



Hendricks County 4-H Clover Connection

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome by Ashley Alexander - 4-H Educator

October 1st begins the 4-H year in Indiana, and I wish you all a Happy New 4-H Year!

This year, I want you to start thinking about what you want to accomplish by this time next year. Is it the blue ribbon you are looking for? A Champion ribbon? No matter what your ribbon goals are, I challenge you to make a personal goal. Do you want to attend more club meetings or workshops? Do you want to step into a Leadership Role in the coming year? There are so many opportunities that are out there for you, it is up to you to chase your dreams!

Make sure that you enroll in 4-HOnline starting October 1st !

As fall begins, let's take some time to slow down and enjoy the little things in life. 2026 will be here before you know it!

Ashley

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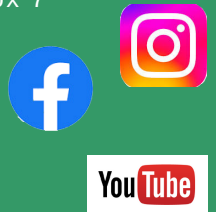
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Extension Office Info

**The Extension Office
will be closed Monday,
October 13 in
observance of
Columbus Day.**

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



4-H Opportunities

NEW Blessing Boxes!

We want to thank Steve and Kim Somermeyer for helping us acquire TWO new blessing boxes! One of the boxes is for non-perishable food items or toiletries. The other box is a pet food pantry! We are so excited to have these new boxes on the fairgrounds. They are located in the same place as the original Blessing Box.



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

We look forward to blessing more families with the new boxes!

We Need YOU!



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! Needs range from club leaders to co-leaders to extra sets of hands to help with meetings and workshops. Contact the Extension Office for more information!

Poinsettia Sales

Holiday Poinsettia Sales are BACK!

Orders are due: **October 22nd**
Tentative pick up: **November 24th**
Payment is due at the time of pick up.

More information can be found at this link
<https://hendricksco4h.com/Poinsettias2025>
or on the attached flyer.



Open House is right around the corner! If you would like to volunteer to help on November 9th from 3-5 pm, please visit this link:

<https://hendricksco4h.com/2025OpenHouse>

More details on page 9.

4-H Open Enrollment



We know both county and state fair just ended but.... keep in mind that enrollment for the 2026 4-H year will begin October 1, 2025.

After October 1st, youth and volunteers will be able to enroll in 4-H Online at:
<https://v2.4honline.com>

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

4-H Information

Mini 4-H

Thank you to all Mini 4-H members who participated in our program this year!

We are looking to update a few projects for Mini 4-H in the coming years. If you have feedback, please let us know!



Junior Leader Elections

The 4-H Jr. Leaders are electing officers at their Kick Off Meeting! Officer positions include:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Youth Council Representatives (2)
- Fairboard Representatives (2)
- Recreation Director
- Community Service Chair

Apply to be an officer here:

<https://hendricksco4h.com/26JLOfficer>

Junior Leaders

Join us for our fall Jr. Leader Kick Off meeting! We will be gathering at the Washington Township Park shelter on October 16th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. to kick off the new 4-H year!

We will have hot dogs, chips, desserts and s'mores for you to enjoy! (if you have any dietary restrictions, please let us know).

Sign up to bring an item:

<https://hendricksco4h.com/jlkickoff>

Bring a friend and enjoy an evening of fun!



LESSONS

Tuesday, October 7, 2025
Hendricks County 4-H
Fairgrounds



Afternoon Lessons

1:00 pm Mandy Gray **De-clutter & De-Stress**

Helps participants explore the connection between physical clutter and emotional well-being. This lesson offers practical strategies to simplify the home environment and reduce stress through small, manageable steps. Participants will leave with tools to create a more peaceful, organized space that supports mental clarity and calm.

2:00 pm Rachel Peine **Creating a Beautiful & Healthy** **Edible Centerpiece**

Participants will learn how to create an edible centerpiece using fruits and vegetables. This lesson will offer nutritional and safe food handling information. The participants will leave with skills on how to create a fruit arrangement that is artistic, safe, and nutritious.

Evening Lesson 6:00 pm

Pandora Taylor Cooking for One or Two

Preparing healthy meals at home can be challenging when cooking for just one or two people. Meal planning, food storage, and using leftovers efficiently are key to reducing food waste, saving money, and maintaining a balanced diet. This program provides practical strategies and confidence-building techniques to make cooking at home enjoyable and manageable.

What You'll Learn:

- Easy and practical meal preparation for one or two
- How to modify recipes for smaller portions
- Smart ways to repurpose leftovers
- Strategies to reduce food waste and grocery costs
- Essential food safety tips

This interactive session includes discussions and hands-on activities to help participants develop skills they can use immediately. Whether you're a college student, single parent, or retiree, this program will empower you to create healthy, delicious meals with ease.

Lessons are
FREE
Registration is
required to
provide sufficient
materials to
participants.
Link to register
below:

<https://bit.ly/EHMOctLessons>

Questions?
317-745-9260
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19th Annual Bundle Up Hendricks County Coat Drive



Collecting winter coats Sep 28th – Oct 12th



For drop off locations, please visit
www.bundleuphendrickscounty.org

This is a great opportunity to fill a need in our community!

The Extension Office is a drop off site for the Coat Drive and can accept new and gently used coats, as well as new hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens. A drop box can be located outside our office door and can be accessed for donations outside of business hours.

The coat giveaway will be held on Oct 18 from 10a-2p @
HC Fairgrounds Small Animal Barn

Held in partnership with:

- Prevent Child Abuse Hendricks County
- Just Be Kind Club
- Plainfield Federation of Churches
- Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairground & Conference Center

BE HEART SMART



Be Heart Smart is a 4-week program designed to help individuals prevent heart disease through heart-healthy lifestyle changes. Participants will learn to monitor risk factors and incorporate simple, heart-healthy habits into their daily routines.

Participants will be provided Fitness Trackers after completing all four sessions of Be Heart Smart.

When: October 8, 15, 22, 29 - 5-6 pm

Where: Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Center

Cost: FREE *Must attend all 4 sessions*

For more information: Call Purdue Extension at (317)-745-9260 or email at hendrces@purdue.edu



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HENDRICKS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER?

Scan the QR code to learn more about the Purdue Extension Hendricks County Master Gardener Program:

Or please visit: www.hendricksgardeners.com

For more information please contact the
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MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

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Calendar of Events

October 5-11 is National 4-H Week!

Monday 10/6 is Go Green Day
Thursday 10/9 is 4-H for Good Day

National 4-H Week



Tag us on social media to show off your green 4-H Spirit!

Put your hands to larger service and share how you do good for your community!



October Dates

- 2 - Shooting Sports Meeting - 6:30pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 6 - Fairboard - 7:00pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 9 - Discovery Club Meeting - 6:30- 8:00pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 27 - Youth Council - 7:00pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds

November Dates

- 3 - Fairboard - 7:00pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 6 - Shooting Sports Meeting - 6:30pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 12 - Discovery Club Meeting - 6:30 @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds
- 24 - Youth Council - 7:00pm @ HC 4-H Fairgrounds

4-H Youth Council

October 27th

7pm



4-H Adult Leaders

TBD



4-H Fairboard

October 6th

7pm





AVON (IN)
BEECHWOOD CENTRE (IN)

COMMUNITY CARE FUNDRAISER

To support

Hendricks County 4-H Jr. Leaders

DATE: Tuesday, October 14, 2025

TIME: ALL DAY!

Show this flyer on your phone or
verbally indicate your support to
our Community Care Event
(Dine to Donate)

when placing an order!

*(20% of your purchase will go towards our
organization!)*

Fundraiser available through:

DINE-IN / DRIVE THRU /

or MOBILE APP

For mobile app:

use code **HC1014** at checkout

(Catering orders and DoorDash orders do not apply)

Visit either of our Chick-fil-A Avon locations:

10791 E US Highway 36, Avon, IN 46123

OR 7606 E US Highway 36, Avon, IN 46123



HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 9, 2025
3-5 p.m.



**FREE
EVENT!**



WHO

Mini 4-H: Youth in grades 1-2

Regular 4-H: Youth in grades 3-12

***Also looking for additional adult volunteers!*



WHERE

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
1900 E Main St, Danville, IN 46122

WHAT TO EXPECT

- More than 60 projects to explore
- Talk to 4-H Leaders
- Enroll in Hendricks County 4-H
- Purchase your project manuals
- Free **Snacks**
- Free **Family Activities and Games**
- **Prizes** for everyone

LEARN MORE ABOUT 4-H



CALL US FOR MORE INFO



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<https://hendricksco4h.com/googlesite>





WHITE



RED



PINK

POINSETTIA SALE



SUPPORT THE HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM THROUGH THE 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL'S POINSETTIA SALES! PROCEEDS WILL SPONSOR 4-H EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, TRIPS, AND MORE!

Color options available are:

RED, WHITE, PINK, ICE CRYSTAL (Faded Red with Pink Center), AND SHIMMER SURPRISE (Red with White Specks)

*All plants come with gold pot covers and clear plastic sleeve covering.

ORDERS ARE DUE BY:
OCTOBER 22ND

Tentative pickup date: November 24th at the 4-H Fairgrounds Conference Center

**\$10 PER POINSETTIA
OR
\$60 PER CASE OF 6**

SHIMMER SURPRISE



ICE CRYSTAL



You can place your order several ways:

- Email the required order information to: hendrces@purdue.edu
- Mail or drop off the order form to the Extension Office (1900 E Main St., PO Box 7, Danville, IN 46122)
- Place your order online via Google forms: <https://hendricksco4h.com/25poinsettias>
- Call the office at 317-745-9260 to place an order M-F 8am-4pm

Payment will be collected when you pick up order by cash or check ONLY.

Please make checks payable to:

HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

*****4-H Clubs that sell poinsettias
will also receive 10% of club sales!***

PURDUE EXTENSION – HENDRICKS COUNTY

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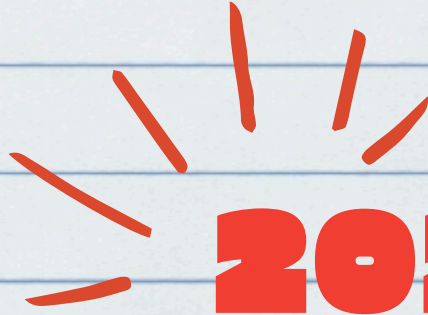
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2026 4-H Handbook Cover Contest

CONTEST RULES:

- We want to see your best artistic skills using paper or create a computer design
- Keep your design 8" x 10"
- Design must include "Hendricks County 4-H Handbook", "2026", and the 4-H Clover (we will insert the official clover if that is not used in the original design)



SUBMIT YOUR DESIGN

BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

To the Extension Office via
email at
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