

All workshops: 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the back of the 4-H Center Show Barn

Contact Mary Brenner at (812) 499-7517 with questions



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 20. Changes can be made by Thursday, July 23 by 5:00 pm.

LLAMA WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, May 19
Monday, June 15
Tuesday, July 14
6:00 pm at Spitsville
Acres

For questions, please reach out to superintendents, Adam (812-430-6979) or Mallory Bumb (270-860-6749).



Join us to help you prepare for your llama project and the fair! You do not need to bring your llamas to the meetings.

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. Animals representing the Grand Champion of their species will still take a photo with the buyer at the backdrop (not in the ring). The livestock premium auction will take place on Friday, July 24 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 24th at 8:00am in the Livestock Show Barn.

Rabbit Communication

Rabbit exhibitors, be sure to join the Vanderburgh County 4-H Rabbit Group remind system at

<https://www.remind.com/join/793396>.

This will let you get you important updates and reminders for the rabbit projects.



Animal News



AUCTION ORDER

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

Barn 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.



Are you Show Ready?

Are you new to showing a livestock species or just need a refresher? Check out our Show Ready help guides for most species found [here](#) (scroll down to Livestock Resources, Shows Judging Opportunities, and Workshops) to find your species!



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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, 2026**.

This certification must be done an annual basis. Members must be registered BEFORE attending a training. Members may attend any training dates listed on this flyer OR a training in another county OR complete the online YQCA training

Tues, Mar 17
6:15 pm (After
Livestock Club)
Salem Church

Thurs, May 28
3:00 pm
Purdue Extension
Office

Wed, June 17
3:00 pm
Purdue Extension
Office

Mon, June 29
6:00 pm
4-H Center
Conference
Room

Visit <https://qlc26.4honline.com> to register. The cost is \$3.

To be certified through YQCA, register at www.yqcaprogram.org and present completion certificate to 4-H Educator.



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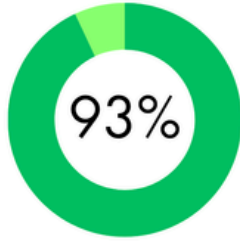
4-H PREPARES YOUTH LEADERS FOR THE FUTURE



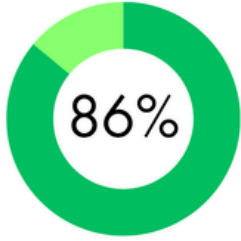
Across Indiana, 2026 graduating 4-H seniors were asked to complete a survey about their 4-H experience. In Vanderburgh County, 14 youth completed the survey and the results are included below.



100% of graduating seniors know that employers expect them to do a job well.



93% of graduating seniors are able to work hard on things that are difficult



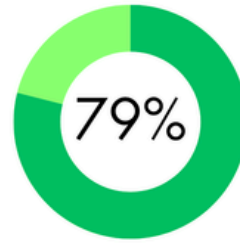
86% of graduating seniors plan to continued to be involved in 4-H in some way, such as being a volunteer, mentor, or donor.



100% of graduating seniors know how to work successful toward a goal.



100% of graduating seniors know how to act professionally.



79% of graduating seniors said participating in 4-H prepared them for what they'll do after high school

"My most significant 4-H success was earning leadership positions and learning how to lead effectively, not just hold a title. Through 4-H, I learned how to communicate clearly, delegate tasks, and keep a group focused on a shared goal. This success mattered to me because it wasn't about winning an award—it was about earning the respect and trust of others."
- Graduating Senior



"The greatest impact 4-H has made on my life is helping shape who I am as a leader and person. 4-H taught me accountability, work ethic, and the value of service. It gave me opportunities to grow outside my comfort zone and helped me realize that leadership is about helping others succeed. These lessons extend far beyond 4-H and continue to influence how I approach school, activities, and future goals."
- Graduating Senior

"4-H has made numerous huge impacts on my life. I have met some of my best friends through the program that I will have for the rest of my life. I have learned resilience and perseverance working on my projects. I have learned teamwork, communication, and other leadership skills that will serve me in life and in my career."
- Graduating Senior





2026 LIVESTOCK ENTRY AND RELEASE TIMES

4-H LIVESTOCK SET-UP

Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Pygmy Goats, Rabbits: Wednesday, July 15 at 6:00 pm

Sheep, Swine: Thursday, July 16 at 6:00 pm

Poultry, Llamas: Friday, July 17 at 6:00 pm

Show Barn: Friday, July 17 at 5:00 pm

4-H LIVESTOCK ENTRY TIMES

Rabbits: Sat, July 18 from 4:30 - 5:00 pm or Sunday, July 19 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
or Monday, July 20 from 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Horse & Pony: Sunday, July 19 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sheep: Sunday, July 19 from 1-3 pm or Monday, July 20 from 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Pygmy Goats: Sunday, July 19 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Llamas, Meat Goats, Poultry, Swine: Sunday, July 19 from
5:00 - 8:00 pm or Monday, July 20 from 8:00 am - 10:00 am

4-H LIVESTOCK RELEASE TIMES

Dairy: Heavy Milkers Only: Thursday, July 23 at 10:00 pm

Dairy Goats, Meat Goats: Friday, July 24 from 8:00 pm-12:00 am

Sheep: Friday July 24 from 8:00 pm-12:00 am or Saturday, July 25 from 8:00-10:00 am

Remaining Dairy, Beef, Swine: Friday July 24 from 10:00 pm-12:00 am or Saturday,
July 25 from 6:00-9:00 am

Poultry: Saturday, July 25 from 7:00 - 8:00 am

Pygmy Goats, Rabbits: Saturday, July 25 from 8:00 - 9:00 am

Horse & Pony: Friday, July 24 at 12:00 pm or Saturday, July 25 at 9:00 am

Llamas: Saturday, July 25 11:00 pm-12:00 am or Sunday, July 26 7:00 - 8:00 am

4-H LIVESTOCK CLEAN-UP

Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Pygmy Goats, Poultry: Saturday, July 25 at 8:00 am

Rabbits: Sunday, July 26: 10:00 am

Sheep: Saturday, July 25 at 10:00 am

Other 4-H Livestock: Sunday, July 26 at 8:00 am



2026 4-H & LIVESTOCK EVENTS AT THE VANDERBURGH CO. FAIR

Wednesday, July 15

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

Thursday, July 16

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

Saturday, July 18

10:00 am - 3:30 pm: 4-H Project Check-In (check handbook for specific times for each project)

4:30 - 5:30 pm: Rabbit Check-In

5:30 pm: Open Beef Show

6:00 pm: Open Rabbit Show

Sunday, July 19

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

Monday, July 20

8:00 am: 4-H Dog Obedience Show

8:00 am - Horse & Pony Trail, Versatility

8:00 am - 10:00 am: Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Llamas, Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep & Swine Check-In

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 pm: Open Pygmy Goat Show

3:00 - 9:00 pm: 4-H Exhibits Open

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

Tuesday, July 21

8:00am: 4-H English Horse and Pony Show

9:00am: 4-H Rabbit Showmanship

9:00 am: 4-H Meat Goat 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

6:00 pm: 4-H Dog Agility Show

7:00 pm: Dairy Showmanship

Wednesday, July 22

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

8:00 am: 4-H Halter/Western Horse & Pony Show

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

Wednesday, July 22 cont.

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

1:00 pm: Fun Fair Activity

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

6:00 pm: 4-H Swine Show

Thursday, July 23

8:00 4-H Horse & Pony Speed Events

9:00 am: 4-H Beef Show

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 24

8:00 am: 4-H Livestock Supreme Showmanship

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

9:30 am: 4-H Horse & Pony Costume Contest

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 25

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 Cage Clean-Up

8:30 am: 4-H Cat Show

9:00 am: Horse & Pony Released

10:00 am: Sheep Clean-up

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

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

5:00 pm: 4-H Parade of Champions, Senior Signing, & Club Recognition

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

Sunday, July 26

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

Vanderburgh County Fair Pageants

The following Pageants will be held during the Vanderburgh County Fair 2026.

1. Miss Vanderburgh County Queen Pageant

The deadline for entering the Vanderburgh County Pageant is June 26, 2026.

For rules and to enter, go to vanderburghcountyfair.com

Contestants chosen as Queen and First Runner Up must be at least 18 years of age and cannot have reached their 22nd birthday on or before June 1, 2027. Younger contestants and other members of the Queens Court must be 16 years of age by July 20, 2026.

The 2026 Queen will compete in January 2027 at the Indiana State Fair Queen Program competition.

The 2026 1st Runner Up will have the opportunity to compete at the Indiana State Festivals Association Scholarship Queen Pageant on November 7, 2026.

For information, contact: Beth Schmitt (812) 550-3487, baschmitt53@gmail.com; Rhonda Klueg-Slater at (812) 459-4662, rjkslater@gmail.com; or Alyssa Welte (812) 483-1389, alyssa.l.welte@gmail.com

2. NEW for 2026: Miss Vanderburgh County Teen Pageant

The deadline for entering the Miss Vanderburgh County Teen Pageant is June 26, 2026.

For rules and to enter, go to vanderburghcountyfair.com

Contestants must be at least 13 years old by July 20, 2026 and not had her 16th birthday as of November 7, 2026.

The Miss Vanderburgh County Teen 2026, will have the opportunity to compete at the Indiana State Festivals Association Scholarship Princess Pageant on November 7, 2026.

For information, contact: Chairperson - Laura Duncan (812) 449-3709, mlchdunc@gmail.com or Assistant Chairperson - Rachel Pohl (812) 664-9572, rachelelizabethpohl@icloud.com

3. Vanderburgh County Young Miss Pageant

The deadline for entering the Miss Vanderburgh County Young Miss Pageant is June 26, 2026.

To enter, go to vanderburghcountyfair.com

Each contestant must be at least 10 years old and not had her 13th birthday as of July 20, 2026.

For information, contact: Abbey Riggs, Chairperson (812) 306-1744, abbey.j.duval@gmail.com or Audrey Creel, Assistant Chairperson (812) 205-5454, audlcreel@gmail.com

4. Miss Golden Pageant (Pageant for Females with Special Needs)

All contestants must be at least 10 years old and cannot have reached their 35th birthday on or before June 1, 2026. The deadline for the Miss Golden Pageant is July 3, 2026.

To enter or for questions, contact Lauren Durchholz at (812) 664-8152 laurenziliak@gmail.com or Robin Lax at (812) 459-8971 rclax67@gmail.com

5. Little Miss and Mister Contest

Contestants must be at least 5 years old and cannot have reached his/her 8th birthday as of July 21, 2026

The deadline for entering the Little Miss and Mister Contest is June 26, 2026.

For information to enter, go to vanderburghcountyfair.com

For more information, contact Sara Coomes, (812)455-8363 saracoomes@gmail.com or Katie Barnes, Assistant (812)480-0936 katierhs63@hotmail.com

6. Tiny Tots Contest

Tiny Tots must have been born on or after July 1, 2022. There will be eight categories in 6-month increments.

The deadline for entering the Tiny Tots Contest is July 16, 2026. For rules, go to vanderburghcountyfair.com

For information, contact Dru Moreland, Chairperson (812) 632-0153 dkschmitt@eagles.usi.edu

**MISS
VANDERBURGH
COUNTY TEEN
PAGEANT**

Sign Up Deadline: June 26, 2026
 First Meeting: July 1, 2026 at 6:00 pm
 Ages: at least 13 years old by July 20, 2026
 and not had her 16th birthday as of
 November 7, 2026

For more information and entry form visit
<https://www.vanderburghcountyfair.com/pageants>

VANDERBURGH COUNTY FAIR
Celebrate AMERICA'S 250th

Create an entry that exemplifies the VCF theme:
 Celebrating 250th AMERICA. Indoor and outdoor
 entries accepted. Handmade items including but not
 limited to apparel, quilts, artwork, craft projects,
 florals, photos and baked items.

INDOOR EXHIBIT **OUTDOOR DISPLAY**

- Attach any info about your entry you would like to share.
- No entry fee. Multiple entries accepted.
- Exhibits entered inside or outside Auditorium.
- Monetary awards will be given for five Judges Choices in each category-Indoor and Outdoor.
- Fair projects previously entered will be accepted.
- Outdoor items are limited to 4' x 6' and should be suitable for yard or porch display, resistant to weather conditions. **MUST** contain red/white/blue and a flag(s).

Indoor Entry Time: Sat, 7/18 1-3pm
Outdoor Entry Time: Sat, 7/18 3-5pm
Release Time: Sun, 7/26 11am-1pm

CENTURY EVENTS COMMITTEE

TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA

JUNE '26

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 4-H Camp	2 4-H Camp	3 4-H Camp	4 Jr Leaders & Volunteer Appreciation - 4-H Center Banquet Hall 6:00 pm	5	6 Horse & Pony Clinic - Horse Barn & Arena 12pm
7 County Tractor Contest - 4-H Center by Gate 2, North of wooden bridge 1pm Horse & Pony Color Guard Practice - Arena 5pm	8 Star 4-H Club Mtg. - 4-H Center Banquet Hall 5pm Centerrific Club Mtg. - Old North UMC 6pm Horse & Pony Club Mtg. 4-H Center 6:30 pm	9 Armstrong Hi-Lighters - 4-H JB's Barnyard 6pm	10 4-H Academy AND 4-H Round-Up @ Purdue University	11 German Gems - 4-H Center Banquet Hall 6pm	12	13
14 Horse & Pony Color Guard Practice - Arena 5pm Scott Achievers 4-H Club Mtg. Location TBD 6pm	15 Baking Bonanza 9-3 4-H Ctr Banquet Hall	16 Tech Club Mtg. Willard Library 5:30pm Livestock Club - Salem Church of Darmstadt 6pm	17 Quality Livestock Care Training Extension Office 3pm Mini 4-H - 4-H Center 6pm Tractor Club Mtg. -SIAM Machinery Bldg. at 4-H Center 6pm St Wendel All-Star Clovers - Rose of Lima Rm 6pm	18 4-H Council Mtg. - Extension Office 6:30pm	19 HOLIDAY - Office Closed	20
21 Horse & Pony Color Guard Practice - Arena 5pm	22 Star 4-H Club Mtg. 4-H Center Banquet Hall 5pm Centerrific Club Mtg. Old North UMC 6pm	23 Clover Creative Studio 9- 3:30 4-H Ctr Banquet Hall	24	25 Happy Hoosiers Club Meeting 6:30pm Livestock Committee Mtg. Extension Office 6:30 pm	26	27 Area Tractor Contest in Warrick County- Time TBD
28 Horse & Pony Color Guard Practice - Arena 5pm	29 Quality Livestock Care Training 4-H Center Conference Room 6pm	30	July 1 - Fair Entry & QLC Deadline			