

The LINK

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4-H For Good Day



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



Beyond Ready



Let's paint the nation
GREEN on Monday,
October 6th.

We're kicking off #National4HWeek with a bold splash of Indiana 4-H spirit. Wear green and show the world you're #4HBeyondReady on Oct 6th. On Oct 9th, highlight a community service project you've done or shout out your friend's awesome works and share the good 4-H members do!



4-H Enrollment opens October 1, 2025!

Enroll at v2.4honline.com to stay up to date with all things 4-H!

4-H Program Fee: \$25
Mini 4-H Program Fee: \$5



STUCK ON 4-H!



Have you enrolled in 4-H?

Each week from now until January 15th we will be drawing two names from those enrolled to win one of these awesome 4-H sticker sheets!



These stickers are great for laptops, water bottles and so much more!

Enroll today at <https://v2.4honline.com>



CLOVER CARNIVAL

Step right up and experience the excitement of 4-H!
Enjoy hands-on activities, fun games, and
interactive stations that showcase what 4-H is all
about. Join us for learning, laughter, and prizes—all
while discovering the opportunities 4-H has to offer!

**WED, NOV 12 FROM 6-7 PM
EVPL NORTH PARK MEETING ROOM
OR
MON, DEC 8 FROM 6-7 PM
EVPL RED BANK HOWARD ROOM**

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Scan to register!
Can't come?
Scan to get
more info



We would love for youth or adults from your club to help with a station and share more information about 4-H and your club. You can sign up to help at one or both libraries at <https://tinyurl.com/CloverCarnivalSignUp>.

TWO 4-H DRONE/UAV CONTESTS

SAVE THE DATES

SOUTHERN REGIONAL, BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
STATEWIDE CONTEST, MADISON COUNTY

COMPETE IN **ONE**
OR **BOTH** EVENTS

02/21/2026: BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY

*REGIONAL COMPETITION

03/14/2026: MADISON COUNTY

*STATEWIDE COMPETITION



MORE DETAILS SOON

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4-H Handbook Design Contest

Design the cover of our handbook!
Designs can be hand drawn or designed on a computer. Design will be printed in black and white on the front of the 2026 handbook. Submit your design by **November 1** to Taylor at tvanmet@purdue.edu.



SUPPORT THE 4-H ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

Be a part of the 4-H Achievement Banquet Program Book by purchasing an ad for your Business, 4-H member, or club!

Money received helps to offset the cost of the complimentary meals






2 Full pages \$200



Full page \$100

1/8 page \$25

<p>Congratulations for your achievements! We are proud of you. Welcoming New Members! <i>Creative Critters</i></p>  <p>VANDERBURGH COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION July 21 - 26, 2025 Congratulations to 4-H members and Volunteers! <i>Est 1920</i></p>	<p>Congratulations to all award winners!</p>  <p>Vanderburgh County Horse & Pony</p> <p>PROUD OF VANDERBURGH COUNTY 4-H'ERS!</p>  <p>Janet & Paul Wagner</p>
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1/2 page \$50

Congratulations! We are proud of you and your achievements this year.

We're confident that you will continue with even more successes.



Good luck in your next adventure.

11505 Browning Road - Evansville, IN 47725 - Phone: 812-867-1800 - WWW.OAKMEADOWWCC.COM

Return by: October 27, 2025

Make checks payable to: Vanderburgh Co 4-H Council

Mail to: Purdue Extension-Vanderburgh Co, 13301

Darmstadt Rd, Evansville IN 47725



BEFORE
A KID CAN CLEAN THEIR PLATE,
A FARMER HAS
TO FILL IT

INDIANA FARM BUREAU TEACHES YOUTH HOW AGRICULTURE AFFECTS THEIR DAILY LIVES.

ASK A KID WHERE FOOD COMES FROM, and the likely response is, "The refrigerator." But through the educational programs of Indiana Farm Bureau, students learn the important and fascinating path of farm to table. Each year, volunteers visit Indiana classrooms to teach students about agriculture through lessons, activities and even on-farm experiences. It's vital information that's not just food for thought, it's food as thought. Learn more at IFB.org.





CLOVER CONNECTORS

We're looking for 4-H members to join a new Digital Media Team! This group will help tell the 4-H story by creating fun content, running contests, and sharing the excitement of 4-H in an online space. If you enjoy being creative, working with technology, or coming up with new ideas, this team is for you!

The team will meet about 4 times a year and work to develop content in between.

**APPLY TO BE A PART OF THE
INAUGURAL CLOVER CONNECTORS
TEAM BY OCTOBER 15 AT
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/CLOVERCONNECTORS](https://tinyurl.com/cloverconnectors)
OR SCAN THE QR CODE**





One-acre Corn & Soybean Contest

The One-Acre Corn or Soybean Contest is open to any 4-H member. You do not have to exhibit Crops at the fair to participate. A weigh wagon is used to determine the number of bushels. Shawn and Ben Jackson have graciously agreed to do the weighing. If interested in participating, call Shawn at 812-480-6555 or Ben at 812-549-3386 when ready to harvest. Winners will be announced at the 4-H Achievement Banquet.

Livestock Club

The **Livestock Club Meetings** for the remainder of 2025 have been relocated to Salem Church of Darmstadt, 14134 Darmstadt Rd, Evansville, IN 47725.

The meetings are scheduled for 6-7 pm on September 2, October 21, and November 18. When you arrive at Salem, the parking is on the north side of the Church. You will see a burgundy canopy and you will come in those doors.

**SHARE YOUR
4-H PRIDE
IN THE
FALL
FESTIVAL
PARADE**

**Saturday
October 11th**
More details to come!

**CONTACT JENNY WITH QUESTIONS
JENNIFER.DEUTSCH@ATT.NET**

Casey's x 4-H

IN STORE OCT 1-10

& ONLINE OCT 1 - NOV 4

SHOOTING SPORTS MEETING CHANGES

Shooting Sports meetings will now be held at the PMA Headquarters. Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. and will end by 8:00 P.M. (Next meetings are Tuesday October 14 & Tuesday November 11.)

Please enter through the red door on the back of the building.
Parking is also available on behind the building. We hope to see you there!!!

Address: 10600 Old State Rd

October 1-10: Round up your in-store purchase to donate to 4-H. October 1-November 4: Add a donation to any order made online or in the Casey's app. Every donation benefits local 4-H programs! Casey's will match all consumer donations, up to \$150,000, in-store from October 1-10 and online or through Casey's mobile app from October 1-November 4.. Learn more about the partnership at 4-h.org/caseyspizza.

Presidential AI Challenge



The Presidential AI Challenge is here! 4-H'ers, educators, and mentors are invited to design AI-based solutions to real-world challenges—with the chance to showcase their work on a national stage. Submissions are due January 20, 2026. State Champions announced March 2026, followed by a summer 2026 National Championship. Learn more & get involved:

purdue.ag/PresidentialAIChallenge4H



Big news! 4-H is teaming up with [NBCUniversal](#) and [Wicked Movie](#) to celebrate youth who lead with heart and hands. As an official nonprofit partner of Wicked: For Good—in theaters Nov. 21—4-H is shining a spotlight on young changemakers who prove that everyday acts of good can be powerful. Stay tuned for the [#4HForGood](#) Challenge launching Oct. 9 during National 4-H Week! <https://bit.ly/3IOSqHZ>

Please join us for a
Mini 4-H
Halloween Party
& COSTUME PARADE

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 22

5:30-7PM

North River Health Campus
811 E. Baseline Road
Evansville IN 47725

Sign Up Here:
<https://tinyurl.com/mini4hhalloween2025>

Please join us as we turn our party into a service project! We will be doing a costume parade and “reverse trick or treating” for the residents at North River. After that, we will enjoy games and snacks outside!



- 1 Do Something Good**
Big or small, every act counts! Help out, give back, or simply show someone you care.
- 2 Share Your Heart Hands and Post Online**
👉❤️💚 Share your heart hands, write a short post about your good deed and share on social media using hashtag #4HForGood and tag @4H.
- 3 Challenge Your Crew**
Tag 4 friends and invite them to do something wickedly too!

Training Opportunity

INDIANA 4-H BEYOND READY VOLUNTEERS

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming volunteer workshop! Learn about the Beyond Ready initiative and how YOU can be a part of preparing Indiana youth to be Ready for Work, Ready for Life!

DETAILS



Beyond Ready

Workshop is in conjunction with the 4-H Foundation Luncheon

Workshop participants earn FREE Luncheon admittance! Luncheon immediately follows workshop.



Volunteer Ready!

Complete the workshop and you, too, are Beyond Ready! You walk away with skills to help Indiana youth in their career exploration journey.



RSVP

Complete this short survey to let us know you are coming. We will have a variety of resources ready for you!

https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6SCeMA00EfKMJIY or QR code



Contact Us

jlabbrell@purdue.edu



More Information

<https://in4h.org/luncheon-rsvp/>

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Volunteer Corner

4-H ADULT LEADER MEETING

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 2

TIME
6:00 PM

PURDUE EXTENSION
13301 DARMSTADT RD

SPEAKER

DR. GREG DILLON
INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER
SHARING HIS EXPERIENCES IN 4-H

PIZZA WILL BE SERVED



COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

University of Kentucky



FEB 26-28
2026

Head Leaders

It's time to begin setting up the 2026 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. We need to have the list of 4-H meetings on file for insurance purposes. We will share your club meetings in our LINK newsletter once received. If you need help in planning your club meetings, don't hesitate to contact Megan at mkron@purdue.edu. Thank you!

Be the Difference:

MOTIVATE. EDUCATE. CELEBRATE!

The Premiere Experience

WORKSHOPS - NETWORKING - VENDORS
SEMINARS ON WHEELS - OPENING EVENT
VOLUNTEER ACCREDITATION - AWARDS
LUNCHEON - HALL OF FAME BANQUET

CALL FOR PROPOSALS SUBMIT IN THE LINK BELOW

[HTTPS://UKY.A21.QUALTRICS.COM/JFE/FORM/SV_B05LQV4GKWD86AS](https://uky.a21.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_B05LQV4GKWD86AS)

Central Bank Convention Center

Hyatt Regency Lexington

401 High Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

REGISTRATION OPENS

OCTOBER 1, 2025

OUT OF STATE REGISTRATION

<https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/core-program-areas/kentucky-volunteer-forum>

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Disabilities
accommodated
with prior notification.



Congratulations!

**Maddie Bedel and Austin Groeninger were
chosen to represent Vanderburgh County
4-H at the Ignite by 4-H Trip to
Washington DC!
Way to go 4-H members!!**



October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1. Dog Club 7	2. Adult Leaders 6 Jr Leaders 6:30	3.	4.
5.	6.	7. Armstrong Hi- Lighters 6	8.	9. German Gems 6	10.	11.
12.	13.	14.	15. St.Wendel 6	16.	17.	18.
19.	20. Centerrific 6	21. Livestock 6	22. Mini 4-H 5:30	23.	24.	25.
26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	31. 	