



Hendricks County 4-H Clover Connection



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Head, Heart, Hands, Health

Welcome by Ashley Alexander - 4-H Educator

We are one month into 2026...that means we are one month closer to the best week of the year, FAIR TIME! If you have not thought about your projects yet, NOW is the time! Make sure that you are enrolled in 4Honline and that you have selected all the projects that you will potentially take this year. Better to have more than less!

I challenge you all this year to think about giving back to your community. Putting your whole “heart” into giving back to the community that you have been a part of in your life. Whether it is the 4-H community or the community in which you reside, I challenge you to give back in some way. Shovel a driveway, make someone cookies or say hello to a friend! Any way that you can, do it!

The 2026 Handbook has been sent to the print shop! It will be available on our website soon! We will have a few copies for sale in our office to purchase. They will be \$10/book this year due to printing cost increases.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, we are always more than willing to assist! Just give us a call or email the office. We will be happy to work with you to get your question answered!

Happy Heart Month!



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Extension Office Info

The Office will be closed Monday, February 16th in observance of Presidents’ Day.

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<https://v2.4honline.com>



4-H Opportunities



2026 Jr. Leader Meeting Dates:

February 12
March 17 (Offsite)

April 16

May 19

June 8

June 30

All Meetings are
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
unless otherwise
noted.

**Next Jr. Leader Meeting:
Thursday, February 12th
from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds**

Jr. Leaders is open to youth in grades 7-12 who are interested in taking more of a leadership role in the 4-H Program. We meet monthly and participate in community service projects. Be sure to sign up for "Junior Leaders" on 4-HOnline when enrolling in projects!

Jr. Leader Community Service Opportunity

Please provide shelf-stable cookie ingredients at this month's meeting. Here's a sample recipe for inspiration:

1 cup sugar (white or brown)
½ cup neutral oil
¼ cup water
1 tsp vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking soda
½ tsp salt
Optional add-ins: cinnamon, rolled oats, raisins, chocolate chips

4-H HENDRICKS COUNTY



Some options available are:

- t-shirts
- long sleeves
- crew neck sweatshirts
- hoodie sweatshirts
- sweatpants
- shorts
- ¼ zip sweatshirts
- full zip soft shell jackets
- polo shirts

****NEW OPTIONS**
scan to order!**



4-H Flower Sale

It's time for spring flower sales! We will be offering Red and Hot Pink Seed Geraniums for \$2.50 each and Purple and White Petunias for \$5 each. Please give your total flower count to your club leader by **March 18th!** See attached flyer for more information!

Pick up is tentatively the first week of May!



4-H Opportunities

Teen Leadership Weekend

The Teen Leadership Weekend is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to build their leadership skills, connect with peers from across the state, and prepare to make a positive impact in their communities. Held annually, this conference is designed for youth in grades 7-12 who are ready to take their leadership journey to the next level. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, interactive team activities, and inspiring sessions led by experienced mentors and fellow 4-H members. With a focus on personal growth, teamwork, and service, the weekend empowers youth to step into leadership roles, develop practical skills, and create lasting memories!

Where: Camp Tecumseh
When: March 27-29
Ages: Grades 7th-12th



<https://2026teenleadershipweekend.4honline.com>



Adult Leader Teach and Thrive

Join Ashley and other Adult Leaders in Hendricks County on Tuesday, March 3rd for the first Adult Leader Teach and Thrive, where we will re-fuel up for a fantastic 4-H year! You will have the opportunity to network with other volunteers, plan your club/project activities for the remainder of the year, complete your volunteer training, ask questions and gather ideas to help youth become Beyond Ready for their future! Email Ashley with any questions!



MINI MEETING DATES

- February 10
- March 10 (Pfld Rec Center)
- April 13
- May 21
- All regular meetings will be 6:30-7:30 PM
- June 16 - Mini 4-H Day Camp (9 AM to 12 PM)

Hendricks County Mini 4-H is for children in grades 1 or 2 as of January 2026. Mini 4-H members meet once a month from February to May from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (unless stated otherwise). You can sign up your Mini 4-H'er at v2.4honline.com (they can be on the same account as regular 4-H members). Please choose "Hendricks County Mini 4-H" as your primary club so you can get all the details on meetings and more!



Summer Assistant Applications are open!

Our office is looking for 2 individuals to join our office for a summer full of fun.

We are once again hiring 4-H Summer Assistants to experience Extension and 4-H for a summer!

See link below for description and application!

Applications due: February 13th, 2026.

<https://hendricksco4h.com/SummerAssistant25>

Summer

4-H Project Launch

Tuesday, February 17th
6-8 p.m.



4-H Project Launch is an excellent opportunity to visit with project leaders and 4-H members to get tips about your project. Multiple stations will be available to get ideas and assistance.

See page 6 for more details!
We hope to see you on the 17th!

4-H Scholarships



Local Scholarships are now available!

You can find links to our local scholarships at

<https://hendricksco4h.com/4-Hscholarships26>

Be sure to follow the application details and deadlines!

Blessing Box

We are looking for clubs and groups to help us stock our blessing box. You can bring **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD** or **TOILETRY ITEMS** at **ANY TIME!** If the blessing box is full, please bring items into the Extension Office and we will fill the box at a later time.



We appreciate and thank each and every person, family, club, or group that has donated to our Blessing Box!!

Calendar of Events



4-H Open Enrollment

4-H Enrollment is OPEN! Help us meet our goal of 1,500 4-H members and volunteers in 2026!

Enroll on 4-H Online at: <https://v2.4honline.com>

Volunteers must re-enroll each year and stay current on training.

February Dates

- 3 - 4-H Explorers Meeting - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 5 - Shooting Sports Meeting - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 9 - Bridle Bunch Meeting - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 11 - Washington Winners Meeting - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 11 - Robotics 101 Workshop - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 12 - Discovery Club Meeting - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 19 - 4-H Explorers Meeting - 7:00 pm @ Plainfield Library
- 25 - Robotics 102 Workshop - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 26 - Rabbit Workshop - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds



March Dates

- 2 - Discovery Club Meeting - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 6 - Robotics 101 Workshop - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 10 - 4-H Explorers Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Plainfield Library
- 11 - Gifted 4-H'ers Meeting - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 11 - Washington Winners Meeting - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 16 - Swine Workshop - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 17 - Sheep Club Meeting - 6:00 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 24 - 4-H Explorers Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Plainfield Library
- 24 - Happy Farmers Meeting - 7:00 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 25 - Gifted 4-H'ers Meeting - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 25 - Robotics 102 Workshop - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds

Bad Weather Policy

NOTE: As the weather is constantly changing, we want you to know that SAFETY is the number one concern of Purdue Extension—Hendricks County and Hendricks County 4-H. Therefore, should inclement weather happen, please pay close attention to our website and social media accounts for cancellations. If schools have been canceled for the day, MOST LIKELY 4-H related events will be canceled as well for that day. When bad weather happens, please make sure that you only attend meetings where you are comfortable getting to and from the meetings. Again, we want you to stay SAFE while driving this winter!

4-H Youth Council

February 23rd @ 7 p.m.



4-H Adult Leaders

Adult Leaders Teach and Thrive; March 3rd @ 6:30 p.m.



4-H Fairboard

February 2nd @ 7 p.m.





4-H PROJECT LAUNCH



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY
17TH FROM 6-8 P.M.

What is it?

- Get ideas for your 4-H Project
- Talk to other 4-H members about their projects
- Discover a new project
- Network with Club Leaders



Questions?
Call the Extension Office
at 317-745-9260

UPCOMING HHS PROGRAMS

Cooking for 1 or 2

February 11th
Washington Township Park Pavilion
6-7pm
Registration open - visit Washington Township Park Website

Cooking with Herbs & Herb Benefits

March 11th
Washington Township Park Pavilion
6-7pm
Registration open - visit Washington Township Park Website

Why Sleep Matters/Sleep Benefits

March 12th
Brownsburg Library
6-7pm
Registration coming soon

To stay up to date on HHS community programming, follow us on Facebook!

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A MATTER OF BALANCE

A Matter of Balance is a fall prevention evidence-based program that encourages cognitive restructuring. It is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults.

When: Every Tuesday from April 7th - May 26th

Two Sessions: 10am-12pm & 1-3pm

**Where: Hendricks County Government Center,
355 S Washington St, Danville, IN**

**To Register: Call Purdue Extension at (317)745-9260
or email at hendrCES@purdue.edu**

SPOTS LIMITED TO 12 Each

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Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Hendricks County Health Department

**Every Tuesday and Thursday
5-6pm**

at WashingtonTwp Park in Avon, IN

Participants who attend a minimum of 9 sessions will receive a fitness tracker courtesy of the Hendricks County Health Department.

Get WALKIN' March 17-April 16

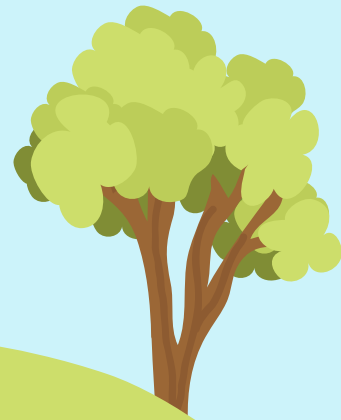
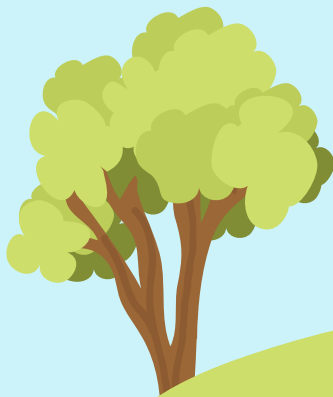
Are you looking to make a change in your lifestyle?
Need some motivation or support?

Get WalkIN' is a **FREE** walking initiative being offered through Purdue Extension in Hendricks County.

For more information
call Purdue Extension
at 317-745-9260
hendrCES@purdue.edu

Those participating in person will receive education on general health and nutrition topics before each walk to enhance their fitness journey.

Limit 20 people for In-person program. Registration will close once spots are filled or on March 10th at 4pm.





2026 Indiana Horticulture Conference and Small Farm Conference (IHSFC)

The Purdue Extension 2026 Indiana Horticulture and Small Farm Conference is taking place **March 3rd - March 5th** at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex. This is a one-of-a-kind event, as it's two popular Purdue Extension conferences merged into one. This is a great opportunity to network with agriculture organizations and enthusiasts and attend educational offerings. Online registration is required if you would like to partake in lunches, breaks, and Tuesday and Wednesday evening networking socials.

The **deadline to register online is February 24th by 12:00 PM.** Depending on how many days you wish to attend, please see the following prices listed below:

3-day registration: \$240
2-day registration: \$160
1-day registration: \$85

If you are interested in learning more of what is included, please visit the following links listed below:

Registration is now open for the 2026 Indiana Horticulture Conference and Small Farm Conference (IHSFC)—we hope you will join us!

Registration Link:

https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_80yUCoeDsJlmwo5

Full Schedule:

<https://indianahortconference.org/schedule-2026/>

Remembering Carol



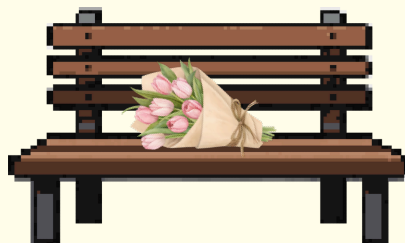
As you may remember, Carol Pearson passed away suddenly last fall while visiting family in South Dakota. As there was no local memorial service, we have been searching for a meaningful way to honor and remember Carol. We feel that a memorial bench at the fairgrounds would be a fitting tribute. For those who may not know, Carol worked in the Extension Office for many years and supporting our youth and programming.

If you or your club is interested in contributing, donations should be sent to

Hendricks County Extension Office
Attention Memorial Bench
PO Box 7
Danville, Indiana 46122

Checks should be payable to
Hendricks County 4-H Fairboard

Questions can be directed to Lisa Pitts at 317-745-9260 or pitts15@purdue.edu.



4-H

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED



CLUBS

- Gifted 4-H'ers
 - The Gifted 4-H'ers Club is seeking a co-leader to help facilitate meetings in the Danville area.
- Working Wonders
 - Working Wonders is seeking one or two club leaders looking to serve youth in the Clayton Area.
- Possible new Stilesville/Amo Club volunteers needed

PROJECT ADVISORS

- ATV: Safety Co-Leader
- Bicycle
- Computers
- Entomology
- Forestry
- Geology
- Health
- Our Environment (Recycling)
- Shooting Sports (Volunteers/Instructors)
- Small Engines
- Sportfishing
- Veterinary Science

STEM VOLUNTEERS

We are seeking an energetic STEM volunteer to help facilitate workshops. Workshops are frequently held during Spring Break and in the Fall. More workshops can be added as the leaders deem appropriate.

MINI 4-H VOLUNTEERS

We are in search of help to facilitate our ever-growing Mini 4-H Program! Our Mini 4-H'ers meet once a month beginning in February and have meetings through the beginning of June.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERS

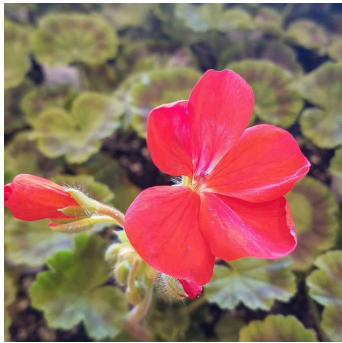
We are always looking for general volunteers to help where needed! This could be serving on a committee or helping at the fair. If you are interested in helping our rapidly growing program, call us to get more information!

CONTACT US 317-745-9260
TO VOLUNTEER hendrces@purdue.edu

Purchasing

Flowers:

You may purchase flowers by ordering them through your local Hendricks County 4-H Members, by calling [317-745-9260](tel:317-745-9260) or email hendrcces@purdue.edu.



Above: Red Seed Geraniums
Below: Purple and White Petunias



2026 4-H FLOWER SALE

Orders DUE March 18* to Club Leaders!

*OR before. Check with club leader for final date.

Club Order Pick Up will be April 29-30 or May 1st depending on date selected by club. Your Club leader will confirm date & time.



Drive-Thru Open Sales will be Saturday, May 2nd from 8-10 a.m.

Limited quantities available at open sales.

Prices:

Red or Hot Pink Seed Geraniums
\$2.50 each or \$45.00/flat of 18

Purple or White Wave Petunias
\$5.00 per Plant or \$75/flat of 15

All proceeds go to local 4-H Clubs for activities and to the Hendricks County 4-H Youth Council to support county 4-H programming, sending youth on 4-H trips, awards, and more.