

The LINK

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Thank You!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS AND 4-H MEMBERS FOR MAKING THIS YEAR'S FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS! WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!



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!

Trip Forms

Trip Forms **WILL NOT** be due to the office on September 18 like they have in the past. Forms will be due in January once we know more details about 2024 trips. Be on the lookout this winter for the trip form. Be sure to turn in your Achievement Record by September 18 to be eligible to win trips!



Year End Deadline

Monday, September 18th is the third Monday in September...Do you know what that means? All year end forms are due to the Extension Office at that time. The following items need to be turned in on or before September 18th:

- Achievement Records
- Secretary's Books
- Treasurer's Books
- Club Scrapbooks
- Honor Club Applications



If you need help completing your Achievement Record, please reach out to our office or your club leader. You can find a recorded workshop here: <https://youtu.be/KxQJTtHOfQM> that gives you tips for completing your record. You can find the Achievement Record template [here](#).

2024 4-H Enrollment

4-H Online Enrollment begins

October 1st, 2023!

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!

Please join us for our first
MINI 4-H MEETING

WHAT: A chance to learn about the fun and educational experience you can have as a Mini 4-H member!

WHO: Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd graders who like to have FUN! (and their parents)

WHEN: Wednesday September 20th at 6:00pm

WHERE: Vanderburgh 4-H Center Activities Building



Junior Leader Officers

Congratulations to the new group of officers for 2023-24, elected at their recent Banquet:

President: Paul Folz

Vice-President: Isaac Pohl

Secretary: Alyssa Coomes

Treasurer: Allyson Johnson

Assistant Treasurer: Charlie English

Recreation Leader: Maddie Bedel

Historian: Kiley Standing

Meeting Coordinator: Kylie Weiss



Fair Leftovers

We still have some orphaned county and state fair projects that were not picked up. Please pick these up **as soon as possible**. If you are missing a score sheet or ribbon, we may have that as well. Contact us to find out!

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!



Achievement Banquet Ads

Would you like to advertise your business at the Achievement Banquet? How about placing an ad of congratulations to all of the award winners? Ads placed in the program help pay for award winners' tickets. Without the ads in the Achievement Banquet program, we would have to raise the price of tickets for your family and friends. Please help support the Achievement Banquet and purchase an ad. If you'd like to purchase an ad, contact the office for more details on how you can help! Thank you!





JR. LEADER
RETREAT
SEPTEMBER 9

8:30 AM - 9 PM
(come late or leave early if needed)

OPEN TO ALL CURRENT 4-H
MEMBERS IN GRADES 8-12

MAKE NEW FRIENDS,
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES,
LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT, LUNCH,
AND MORE!

4-H CENTER SMALL ANIMAL
BARN

TO RSVP CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE
AT (812)-435-5287
OR TEXT PHILLIP AT (812)449-8556

Seasonal Produce Drive

The Vanderburgh County 4-H Seasonal Produce Drive took place again this year. 4-H members exhibiting produce in the Garden project were asked if they would like to donate their produce to Feed Evansville. Produce was also collected during the Fair. What a great way to share with those in need! Thank you to all who participated in this effort!



Awards Selection

The Awards Committee will be meeting the week of Sept 25. All 4-H club leaders are encouraged to help with the selection process. No previous experience is necessary. We will be sending out more details soon. We'd appreciate your help!



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.



Livestock Skill-a-thon



This year the Livestock Skill-a-thon will be held on Tuesday, September 12th at the Vanderburgh 4-H Center. Registration will begin at 8:30am CST with the contest beginning at 9am. There will be six stations as part of the contest: Breed ID, Equipment ID, Feed ID, Retail Meat ID, Quality Assurance and an Industry Quiz. Please email Megan at mkron@purdue.edu no later than September 5th if you are interested in participating.

Fine Arts & Craft Show

The Homemaker Craft Fair is Saturday, September 23 and Sunday September 24, and help is still needed. 4-H Leaders help cover the auditorium kitchen for the full shift on Saturday and cover Sunday with the help of Jr Leaders.

Ideally we would have 5 adult volunteers for each shift on Saturday: 8:30-12:30 and 12:00-4:15.

2 or 3 volunteers are also needed for each shift Sunday: 9:00-12:30 and 12:30-4ish

We can use 4-Her help too to pour drinks, make walking tacos, and bus tables so the whole family can join in. Passes to get into the 4-H Center grounds will be left in the Extension Office pick up box by the door if I receive your name before the event. Please let me know if you can help at mbip1101@aol.com or 812-480-3498. If you cannot be there for a full shift, even a few hours (especially from 10-2 on Saturday) is much appreciated.

Champion Awards

If you received a drawstring bag for receiving a champion ribbon at the fair, please show your appreciation to our sponsor by sending a Thank You note to:

Vanderburgh Co. Adult Leaders
Re: Champion Awards
13301 Darmstadt Rd. Ste A
Evansville, IN 47725





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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.



SCAN ME
TO REGISTER

Purdue University is an equal access/equal opportunity institution.

If you have special needs, please call us
prior to the event at (812) 867-4935.



CELEBRATION STATION!



Tractor Driving



2023 AREA CONTEST RESULTS

Luke Jackson, Kade Welte, Logan Brandt, Adam Marx, Beau Wheeler, Owen Potter, Stephen Brenner, Bryan Keil, Isaiah Schmitt, Elijah Schmitt & Dallas Bergman competed in the area Tractor Contest.

Luke Jackson: 1st In Jr. Ag
Logan Brandt: 2nd in Jr. Ag
Adam Marx: 1st In Jr. Lawn
Beau Wheeler: 3rd in Jr. Lawn
Dallas Bergman: 1st in Sr. Lawn
Isaiah Schmitt: 3rd in Sr. Lawn
Elijah Schmitt: 4th in Sr. Lawn

2023 STATE CONTEST PARTICIPANTS

Logan Brandt, Luke Jackson, Adam Marx, Beau Wheeler, Dallas Bergman, Elijah Schmitt, and Isaiah Schmitt

Barn Leadership Awards

The following 4-Hers were recognized at the Livestock Auction for their leadership skills:

Beef: Logan Claspell

Dairy: Mitch Adler

Dairy Goat: Maddie Bedel

Llama/Alpaca: Mason Petersen

Meat Goat: Leonard Hughes

Poultry: Addison Willett

Pygmy Goat: Kaliana Smith

Rabbit: Kelsey Herke

Sheep: Aubrey Glaser

Swine: Logan Claspell



Special thanks to Vieira Bros. Excavating for donating 4-H Livestock tumblers and Eastin Wildt for designing 3-D printed animals for each of these 4-H members!

Showmanship Results

Beef: Level 1: Mac Mowrer ; Level 2: Alexa Adler ; Level 3: Logan Claspell

Dairy: Level 1: Oliver Wallace Level 2: Adeline Weis ; Level 3: Mitch Adler

Dairy Goats: Level 2: Joston Woodall ; Level 3: Maddie Bedel

Llama/Alpaca: Level 1: Carly Stock; Level 2: Heidi Jackson; Level 3: Aubrey Petersen

Meat Goats: Level 1: Reese Jackson; Level 2: Reid Jackson; Level 3: Leonard Hughes

Poultry: Level 1: Kael Winn; Level 2: Maddie Bedel ; Level 3: Kyle Jackson

Pygmy Goat: Level 1: Leah Thompson; Level 2: Caroline Schultheis; Level 3: Kaleb Herke

Rabbits: Level 1: Presley Gobin ; Level 2: Hunter Stephens; Level 3: Kaleb Herke

Sheep: Level 1: Julianne Bergman; Level 2: Reba Bergman; Level 3: Aveye Engelhardt

Swine: Level 1: Jossyln Welte; Level 2: Alexa Adler ; Level 3: Kaleb Herke

SUPREME SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS:

Large Animal—
Aveye Engelhardt

Small Animal—
Maddie Bedel

Other participants include:
Large Animal— Logan Claspell, Mitch Adler, Leonard Hughes & Kaleb Herke

Small Animal— Aubrey Petersen, Kyle Jackson, Sophie Scheller & Kaleb Herke



Aerospace Flight Classes

Streamer

Gr. 3-5: Champion– Norah Embrey
Gr. 6-8: Champion– Jacob Coleman
Gr. 9-12: Champion– Allyson Johnson

Parachute:

Gr. 3-5: Champion– Isabel Key
Gr. 6-8: Champion– Austin Groeninger

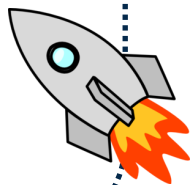
Spot:

Gr. 3-5: Champion– Eli Barnes
Gr. 6-8: Champion– Brandt Coomes
Gr. 9-12: Champion- Allyson Johnson

Glider:

Gr. 6-8: Champion– Blake Woodard

Other Participants: Jackson Cherry, Breydon Curtis, Silas Lawson, Adam Beyer, Kaliana Smith, Cale Melton



Strawberry Contest

Division I Mini Patch

Champion: Elise Lousignont

Advanced Division Mini Patch

Champion: Isaac Pohl

BBQ Contest

Grades 6-8

Champion: Maddie Bedel

Grades 9-12

Champion: Isaac Pohl & Charlie English

Reserve: Lucas Rudolph



Speech and Demonstration Contest

Junior Individual Demonstration:

Champion: Emma Roemke

Senior Individual Demonstration:

Champion: Isaac Pohl

Reserve Champion: Charlie English

Senior Professional Persuasive Presentation:

Champion: Katherine Roemke

Junior Public Speaking:

Champion: Maddie Bedel

Reserve Champion: Elise Lousignont



STATE FAIR RESULTS

Katherine Roemke– Professional Persuasive Presentation: Sweepstakes

Emma Roemke – Ind. Demonstration: Blue Ribbon

Isaac Pohl – Ind. Demonstration: Blue Ribbon

Maddie Bedel– Public Speaking: Red Ribbon

County Garden Contest

Large Garden

Champion: Dimitri Straub

Reserve Champion: Alexa Adler

Honorable Mention: Annabelle Keil

Blue: Tate Farney, Breydon Curtis

Small Garden

Champion: Presley Gobin

Reserve Champion: Dimitri Straub

Honorable Mention: Isabella Schmitt

Blue: Elijah Schmitt, Sarah Parker, Caleb

Mullen, Joe Knea



Shooting Sports

JUNIOR DIVISION (Grades 3-7)

Shotgun:

Champion: Adam Marx

Reserve Champion: Cayden Garrett

Muzzleloader:

Champion: Lucas Jackson

Scoped Rifle:

Champion: Owen Potter

Reserve Champion: Stephen Brenner

Pistol Semi-Auto:

Champion: Joseph Elam

Pistol Revolver:

Champion: Logan Brandt

Reserve Champion: Jarrett Keil

Archery:

Champion: Brandt Coomes

Reserve Champion: Sabrina Funk

SENIOR DIVISION (Grades 8-12)

Shotgun:

Champion: Austin Parker

Pistol Revolver:

Champion: Tyler Brenner

Scoped Rifle:

Champion: Seanan Walker

Reserve Champion: Elijah Schmitt

Iron Sights:

Champion: Caleb Kunkler

Reserve Champion: Levi Kunkler

Archery:

Champion: Emma Early

Reserve Champion: Alyssa Coomes



Food Preservation Results

Grade 3:

Champion: Hadley Jackson

Reserve Champion: Tinley Barnes

Honorable Mention: Brayden Kapp

Blue: Brayden Cosby, Isabella

Schmitt

Grade 4:

Champion: Avery Carr

Reserve Champion: Savannah King

Blue: Jackson Cherry

Grade 5:

Champion: Carleigh VanMeter

Reserve Champion: Eli Barnes

Honorable Mention: Lydia Coomes

Grade 6:

Champion: Emma Roemke

Blue: Kaliana Smith

Grade 7:

Champion: Abigail Pfafflin

Grade 8:

Champion: Austin Groeninger

Reserve Champion: Elise Lous-ignont

Blue: Sean Lehman

Grade 9:

Champion: Katherine Roemke

Reserve Champion: Alyssa Coomes

Honorable Mention: Kelsey Herke

Blue: Lucas Rudolph

Red: Kylie Weiss

Grade 10:

Champion: Charlie English

Red: Katelyn Wiederkehr, Addison Willett

Grade 11:

Champion: Paige Kapp

Reserve Champion: Kaleb Herke

Honorable Mention: Matthew Caldemeyer

Blue: Sarah Parker

Red: Tyler Brenner

Grade 12:

Champion: Logan Herke



Fashion Revue

Congratulations to everyone that participated in the County Fashion Revue!

Consumer Clothing 3-5: Carleigh VanMeter*, Chelize Scott*, Hadley Jackson*, Isabella Schmitt, Avery Schemel, Chloe Hooper, Avery Carr

Consumer Clothing 6-8: Emma Roemke*, Alexa Adler, Elise Lousignont

Consumer Clothing 9-12: Sarah Parker*, Katherine Roemke*, Sydney Woodard*, Kylie Weiss, Alaina Andrecht, Grace Temple

Sewing Grade 3: Tinley Barnes*, Hadley Jackson*, Abigail Embrey*, Chloe Hooper, Chelize Scott, Emery Hillenbrand, Kadyn Hoyer, Annabelle Keil, Amelia Snow, Avalonia Stolz, Isabella Schmitt

Sewing Grade 4: Breydon Curtis*, Avery Carr, Porter Gobin, Evelyn Potter

Sewing Grade 5: Raegan Brenner, Lydia Coomes, Selah Goebel, Carleigh VanMeter*

Sewing Grade 6: Emma Roemke*

Advanced Suit or Coat: Katherine Roemke*

Advanced Dress Up: Kylie Weiss, Rachel Pohl*

Advanced Formal Wear: Sarah Parker, Kiley Standring*

Advanced Informal/Casual Wear: Allyson Johnson, Alyssa Coomes*, Elise Lousignont

Advanced Free Choice: Blaire Hollis*

***Denotes Best Dressed**

Selected For State Fair – Sewing: Rachel Pohl, Kiley Standring, Emma Roemke, Kylie Weiss, Blaire Hollis, Alyssa Coomes

State Fair Top 10/Honor Group: Sewing– Katherine Roemke (Suit & Coat)

INDIANA STATE FAIR CHAMPION: Consumer Sewing– Rachel Pohl

Selected for State Fair – Consumer Clothing: Hadley Jackson, Emma Roemke, Sydney Woodard

State Fair Top 10/Honor Group: Consumer Clothing– Hadley Jackson & Emma Roemke

INDIANA STATE FAIR CHAMPION: Consumer Clothing– Sydney Woodard





Cat Show Results

CAT COSTUME

Grades 3-5

Champion: Natalie Allen

Grades 6-8

Champion: Elizabeth Temple

Grades 9-12

Champion: Sarah Parker

Reserve Champion: Grace Temple

Honorable Mention: Katelyn Wiederkehr

CAT CAGE

Grades 3-5

Champion: Natalie Allen

Grades 6-8

Champion: Lilly Claspell

Grades 9-12

Champion: Katelyn Wiederkehr

Reserve Champion: Sarah Parker



CAT- HOUSEHOLD CAT

Grades 9-12

Champion: Katelyn Wiederkehr

Reserve Champion: Sarah Parker

Honorable Mention: Grace Temple

Overall Grand Champion Cat - Katelyn Wiederkehr

Reserve Grand Champion Cat - Lilly Claspell



Thank You!

A special thank you goes to the Vanderburgh County Fair Association for paying for 4-H projects to be delivered to and from the Indiana State Fair. With the rising costs of fuel and rentals, this is a huge expense. This is just one of the MANY ways the Fair Association supports the 4-H program. Be sure to tell them **THANK YOU** for their continued support! **THANK YOU!!**



Special Merit Winners

We would like to congratulate the following Vanderburgh County 4-H Members on their Special Merit (Orange) Ribbons at the 2023 Indiana State Fair!

An orange ribbon signifies an exceptional blue ribbon project.

Julianne Bergman— Vet. Science
Lucas Bobbitt- Wildlife
Jack Bonham— Models
Samuel Bonham— Foods
Matthew Caldemeyer— Garden
Remington Campbell— Floriculture
Lydia Coomes— Sewing Wearable
Austin Groeninger— Electric & Woodworking
Leo Guetling— Genealogy
Hadley Jackson— Woodworking
Annabelle Keil— Garden
Clayton Keil— Entomology
Caleb Kunkler— Models
Levi Kunkler— Shooting Sports & Woodworking
Elise Lousignont— Sewing NW
Eden Moore— Needlecraft

Cormac Mowrer— Photography
Veronica Orth— Photography
Briley Nalin— Computer
Lexi Nalin— Sewing NW
Sarah Parker— Photography
Isaac Pohl— Garden
Lance Riggle— Dog Poster
Noah Riggle— Garden
Emma Roemke— Beekeeping, Child Development, Consumer Clothing, Floriculture, Sewing NW, Sewing Wearable
Katherine Roemke— Consumer Clothing, Sewing NW
Carleigh VanMeter— Health
Elijah Wilson— Computer

Congratulations to our Vanderburgh County State Fair Exhibitors!

Vanderburgh County exhibitors brought home:



34 Orange Ribbons
99 Blue Ribbons
29 Red Ribbons
2 White Ribbons



Special Recognition

Vanderburgh County has a lot to be proud of this year! Sending a special congratulations to the following 4-H members on their big awards at the Indiana State Fair!



**Sydney Woodard— Consumer Clothing Fashion Revue
OVERALL CHAMPION**



Rachel Pohl— Dress Up Fashion Revue



Katherine Roemke— Professional Persuasive Presentation Sweepstakes Winner

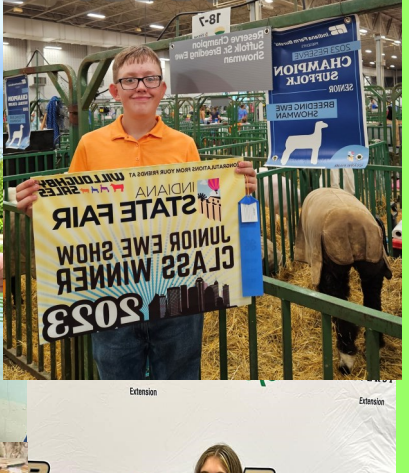


Austin Groeninger— Woodworking and Electric Sweepstakes Winner





Indiana State Fair Fun!



2023



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Club News



The Star 4-H Club Members made encouraging notes for Back to School and filled backpacks with supplies for the Fulton Square Boys & Girls Club & New REO Club. Thanks to our YES Grant from Indiana 4-H Foundation and Corteva for funding for this project. Way to go 4-H members!



Junior Leaders received a YES Grant from Indiana 4-H Foundation and Corteva Agriscience to purchase children stories about safety topics including fire safety, bicycle safety, stranger danger and other safety related items. During the "Protect What Matters" safety event at the fair, Junior Leaders read stories to the children and then each child was able to take a book home!



Star 4-H Club & Armstrong Hi-Lighters 4-H Club had an education at the Indiana State Fair, called Spin to Win with 4-H... Make Half Your Plate Fruits & Vegetables. Youth used fruits and vegetables as stamps to paint snack bags. Around 300 people stopped by. What a great way to represent Vanderburgh County!



Fairs Cares

Thank you to all those who participated in the Fairs Cares Food Drive this year! Through this drive and the produce drive we were able to donate 33 pounds of food and \$235.00 to the Tri-State Food Bank! Great job, Vanderburgh County!

Stock the Trailer

Thank you to all those who donated to the Farm Credit Stock the Trailer campaign! Over 3,500 pounds of food was donated to the Tri-State Food Bank! We're so proud of our 4-H families and fair goers for these donations! And a special shout out to Phillip Salomon for winning the Kiss the Pig Contest!



September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 HOLIDAY Office Closed	5 Livestock Club, 6pm	6 Dog Club, 7pm, Banq Hall	7 Jr. Leader Mtg., 7pm, Banq .Hall	8	9 Armstrong Hi-Lighters, Skate World 10-12 noon Jr. Leader Retreat
10	11	12	13 4-H Council, 6:30, Extn. Office	14 German Gems, 6pm Conference Rm	15	16
17	18 DUE DATE for 4-H Ach. Records, Club Sec./ Treas. Bks/ Scrapbks /Honor Club Apps	19	20 Mini 4-H , 6pm	21 Livestock Comm. Mtg., 6:30, Extn. Office	22	23 Extension Homemakers Craft Show
24 Extension Homemak- ers Craft Show	25	26	27	28 Happy Hoosiers	29	30