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INDIANA 4-H

## SEPTEMBER IS A TIME OF TRANSITION

**Welcome by Kati Sweet - 4-H Educator**

September is a month of transition within 4-H. 4HOnline shuts off to get ready for our new 4-H year that starts in October. Our office cleans and organizes to better serve our clients this fall. Our volunteers start planning programs and events for the coming year. Plus, we transition from "fair season" to "school season!"

Congratulations to all of our members who participated in the Indiana State Fair over the past month! Hendricks County was well represented! Best of luck to ALL members as they head back to school this fall!

This month also signifies a big transition for me personally. I have the honor of transitioning from a mom of one to a mom of two!! This means that starting soon, I will be out on maternity leave until the end of the year. But, don't worry - I am leaving the 4-H Program in very capable hands!! The staff and Educators in our office are ready to step up and work with our volunteers to keep the 4-H Program moving this fall!

Because I will be out this fall, please be extra patient with staff and volunteers as they navigate changes and updates to the 4-H Program. While we have worked together to make sure things will continue to get done, sometimes something will slip through a crack. That being said, if you are interested in volunteering...now is a great time to help out!!

As we prepare for the new 4-H year in October, we hope our current 4-H members will spend time promoting and sharing about their 4-H experiences to their friends and families this month! We would love to see our numbers go up this fall when 4-HOnline opens up!!

We are looking forward to preparing for the new 4-H year this month and welcoming new, current, and potential members to our program starting in October!

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# 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

## Junior Leaders

Jr. Leaders is a program open to all current 7th-12th grade youth. Meetings occur monthly starting in November and usually have an educational component, a social component, and a community service component. If you are interested in Jr. Leaders or have questions, please contact the Purdue Extension - Hendricks County Office at 317-745-9260 or email hendrces@purdue.edu.

Any 7th-12th grade youth is invited to attend our kick off meeting the evening of **Saturday, November 6th!** Both virtual and in-person options will be available. More information is coming soon!

Junior Leaders INDIANA 4-H

## WELCOME LAUREN!

We would like to welcome Lauren Fry to the Hendricks County Extension Office for the Fall Semester! Lauren is a Senior at Danville Community High School. She is involved in 4-H and FFA. She is the Danville FFA Chapter Vice President and the District 8 Vice President.

In 4-H, she is involved in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Rabbits and Foods.

She plans to attend Kansas State University with a major in Agriculture Education and a minor in Ag Sales. She is excited to be interning with us this fall! Welcome Lauren into the office when you see her!

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# 4-H OPPORTUNITIES- CONTINUED

## 4-H Enrollment

As we look ahead this coming year, the 4-HOnline enrollment system will be open on October 1st!

During this time, youth will be able to enroll in 4-H online. You will be able to use your current log-in information to enroll for this coming year. If you have forgotten your password, you may request a new one or call the Extension Office.

## Missing Awards?

Did you earn an award at the county fair, but were unable to pick it up during the Achievement Program? We have them in the office!! Please contact us to get your awards! Any awards unclaimed by September 9th will be recycled or disposed of. Thank you!

## 4-H Open House

This year's 4-H Open House will be on **Tuesday, October 26th from 4-7 p.m**. at the Fairgrounds. This is a chance for you to get better acquainted with our program. This is also your chance to bring your friends to join 4-H. There will be games and prizes, so come prepared to have a great time and learn more about 4-H!
Our office will be open until 7 p.m. that day for you to enroll and buy your project manuals!

## Club and Project Leaders Needed!

Are you interested in helping with a 4-H Club or leading 4-H project workshops throughout the year? We have numerous clubs and projects that need additional adult volunteer help! Help ranges from club leaders to co-leaders to extra sets of hands to help with meetings and workshops. Fill out this survey: https://bit.ly/3y6OYxM or contact the Extension Office to see how you can help!

## T-Shirt Contest

DEADLINE EXTENDED!
Do you have an awesome idea for a Hendricks County 4-H T-shirt?? Complete the form attached to this newsletter (also available online ) and submit by September 10, 2021! We are looking for a design for the 2022 Hendricks County 4-H T-shirt. Submissions will be narrowed down to three choices and 4-H families will be able to vote on their favorite! Winners will receive credit on the shirt, free shirts/sweatshirts, and more! Good luck!

## Blessing Box

Is your club looking for a Community Service project for this fall?!?! We have the perfect opportunity for you! Purdue Extension- Hendricks County has adopted a Just Be Kind Blessing Box. It is now located on the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds. We need help stocking the Blessing Box!

Not sure what is involved??? Give our office a call at 317-745-9260 to discuss options. Sign up your club/organization today!

Link: https://bit.ly/BlessingBox2021

# CLUB INFORMATION

***Safety Plan Update***

**As of June 1, if your club/group is meeting OUTSIDE, you DO NOT need to submit a Safety Plan to Purdue! If your event/program/meeting is INSIDE, you will need to submit a plan for the inside portion of the meeting. A general safety plan for all club meetings at the fairgrounds has also been submitted. Any extra events, programs, or workshops will need to submit one still if indoors. More info will be sent to leaders!!**

## Adult Volunteer Re-Enrollment

It's not too early to start thinking about re-enrolling as a 4-H Volunteer! 4-H Enrollment will start on October 1st this year! As a reminder, all 4-H Volunteers must renew their volunteer status with our program yearly by signing an Adult Behavioral Expectation Form. The Youth Safety and Abuse Reporting training that is mandatory for all volunteers must be taken every year.

# Project Spotlight

**DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A NEW 4-H PROJECT???**

We want to hear from you!!!

This year, the Hendricks County 4-H Youth Council wants to hear from our members and 4-H families about potential new projects for 4-H. Check out pages 7-9 to learn more about the process. We have a project proposal template available to help members prepare their ideas! Help us grow the 4-H Program through new and innovative projects! Send your proposal to: hendrces@purdue.edu. You can also view the forms here: https://bit.ly/NewProjects2022

## Indiana State Fair

Congratulations to all of our Indiana State Fair Exhibitors, both indoor and livestock projects! We are proud of your hard work and dedication to "Make the Best Better!" Congratulations!

Results for the Indiana State Fair can be found at: https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/results.aspx

If you did not pick up your project from State Fair, they are in our Office! All projects here after September 9th will be disposed of. PLEASE, pick them up!!

### 4-H Youth Council

The next 4-H Youth Council meeting will be ***Monday, September 27th*** **at 7 p.m.** both in-person at the Fairgrounds and virtually via Zoom.

### 4-H Adult Leaders

We need ALL White Cards of Achievement turned into the Office ASAP! They can be emailed to: hendrces@purdue.edu.

Next Leaders Meeting: August 31 at 7 p.m.

Thank you for all who helped with the Fair! We appreciate all your efforts through the year!

### 4-H Fairboard

The next 4-H Fairboard meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 7th** at 7:00 p.m. - both virtually and in person at the Fairgrounds. Be on the lookout for the virtual link soon.

# HHS UPDATE

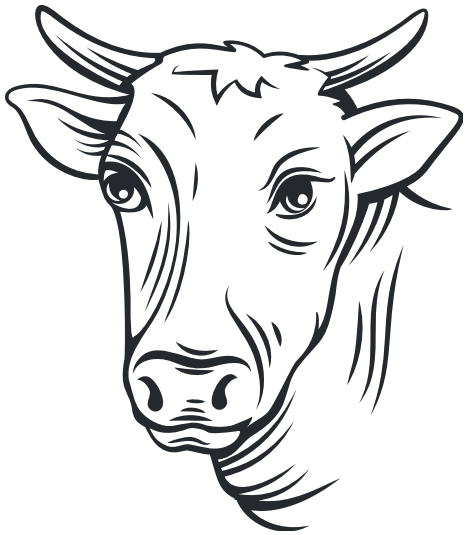
**RT2: Read, Taste and Touch**

RT2: Read, Taste & Touch Book Club

September's featured book is "The Gigantic Turnip" by Aleksei Tolstoy and Niamh Sharkey. It tells the story of an old man and woman who lived together in a crooked old cottage and dealt with their overgrown garden.

Book Club members will be invited to attend "RT2 Celebration Week" during the Hendricks County 4-H Fair in July. They will hear a book featuring agriculture and nutrition, create a craft, and sample a snack related to the story. They can then visit the day's featured animal on the fairgrounds

To become a member of the RT2 Book Club, email hendrces@purdue.edu or call 317-745-9260.



# ANR UPDATE

STOCKMANSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE

This two-day event is packed full of key issues and fascinating speakers. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of topics including nutritional values, cattle handling demonstrations, protein upcycling, sustainability and cattle production, beef market update, cattle traceability and more! Attendees will also have the chance to gain their Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Certification, as well as tour our trade show and meet with our sponsors and vendors. We are excited to welcome cattle producers and allied industry partners to this multi-state, regional 2021 Stockmanship & Stewardship in Danville, Indiana on September 10-11!

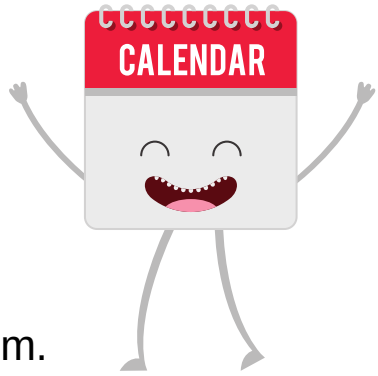
YOUR $100 ON-LINE REGISTRATION FEE ($50 FOR STUDENTS) INCLUDES:

- ALL EVENTS (THE TRADE SHOW AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING)
- MEALS (2 LUNCHES, A SUPPER AND A BREAKFAST)

TO REGISTER VISIT WWW.STOCKMANSHIPANDSTEWARDSHIP.ORG/EVENTS/DANVILLE-IN

# Important 4-H Dates

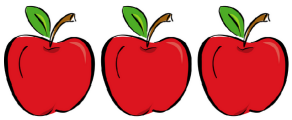
## September and October 2021




September 6- Extension Office CLOSED
September 7- Fairboard Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.
September 9- Discovery Club Meeting; Fairgrounds- 6:30 p.m.
September 11- ATV: Safety Meeting; Fairgrounds- 3-6 p.m.
September 27- Youth Council Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.
September 30- Project Update Meeting; Fairgrounds- 6:30 p.m.
October 1- 4Honline Opens!
October 4- Fairboard Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.
October 11- Extension Office CLOSED!
October 14- Discovery Club Meeting; Fairgrounds- 6:30 p.m.
October 25- Youth Council Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.
October 26- 4-H Open House; Fairgrounds- 4-7 p.m.

HEALTHY LIVING TIP:

September means apple picking season! Apples are loaded with fiber! Plus, there are many different types of apples! Try a new type today!



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# New 4-H Project Idea?

STEP 01

## The Idea

Do you have an idea for a new 4-H Project for Hendricks County? Have you seen a project that you think will be a good addition for our program? Follow this process to present your idea!

STEP 02

## The Research

Do some research related to the new potential project! Find rules, guidelines, and/or examples to share to help us better understand the goal of the project..

STEP 03

## The Proposal

After you have gathered some additional information for this new project, you will submit your proposal to the 4-H Youth Council for review and consideration. As the rule making body of 4-H at the local level, the 4-H Youth Council will discuss the best way to handle new project ideas. Proposals due **Friday, September 17th!**

STEP 04

## The Discussion

The 4-H Youth Council will discuss your project idea. You may even be contacted for follow up information if additional information is needed. NOTE: Not ALL proposed projects will become projects. Some may be established on a trial basis or may better fit in a different setting.

STEP 05

## The Outcome

You will be contacted about the outcome of your proposal once a decision has been reached!

Proposal template available from Extension Office. Contact hendrces@purdue.edu for the form today!

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# NEW 4-H PROJECT PROPOSAL TEMPLATE -- 2021

**Name**: _____

**Phone**: _____ **Email**: _____

I am a (check all that apply):

☐ Current 4-H Member ☐ Past 4-H Member ☐ 4-H Volunteer

☐ 4-H Parent/Guardian ☐ Other: _____

I am proposing the following project be added to Hendricks County 4-H:

_____

Please provide a detailed description of the project (i.e. what is the goal of the project, what would an exhibit look like, etc.). Add pages if necessary.

I believe this project would be a good addition to Hendricks County 4-H because:

If this project is currently available in other counties or states, please list those here:

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If this proposal were to become a 4-H Project, (select all that apply):

☐ I would be interested in helping serve as a “leader” or “contact” for the project.

☐ I know someone who would be interested in serving as a “leader” or “contact” for this project. (Please list: _____)

☐ A “leader” or “contact” for this project would need to be found.

I have provided the following supporting documents along with my proposal: (select all that apply)

☐ Examples of rules or guidelines from other counties/states

☐ Example of a record sheet for this project

☐ Other: _____

Is there any other information that should be presented at this time related to the project? If so, please list below.

***All New Project Proposals are due by Friday, September 17, 2021!***

Office use only: Date Received ____ Staff Initials: _____