



Hendricks County 4-H Clover Connection



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Luck of the Clover

Welcome by Ashley Alexander - 4-H Educator



March is often a fun time for shopping amongst 4-H Educators and families. All around are 4-Leaf Clover themed items that will last the entire year for some. I hope that soon the grass will start turning green and we can find that lucky 4-Leaf clover amongst the rest of the grass. I think of times in my younger years out looking for 4-Leaf clovers hoping to be “lucky” for the day.

Today, I feel lucky to have as many 4-H members as we do in Hendricks County! We are approaching 1,000 4-H youth and adults in our county’s program! That is huge! I may not to meet each one of you, but I consider it a privilege to lead the youth in our county. Some may consider it lucky.

2026 4-H Handbooks are in the Extension Office! They are \$10/book. Cash or check only. This 194 page book is a great resource for families to get the correct information for each of their projects. I recommend purchasing one, if you need it.

Looking ahead to the coming months, it will get busier and busier. Plan ahead and start your projects early, get some ideas from others, attend a 4-H meeting, and meet new friends.

I hope I am lucky enough to get to see you this month!



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Extension Office Info

The Extension Office will be closed Friday April 3rd in observance of Good Friday.

Contact Us

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 317-745-9260
 hendrces@purdue.edu
 Open 8 a.m.—4 p.m.
 Monday—Friday
<https://hendricksco4h.com/HCGS>
<https://v2.4honline.com>



4-H Opportunities

Junior
Leaders
INDIANA 4-H



2026 Jr. Leader Meeting Dates:

March 12 (Offsite)

April 16

May 19

June 8

June 30

All Meetings are
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
at HC 4-H
Fairgrounds unless
otherwise noted.

**Next Jr. Leader Meeting:
Thursday, March 12th
from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Pinheads Bowling Alley in Brownsburg
*Please bring extra cash if you wish to
purchase snacks from concessions!*

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

March Community Service

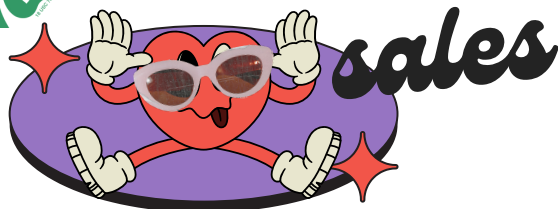
We're pairing our fun with a community service challenge. If everyone brings 2 non-perishable food or hygiene items, we'll celebrate with an ICE CREAM PARTY at our April meeting! Please do NOT bring perishable items like fresh produce, frozen foods, bread, dairy, or medications.

See email sent 2/24 for donation ideas!

4-H HENDRICKS COUNTY



APPAREL



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

2026 4-H Handbooks are Available!

Physical copies are available in the Office for \$10!

A free PDF is available at this link:

<https://hendricksco4h.com/2026handbook>



Adult Leader Teach and Thrive

BE YOUR BEST SELF

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 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!

Where? - HC 4-H Fairgrounds

What time? - 6:30pm

Come ready to have FUN! This is not a PowerPoint night!



We are looking for Camp Counselors!

Applications are available at the Extension Office, and are due March 20, 2026.

Applicants must be a current Hendricks County 4-H Member in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade as of January 1, 2026.

Important Dates

March 20th - Applications due to Extension Office

April 28th - Camp Counselor Training, Boone County Fairgrounds, 7-9 PM

May 14th - Camp Counselor Training, Boone County Fairgrounds, 7-9 PM

May 21st - Camp Counselor Training, Boone County Fairgrounds, 7-9 PM

May 28th - Camp Counselor Training, Boone County Fairgrounds, 5-8 PM

June 3rd to 5th - 4-H Camp, Shakamak State Park

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NOTE: At least THREE Camp Counselor Trainings and attendance at camp are required for counselors!

Application available at this link: <https://hendricksco4h.com/Campcounselor26>

4-H Information

MINI MEETING DATES

March 10 (Pfld Rec Center)

April 13

May 21

All regular meetings will be 6:30-7:30 PM

@ HC 4-H Fairgrounds unless otherwise specified

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!

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 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!



NEW: Aquatic Science Project!

Next workshops: 3/11, 4/15, 5/20, 6/24
HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 7pm

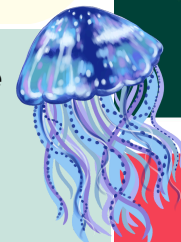
Interested in marine wildlife? Check out our **BRAND NEW** Aquatic Science project and attend workshops with Bethany Stanley.

Contact her at hendricks4haquatic@gmail.com with questions.

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.

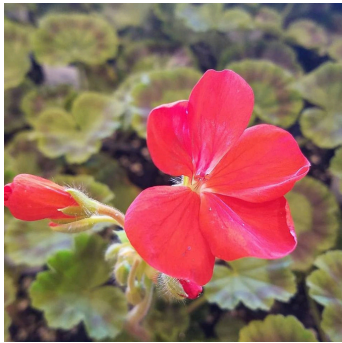
We appreciate and thank each and every person, family, club, or group that has donated to our Blessing Box!!



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 [hendrces@purdue.edu](mailto: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.



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.

March Dates

- 3 - Clover Club & Sodbusters Meeting 7:00 pm @ The Hideout Brownsburg
- 5 - Shooting Sports Meeting - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 5 - Sew Savvy Workshop - 6:00 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
- 11 - Aquatic Science Workshop - 7:00 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 12 - Discovery Club Meeting - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 12 - Bulldog Clovers Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Brownsburg Public Library
- 14 - Child Development Workshop - 6:30 pm @ Sonshine School
(address on next page)
- 16 - Dog Club Meeting - 6:00 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 16 - Swine Workshop - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 16 - Bridle Bunch Meeting - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 17 - Sheep Club Meeting - 6:00 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 19 - Working Wonders Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Clayton Presbyterian Church
- 19 - Scrapbooking Workshop - 7:00pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 22 - Goat Club Workshop - 4:00 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
- 26 - Rabbit Club Meeting - 6:30 pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds



4-H Youth Council

March 23rd @ 7 p.m.



4-H Adult Leaders

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



4-H Fairboard

March 2nd and April 6th @ 7 p.m.



Child Development Project Workshop

The Indiana 4-H Child Development curriculum is designed to help young people increase knowledge regarding the areas of development, health and safety, food and nutrition, discipline, families and careers and how they relate to infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and early elementary youth.

Learn more at our first project workshop!

Tuesday, April 14

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: Sunshine School

@ Northview Christian Church -
623 N. State Rd. 39 Danville, IN 46122

Questions? Contact:

Kati Sweet - 765-585-2497

(text preferred)

Amy Owen - owen3012@gmail.com



Chef University 102 for youth



What They'll Learn:

- ✓ Basic cooking techniques
- ✓ Fun and nutritious recipes
- ✓ Kitchen safety & hygiene
- ✓ Creative food presentation



\$ \$ 30 / youth participant



Hendricks County 4-H
Fairgrounds and
Complex Center

1900 E. Main St.
Danville, IN 46122

Grades
6-7



April 1-2

1 pm - 4 pm

Limited spots available!

Sign up today.

<https://26chefu102.4honline.com>

Call if you have questions



317-745-9260 123-456-7890

Shooting Sports Project & Club



All Disciplines Safety Meeting:

Saturday, March 14, 2026 @ 9 am - 11 am
Hendricks Fairgrounds - South Hall

Shooting Sports Club Meetings

Meeting Dates: December 4, January 15, February 5, March 5

Meeting Times: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Meeting Location: Hendricks Fairgrounds & Conference Center - Room TBD

Service Project Date: TBD - April

Additional dates will be offered in June/July to help with white cards and project questions.

Shotgun

Safety Meeting Dates: March 14, April 3, and May 15 (one is required before shooting)

Meeting Dates: April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, May 29, June 12

Tournament Dates: June 26 & July 10

Meeting Times: 6 pm - 8 pm

Meeting Location: Brownsburg Conservation Club

Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloader (RPM)

~~**Safety Meeting Dates:** March 14, March 28, April 25~~

Meeting Dates: March 28, April 11, April 25, May 9, May 23

Tournament Dates: June 6 & June 20

Meeting Times: 9 am - 11 am

Meeting Location: TBD

Archery

Safety Meeting Dates: March 14, April 7, and May 12

Meeting Dates: April 7, April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5, May 12, May 19, May 26, June 2, June 9, June 16

Tournament Dates: June 23 (In the event we have a tie, shoot-offs will happen at the award ceremony on July 19th.)

Meeting Times: 6 pm - 7 pm, 7 pm - 8 pm

Meeting Location: Hendricks County Fairgrounds - Shooting Sports Building

Award Ceremony (RPM & Archery)

Sunday, July 19th (Time TBD)

Everyone who participates in the Shooting Sports Program MUST attend a safety meeting each year for ALL disciplines in which they plan to participate.

When signing up for the 4-H program, please select the Shooting Sports Club as one of your clubs when asked which club you are participating in. It does not have to be your main club; you can still participate in other clubs. When you select Shooting Sports as one of your clubs, you are more likely to get emails that are sent out to the Shooting Sports participants.

ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE - STAY UPDATED WITH THE BAND APP

UPCOMING HHS PROGRAMS

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

Get Walkin'

In-person : Every Tuesday & Thursday
Starting March 17th - April 23rd
Washington Township Park
5-6 pm
Registration:



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

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For questions call (317)-745-9260
or email at hendrces@purdue.edu



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

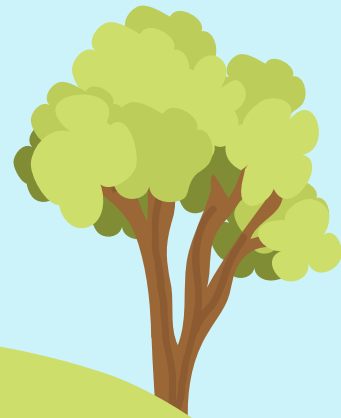
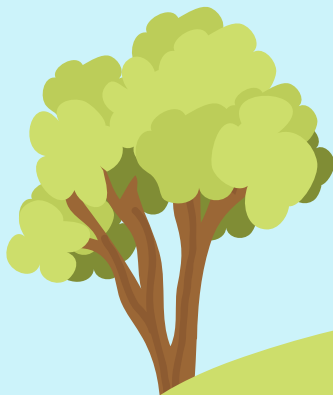
Are you looking to make a change in your lifestyle?
Need some motivation or support?

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.



BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO GRANT WRITING

The two-day **Beginner's Guide to GrantWriting** program is a great skill builder for the beginner or intermediate grantwriter. Whatever your skill level, come with an idea and be ready to write. At the end of Day One, you will have a proposal outline and all of the resources you need to expand your outline into a full proposal.

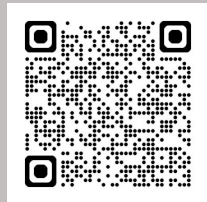
Return on Day Two with your full proposal, and we will put you into the role of a reviewer, teach you strategies for finding funding, and provide you with an opportunity to polish your proposal and send it in for a strong professional review.

When: Wednesday, **March 18**, and Wednesday, **April 15**, 2026, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Eastern

Where: Purdue Extension Marion County, Discovery Hall, Suite 201, 1202 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205

Cost: The workshop is \$225.00, which includes all materials and lunch on both days.

Registration: Registration is available by visiting <https://cvent.me/xgQx7m>.



Please register by Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

Whether your project is big or small, this workshop will give you the information you need to submit proposals confidently.

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Kayla Wright prior to the event at 317-850-6090 or knwright@purdue.edu by March 4, 2026

For special dietary needs, contact Kayla Wright at 317-850-6090 or knwright@purdue.edu by March 11, 2026. If you need an interpreter

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Development

SECURING THE FUTURE

Legal Audits for Farm Families and Agricultural Success

Join the Purdue Extension Succession Planning Team for a **FREE**, live, virtual program series built to support farm families as they prepare for legal aspects of transition planning and create a smoother, more successful transition for the next generation.

MARCH 2ND

Organizing the Farm & Family History & Timeline of the Family Farm

MARCH 9TH

Difficult Conversations

JUNE 22ND

Contingency Planning Code Red

JUNE 29TH

Operating & Buy-Sell Agreements
Feat: Scott Linneweber, Shareholder Attorney, Eagle & Fein, P.C.

JULY 13TH

Personal Estate Planning
Feat: Scott Linneweber, Shareholder Attorney, Eagle & Fein, P.C.

AUGUST 10TH

Planning for Incapacity
Feat: Scott Linneweber, Shareholder Attorney, Eagle & Fein, P.C.

AUGUST 24TH

Management Transfer Professionalizing the Family Business

AUGUST 31ST

Land Leases Tenant Relationships

VIRTUAL - 6:30PM - 8PM EST - JOIN US FOR ONE OR FOR ALL!

FREE PROGRAM! REGISTER TODAY!

<https://bit.ly/securingthefuture2026>



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If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact Renee Wiatt prior to program at reneewiatt@purdue.edu.

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The Succession Planning Team



National Institute of Food and Agriculture
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

This work is supported by the North Central Extension Risk Management Education Center, project award no.2024-70027-42470, from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Remembering Carol

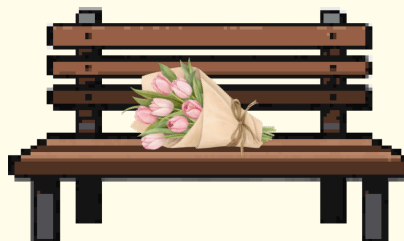


Let's come together to celebrate the remarkable legacy of Carol Pearson and her tireless dedication to Purdue Extension- Hendricks County! As we remember her incredible impact, we're excited to announce a special tribute: a commemorative bench at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds. Carol's time with us was a gift, and we're honored to keep her spirit alive. If you'd like to be a part of this meaningful tribute, please consider contributing to the cause. Your support will help create a lasting legacy that inspires future generations! Thank you for being part of this special celebration of Carol's life and work!

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