

# EXTENSION *SHOWCASE*

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## 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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Photo: Zacharias Mains on his Noble County, family farm. Photo courtesy of his mom Kristin Mains.

## *UPCOMING DATES FOR 2025*

### AG & NATURAL RESOURCES

6/24 Commercial Pesticide Applicator Cat 1 Training- EPAC

### 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

6/16 4-H Mini Camp

7/12-7/18 Noble County 4-H Fair

8/1-8/17 Indiana State Fair

### HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES

6/10 Preserve it now, Enjoy it later -Avilla

6/24-27 Mastering Home Food Preservation - Kendallville

### NOBLE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

5/26 MEMORIAL DAY EXT. OFFICE CLOSED

7/4 INDEPENDANCE DAY EXT. OFFICE CLOSED

11/7-8 Homesteading Conference - Kendallville

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Signs of spring are popping up everywhere. Many farms in Noble County have welcomed new members to their flocks and herds. The Mains family of Three Pine Farms have had lots of baby sheep to cuddle this past few weeks. These little lambs will join the flock and produce excellent wool in no time. Send your farm photos and stories to the Extension office; we love to brag about the great things happening in our community! Email Brandy at [Ande1307@purdue.edu](mailto:Ande1307@purdue.edu)



Extension - Noble County

FOLLOW PURDUE EXTENSION NOBLE COUNTY  
TO STAY UP TO DATE ON ALL THE EXCITING  
EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR AREA.

# Upcoming for 2025

SEPT. 10, 2025

SAVE THE  
DATE

## NEPAC FIELD DAY



## ROOTED AND RESILIENT: *Homesteading Conference*

**GATHERING HOMESTEAD  
SKILLS FOR FAMILIES**

Save The Date!

November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
Kendallville

Contact the Extension Office for more info.

## P.A.R.P

stay up to date on upcoming area  
PARP events at:  
<https://bit.ly/IndianaPARPevents>

JUN  
24  
Tuesday

Whitley NEPAC Diagnostic PARP - East District  
Extension | 9 AM - 3 PM

AUG  
20  
Wednesday

Noble County Manure PARP - East District  
Extension | 3 - 5:30 PM

**Check your certification  
status at**  
<https://oisc.purdue.edu/>



**Office of Indiana  
State Chemist**

# MANURE: FARM TO FIELD

AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> 2025

300 S MAIN ST. LIGONIER, IN

46767 3PM - 5:30PM

**CAT 14 CREDITS: PARP - CCH**

Sponsored by Indiana Soybean Alliance &  
Indiana Corn Marketing Council



Join us for an informative session with David Beard, owner of a manure application business, as he shares practical steps and key decisions for applying livestock manure. He'll cover essential recordkeeping practices necessary no matter the farm size.

Register through the link below, or by calling or emailing Kathryn Jennings at (574) 533-0554  
jennin30@purdue.edu Registration closes August 19th

<https://tinyurl.com/y274kep4>

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If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact Kathryn (574) 533-0554, jennin30@purdue.edu three weeks in advance.

# Noble County 4-H Fair 2025



## 2025 Noble County 4-H Public Events

### **Friday July 11th**

4-H Awards Night & Fashion Review 6pm

### **July 11th-17th**

4-H Livestock Judging Events - All Day

### **Sunday July 13th**

4-H Archery Shoot 1pm

4-H ATV Rodeo 2pm

### **Monday July 14th**

4-H BBQ Contest 4pm Log Cabin

4-H Air Rifle Shoot 4:30pm

### **July 14th-17th**

Log Cabin open for project viewing

8am-7pm

### **Tuesday July 15th**

Cornhole Tournament Noon

### **Wednesday July 16th**

4-H Pack Animal Competition Noon

Livestock Skill-a-thon 1:00pm

### **Thursday July 17th**

Round Robin 6pm

### **Friday July 18th**

4-H Auction (premium only) 10am

For complete list of events and times check  
us out on Facebook

@NobleCountyIndiana4H or  
[www.extension.purdue.edu/noble](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/noble)



## 4-H FAIR ICE CREAM

## FLAVORS OF THE DAY

Pre-Fair Events Thurs.-Sat. July 10th-12th:

- Black Raspberry & Cheesecake

Sunday, July 13th:

- Chocolate Chip Mint & Fudge Brownie Batter

Monday, July 14th:

- Lemon & Blueberry

Tuesday July 15th:

- Coffee & Salted Carmel

Wednesday July 16th:

- Peanut Butter & Fudge Brownie Batter

Thursday, July 17th:

- Purple Cow & Red Raspberry

Friday, July 18th:

- Maple & Butter Pecan

Saturday, July 19th:

- Black Cherry & Chocolate

Vanilla & Chocolate served daily  
with swirled options available.

To sign up to volunteer in the Ice Cream Stand  
contact the Extension Office 260-636-2111.



## **2025 4-H SILENT AUCTION LOG CABIN AT FAIR GROUNDS**



**FIRST BIDS ON MONDAY JULY 14TH @ 9AM**

**AUCTION WILL END ON THURSDAY JULY 17TH @ 4PM**

**PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT NOBLE COUNTY**

**4-H PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS**

**WINNING AUCTION ITEMS MUST BE PICKED**

**UP BY 5PM ON FRIDAY JULY 18TH.**



# Noble County 4-H Fair 2025

**WE  
WANT YOU**



**To Join 4-H!**

**Enrollment opens October 1<sup>st</sup> for 2026**  
**Grades 3-12 Regular 4-H (\$20 for the year)**

**Grades K-2 Mini 4-H (\$5 for the year)**

*Projects for every interest and clubs for  
every level of experience*

**Go to: [4Honline.com](http://4Honline.com)**

**Something for Everyone!**

- ▶ Science- STEM
  - ▶ Arts & Crafts
  - ▶ Animals
  - ▶ Community involvement
- SO MUCH MORE!!!**



**For questions call the County Extension Office at 260-636-2111.**

*Head, Heart, Hands & Health*



## 4-H Mini Barn Events Sponsored by Noble Co. 4-H Junior Leaders

7/10 Thurs.: Can-Struction set up 4-6pm

7/11 Fri.: Cornhole & Ping Pong 9am-5pm

7/12 Sat.: Cornhole & Ping Pong 9am-5pm

7/13 Sun.: Archery Shoot 1-3pm

7/14 Mon.: Air Rifle Shoot 4:30pm

7/15 Tues.: Cornhole & Ping Pong 9am-5pm

7/16 Wed.: Livestock Skill-a-thon 12-1pm

### FLORAL HALL OPEN CLASS EXHIBITION



\$5 entry fee day of event,  
unlimited entries.

Entries due 7/11 & 7/12.

Open to all ages.  
For more information  
contact the Extension  
Office.

## Floral Hall Daily Free Activities

Extension Homemakers:

- Arts & Crafts Activities 10 am- Noon

Noble Co. Master Gardeners:

- Take home garden activity at 1PM

Floral Hall open during fair for viewing

- Sunday: Noon-4 pm
- Monday-Thursday: 10 am-8 pm
- Friday: 10 am- 7 pm

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The Noble County Extension Homemakers  
are raising funds to maintain Floral Hall at the fair  
grounds. Silent Auction, Bake Sale & More!

Stop by Floral Hall for more info!



EAE/EOU

We would like to invite you to the :  
*2025 Noble County Fair 4-H Auction.*

Friday, July 18th starting at 10am  
Ends when the last bid is called.

Located in the Merchants Building of the  
Noble County Community Fair Grounds.

This is a "Premium only Auction"

If you need to register as a bidder, or  
volunteer for the event, contact the  
Extension Office at 260-636-2111 or  
email Noelle at [ngaerte@purdue.edu](mailto:ngaerte@purdue.edu)

# Fair 2025

## 2025 MISS NOBLE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT

Sunday June 29th

Centerstage Auditorium-Albion In



- Scholarship Money
- Job Interview Skills
- Speaking & Communication Skills
- Self-Confidence
- Personal Development
- Character Building
- New Friendships
- Girls Ages 17-21
- Must Reside in Noble County, IN

Presented by: Miss Noble County  
Fair Queen & Committee  
Follow them on Facebook!  
For more info contact  
Heather Lortie  
Phone: 260-413-8878 // Email  
hlortie@sf.edu



## 2025 Indiana State Fair

### "Soundtrack of Summer"

August 1st-17th // Closed on Mondays.

For More info go to:

<https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/entertainment/soundtrack-of-summer>

### 2025 Noble County Community Fair Dates:

#### Saturday July 12th

- Fair Parade 5 pm

#### Sunday July 13th

- 1 pm Pony Pulls
- 7 pm Farmer Olympics



#### Monday July 14th, Senior Citizen's Day

- 10 am Euchre
- 6 pm ATA Excellence Martial Arts Demo
- 6 pm Mutton Bustin' (Dairy Arena)
- 7 pm - Draft Pulls

#### Tuesday July 15th, Hero's Day

- 7 pm - D & D Pro Rodeo

#### Wednesday July 16th, Ladies Day

- 6 pm ATA Excellence Martial Arts Demo
- 7 pm - Truck & Tractor Pulls

#### Thursday July 17th Kids Day

- Kids Activities in pavilion 10am-1pm
- 6 pm Wild Cats Cheerleader Performance
- 7 pm-KOI Dirt Drags Eliminations

#### Friday July 18th Farmers & Family Day

- 7 pm- Combine Derby

#### Saturday July 19th Sponsor Day

- 3 pm-National Pedal Pullers & Racers
- 6 pm - TNT Demolition Derby



### Extension Homemakers Organized in 1919

[ieha-families.org](http://ieha-families.org)

#### Extension Homemakers

Noble County has four Extension Homemaker clubs with 50 members. Their mission is to strengthen families through continuing education, leadership development, and volunteer community support. *For more information contact the Extension office. We would love to connect you with a club!*

#### For more info on Fair Grounds, Camping, Venders or events go to:

<https://noblecountycommunityfair.weebly.com/>

#### For Facebook go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/NobleCountyCommunityFairgrounds>

**Or Call 260-347-0666**

# 2025 Noble County 4-H Fair Event Schedule

## Saturday June 28

9 AM	4-H Dog Show	Activities Pavilion
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## Thursday, July 10

8:30 AM	4-H Consumer Clothing & Sewing Judging	Log Cabin
4 – 6:00 PM	4-H Gilt Check-In	Swine Barn
4-6:00 PM	Can-Struction	Mini Barn
5-6 PM	4-H Foods Check-In: Baked, Preserved, Microwaved Foods	Log Cabin
6-8 PM	4-H Foods Judging	Log Cabin
7:00 PM	4-H Gilt Show	Swine Barn

## Friday, July 11

8-9:30 AM	4-H Static Judging Check-In	Log Cabin
10 AM	4-H Static Judging	Log Cabin
6:00 PM	4-H Public Fashion Review & Graduating Ceremony	Merchants Bldg

## Saturday, July 12

8-9:30 AM	4-H Static Judging Check-In	Log Cabin
10 AM	4-H Static Judging	Log Cabin/Merchants Building
10 AM – Noon	4-H Demonstrations	Merchants Building
9-Noon	4-H Rabbit Check-In	Rabbit Barn
1-4:00 PM	4-H Poultry Check-In	Poultry Barn
1-6:00 PM	4-H Dairy Goat Check-In	Goat Barn
2-3PM	4-H Dairy Cattle Check-In	Dairy Barn
4-8:00 PM	Goats, sheep, cattle early arrival option	
6-8:00 PM	4-H Alpaca Check-In	Alpaca Barn

## Sunday, July 13

8 AM – Noon	4-H Livestock, Horse & Pony Arrival	
8 AM – Noon	Horse & Pony Check-In	H & P Barn
8 AM – Noon	Swine Unloading & Check-In	Swine Barn
Noon – 1 PM	4-H Beef Check-In	Beef Barn
Noon – 1 PM	4-H Sheep Check-In	Sheep Barn
1:00 PM	4-H Rabbit Show	SSG Arena
1:00 PM	4-H Dairy Cattle Show	B/D Arena
1:00 PM	4-H Horse & Pony Trail, Versatility Classes	H&P Arena
1-3 PM	Archery Shoot	Mini Barn
2:00 PM	4-H ATV Rodeo	Midfield
5:00 PM	4-H Dairy Steer/Feeder Check-In	Beef Barn
6:00 PM	4-H Meat Goat Check-In	Meat Goat Area

## Monday, July 14

8:00 AM	4-H Dairy Goat Show	SSG Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Horse & Pony Halter & Showmanship	H/P Arena
2:00 PM	4-H Cat Show	B/D Arena
4:00 PM	4-H BBQ Contest	Log Cabin
4:30 PM	Air Rifle Shoot	Mini Barn
5:00 PM	4-H Commercial Poultry & Showmanship Show	SSG Arena

### **Tuesday, July 15**

9:00 AM	4-H Horse & Pony English & Western Show	H & P Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Alpaca Costume Show	SSG Arena
Noon	4-H Cornhole Tournament	SSG Arena
10:00 AM	4-H Dairy Feeder & Steer Show	B/D Arena
5:00 PM	4-H Sheep Show	SSG Arena

### **Wednesday, July 16**

9:00 AM	4-H Barrow Show	SSG Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Draft Horse Show	H & P Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Alpaca Obstacle Course	B/D Arena
Noon	4-H Pet Show & Obstacle Course	B/D Arena
1-3:00 PM	4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest	Mini Barn
5:00 PM	4-H Meat Goat Show	SSG Arena
5:00 PM	4-H Horse & Pony Speed Show	H & P Arena

### **Thursday, July 17**

9:00 AM	4-H Draft Horse Show	H & P Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Beef Show	B/D Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Exhibition Poultry	SSG Arena
2:00 PM	4-H Livestock Judging Contest	B/D Arena
5:00 PM	4-H Speed Show	H & P Arena
6:00 PM	4-H Round Robin Showmanship	B/D Arena
6:00 PM	4-H Rabbit & Poultry Animal Check-Out	Poultry Barn
7:00 PM	4-H Livestock Released	

### **Friday, July 18**

8-9:30 AM	4-H Auction Buyer's Registration	Merchants Building
9 AM – 4 PM	4-H Static Project Pickup	Log Cabin
10:00 AM	4-H Auction	Merchants Building
1:00 PM	4-H Horse & Pony Awards & Fun Show	Horse & Pony Arena

## **2025 Fair Awards Sponsors Needed!**

Contact Noelle for info at [Ngaerte@purdue.edu](mailto:Ngaerte@purdue.edu) or call 636-2111



- Dairy Goat
- Tractor
- Skill-A-Thon
- BBQ
- Pack Animal
- More to come....

**Purdue Extension Area XI  
ServSafe® Food Handler  
2025 Trainings and Assessments**

The ServSafe® Food Handler course is for anyone who needs basic food safety and food handling training, including home-based vendors, food service workers, volunteers, or others who work with food who only need the basic training. This course is NOT intended for foodservice managers. To obtain your foodservice manager certification, you must take the ServSafe® Food Protection Manager course and exam. ServSafe® Food Handler satisfies training requirements for HBVs outlined in Indiana House Bill 1149. This program focuses on key aspects including basic food safety, personal hygiene, cross-contamination and allergens, time and temperature, and cleaning and sanitation.

The half-day training includes a booklet and 50-question assessment. The Certificate of Achievement is valid for three years. A photo ID with signature is required to take the assessment (driver license, state/student/military/employee ID, U.S. green card, or valid passport).

The ServSafe® Food Handler training fulfills the food safety training requirements mandated for home-based vendors in the state of Indiana. After passing the assessment (passing grade is a 75% or higher), your Food Handler Certificate of Achievement will be documented with the National Restaurant Association.

**June 13** Community Learning Center Training/Assessment 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
401 E Diamond St, Kendallville, IN Assessment @ 1:00 PM  
Register at: <https://cvent.me/Y55WNb>

**August 21** Adams County Fairgrounds Training/Assessment 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
160 W Washington St., Monroe, IN Assessment @ 1:00 PM  
Register at: <https://cvent.me/IABQVB>

**September 19** Community Learning Center Training/Assessment 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
401 E Diamond St, Kendallville, IN Assessment @ 1:00 PM  
Register at: <https://cvent.me/y35Ya2>

**Prices:** Training, Assessment, & Manual - **\$40**; Optional Shipping-Fee for Manual before Training - \$ 15

**Online REGISTRATION link closes 5 business days prior to the ServSafe Event!**

**\$20 late fee will be added to the cost if registration occurs after the registration deadline.**

Questions about the class date, time or location? Contact: Abigail Creigh, Purdue Extension – Noble County, phone: 260-636-2111 or email: [creigh@purdue.edu](mailto:creigh@purdue.edu). For information about registration and payment, go to: <https://www.purdue.edu/servsafe> or contact the Purdue Education Store – (765) 494-6794

# Preserve It Now - Enjoy It Later

*The purpose of food preservation is to maintain food in an edible and nutritious condition for consumption some time after the optimum stage of freshness.*



Join Abigail Creigh, RD - HHS Extension Educator for an overview of different methods to safely preserve food.

**Tuesday, June 10th at 6:00 - 7:30 PM**

**Noble County Public Library - Avilla**

**104 Ley Street, Avilla, IN 46710**

Pre -registration is appreciated, at:  
<https://bit.ly/FoodPresAvilla2025>  
however, walk-ins are welcome.



# Mastering Home Food Preservation Workshop

Community Learning Center  
401 E. Diamond St.  
Kendallville, IN 46755



## Training Dates

**June 24 – 27, 2025**  
**9 AM – 5 PM EST**

## Online Registration

<https://cvent.me/3eLKY7>

**Cost: \$325.00**

**Notebook Included**

Valuable Resources, In-depth Lectures, Interactive Discussions, Hands-on Practice, Take Home Products

USDA Home Food Preservation recommended procedures are taught. Instructors will provide instructional course work and preservation labs.

## TOPICS COVERED

Food Safety  
Boiling Water Canning  
Pressure Canning  
Pickling & Fermenting  
Freezing & Dehydrating  
Jams and Jellies

## EVENT CONTACT

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# FREE HELMETS SAFETY EVENT

**5 PM - 7 PM | open house style**

**Rain or Shine**

**Ligonier: June 2nd - Turning Point Educational Center**

518 W Union St, Ligonier, IN 46767

**Rome City: June 9th - Gaff Park**

142 Lions Dr, Rome City, IN 46784

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## Plant or Insect Questions?

**Contact the Extension office for guidance  
& resources on lawn, garden, and crop questions.**

Call 260-636-2111 or stop in at

The County Annex, 109 N. York. St, Albion,

**Plant and insect samples accepted M-F 8am-4pm.**

Should additional analysis be needed,  
samples can be sent to the Purdue Pest Diagnostic Lab  
for a fee.

*We also have soil testing resources available!*



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109 N. York St.  
Albion, IN 46701

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**4-H Sign Up:** [V2.4honline.com](http://V2.4honline.com)

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- Noble County, Indiana 4-H
- Master Gardeners of Noble County, IN

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- Purdue Noble County Extension
- Purdue Extension Area 11 HHS

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