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Vermillion County Fair 2025 Newsletter

2025 Vermillion County Fair June 14-21

Dear Friends,

Indiana State Fair August 1-17

The 2025 Vermillion County Fair is just around the corner, and we hope you'll join us! The fair schedule is included in this newsletter, and we encourage you to review it carefully, as there are several changes this year. In addition to the exciting 4-H events planned, there are other events and activities planned throughout the week that you will not want to miss!

As we get ready for the fair, please remember that there are several ways you can help. Fair set up is scheduled for Saturday, June 7. 4-H award sponsors are always welcomed! Volunteers are needed for building watch in both the 4-H Community Building, which includes the Open Class area. The Fair Board would gladly accept help with a number of tasks throughout the week. Please let us know how you can help – it is greatly appreciated!

We continue to use several resources keep everyone informed of activities/programs in a timely manner, so be sure to check our website and Facebook pages, and your email inbox, often so you don't miss out on opportunities that come up between our quarterly newsletters! Our newsletter is also posted on our office website <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/vermillion/>.

If you're on Facebook, please like the Purdue Extension Vermillion County and Vermillion County 4-H related pages.

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If you are in need of accommodations to attend a program, please contact the host Educator prior to the meeting at least one week in advance. For special dietary needs, contact the host Educator prior to the meeting at least one week in advance.

If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact the host Educator prior to the meeting at least one week in advance.

Fairgrounds Set Up

Saturday, June 7th starting at 9 am we will need a large number of 4-H members, families & volunteers to assist with fairgrounds set up! Lunch will be provided for all. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and old clothes. 4-H members who help at fairgrounds clean up (May 17) AND fairgrounds set up will receive a free bracelet for the carnival bracelet night –be sure to check in with Morgan when you arrive.

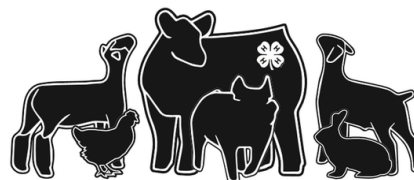
My Record of 4-H Achievement

This is the official record of your participation of projects & 4-H activities within the 4-H program. Each year you will fill out this sheet for the current year. It is important that you fill it out because it helps you qualify for the National Achievement Awards, scholarships, and other awards throughout your 4-H career. During the fair, you may leave it in the box labeled “My Record of 4-H Achievement” located in the 4-H Community Building hallway. Or, if you would like to include your 2025 fair awards & recognition, turn it in to the Extension Office or email it to Morgan at mwillhit@purdue.edu by July 1st.



Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care

To exhibit Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, Poultry, and Rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Indian 4-H Quality Livestock Care training OR the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Program (YQCA). If you missed one of our three in person QLC Trainings, it is your responsibility to complete the online YQCA training. You will need to register at www.yqcaprogram.org and turn in a copy of the certificate to the Extension Office. This must be done in order for the 4-Her to show livestock at county and state fair.



Record Sheets

The Vermillion County General Record Sheet is a summary of what you have learned this year. You will need to fill it out, and take it to your 4-H Club Leader or any Purdue Extension staff to get their signature. You will take this with you as you check in each of your projects to get the judges signature as well. Once it is all filled in, then you will keep it in your green folder for your records.

The Vermillion County Livestock Record sheet is a summary of what you have learned throughout raising your livestock for the current year. It is also a record summary of your expenses. Once this is filled out, you will need to turn it in to your livestock superintendent before the respected show. These are graded by each superintendent for a special award, so be sure to take your time and write neatly. These will be returned at our awards program in August or you may pick them up at project check out Friday evening or Saturday morning.

These forms can be found our website:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/vermillion/vermillion-4-h.html>



4-H PROJECT CHECK-IN



FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH (4PM-7PM)

ALL MINI 4-H
ALL ARTS & CRAFTS
FINE ARTS
MODEL CRAFT
NEEDLE CRAFT
CONSTRUCTION ARCHITECTURAL REPLICA
FOODS
MICROWAVE COOKING
FOOD PRESERVATION
HOME ENVIRONMENT
RECYCLING
PHOTOGRAPHY
FLORICULTURE
GARDEN & STRAWBERRY
AEROSPACE (ROCKETRY)
BEEKEEPING

SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH (9AM - 11AM)

- ALL MINI 4-H
- SEWING
- GIFTWRAPPING
- MUSIC
- CAKE & CUPCAKE DECOR.
- GINGERBREAD HOUSE
- WOODWORKING
- ELECTRIC
- HEALTH
- CHILD DEVELOPMENT
- COMMUNITY SERVICE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- COLLECTIONS
- COMPUTER SCIENCE
- SPORTFISHING
- VET SCIENCE
- ASTRONOMY
- SCRAPBOOKING
- POSTMARKS
- SMALL ENGINES
- SHOOTING SPORTS
- SPORTS
- GENEALOGY
- CROPS
- ENTOMOLOGY
- FORESTRY
- GEOLOGY
- SOIL & WATER SCIENCE
- WEATHER & CLIMATE SCIENCE
- WILDLIFE
- ANIMAL EDUCATION

All 4-Hers must enter through the main doors of the 4-H Community Building and stop at the check in table to scan the barcode on your exhibit tag BEFORE going to the judges.

Livestock Exhibitors



Please look at the following updates for the 2025 fair regarding livestock check in & weigh in:

- Llama & Alpaca check in will be Sunday, June 15 from 3 pm – 4 pm. Please use the EAST entrance gate and proceed to the horse barn. Morgan Lutz will be present in the barn for the check in process.
- Horse & Pony check in will be Sunday, June 15 from 5 pm – 8 pm. Please use the EAST entrance gate and proceed to the horse barn. Isabelle Holtkamp and Zach Bell will be present in the barn for the check in process.
- ALL other livestock must enter through the WEST gate of the fairgrounds. Please use the road located between the campsite and the large barn (sheep, goat, cattle barn) to help prevent traffic backups and accidents. After unloading, you are required to check in with your respective livestock superintendent for a health check and weigh-in. This step is mandatory and not optional.
- Please be courteous of others and unload as quick as you can so we can keep the check in process moving.
- Rabbits & Poultry will be checked in at their respective barn by the superintendents & Heather Medina.
- Swine Exhibitors – come to check in dressed in show clothes, so we can take your auction photo ahead of time!

**Attention Fashion Revue, Consumer Clothing Fashion Revue,
and Communications Exhibitors!**

Vermillion County 4-H will be hosting a **Creative Expo** as a pre-fair event on **Thursday, June 12 at 7:00 PM** in the grandstands. This will be a great opportunity for these projects to be showcased in a fun and engaging way!

- **Fashion Revue and Consumer Clothing** will follow the same format as usual—you will still model your clothing on stage and turn in your binder.
- **Communications projects** will have the opportunity to present on stage using a microphone, whether you're giving a speech, a demonstration, or reading your creative writing.

We're excited to bring this new experience to the fair and hope it becomes a tradition for years to come!

Want a Permanent Parking Spot at the Fair?

For just \$25, you can reserve a permanent parking spot for fair week! Simply pay Vermillion County 4-H and let Morgan Lutz know where you'd like your spot.

We'll mark it with a sign featuring your name for the duration of the fair!

All proceeds support Vermillion County 4-H programming and scholarships.



• Fair Entry

All projects (animal and building projects) will be registered prior to the Vermillion County Fair through Fair Entry. This program is paired with the 4-H Online program and is used throughout Indiana. Vermillion County 4-H exhibitors are required to enter all projects (animal and building) in the Fair Entry system by Monday, June 2nd. Please visit our website or refer to your mailing/email for step-by-step instructions on how to do so. The link to Fair Entry is:

<http://2025vermillioncountyfair.fairentry.com>

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to help with 4-H project check in on Friday, June 13th from 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm and Saturday, June 14th from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. All shifts can be split, any help would be great! We also are in need of building watchers in the 4-H community building. If you are willing to help, please email Morgan at mwillhit@purdue.edu!

Supplies Available for Purchase at Extension Office

Photography Kits - \$15

Posterboard Kits - \$6

Posterboard - \$2

Plastic Sleeve - \$2

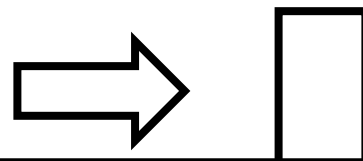
Foam Board - \$2

Exhibit Tags

If you have building projects and have completed your Fair Entry, you will pick up your exhibit tags at the Extension Office between 8 am – 4 pm after June 3rd. Exhibit tags may be picked up during Fair Set Up on Saturday, June 7th from 9 am – 2 pm. Please see Morgan Lutz just inside the patio doors of the 4-H Community Building.



Tape exhibit tag to outside of plastic sleeve



AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE RESOURCES!

Have specific questions, call Phil at 765-492-5335 or email at cox119@purdue.edu



This Website Provides the Latest Corn Research and Management Information for Farmers and Agricultural Professionals www.thekernel.info

To see the current and past issues (and to subscribe) of the Pest & Crop newsletter go to:

www.extension.entm.purdue.edu/newsletters/pestandcrop

The most recent issue (May 9) covers the following topics: LAST CALL: Resilient Agricultural Practices & Priorities Survey; Insect Trapping Network; Cover Crops, Winter Annual Weeds, Caterpillars & Crops; Foliar Diseases of Wheat and Fusarium; Head Blight (Scab) Management; 3 New Tools Available To Help Make Informed Disease Management Decisions this Season; A Growth Spurt In Hemp Production; Weed Management Woes In Hemp; and Some Dryness Over Next Few Weeks.



The Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture has many reports, publications, podcasts, and webinars that can be found at

<https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag>

For the current issue (& to subscribe) see: <https://vegcropshotline.org/>
The most recent issue (May 2) of the Vegetable Crops Hotline Newsletter covers the following topics: From The Editor's Desk; Small and Medium Farms: Does Focusing on and Communicating with Customers Pay Off?; Pathogen Spotlight: Serratia ureilytica Causing Cucurbit Yellow Vine Disease; Midwestern Regional Climate Center Launches New Experimental Weed Emergence Scouting Tool Annual; Call for Insect Trappers; Clearspring Produce Auction Price Update; Succession Planning Basics for Farmers (2-part live webinar series); Southwest Purdue Agriculture Center Field Day Set for June 26; Small Farm Education Field Day Will Feature New Research, Live Demonstrations and Purdue Experts; Observations on the Companion Plant: Sweet Alyssum; and Green Tiger Beetles: Ferocious Little Hunters of the Ground.

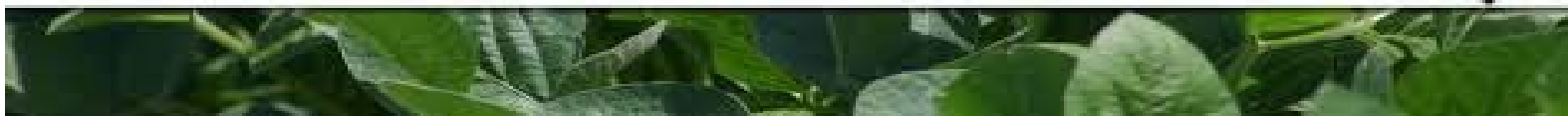
VEGETABLE CROPS HOTLINE
A newsletter for commercial vegetable growers prepared by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service



For the current issue (& to subscribe) see: www.purduelandscape.org. The most recent issue (May 2) of the Purdue Landscape Report covers the following topics: Revisiting Ash Tree Protection; Hypoxylon Canker of Hardwoods; and Hornbeam Rust.

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Soybean Station is Purdue's hub for soybean information & research and is found at www.ag.purdue.edu/departments/agry/faculty-pages/soybean-station



For the current issue (& to subscribe) see: www.purduelandscapereport.org. The most recent issue (May 1) of the Purdue Facts for Fancy Fruit newsletter covers the following topics: Crop Conditions; Midwestern Regional Climate Center Launches New Experimental Weed Emergence Scouting Tool; Interested in Planting Brambles?; 'J' Rooting of Bare-root Strawberry Plants; Observations

on the Companion Plant: Sweet Alyssum; Veterans Grapevine Planting Workshop; Southwest Purdue Agriculture Center Field Day Set for June 26; and Upcoming Events.

FREE WELL WATER TESTING



The Vermillion County Soil & Water Conservation District is once again offering a free well water test to all residents of Vermillion County, Indiana. The test will include bacteria, nitrates, lead, arsenic, and copper. Free water testing kits and instructions will be available from June 2 thru June 17. Sample kits can be obtained Monday – Friday at the Vermillion County SWCD office (in the Vermillion Co. Courthouse Annex) 9:00 am to 3:00 pm or the Vermillion County Public Library in Newport, 10 am to 5 pm. Contact 765-492-3705 for

more information.

Southwest Purdue Agriculture Center Field Day – June 26, 8:00 am – 1:30 pm

During the field day, participants will tour the research plots and hear presentations on a variety of topics, including:

- Winter canola production and market potential
- Sorghum as an alternative crop across Indiana
- Enhancing seed quality traits in cowpeas
- Using drones for pesticide application
- Pollinator health and the use of pollinizers in watermelon production
- Resilient agriculture and Purdue's initiative to implement these practices
- High tunnel tomato production and a cut flower research initiative
- Evaluation of synthetic and biological fungicides for watermelon and tomato production
- Recent updates on field crop diseases
- Changes in food safety regulations and new research projects related to food safety
- The Diverse Corn Belt project

Additionally, Dr. Fred Whitford will deliver a special presentation, "*Horsepower on the Farm: From Hay-Powered Horses to Gas-Powered Tractors*" sharing the fascinating story of how agriculture has evolved over the years. The SWPAC Field Day is free to attend, and lunch will be provided, thanks to the support of our generous sponsors! SWPAC is located at 4669 Purdue Rd, Vincennes, IN 47591. For more event details, please call 812-886-0198. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2025SWPACFieldDay>.



SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE POLLINATORS!

Join Purdue Extension as we celebrate pollinators at the Clinton Public Library on July 21, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Learn about pollinator conservation and receive free pollinator plants to take home with you. A dozen different species will be available to choose from, including butterfly weed (a species of milkweed with a beautiful orange flower), Sand Coreopsis, Broad-leaved Purple Coneflower, Rattlesnake Master, Purple Blazing Star, Wild Bergamont, Foxglove Beard Tongue, Black-eyed Susan, Little Bluestem, Rosin Weed, Showy Goldenrod, and Side-flowering Aster.

VERMILLION COUNTY FAIR PROGRAMS AND OPEN CLASS!

Join us during the Vermillion County Fair for some exciting programs, 11:00 AM to Noon, in the 4-H Community Building, Monday, June 16 through Thursday, June 19. Here is what we have planned:



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| Monday, June 16 | *Strategies for Estate Planning, Including Your Digital Assets
Presented by Lori Bouslog, HHS Extension Educator, Preregistration due June 14 |
| Tuesday, June 17 | Home & Family Day
*5d Diamond Dots , shared by Rhonda Majors
Sponsored by Vermillion County Extension Homemakers
Cost \$20/person, Preregistration due June 14 |
| Wednesday, June 18 | "Dare to Be Aware" Personal Safety Workshop
Presented by Deputy Hennis and Deputy Hawkins, Vermillion County Sheriff's Department |
| Thursday, June 19 | Fire Blanket Demonstration
Each household present will receive a complimentary blanket, while supplies last
Coordinated by Matthew Howard, 4-H member
Funded with an Indiana 4-H Foundation YES! grant |

*For the programs that require preregistration, please contact Lori Bouslog at 765-492-5332 or lbouslog@purdue.edu by the requested date.

2025 OPEN CLASS



The Vermillion County Fair Board will offer Open Class building exhibit opportunities in 2025! Open Class information is available from Scott (765-826-1739) and Michele (765-505-0451) Peebles, Purdue Extension Vermillion County office and website

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/vermillion/>, and the Vermillion County Fair website <http://www.vermillioncountyfairboard.com/>. Open class entries will be accepted on Saturday, June 14, from 9:00 AM to Noon, through the Patio Door of the 4-H Community Building. There is no entry fee. We hope to see a lot of entries this year!

BOOK TO BARN

Vermillion County Farm Bureau will offer Book to Barn during the Vermillion County Fair! Join them Monday through Wednesday, at 10:00 AM on the Patio of the 4-H Community Building. Book to Barn is a free program for children in kindergarten through 2nd grade!

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AT CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Lori Bouslog, HHS Extension Educator, is offering monthly programs at the Clinton Public Library, 313 S 4th Street. The programs will begin at 6:00 PM on the second level of the library. The program dates will be July 21, August 18, September 15, October 13 (one week early), November 17 and December 15. Program topics will be shared soon. Join us on the 3rd Monday of each month for programs in the areas of food, family, money and health!

IEHA FALL DISTRICT MEETING

Extension Homemakers, please mark your calendar for the IEHA Terre Haute District Fall Meeting. Sullivan County will host on October 1st. More details will be shared as they are available. All IEHA members and guests are welcome!



A SPRINKLE OF NEWS FROM SUE



The Vermillion County Homemakers enjoyed Achievement Day on Wednesday, May 7. Twenty-five members attended the event at the 4-H Community Building with the Butterfly theme entitled, "Fluttering in Home Extension." Guest Speaker Brenda Alabaugh gave a presentation, *Attracting Butterflies to your Garden*. A delicious taco bar was served by Barbara Kiser. Past Presidents of Clubs were acknowledged for their service and new county officers were installed. A memorial service was given in honor of Virginia Martin, Marjorie Randall, and Frances Ross. The clubs welcomed two new members, Rosalie Harpole and Rhonda Majors.

The Council met for its May meeting at Randall Manor on May 12 for lunch.

Homemakers are excited to invite members and guests to come to Family Day at the Fair on Tuesday, June 17 at 11:00. Everyone will be making a Diamond dot butterfly or a hummingbird taught by Rhonda Majors. Lunch will be served. The cost of lunch and the craft is \$20. See you at the fair!

Sue Weber, President
Vermillion County Extension Homemakers



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2025 BAKERSFEST

Save Wednesday, October 8th for Bakersfest! The featured ingredient this year is Apple. Please watch for additional information on the Purdue Extension Vermillion County website at <https://extension.purdue.edu/Vermillion> and the Vermillion County Extension Homemaker Facebook page.

PRESSURE CANNER DIAL GAUGE TESTING OFFERED

In order to ensure you are preserving foods safely, it is important to keep your equipment in good working order, and in the case of pressure canners, that includes having the dial gauge tested each year. Purdue Extension Vermillion County is offering dial gauge testing for pressure canners. Please contact Lori at 765-492-5332 or lbouslog@purdue.edu to arrange for your pressure canner's dial gauge to be checked before you begin preserving foods this summer.



RESOURCE FAIR DURING THE VERMILLION COUNTY FAIR!

The Vermillion Parke Health Coalition will host a Community Resource Event during the Vermillion County Fair! While you're visiting the fair on Monday, June 16th, visit the various booths and displays of agencies and organizations that provide services to Vermillion County, located in and near the Brick Pavilion, from 4:00-8:00 PM. You won't want to miss this!

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

- 29- Dining With Diabetes 10am @ VCHD
- 29- Shooting Sports Shotgun & Archery 6pm

JUNE

- 1- Shooting Sports All Disciplines 2pm
- 1- Shooting Sports Carry In/Cookout
- 2- 4-H Adult Leaders 6pm @ Comm Bldg
- 2- 4-H Council 7pm @ Comm Bldg
- 2-14 - Well Water Testing *see page 8
- 3-12 - Pick up Exhibit Tags 8-4 @ Ext. Office *can pick up 8-12 @ Ext. Office on 13th
- 7- Pick up Exhibit Tags 9-2 @ Comm Bldg
- 7- Fair Set-Up! 9am
- 7- QLC 8am @ Comm Bldg
- 12- NV 10-Year 4-H Headshots 5:30pm
- 14- Open Class Exhibit Drop-Off 9am-Noon
- 16-18 - Book to Barn 10am @ Comm Bldg
- 16- Strategies for Estate Planning 11am @ Comm Bldg
- 16- Community Resource Event 4pm-8 near/around Brick Pavilion
- 17- Home and Family Day 11am @ Comm Bldg
*registration required, see page 9
- 18- "Dare to Be Aware" 11am @ Comm Bldg
- 19- Fire Blanket Demonstration 11am @ Comm Bldg
- 21- Open Class Exhibit Pick-Up 9am-11
- 23- SV 10-Year Headshots 2:30pm
- 26- SW Purdue Ag Center Field Day 8am *see page 8

JULY

- 1- My Record of Achievement Due (if not turned in at Fair) (Record Sheet Due @ Fair)
- 12- Creative Expo 7pm @ Grandstands
- 13- Project Check-In 4pm-7 *see page 3 for projects
- 14- Project Check-In 9am-11 *see page 3 for projects
- *ALL Livestock Check-In see page 4
- 21- Pollinator Celebration 6pm @ CPL
- 21- HHS Monthly Program 6pm @ CPL *see page 9 for future dates

UPCOMING DATES...

OCT

- 1- IEHA Terre Haute District Fall Meeting @ Sullivan Co
- 8- Bakersfest! *see page 10 for more details

Please see the enclosed Fair Schedule for all of the other exciting programs and events that will take place during the 2025 Vermillion Co Fair! See you there!!



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WHAT'S INSIDE...

It's all about the Vermillion County Fair 2025!! Please join us for all of the fun filled activities and events this year at the County Fair... Including, projects on display in the Community Building, livestock shows, and many educational programs throughout each day, all week! Included in this Newsletter you will find a Fair schedule with all of the information you will need to plan out your week. See you at the Fair!! Also included inside, HHS library programs, Homemakers info, ANR news links, well water testing info, 4-H need-to-know info for projects and animals, and so much more.



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