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Mini 4-H

Performing Arts

We sure had a blast at our Easter Egg-Stravaganza last month! Thank you to the Vanderburgh County Junior Leaders for hosting and providing all of the fun! We will be building and launching two liter bottle rockets at our May meeting. Please bring an empty two liter bottle for your rocket! **The meeting date has been changed to May 10th.** Please sign up [here](#) if you are planning to attend!



We are SO proud of all the 4-H members that participated in 4-H Performing Arts. What incredible talent! Congratulations to:

Musical Division:

1. Reid Jackson
2. Katherine Roemke
3. Breydon Curtis

Non- Musical Division:

1. Emma Roemke
2. Avalonia Stolz
3. Avery Carr



Click here for the 2023 4-H Handbook

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

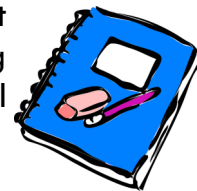
Project Supplies

- Poster Backing: \$0.50
- Poster and Salon Print Sleeves: \$0.50
- Electric Circuit Board Kit: \$15
- Electric Shake Light Kit: \$20
- Electric Fluorescent Trouble Light Kit: \$31.50
- Electric Extension Cord Kit: \$21.50
- Electric Complete Lamp Kit: \$22.50
- Entomology Pins: \$6
- Insect Boxes \$40



4-H Manuals, Tags, & Supplies

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



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



We are SO proud of the 4-H members that brought animals/tractors and educated youth about agriculture at our annual Ag Day event! We got so many compliments about how well spoken and knowledgeable the presenters were. At the event, 444 youth learned about the importance of agriculture and about 75 people stopped by the Afternoon of Ag event. A huge thank you to presenters: Kade Welte, Mitch Adler, Merritt Adler, Brooklyn Rogers, Kate Ryan, Maddie Bedel, Sydney Woodard, Ireland Guetling, Reid Jackson, Audrie Walker, Dave Brenner, Tyler Brenner, Alyssa Coomes, Josie Nesbitt, Kiley Standring, Mollie Standring, Susan English, Charlie English, Jim Loughrie, and Allyson Johnson! And a huge thank you to the Brenner family, Welte family, and Jackson family for your extra help with set-up/clean-up! And thank you to Farm Bureau and Adult Leaders for providing food and drinks for our volunteers and Extension Homemakers for assisting with snacks. We appreciate EVERYONE who came together to make this such a successful event! THANK YOU!!



Day of Service

What an awesome day to do some great community service. The first 4-H Center all organization workday was a success! 4-H members, parents, leaders & Jr. Leaders, plus reps from Center Board, Fair Assoc., Homemakers, SIAM have put in a total of 284 manhours to spruce up the grounds. These are just a few photos of the helpers and many are not pictured. Huge thank you to all those that participated!!



Indiana 4-H Ambassador Program

Indiana 4-H has an incredible leadership opportunity for 4-H members in grades 9-11 called the [Indiana 4-H Ambassador Program](#). The mission of the Indiana 4-H Ambassador program is to empower teen 4-H leaders with the knowledge, skills, and aspirations necessary to be effective advocates for Indiana 4-H Youth Development. We will strengthen and expand upon 4-H Ambassadors' current leadership abilities so that they may serve as positive role models for younger youth; build meaningful partnerships with other 4-H teens, adults, and professionals as well as community partners and sponsors; and promote the 4-H mission in Indiana.

What does being an Indiana 4-H Ambassador entail?

- Promote 4-H with potential members, parents, and the general public
- Help conduct statewide 4-H events
- Organize 4-H promotional activities
- Represent 4-H in a public relations role with community partners and sponsors
- Develop personal leadership skills and self-confidence
- Develop and enhance skills related to leadership such as conflict resolution, facilitation, teamwork, decision-making, respect, and communication
- Accept and incorporate constructive criticism to enhance skills
- Explore and apply diverse concepts of civic engagement
- Teach others, facilitate discussions, and speak in front of groups

Eligible youth are in grades 9-11 and have been a 4-H member for at least 2 years. Applications will be due May 19th at 5:00 pm. Youth will submit a short application and video to apply. [Application can be found here:](#) https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8tRPlceUWJGoZvg? Your application will only be considered if you also include the [video submission.](#) <https://flip.com/9896a7c3> Learn more about the Indiana 4-H Ambassador program at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/ambassadors.html>. Vanderburgh County 4-H member, Reagan Koester (pictured), and Vanderburgh County 4-H alumni, Kylie Bedel, have served as state 4-H ambassadors.



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



Space is limited! First come, first serve!

BECOME A PRESERVATION PRO

FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

Wednesday, May 31

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

Vanderburgh 4-H Center

Banquet Hall, 201 E Boonville New

Harmony, Evansville

For youth in grades 3-12

Cost: \$70

Lunch provided



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



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

FIGHT THE HUNGER



STOCK THE TRAILER



Farm Credit Mid-America and Rural 1st® are excited to announce a challenge for local communities to help feed those in need while supporting their county fairs.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- **WHAT:** Bring nonperishable food items to the Vanderburgh County Fair
 - **WHEN:** July 24-29
 - **WHERE:** Place items in the trailer with the "Fight the Hunger Stock the Trailer" banner at our county fair Drop off locations - Jr. Leader Booth, Auditorium, or Banquet Hall
 - **WHO:** Vanderburgh County Jr. Leaders, Contact - Jenny Deutsch, 812 431-1706
- HELP OUR COUNTY FAIR COLLECT THE MOST WEIGHT TO BE THE TOP FAIR IN THE STATE!**

CONTEST PRIZES AND RULES

- All participating* county fairs will receive \$500.
- Additional prizes are awarded based on total pounds donated
- 1st Place: \$5,000 2nd Place: \$3,000 3rd Place: \$2,000

*Participation money will be awarded during the county fair to fairs that collect at least 1000 pounds of food, top prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of all participating county fairs.

No purchase necessary. Additional terms and conditions apply. For a full listing of terms and conditions please visit: www.e-farmcredit.com/fighthunger

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Junior Leaders 75th Anniversary

This year marks the 75th anniversary for Vanderburgh County Junior Leaders. As part of the celebration, we are planning a reunion to get past junior leaders together with current generation of junior leaders so be on lookout for more information. We are also selling t-shirts to help commemorate this occasion. Attached is the Link for the t-shirts: <https://designsbyamandadeutsch.com/collections/vanderburgh-county-4-h/junior-leaders>. Shirts are available in bright green, orange, blue, pink, and purple. Cost is \$20 per shirt with \$3 being donated to Riley Hospital. You can have orders delivered to your house, picked up at Junior Leader meeting, or the Extension Office.



Animal Projects

Quality Livestock Care Training

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

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

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

Horse & Pony Helmet Recall

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

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

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

Tagging Day

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

Livestock Shows

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

Alpacas For Lease

Are you interested in leasing an alpaca this year? If so, contact Jennifer Deutsch at 812-431-1706 or jennifer.deutsch@att.net for more information! The Deutsch family has two alpacas available.

Animal Identification

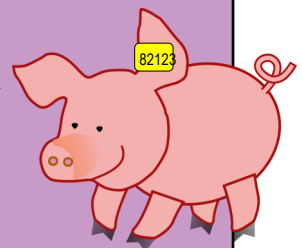
Plan ahead to complete your animal ID information before the deadline below:

May 15, 2023

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

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

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





Extension - 4-H Youth
Development



OUTING WITH THE



NO COST FOR GAME
AND TOUR

MAY 20

BRING MONEY FOR FOOD
AND SOUVENIRS

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

4:00 PM CST/ 5:00 PM EST

AREA 3 4-H MEMBERS

GRADES 6-8

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

PURDUE UNIVERSITY IS AN EQUAL ACCESS/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY UNIVERSITY.

State Fair Vet Camp

Junior Vet Camp is an experience for students in 6th through 8th grades who aspire to be a veterinarian one day. The campers will have the opportunity to be a doctor for the day by practicing many hands-on veterinary skills.

Senior Vet Camp is an experience that will challenge future veterinarians in 9th through 12th grades to learn and develop their hands-on veterinary skills. Find out more [here](#).

State Fair Education Station

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

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

Volunteers Wanted!

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

- **Computer Superintendent**
- **Club leader(s) for German Gems**
- **4-H Promotion Liaison**

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



Kitchen Skillathon

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



May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Election Day— Office Closed Armstrong Hi-Lighters	3 Dog Club 7pm	4 Jr. Leaders	5	6
7	8 Centerrific Star Horse & Pony	9 Shooting Sports—Archery Tech Club/ Energetics	10 Perry M & M's Mini 4-H	11	12	13
14	15 Scott Achievers	16 Livestock Club	17 St. Wendel Tractor Club	18	19	20
21 Shooting Sports— Firearm Training	22	23	24	25 Happy Hoosiers	26	27
28	29 Holiday - office closed	30	31 Food Preserva- tion Workshop			

2023 4-H DATES

All dates and locations are subject to change.

January

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

February

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

March

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

April

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

May

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

June

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

June cont.

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

July

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

August

- 3: Jr. Leader Banquet

September

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

October

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

November

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

December

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

