

# The LINK

October 2023

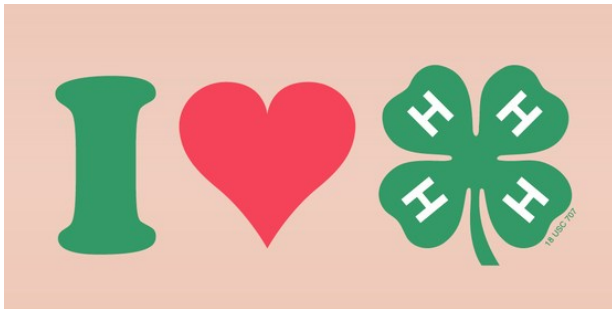


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## National 4-H Week

Celebrate National 4-H Week-October 1-7, 2023 by sharing your 4-H story with your friends! We challenge you to wear a 4-H shirt to school or afterschool to show your 4-H pride! And be sure to invite a friend to join in the 4-H fun! The theme this year is *I LOVE 4-H* so be sure to share with your friends how much you love 4-H!



## 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.

## Fall Festival Parade



Vanderburgh County 4-H, along with The Vanderburgh County Fair, will have a spot in the parade this year and we are looking for 4-H members and their families to share their 4-H pride by walking in the parade or riding on the float (Space is limited on the float)! The parade will take place on Saturday October 7th at 4:30pm. Please plan to meet between 3:30 and 4pm to prepare. Details about where to meet will be coming soon! If are you planning to participate or have questions, please contact Jenny Deutsch at 812-431-1706.

## 4-H Is Sweet!

We are in the process of planning our 4-H Is Sweet Trunk or Treat event on Wednesday October 18th (see flyer on next page) and we are in need of some volunteers! Please to sign up to decorate your trunk/hand out candy, work a game or activity table or host a club table at <https://tinyurl.com/4hissweet2023>. We hope to meet lots of new potential 4-H members and this event is in conjunction with the Mini 4-H Trunk or Treat so we need LOTS of help! Please sign up today! We are also asking folks to donate individually wrapped candy (none with nuts), treats, or prizes to be given out to participants. If you could help by donating items, we would greatly appreciate it! Items may be dropped off at the Extension Office by October 16. **THANK YOU!!**



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COME FIND OUT WHY

# 4-H IS SWEET!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:00 - 7:30 PM

4-H CENTER INDUSTRIAL BUILDING  
FREE FOR YOUTH IN GRADES K-12

RSVP AT [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/4HISSWEET](https://tinyurl.com/4hissweet)

Put on your Halloween costume and join us for a trunk-or-treat and learn just how sweet 4-H is at hands-on stations. 15-minute parent info sessions will be held at 6:30 and 7:00 pm.

For more information,  
contact Megan Hoffherr at  
[mkron@purdue.edu](mailto:mkron@purdue.edu).



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TO REGISTER

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prior to the event at (812) 867-4935.



# 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. The contest is open to any 4-H member. A weigh wagon is used to determine the number of bushels. Shawn Jackson has graciously agreed to do the weighing. If interested in participating in this contest, please call him at 812 480-6555 when you are ready to harvest. The county winner will be announced at the 4-H Achievement Banquet on November 15.



# Congratulations!

Vanderburgh County 4-H members, Katherine Roemke, Rachel Pohl and Sydney Woodard were recognized for their accomplishments at the Indiana State Fair at the Celebration of Champions! We are so proud of them!

# Thank you!!

THANK YOU to all the volunteers that helped choose 4-H awards during Awards Week. We have so many talented, accomplished 4-H members that this is no easy task! Thank you for supporting our 4-H members and helping to recognize their achievements!



# 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 will receive an invitation in the mail in October. Award winners receive complimentary tickets, but must reserve them by calling the Extension Office. Additional tickets for family and friends can be purchased from your 4-H leader or at the Extension Office. If you are an award winner, be on the lookout for more details to come!



# Support the 4-H Achievement Banquet

Purchase an Ad for your Business or 4-H Member

1/8 page \$20



1/2 page \$50



Full page \$100



2 Full pages \$200 Center Fold



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

# 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.

## 4-H UAV DRONE EXPLORATION

GRADES 3-12

OCT 28TH 9AM- 4PM ,  
DUBOIS COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS



Sign Up with 4-H Online



[v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com)



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# State Contests

The **Indiana 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest** is an educational opportunity for 4-H members to make decisions as an individual and as a team member. Youth will learn to make decisions based on consumer purchasing information they have learned and studied during this process. During the process of evaluation, youth will also learn to defend their decisions through giving oral reasons. Success depends upon how well they process and evaluate what they have observed. Open to youth in grades 9-12.

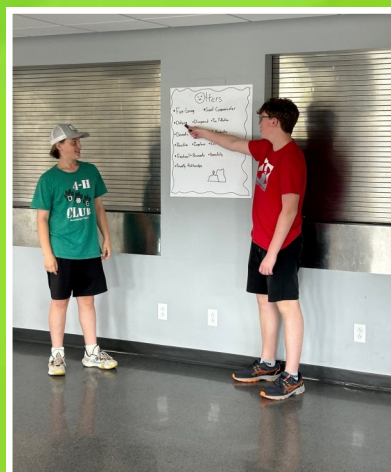
**Kitchen Skillathon** is an educational opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate increased knowledge and competence with common kitchen equipment, small appliances, herbs/spices, and hazards/safety in the kitchen. Teams will be made up of 3-4 youth in grades 6-8. The contest will consist of four identification stations including small appliances, kitchen equipment/tools, herbs/spices, and kitchen hazards/safety; a written test and a skills demonstration. For the Skills Demonstration, participants can practice, and receive feedback from a judge, on an assigned kitchen/cooking type skill. Participants will complete the skill while at the judging table. The 2023 contest is exhibition only so no points or awards will be given and there is no cost to participate.

Both events are Saturday, October 28, 2023; Registration 9:00-9:30 AM EST, contest starts at 9:30 at Purdue. For registration details, reach out to Megan Hoffherr at [mkron@purdue.edu](mailto:mkron@purdue.edu).

## Club News



4-Her Brayden Cosby planted a mum to help spruce up the playground at Old North UMC during their Sept. 11 meeting. The Centerrific 4-H Club has partnered with the ONUMC Preschool to do regular upkeep as an act of community service.



Jr. Leaders had a great retreat day in September! Joining Jr. Leaders is a great way to build leadership skills and make new friends. The program is open to youth in grades 8-12. If you'd like to learn more about Jr. Leaders, contact Megan at [mkron@purdue.edu](mailto:mkron@purdue.edu) or come to the next meeting on October 5 at 7:00 pm at the 4-H Center Banquet Hall.





# 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](mailto:mkron@purdue.edu) with  
questions.**



# 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](mailto:mkron@purdue.edu) for more details. Thank you!

## Festival of Trees

Christmas is coming!! The Festival of Trees set-up will be Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the SIAM bldg. Tear down will be January 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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!





MAKING 4-H FOR



Everyone

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24  
6:00 - 7:30 PM  
4-H CENTER EXPO HALL**

**We are asking each 4-H Club to send at least 1 leader to learn about new guidelines and how to ensure 4-H is a safe, positive experience for all youth.**

**All 4-H volunteers are welcome to attend. A light meal will be provided by the Adult Leaders.**

**Register at  
<https://tinyurl.com/LeaderTraining23>  
or by calling (812) 867-4935 by Oct 16**

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Scan to Register







Group: Vanderburgh County Fair  
 Date: October 17, 2023  
 Location: Darmstadt

You must receive this token from your organization prior to your event. Distribution of this token on Hacienda property will disqualify the organization from receiving any proceeds.

Don't have time to eat out? Pick up a Hacienda gift card or Fiesta-To-Go order. They count towards the fundraiser.

Restaurant Phone Number 812-401-2180

GIFT CARDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR YOUR PURCHASE WITH THIS TOKEN

Please join the Vanderburgh County Fairs Century Committee at Hacienda on October 17th. Good for dine in, carry out and gift cards. See you there!!

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Scott Achievers Mesa Compton and Clara Fligor and their leader, Shawnetta Compton, for hosting our table at the WNIN Kids Fest. We are so grateful to them for spending their Saturday sharing the great things about being a 4-H member with kids in our community!



Thank You

# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Armstrong Hi-Lighters 6:00pm Shooting Sports 6:30pm	4 Dog Club 7pm	5 Jr. Leaders 7pm	6	7 4-H Parade at Fall Festival
8	9	10	11	12 German Gems 6pm	13	14
15	16 Centerrific 6pm, Scott Achievers 6:30	17 Archery Shoot 6:30—Small animal barn 4-H Center	18 6pm- 4-H is Sweet/Mini 4-H	19	20	21
22	23	24 Tech Club 5:30 Volunteer Training 6pm	25	26 Happy Hoosiers	27	28
29 Firearm Training 2pm - Daniel Boone Gun Club	30	31	