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Mini 4-H

Mini 4-H has more fun in store! Join us on Wednesday, April 17 from 6:00

- 7:00 pm in the 4-H Center Expo Hall for the next meeting. We hope to see you there!

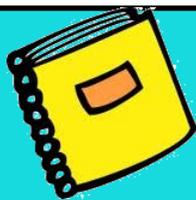


OFFICER TRAINING

CORRECTION - Congratulations to Armstrong Hi-Lighters, German Gems, and Tech/Energetics Club! They had all 4 main officers present at Officer's Training. A cash prize donated by Jr. Leaders will be given to these clubs. Way to go!

Livestock Improvements Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who went to Azzip for the Livestock Fundraiser! We raised \$176.56 for livestock improvements!



Click here for the 2024 4-H Handbook

Hard copies have been distributed to clubs to pass out.

Congratulations!

Vanderburgh 4-H members did an awesome job earning 4-H scholarships!

Congratulations to:

Accomplishment Scholarship winner:

Isaac Pohl

Senior Year Scholarships

winners:

Paul Folz

Caleb Kunkler

Mikayla Lamey

Sarah Parker

Isaac Pohl

Brooklyn Rogers

Anna Thomas

Project Supplies

Poster Backing: \$0.50

Poster and Salon Print Sleeves: \$0.50

Electric Circuit Board Kit: \$15.50

Electric Shake Light Kit: \$20.50

Electric Fluorescent Trouble Light Kit: \$62.50

Electric Extension Cord Kit: \$60

Fluorescent Trouble Light Head Only: \$20

Electric Complete Lamp Kit: \$27

Entomology Pins: \$6

Insect Boxes \$40

How to Study, Collect, Preserve and Identify Insects \$5

Stop by the office to purchase these supplies.



LET'S GO TO 4-H CAMP!

Fun! Friends! 4-H!

When: June 3-5, 2024

Where: Historic Santa Claus Campground

Who: 4-H members in Grades 3-6

(Vanderburgh, Posey, Gibson, Spencer, Pike & Knox)

Enroll now in 4HOnline!
Applications are due no later than April 15th.

Congratulations!

The following 4-H members were chosen to be camp counselors: Maddie Bedel, Charlie English, Tate Farney, Austin Groeninger, Elise Lousignont, Josie Nesbitt, Samantha Shrull, Anna Thomas, Ella Thomas, and Kylie Weiss. Congratulations to Charlie English and Josie Nesbitt, who have been selected as 2 of 4 Camp Jr. Directors! Way to go 4-H members!



Project Changes

In the handbook, you will notice the following changes to project guidelines:

- Clarifications and minor changes were made Aerospace, Electric, and Family Camping, Genealogy.
- Foods Projects - There is a new recipe card! Also, Creating with a Mix and Microwave no longer require recipe boxes.
- Garden - any other single vegetable and any other herb were added as exhibit options and the Latin name requirement was removed.
- Tractor: The 2024 tractor/lawn and garden tractor/zero-turn mower operator skills area and state contests will include the parts identification and obstacle course practicums only. The quiz/exam practicum will not be part of the 2024 contests.
- Woodworking, Level 1 and Level 2 techniques were combined.
- Animal projects: Dairy goat classes were changed to match the state fair, Meat Goats added a commercial doe class and updated language, Pygmy Goats combined "Unfreshened Yearling 12-24 months of age" and Freshened Yearling under 2 Years into a Yearling class. Sheep made clarifications for ease of understanding.
- County Garden Contest: Any youth can participate - you do not have to qualify from your club.

CHANGE



We are now hiring college students to serve as Vanderburgh County 4-H Summer Interns

For more information or to obtain an application; send an email to Taylor at tvanmet@purdue.edu.

Applications are still being accepted!



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RECYCLING CONTEST

Celebrate the 2024 fair theme by creating an item made entirely from **Recycled Materials**.

Indoor and Outdoor Projects and Hand-Crafted Wearable Items accepted

-  Indoor items cannot be more than 24 inches x 24 inches at the base
-  Outdoor items should be suitable for yard or porch display, resistant to weather conditions
-  Bonding agents of any type do not need to be a recycled product (glue, screws, thread, etc.)
-  Attach a sheet with a list of materials used and other interesting information about your entry
-  Previously displayed 4-H Recycling projects will be accepted.



Entry time: Saturday, July 20th 1-3pm Auditorium No entry fee

Pick-up time: Sunday, July 28th 11am-1pm

Monetary awards will be given to the best 5 entries

Personal Finance Challenge





When, Where, Cost

- Government Center, 302 W Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46204
- April 19, 2024
- Check-in 1 hour before presentation time
- Free!
- Register at: https://bit.ly/PFC_2024

Details

- Teams of 3 or 4 high school age youth will be given a topic 1 week prior to the event.
- Each team will present to a panel of financial experts.
- The winning team will receive \$500/youth and all expenses paid to the National competition in Cleveland, Ohio

Contact: ICEE Admin
jwfansle@purdue.edu



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With Sympathy




We are saddened to share the loss of two long-time, dedicated 4-H volunteers, Doris Goebel and Judi Reininga. Doris was a 4-H volunteer for 40 years, serving as a club leader for Armstrong Hi-Lighters and as a superintendent for Dairy Goats.

Judi served as a 4-H leader for the Star 4-H Club for 43 years and was always eager to help 4-H in any way that was needed.

We are so thankful for Doris and Judi's passion for 4-H. Their service has touched the lives of so many young people. We will greatly miss these special ladies. Please keep their families in your thoughts.



4-H Statewide Drone/UAV Competition

Test Your Skills and Knowledge!



**Madison County Fairgrounds
Alexandria, IN
May 4, 2024
12:00 PM--3:00 PM**

- Free Event for 4-H Members
 - Junior Division (Grades 6-8)
 - Senior Division (Grades 9-12)
- Obstacle Course, FAA Regulations Test, Drone Robotic Programming
- Enroll Here: <https://drone-uav-comp-2024.4honline.com>
- For More Information, Contact: Bill Decker at wdecker@purdue.edu

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VANDEBURGH COUNTY 4-H
**PERFORMING
ARTS
CONTEST**



**TUESDAY APRIL 23RD
VANDEBURGH 4-H CENTER
AUDITORIUM
6:30PM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP; VISIT:
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/4HPERFORMINGARTS2024](https://tinyurl.com/4Hperformingarts2024)**



Club News

Happy Hoosiers

In February the Happy Hoosiers 4-H Club completed a group judging activity. The club judged paper towels. We learned about how they are made, the impact on the environment and how absorbent they were!



Centerrific 4-H Club



During the Centerrific meeting in March, we had a pizza party along with games and lots of fun! 4-Her's brought their favorite games and shared them with others along with tasty pizza! The next Centerrific meeting will be April 15th at Old North UMC.

Animal Projects

State Fair

CORRECTION - Horse & Pony



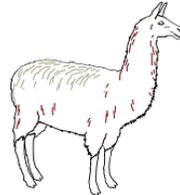
Please note the following correction for Horse & Pony in the 4-H Handbook:

Page 104 - High Point: To qualify for high point, **you must meet the required points on the achievement award check-list.**

This change was made right before handbooks were printed and it did not get included. We apologize for the error.

Llama Lease

Interested in leasing an alpaca or llama for the fair? If so, contact Jennifer Deutsch at 812-431-1706 for more details.



Extension - Indiana 4-H



INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE

To exhibit **BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, PYGMY GOATS, POULTRY, and RABBITS**, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training **OR** the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA).

1. This certification must be done an annual basis
2. Members must be registered **BEFORE** attending a training
3. Members may attend any training dates listed on this flyer **OR** a training in another county **OR** complete the online YQCA training

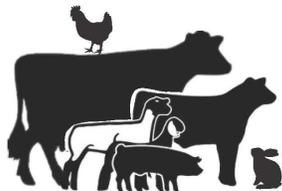
Training Dates

Training Locations

1. Tues, March 19 - 6:15 pm (with Livestock Club Meeting)	4-H Center Banquet Hall
2. Mon, May 6 - 7:00 pm	4-H Center Banquet Hall
3. Thurs, May 30 - 3:00 pm	Purdue Extension Office
4. Thurs, June 27 - 3:00 pm	Purdue Extension Office

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please use <https://QLC.4honline.com>

Those planning to be certified through the YQCA program, will register at www.yqcaprogram.org and will present their completion certificate to their 4-H Educator.



If you need to request special accommodations, please contact the Purdue Extension office at (812) 867-4935.

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Are you planning to exhibit livestock at the State Fair? Check out FAQs [here](#). Entry books available [here](#).

Livestock Shows

Looking for livestock shows or workshops this spring and summer? Check out our website where we post all information we receive on upcoming shows/events. Click [here](#) and scroll down to the Livestock Resources.

Animal ID Letters

Letters with information about animal identification were mailed and email to all 4-H members signed up for a livestock species. You can find the letters [here](#) under Livestock Resources.

Tagging Day

Beef, Meat Goat, and Sheep exhibitors will be required to attend a Tagging Day to receive tags for their animals. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 4 at the 4-H Center from 9 - 11 am. If you cannot attend, work with your species superintendent for options. More details will be sent closer to the date.

Animal Identification

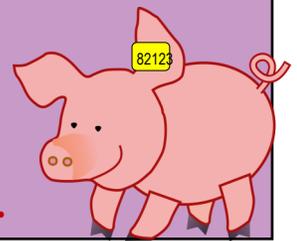
Plan ahead to complete your animal ID information before the deadline below:

May 15, 2024

Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Horse & Pony, Llamas, Meat Goats, Pygmy Goats, Sheep, and Swine via 4-HOnline

Poultry & Rabbits via Paper copy

Animals not enrolled by these deadlines cannot be exhibited at the county or state fair.



VANDEBURGH COUNTY 4-H



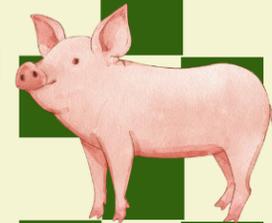
AFTER SCHOOL AG DAY



Join our Vanderburgh County 4-H members for an informative and exciting afternoon of all things ag!



Vanderburgh County 4-H is hosting an After-School Ag Day! Everyone is invited to come see, hear, touch, taste and smell the wonders of agriculture. Animals will be on site and presenters will be around to answer your questions!
Please join us!



Agriculture is awesome!

**TUES. APRIL 2
2024**

4:00PM-6:00PM
Vanderburgh 4-H Center
Livestock Barns

If you have any questions regarding the event, please email Taylor at tvanmet@purdue.edu.

INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



**BROADBAND
INFLUENCER**

What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

1

Checks your internet speed

pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest



2

Validates it on the FCC website

broadbandmap.fcc.gov

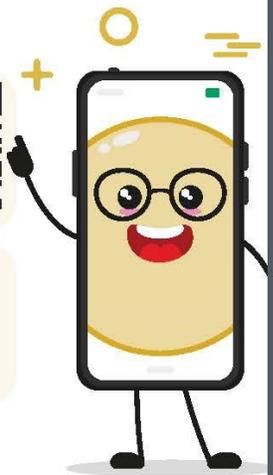


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Share what they've done with others

4

Reports work in the Broadband Influencers event in 4-H Online



Once you have completed all 4, you will receive your Broadband Influencer Pin and be eligible to win an iPad*!

Why should I be an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

There are a lot of different ways to connect to the internet. Some of them are *very fast*, and some of them are *very slow*. We would like everyone in the state of Indiana to be able to use the internet at fast speeds. While it might help you play games and watch videos more easily, it also can help people who are looking for jobs or trying to communicate, do business, or do schoolwork.

The FCC, or Federal Communication Commission, can't help everyone get fast internet unless they know all the places the internet is installed and how fast it is in each location.

I have more questions!



For more information contact your county extension 4-H educator OR email:

state4hleader@purdue.edu



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Extension - 4-H Youth
Development



*Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencers will be asked to write a short essay about their experience. The Broadband Influencer Program is a Purdue Broadband Team initiative.

Fair Association Youth Rep

The Vanderburgh County Fair Association is looking to add a second youth representative to the association. The Association meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday evening. This is a great leadership opportunity to share your voice and represent the 4-H program. If you'd like to be considered for this role, please email Megan at mkron@purdue.edu.

Kids Corner

Kids Corner at the fair is looking for items, such as toilet paper rolls, old crayons, etc. If you have items to donate, sign up [here](#).



Cookie Cutters

Attention bakers! A 4-H friend reached out and has a donation of cookie cutters with directions on how to decorate. If any 4-H member is interested please call Kim Schapker at (812)568-5093.



April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Ag Days Afternoon of Ag 4-6 pm Armstrong Hi-	3 Ag Days Dog Club 7pm	4 Jr Leaders 7pm	5	6
7	8  Centerrific 6pm Horse & Pony 7pm Star 6pm	9	10 Perry M & M's 6:45pm	11 German Gems 6pm	12	13
14	15 Scott Achievers 6:30pm	16 Livestock Club 6pm Archery Balloon Shoot 6:30	17 Tractor Club 6pm Mini 4-H 6pm St Wendel 6pm	18 6:30 Livestock Committee	19	20
21 Shooting Sports Firearm Training 2-4pm	22	23 Tech/Energetics Club 5:30 Performing Arts 6:30pm	24 6:00 Adult Leaders	25 Happy Hoosiers	26	27
28	29	30				

2024 4-H DATES

All dates and locations are subject to change.

January

- 1: Holiday, Office Closed
- 4: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: Holiday, Office Closed
- 18: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 25: 4-H Scholarships Due in 4-H Online
- 31: 4-H Trip Applications Due

February

- 1: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: 4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 15: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 19: Holiday, Office Closed
- 21: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall
- 29: 4-H Officer Training/Adult Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm, Expo Hall

March

- 7: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 19: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training (After Livestock Club Meeting), 6:15 pm, Banquet Hall
- 20: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 21: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 25-29: EVSC Spring Break
- 29: Holiday, Office Closed

April

- 2-4: Ag Days, 4-H Center
- 4: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 15: 4-H Camp Applications Due
- 17: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 18: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 23: 4-H Performing Arts, 6:30 pm, Auditorium

May

- 2: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 4: Tagging Day for Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep, Small Animal Barns
- 6: Quality Livestock Care Training, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 7: Holiday, Office Closed
- 15: ANIMAL ID DEADLINE
- 15: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 24: EVSC - School's out for summer
- 27: Holiday, Office Closed
- 30: Quality Livestock Care Training, 3:00 pm, Extension Office

June

- 2: County Tractor Contest, 4-H Center
- 3-5: 4-H Camp, Santa Claus, IN
- 6: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Location TBD
- 12-14: 4-H Academy at Purdue
- 17: 4-H Workshops, Conference Room
- 18: 4-H Speech & Demo Contest, 6:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 19: Holiday, Office Closed
- 19: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm

June cont.

- 20: 4-H Workshops, Conference Room
- 20: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 22-24: State 4-H Band
- 22-25: State 4-H Chorus
- 24-26: 4-H Round-Up
- 27: Quality Livestock Care Training, 3:00 pm, Extension Office
- 27: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 29: Area Tractor Contest, Vanderburgh County

July

- 1: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Deadline & Fair Entry Deadline
- 4: Holiday, Office Closed
- 10-11: Mini 4-H Day Camp, 4-H Center
- 11: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 11: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Expo Hall
- 15: Fashion Revue (Judging in Expo Hall - AM, Show in Auditorium, PM)
- 17-18: Fair Set-up
- 20-21: Enter 4-H Projects
- 22-27: Vanderburgh County Fair
- 28: Projects Released

August

- 1: Jr. Leader Banquet, 6:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 2-18: Indiana State Fair (closed Mondays)
- 15: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office

September

- 2: Holiday, Office Closed
- 5: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 16: Achievement Records, 4-H Club Secretary & Treasurer Books, Club Scrapbooks, & Honor Club Apps Due
- 18: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 19: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 28-29: Extension Homemaker Craft Show

October

- 3: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 17: Livestock Committee, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 23: 4-H Promotion Event/ Mini 4-H, Expo Hall/Industrial Building

November

- 5: Holiday, Office Closed
- 7: Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 pm, Banquet Hall
- 12: 4-H Achievement Banquet, Auditorium
- 20: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 21: 4-H Council, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 28-29: Holiday, Office Closed

December

- 4: 4-H Volunteer Appreciation/Holiday Party, Bqt Hall
- 5: Jr. Leader Meeting, 7:00 pm, Banquet Hall
- 18: Mini 4-H, 6:00 pm
- 24, 25, 31 - Holidays, Office Closed

