

The LINK

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Achievement Banquet

The annual Achievement Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15 at the 4-H Center Auditorium. If you have been chosen to receive an award, you received an invitation in the mail in October. Award winners receive complimentary tickets, but must reserve them by calling the Extension Office or going to <http://tinyurl.com/23AchBqt> by **Nov 1**. Additional tickets for family and friends can be purchased from your 4-H leader or at the Extension Office.



2024 4-H Enrollment

4-H Online Enrollment is now open!

Enroll in 4-H at:

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



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

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

Support the 4-H Achievement Banquet



Purchase an Ad for your Business or 4-H Member

1/8 page \$20

JETT FINANCIAL 955 S. Kentucky Evansville, IN 47712 479-4800 jett.com	SCHERER MONUMENT WORKS Burt Scherer - Owner 3200 Forest Avenue Evansville, IN 47712 425-7546
POSH International Hair Studio Katie Stroup Barnes - Retail 1300 S. Kentucky Evansville, IN 47712 482-9704	Little Apts Inc. For all your natural beauty needs, visit us at: www.littleapts.com

Full page \$100



Vanderburgh County Farm Bureau

Vanderburgh County Farm Bureau congratulates Vanderburgh County 4-Hers, the future of Indiana agriculture, on another year of making the best better.

Vanderburgh County Farm Bureau
1005 Sherman Ave.
Evansville, IN 47712-2004
812-426-2122

2 Full pages \$200 Center Fold



1/2 page \$50

OAK MEADOW

Contributions to all of the winners of the 4-H Achievement Awards this evening!

We wish you much continued success in the future!

Ads/checks due 11/15/23
Make checks payable to Purdue CES Ed Fund
Ad donations help to offset award recipients' complimentary meals

For more information or questions, contact the Extension Office at (812) 867-4935

Policies

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

Mini 4-H

The 4-H Achievement Banquet falls on the day of November Mini 4-H meeting this year. We have decided to do something in place of our meeting surrounding community service. Mini 4-H members are being challenged to complete an act of service in their home or community this month. It can be raking leaves, serving at a soup kitchen, anything! Anyone who participates will receive a prize at the December meeting. Send pictures or information about what you did to Taylor at tvanmet@purdue.edu by November 30th.

INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



**BROADBAND
INFLUENCER**

What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

1

Checks your internet speed

pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest



2

Validates it on the FCC website

broadbandmap.fcc.gov

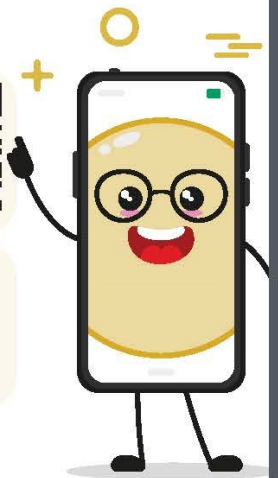


3

Share what they've done with others

4

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



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

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

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

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

I have more questions!



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

state4hleader@purdue.edu



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Extension - 4-H Youth
Development



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

Due to a change in scheduling, Indiana 4-H **WILL NOT** be participating in the Citizenship Washington Focus trip to Washington DC next summer. Instead, they are opening up the National 4-H Conference (also in the Washington DC area) to any high school youth that is interested. It is suggested that any youth planning to attend CWF now attend the National 4-H Conference. This conference will be held April 19-24, 2024. Since the registration deadline for the National 4-H Conference is coming up soon, anyone in grades 9-12 that is interested in attending must complete the attached application by **NOVEMBER 15**. In Vanderburgh County, we have funding for 2 youth to attend this trip. The youth chosen to attend are asked to submit a \$100 refundable deposit and complete final registration in 4-H Online (upon notification of being chosen).



2024 National 4-H Conference Award Application

DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE: November 15, 2023



By completing this form, I am interested in being considered for the National 4-H Conference on April 19-24, 2024 in the Washington DC area. I understand that I will have to miss school to attend (an excuse letter can be provided to your school). If chosen as one of the two Vanderburgh County delegates, I am responsible for paying a REFUNDABLE deposit in the amount of \$100 (to be returned after the trip). If I am chosen as a delegate, I must complete 4-H Online registration by December 15 to register for this trip.

Name: _____

Years in 4-H: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

Why I am interested in attending: _____

Information about National 4-H Conference:

National 4-H Conference is the annual premier national civic engagement opportunity for 4-H members across the country. Delegates will not only learn while at the conference, but will have the opportunity to practice and apply in a real world setting their newly developed and refined presentation and advocacy skills. Delegates choose an important societal topic and in round table groups prepare a briefing. During the conference, groups present their briefing to federal officials around the Washington, D.C. area. 4-H members in grade 9-12 may attend. Registration includes transportation, lodging, and meals as part of the conference package.

To the best of my knowledge, all statements in this form are accurate and true. I realize that if I am awarded a trip and I accept it, it is my responsibility to attend. If I am awarded this trip and do not attend, I know I will be required to pay the trip and transportation fees of \$1,600 or I will forfeit all future trips.

4-H Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

4-H Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



Jr Leaders 75th Anniversary Celebration

Open House and Party
Stay as long as you want

Appetizers, drinks, slideshow,
and dance

All current and past Jr
Leaders and family

NOVEMBER 10 • FRIDAY • 5 - 11 PM
VANDEBURGH COUNTY EXPO HALL

Group picture at 6:30 for all
Jr Leaders present

Come help celebrate 75 years of Jr. Leaders in Vanderburgh County! From 5-7 pm, enjoy an "open house" style atmosphere while you visit with former and current members, share stories of the past, and enjoy the slideshow of pics thru the years. Feel free to stick around the rest of the night for music, cards, games and dancing in a reception style atmosphere. Finger foods and drinks will be served all night and pizzas will be ordered when the music starts.

Calling All Sewing & Craft Enthusiasts!



A generous couple donated A TON of crafting and sewing supplies to our office! The photos show just a small sampling. Stop by and see what was donated! Items are free on a first come, first serve basis.

Wanting to learn to quilt? We've been contacted by someone who would love to teach a young person how to quilt. If you'd like a quilting mentor, reach out to the office and we can connect you.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone that helped put on the 4-H Is Sweet Trunk or Treat! We had about 140 youth enjoy trunk or treating, games, crafts, snacks, and fun! And we got to share what 4-H is all about! Thank you to everyone that attended, provided a trunk, donated candy, worked at a station, and helped with set-up and clean-up. **4-H is great because of you!**



What a great day at the Fall Festival! We had so much fun teaming up with The Vanderburgh County Fair and Southern Indiana Antique Machinery Club for the parade! Our float even won 3rd place for best decoration! We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to SIAM for allowing us to participate in the parade and for pulling our wagon. Vanderburgh County rocks!

News & Celebrations



It was the perfect evening for a bonfire with hot dogs and smore's. The Perry M&Ms 4-H group had a brief meeting and then enjoyed good conversation and a night hike in the woods at their meeting location, Immanuel UCC. The drive there was beautiful too!

At their October meeting, Jr. Leaders packed 75 backpacks for homeless people as part of an Indiana 4-H Foundation YES grant led by Audrie Walker. They passed out many of the bags during fall break. Great job helping your community! Jr. Leaders also took a fun trip to Indianapolis and had a great time at a Colts Game, Top Golf, paintballing, and more!



Congratulations to Rachel Pohl and Charlie English! They were honored as scholarship recipients at the Indiana 4-H Foundation Scholarship luncheon in October. Awesome job Rachel & Charlie!



Way to go Charlie English for representing the 4 YES grants from Vanderburgh County at the Indiana 4-H Foundation Scholarship luncheon. Thanks for representing Vanderburgh Co. 4-H so well!





4-H ENTREPRENEUR ACADEMY

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

Open to youth in grades 6-12

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

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

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

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



INDIANA 4-H

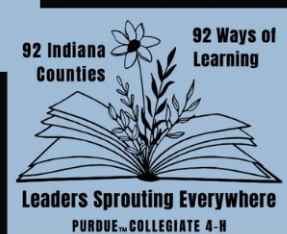
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AND 4-HERS!

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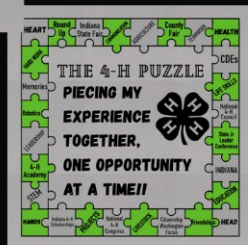
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\$20



\$28



DELIVERY BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

<https://pogo.undergroundshirts.com/collections/indiana-4-h-online-pop-up-shop>



BROUGHT TO YOU BY PURDUE COLLEGIATE 4-H

Volunteer Updates!

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



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

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

Volunteers Needed!

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

Festival of Trees

Christmas is coming!! The Festival of Trees set-up will be Saturday, November 25th at 9am in the SIAM bldg. Tear down will be January 6th at 9am. If you or a club can help set up displays/lights on Saturdays (9-?), Sundays (1-?) or Mondays (5-?) it would be greatly appreciated. The SIAM club is also looking for any clubs that would like to take on an area at SIAM outside of their building. A lot of these displays/lights are getting older and needs replaced, so they are looking for help. If you would like to help out with an area, big or small, please call Susan English at 812-568-2969. **PLEASE NOTE - SUPPER WITH SANTA HAS BEEN CANCELLED!**



Head Leaders

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





2024 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Year Scholarship

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

Club Scholarship

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

Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

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

Accomplishment Scholarship

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

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

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

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

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

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

Visit bit.ly/4hscholarship to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.

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

\$166,725 AWARDED IN 2023



Animal Projects

Weather Changing? How to Prepare Your Poultry for Winter!



Discussion Topics

- When you should start winterizing your birds.
- What you will need to keep your birds safe and warm.
- How to keep your birds healthy though the winter.
- Open-ended questions and answers.

Time: 7pm EST.

Date: November 8th

Virtual Zoom: <https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/96005698949>

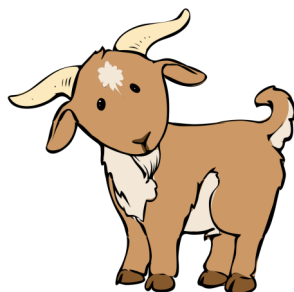


If you have questions please contact JP Pietrowski at jpietrow@purdue.edu or call 260-358-4826

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.

Goat Display

Dairy Goat Superintendent, Linda Goebel, is looking for ways to improve the Goat Display at the fair. If you have suggestions on how to set up the barn in an educational and professional manner, please let her know your ideas and suggestions. We have a great opportunity to provide education to the public and need your help in making this happen! You can reach her at (812) 632-1076.



Missing Rabbit Cage

Rabbit Exhibitors! We believe someone accidentally took a 3 cage rabbit carrier home from the fair that belonged to another 4-H member. It disappeared Friday evening of fair. Please check at home and see if you accidentally went home with it. Please let our office know if you did so we can get it to the rightful owner. Thanks!



Livestock Fundraising Online Auction



Challenge to all 4-H Clubs and Livestock Species to donate items/baskets for an online auction



If you need a letter to supply to a business, please contact our office

Auction in December



Items/Baskets due to the Ext Office by November 27



For questions call: Susan/Taylor/Megan @ 812-867-4935

COOKING AROUND THE WORLD



SAVE THE DATES!

Saturdays from
Jan 20 - Feb 24, 2024
at 10-11 am CT via Zoom

Be on the lookout for
more details!

Cook your way through the world
with this 4-H virtual experience!

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Dog Club 7pm	2 Jr Leaders 6:30 pm	3	4 Dog Ring Crew for ACE Agility Trials 7:30am-4pm shifts
5 Armstrong Hi-Lighters 5pm	6	7 Extension Office Closed	8 Perry M & M's 6:45pm	9 German Gems 6pm	10	11
12	13 Centerrific 6 pm Star 6pm	14 Tech Club 5:30	15 St Wendel All Stars 6pm Achievement Banquet National 4-H Conference Apps Due	16	17	18
19	20 Scott Achievers 6:30pm	21 Shooting Sports 6:30 Livestock Club 6pm	22	23 	24 Extension Office Closed	25
26	27	28	29	30		