

The LINK FAIR Edition



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Vanderburgh County Fair: July 21-26, 2025

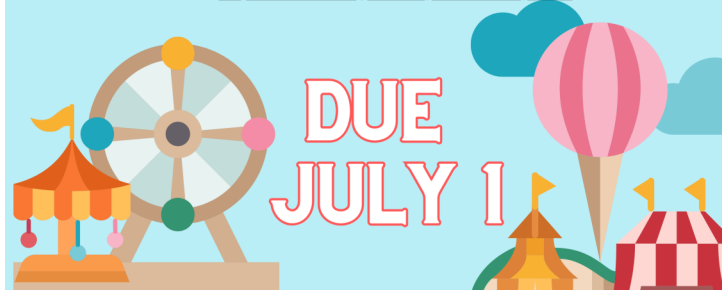
Doors open to public at 3:00pm on Monday July 21

Welcome! This has to be an exciting time for you as you're getting ready to take your 4-H projects to the Fair. We know you have spent a lot of time getting your project(s) just right, so we are sending you this newsletter/ Survival Guide for the Fair. We know you are very proud of your exhibit. This guide will help you understand what the Fair is all about and what you, as a 4-H member need to know. Good luck at the Fair this year! Remember, the ribbon you receive is not the reason for being in 4-H. You join 4-H to learn about new and exciting things through your 4-H projects and learn new skills. If you learn something new from your projects, you're a WINNER in 4-H!



FAIR ENTRY

The Vanderburgh County Fair is right around the corner! Now that you know the projects you plan to exhibit at the fair, we need you to complete one more step in the registration process. The Fair Entry system is designed so that you can enter the exact exhibit or animal you're planning to bring to the fair. For instance, you may have signed up for Photography in 4-H Online. In the Fair Entry system, you will choose the exhibit that you're bringing to the fair, such as a Color Salon Print. This helps us to create labels, judging scorecards, and show bills for the fair. Also, by letting us know which animals you plan to exhibit, livestock superintendents can have an accurate count for setting up animal pens. Please follow the instructions found [here](http://vanderburghcountyin.fairentry.com) (scroll down to Fair Entry) to indicate which exhibits you will be bringing to the fair. The website to enter is <http://vanderburghcountyin.fairentry.com>.



Project Supplies

- Poster Backing: \$1.00
- Poster and Salon Print Sleeves: \$1.00
- Electric Circuit Board Kit: \$18.75
- Electric Shake Light Kit: \$20.50
- Electric Trouble Light Kit: \$31.50
- Electric Extension Cord Kit: \$21.50
- Fluorescent Trouble Light Head Only: \$22
- Electric Complete Lamp Kit: \$27
- Entomology Pins: \$6
- Insect Boxes \$40
- How to Study, Collect, Preserve and Identify Insects: \$5

Purchase items at the Purdue Extension Office.



CORRECTION

Adam Kemper's 10 year description was incorrect in the last newsletter. Be sure to check out his description at the end of this newsletter. Sorry for the error!

VANDERBURGH COUNTY 4-H

SPIRIT WEAR 2025



[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/VANDERBURGH4HSPIRIT25](https://tinyurl.com/Vanderburgh4HSpirit25)



SPECIAL LIVESTOCK SHIRT!
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/VANDCOLIVESTOCKSHIRT25](https://tinyurl.com/VANDCOLIVESTOCKSHIRT25)

STORE ORDER DEADLINE:
TUESDAY JULY 8TH
(11:59PM CST)

\$3 FROM EVERY SHIRT WILL BE DONATED TO VANDERBURGH COUNTY 4-H!

SHOP HERE!



VANDERBURGH COUNTY

ARE YOU READY FOR FAIR?

TUESDAY JULY 8
6:30-7:30PM

Come learn:

- What you need to bring for your projects
- Paperwork & tags — what needs turned in
- Display & poster checklists
- Show day reminders
- Q&A to get all your last-minute questions answered

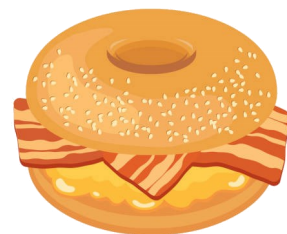
RSVP by June 23—
<https://tinyurl.com/bdead7mm>

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PURDUE UNIVERSITY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/EQUAL ACCESS UNIVERSITY. IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF ACCOMMODATIONS OR AN INTERPRETER OR TRANSLATOR TO ATTEND THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT MEGAN HOPFERR PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT 812 867-4435 OR MKRON@PURDUE.EDU BY JULY 4TH

Fair Breakfast

As we begin July and start scheduling all our Fair activities we are asking for volunteers to help the Adult Leader organization serve breakfast at the fair Tuesday thru Saturday from 6 to 10am. Volunteers can use the sign-up genius link at [Fair Adult Leaders Breakfast](#) or contact Melissa Bippus at mbip1101@aol.com or 812-480-3498 to sign-up.



CLUB NEWS

Scott Achievers May Report

Scott Achievers club met on Sunday, May 18, 2025. This month's meeting was led by the Junior Officers. We spent a large portion of the meeting focused on community service by picking up sticks, weeding the landscaping, and cutting out name tags for the VBS at Blue Grass Church. We also collected donations to help support Chemo Buddies. We wrapped up the meeting with a few member demonstrations and an outside game. Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 16, 2025.

Centerrific

During Centerrific's June 2nd meeting we had a short business meeting where minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. We followed the business meeting with member demonstrations. Because it was the same week as 4-H Camp, we only had a few that gave demonstrations. Molly McDowell showed us how to put on different kinds of dance shoes. Addison McDowell showed us how to make a dirty soda! Yummy! Brianna Waters brought her cat and talked about the foster-adopt process through It Takes A Village. Nolan Waters brought different types of disc golf discs and told us about their differences and when you should throw them and what they will do when you throw them.



Star 4-H Club June Meetings

Star 4-H Club had 2 meetings in June. Club members were very busy working on recycling club project with leaders Emily Jackson & Wayne Jackson learning some new skills with tools. Leaders Laurie Thomas and Alice Duvall helped the kids make ornaments for our club Christmas tree at Winter Carnival. Our 4-H club also received a YES Grant for backpacks and school supplies for the Boys & Girls Club. 4-Her's made notes and placed packets of school supplies in 100 backpacks. Thanks to the Indiana 4-H Foundation & Corteva for the grant to help kids in our community! Kim Racine also brought Kids Corner kits for members to help get ready for the fair and members decorated butterflies for the fair education theme "Bees, Butterflies, and Blooms." - Secretary, Reid Muchnick



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



We are in need of a few adult volunteers to help with project check-in on Saturday, July 19 from about 10 am - 2 pm and on Sunday, July 20 from about 12 pm - 4 pm. They would be asked to help check in projects, deliver to judging area, and help put ribbons on projects. If you can help all or part of the time, please reach out to Megan at mkron@purdue.edu. Thank you!

Show off your shopping and sewing skills!



Fashion Revue

JULY 14

JUDGING 9:00AM **DUE IN FAIR ENTRY**

PUBLIC SHOW

OPEN CLASS 6:00PM

4-H SHOW 7:00PM



Purdue University is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access University. If you are in need of accommodations or an interpreter or translator to attend this program, please contact Megan Hoffherr prior to the meeting at 812 867-4935 or mkron@purdue.edu by July 9th.

2025 SUMMER DATES

- May 15:** Animal ID Deadline
 - May 29:** Quality Livestock Care Training
 - June 1:** County Tractor Contest
 - June 2-4:** 4-H Camp
 - June 9:** Quality Livestock Care Training
 - June 11-13:** 4-H Academy
 - June 17:** Quality Livestock Care Training
 - June 21-23:** State 4-H Band
 - June 21-24:** State 4-H Chorus
 - June 23-25:** 4-H Round-Up
 - July 1:** QLC Deadline & Fair Entry Deadline
 - July 1:** Speech & Demo Contest
 - July 1:** BBQ Contest
 - July 14:** Fashion Revue
 - July 16-17:** Fair Set Up
 - July 19-20:** 4-H Project Entry
 - July 21-26:** Vanderburgh County Fair
 - July 27:** 4-H Project Release
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GARDEN EXHIBITS

4-H members exhibiting produce in the Garden project will be asked if they would like to donate their produce to Feed Evansville after judging. Exhibits will be on display through Monday or Tuesday and then those projects that wish to be donated will be donated. It is not a requirement to donate produce.



COUNTY GARDEN CONTEST

Any youth can participate in the County Garden Contest- you do not have to qualify from your club. The contest will be held on July 8th. Judges will come around to look at your garden and ask questions. There is a small garden division (less than 150 square feet) and large garden division (larger than 150 square feet). Register in **Fair Entry** under Exhibit (County Projects): County Garden Contest by July 1st.

Recorded Workshops

Poster Making: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9wQ8u6lG1k>

Achievement Record: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KxQJTtHofQM&t=1s>

Getting Ready for the Fair

Fair Entry Tags

Each project exhibited at the fair must have a fair entry tag securely attached. Entry tags will be mailed to all exhibitors in July.



SENIOR SHOWCASE

Attention all seniors! We have a unique opportunity for you to showcase your 4-H career! All 4-H members in their last year of 4-H are invited to create a 24 x 28 poster, horizontally displayed, and covered with a plastic sleeve, showcasing your time in 4-H.

Things to include: Name, years in 4-H, clubs, future plans, photos of your 4-H years, and what you learned.

Turn in this poster during project check-in and it will be displayed during the fair.

CLASS OF
2025



Fair Set Up

Come out and help set up the Activities Center on Wednesday, July 16 at 5:00 pm and we'll finish setting up on Thursday, July 17 at 9:00 am. Many hands make for light work!



Project Check-In

Be sure to check the 4-H handbook to see when your project needs to be checked in, if your project will be community judged, and the location. Community judging means you will talk with the judge about your project. There have been several changes from last year so please double check the handbook!

FAIR DAYS



Fair Ride Wristbands

All 4-H members, including Mini 4-Hers, may purchase a ride wristband coupon at a discounted rate. Be on the lookout for more details on purchasing a wristband.

Project Check-Out

All 4-H projects (except livestock/horse & pony) will need to be picked up on Sunday, July 27 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. No projects will be released before the release time. Projects will be picked up in the area that they were displayed and need to be signed out to be released. A 4-H leader or family member/friend may pick up projects for you. If your project is not picked up on July 27, it may be discarded.



4-H CLUB DISPLAYS

All 4-H clubs are invited to put together a club display to help promote 4-H. The display can be about general 4-H, community projects, and/or a promotional display. It is recommended to be on a poster board or trifold board and may be hung depending on space. Please include your club's name, meeting place, time, and a contact name and phone number/email address. Drop off your display Saturday, July 19 from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm in the Expo. Hall.



FAIRS CARE

For every donation made to the Vanderburgh County Fair (minimum \$5 in canned goods or monetary support) you will be given 1 Indiana State Fair admission ticket, good for any day of the fair. We will have a box to collect canned goods at project entry times on Saturday OR you may come to the Fair Extension Office at any time during fair week and donate to receive tickets. If you don't need a ticket for the State Fair, you can still donate and show how our Vanderburgh County 4-H members/families care for our community. Please consider a donation.

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

All champion winners will be honored at the Parade of Champions on Saturday, July 26 at 5:00 pm in the Auditorium. All champion winners will receive a special prize! Check in with Extension staff at 4:45 pm by the stage.



ALL 4-H & MINI 4-H MEMBERS
WILL RECEIVE A

FREE HOT DOG

Wednesday at the
Vanderburgh County Fair!
Bring your ticket to the
Wooden Building to redeem!



4-H members will
receive their
tickets from their
club leaders. Mini
4-H members will
receive their
tickets at project
check in on the
Saturday before
the fair!



The 4-H Handbook is now available
online! Click to access it. All 4-H
families will receive a hard copy of
the 4-H Handbook from their
primary club leader.

PROJECT MANUALS

Did you know 4-H members can get educational
manuals for most projects for free? Many projects
have manuals available to help with your exhibits.
Call the Extension Office at (812) 867-4935 for
more details.

Alcohol & Tobacco Policy

NO ONE is allowed to consume
alcohol at ANY 4-H event. This
includes all fair events. 4-H
members are prohibited from
vaping or using any form of tobacco at 4-H
events. Your cooperation is appreciated.



If you need to reach the Extension
Office during the Fair, please
contact us at 812-867-6948



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DONUT EATING CONTEST!



When: Tuesday, July 22 at
1:00 pm

Where: Banquet Hall
Porch

Meet: Front of the
Activities Center at the
Vanderburgh County Fair

contact Emily
@englis21@purdue.edu
for questions

stay
COOL
with some fun
&
Slip N' Slide
&
Water Balloons

WEDNESDAY JULY 23 @1PM
FRONT OF ACTIVITIES CENTER

make sure to wear clothes
you don't mind getting wet

STOCK THE TRAILER

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY JUNIOR LEADERS ARE
COMPETING FOR PRIZE MONEY WITH OTHER COUNTIES
JL. LAST YEAR WE PLACED 5TH.**

The club that collects the most will get a prize from the Vanderburgh county JL. Last day to donate for the club prize is the 20th.

WHAT WE WILL TAKE:

- * **Shelf stable canned goods**
- * **Cash/checks (Made out to JL)**

- Location: Green trailer by Industrial Building
- Dates: July 19-26th
- Contact: 812-431-1706

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of America**



STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

All 4-H members that have projects selected for the State Fair will receive an email on Monday or Tuesday of our fair with instructions about your state fair project. All state fair projects except for Garden and Foods are to be dropped off at the Purdue Extension Office immediately following project release on **Sunday, July 27 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**. All 4-H members are responsible for picking up their state fair entry tags, packing their projects, and delivering them to the Purdue Extension Office in Darmstadt.

All Garden and Foods projects are to be dropped off at the Purdue Extension Office in Darmstadt on **Sunday, August 3 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm**. Entry tags will be provided and we ask that you pack your item for travel after putting on the entry tag.

Projects will be brought back on August 18 and available for 4-H members to pick up starting **August 19** at the Purdue Extension Office in Darmstadt during office hours of 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

STATE FAIR FLORICULTURE

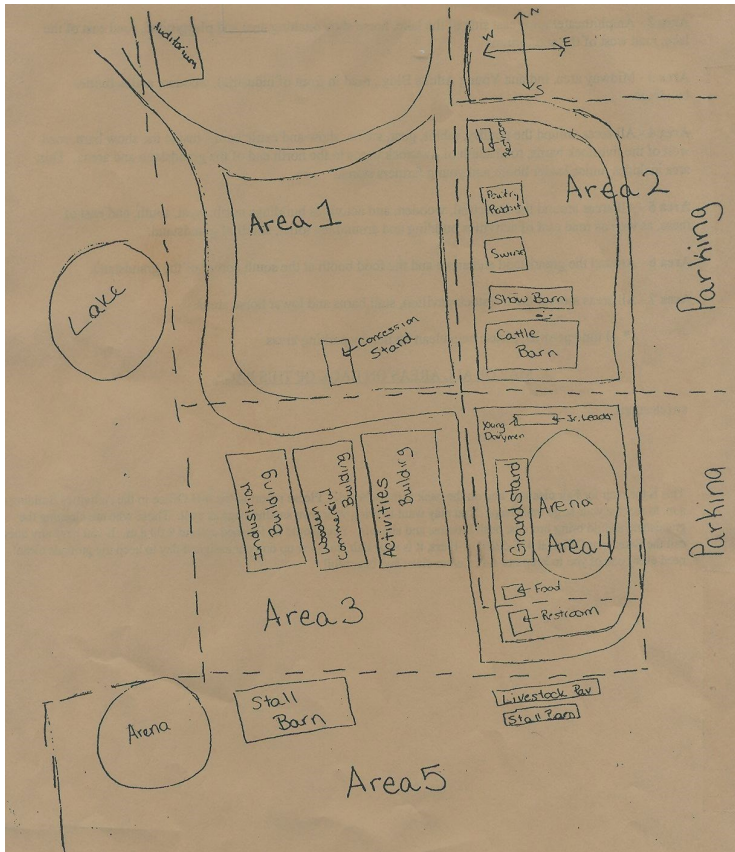
If your Floriculture project is selected for State Fair, it must be turned in during project check out on Sunday, July 27 from 11 am - 1 pm at the Purdue Extension Office in Darmstadt.

If you would like to redo your exhibit so the flowers are fresh, you may pick up your project on Saturday, July 26 and bring back on July 27.



Fair Clean-Up Schedule

4-H clubs will take turns cleaning up the 4-H Center each morning before the fair opens. Make sure to note when and where your club is to clean-up. Clean-up starts at 8:00 a.m. Gloves and trash bags will be provided by a Purdue Extension staff member. We will also be recycling items (see the next page for details). If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at (812) 435-5287 or call (812) 867-6948 during the fair.



Area 1 – Auditorium parking lot, including the grassy area. Roads east and south of the Auditorium. Parking lot south of Auditorium. Midway area (around the rides) including the area around the Indiana Young Adults Building.

Area 2 – All areas around the poultry, rabbit, goat, swine, and cattle barns, and inside the show barn. The road west of the livestock barns, and south of the livestock barns. This includes the parking area behind the barns.

Area 3 – All areas around the Industrial, Wooden, and Activities Buildings. The road east of the Activities Building. Around the bathhouse, south of the grandstand. This includes the road in front of the Industrial, Wooden, and Activities Buildings.

Area 4 – Around and throughout the grandstand and arena. This includes the food booth and the south corner of the grandstand and the area around the Jr. Leader/Young Dairyman Booth.

Area 5 – All areas around the livestock pavilion, stall barns and lower horse arena. This includes the parking area behind the grandstand.

*If time permits, please help clean-up nearby parking areas.

Tuesday, July 22

Area	Club
1	Happy Hoosiers
2	Happy Hoosiers
3	Mini 4-H
4	Mini 4-H
5	German Gems

Wednesday, July 23

Area	Club
1	Dog
2	Centerrific
3	Centerrific
4	St. Wendel All-Star Clovers
5	St. Wendel All-Star Clovers

Thursday, July 24

Area	Club
1	Dog
2	Armstrong Hi-Lighters
3	Shooting Sports
4	Armstrong Hi-Lighters
5	Tech / Energetics

Friday, July 25

Area	Club
1	Perry M & M's
2	Perry M & M's
3	Star
4	Star
5	Horse & Pony

Saturday, July 26

Area	Club
1	Livestock
2	Livestock
3	Scott Achievers
4	Scott Achievers
5	Horse & Pony

Sunday, July 27

Entire fairgrounds! All 4-H'ers, parents, volunteers!

Area	Club
1	Tractor
2	Jr. Leaders
3	Tech / Energetics
4	Shooting Sports
5	German Gems

The Vanderburgh County Fair Association is asking 4-H Clubs to help with recycling items we are able to at the fair. New this year, the Fair Association is supplying black and clear trash bags from Berry Global to collect the trash and recyclable items. The Purdue Extension Office will supply disposable gloves. To help keep simple, the recyclable items will be collected in the clear bags and trash will be collected in black bags. Please place your bags of trash and recyclables by trashcans located near your cleanup area. Both will be collected by the trash pick up groups and taken back to appropriate dumpsters. The following are examples of items that can be recycled or should go in the trash. If everyone helps, we can save thousands of pounds of trash from going into the landfill!

YES Recycle	NO Recycle -Trash
Paper Products	Used Paper Products
Flattened Cardboard	Pizza Boxes
Office, Computer, Notebook Paper	Napkins
Newspaper	Paper Towels
	Paper Cups & Plates
Metals	Ceramic & Glass
All Aluminum Cans Empty	Glass Bottles and Jars
Metal Food Containers Empty	
Plastic Bottles & Containers	Plastic Bags & Polystyrene#6
Plastic Beverage Bottles Empty	Plastic Shopping Bags
Berry Global Clear Drink Cups Empty (same décor on cup as below)	Plastic Utensils
Colored Plastic Milk & Juice Containers Empty	Styrofoam Cups & Bowls
Scholarship Cups, Lids, and Corrugated Straws come w/Cup	Regular Straws
Shake Cups (same décor on cup as below)	



YES



NO



Check out this video highlighting 10 year 4-H member, Charlie English. He did a great job representing Vanderburgh County 4-H! We're proud of you, Charlie!

SAVE THE DATE

September 15 - Achievement Records and Club Forms Due

DON'T FORGET!



CHECK OUT VANDERBURGH CO. 4-H



@4HVanderburghCo



@4HVanderburgh



Purdue Extension - Vanderburgh County



@4HVanderburgh

ANIMAL PROJECTS



POULTRY TESTING

Poultry Testing will take place during Poultry Check-In from 5:00—8:00 pm on Sun, July 20 and Mon, July 21 from 8:00 am—10:00 am

State Fair

Thinking about exhibiting livestock at the State Fair? Information about state fair entries and the electronic entry forms can be found online at www.indianastatefair.com.



AUCTION ORDER

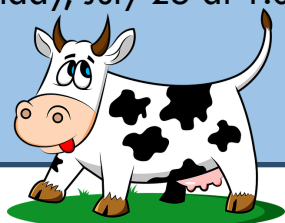


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| 1. Meat Goat | 6. Sheep |
| 2. Pygmy Goat | 7. Dairy |
| 3. Poultry | 8. Rabbit |
| 4. Beef | 9. Llama |
| 5. Swine | 10. Dairy Goat |



Auction Photos

Swine photos will be taken 1 hour before the auction. All other photos will be taken at the backdrop immediately after leaving the auction ring. **New for 2025 - Animals representing the Grand Champion of their species will still take a photo with the buyer (if they'd like one) at the backdrop (not in the ring).** As a reminder, the livestock premium auction will take place on Friday, July 25 at 1:00 pm.



Don't forget to.....

SAY THANKS!

We are very lucky to have awesome sponsorship of our 4-H program here in Vanderburgh County. Please make sure you are writing "Thank You Notes" to your buyers in the livestock auction and Barn Leadership Award. Thank you notes will be available during the auction. Don't forget to send a note to thank the sponsors of the trophies and awards for livestock shows. We rely on sponsorship for these events and hope to continue receiving it. The easiest way to show how much we appreciate it is with a note of gratitude!

THANK YOU FOR SAYING THANK YOU!

Auction Cards

If you plan to participate in the Livestock Premium Auction, you do not need to enter in advance in Fair Entry. You will have an auction card mailed to you that will be turned in at Livestock check-in that will allow you to participate in the Livestock Premium Auction. You will receive this card in late June or early July. If you do not plan to participate, please still complete and return to let us know. Cards must be turned in at check-in or by noon on Monday, July 21. Changes can be made by Thursday, July 24 by 5:00 pm.

Auction Checks

Again for 2025, 4-H members will be asked to pick up their auction checks and photos at a designated time in the fall. They will NOT be mailed. Stay tuned for more info to come!

ANIMAL PROJECTS

SUPREME SHOWMANSHIP

Supreme Showmanship shall include a Level 3 Showmen from the species listed below. A Supreme Showman for large animals and small animals shall be awarded. 4-H Members will be asked to show each species and answer questions related to each species.

Large Animals:

Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat

Small Animals:

Dairy Goat, Llama, Poultry, Pygmy Goat, & Rabbit

4-Her may participate in both large AND small animal divisions contests.

4-H Supreme Showmanship will take place on Friday, July 25th at 8:00am in the Livestock Show Barn.

Barn Leadership Award

The Barn Leadership Award will be given in each species to an exhibitor demonstrates integrity, discipline, positive attitude, humble spirit, sense of humor and is a team player.



Local Livestock Shows

Looking for information on livestock shows/workshops this summer? Click [here](#) and scroll down to Livestock Resources, Shows, Judging Opportunities and Workshops.

Grooming Policy

Indiana 4-H no longer has the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program, so the Vanderburgh County grooming policy has been updated to read:

At the Vanderburgh County Fair, the 4-H animal exhibitor may receive clipping and grooming assistance only from members of their family who are no more than two generations removed from the exhibitor or from a current Indiana 4-H member or approved Vanderburgh County 4-H volunteer.

Barnyard Olympics

Monday, July 21

10:00 Mini 4-H Division

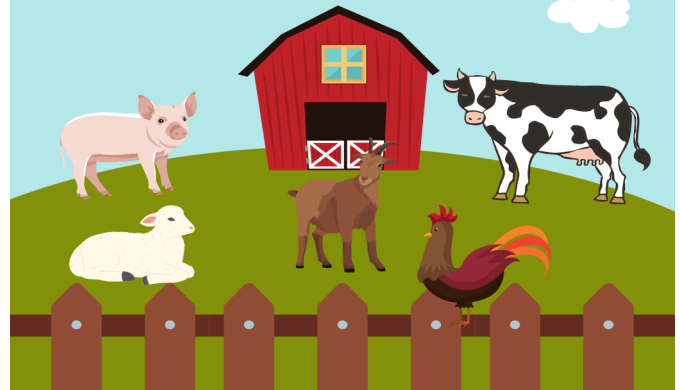
11:00 4-H Division

All Mini 4-H and 4-H'ers welcome!

Vanderburgh
4-H Center
Show Barn



You can win Prizes!



The 4-H member must provide proper care for the animal exhibit during the fair.

Proper care includes cleanliness and water/feed. Species specific superintendents will give one warning to a 4-H member/parent. If the animal(s) are found a second time with a lack of proper care, the species specific superintendent in conjunction with the Livestock Animal Superintendent, 4-H Council President, and Youth Educator have the authority to have you remove your animal(s) from the fair. **If an animal is removed from the fair, it will not be able to participate in the auction and will forfeit all ribbons and premiums. Please take care of your animals!**



Showmanship Reminder

Don't forget! If you participate in showmanship, you must show the animal that will be or was exhibited by you in one of the regular 4-H species classes.

ANIMAL PROJECTS

Petting Zoo Help

The Vanderburgh County Fair is looking for volunteers to help with the petting zoo at the fair. If you have any time, please text Rick Gish your availability at (812) 483-7873.

Open Shows

LLAMA WORKSHOPS


**Tuesdays, May 6,
June 10, and July 15**
6:00 pm
Spittsville Acres

For questions, please reach out to superintendents, Adam (812-430-6979) or Mallory Bumb (270-860-6749).



Join us to help you prepare for your llama project and the fair! You do not need to bring your llamas to the meetings.

New for 2025! The Beef, Sheep, Meat Goat, and Swine Open Shows will be using the Showman App for entries and show administration. If you'd like to exhibit in the open show, go to <https://showman.app/shows#/vanderburgh-co-indiana-open-show-fadc/> or use the QR code. All Vanderburgh 4-H members get a free entry to the open show so be sure to answer the entry question (show above) that says you are a 4-H member.



Vanderburgh Co. Fair (Indiana) Open Show
Jul. 19th-20th, 2025
Evansville, IN

Entry Deadlines
07/20 - Online Entries Close at Midnight (CDT).
*You are able to edit your entries online up until entries close or you are checked in at the show.

[To Admin Dashboard](#)

Share

Show Details My Entry Sponsor Show

Entry Submitted on 05/28/2025
[View/Print Receipt](#)
Total Paid - \$0

Entry Info
JT Welte
10788 Nobles Chapel Rd.
Ellettsburg, IN 47813
8125987746
jtwelte90@gmail.com

Entries Entry Questions

Entry Questions

Vanderburgh 4-H Members (\$-20)
Answers due by (07/19/25)
Vanderburgh 4-H Member - which species are you showing?

JT Welte
Cattle: ☒ (\$-20)
Sheep: ☐ (\$-20)



**Vanderburgh County
2025 Open Beef Show**

Saturday, July 19th
Vanderburgh County 4-H Center
201 E Boonville-New Harmony Rd
Evansville, IN 47725



All entries submitted via the Showman App.
All animals must be checked in by 4 pm CST
Show begins at 5:30 pm
Entry fee is \$20 per animal. Exhibitors must be ages 4-21 as of show day.
Showmanship \$5
All animals must be in show condition.
Breeding animals will be shown as commercial if papers are not in hand.
Market animals will be entered and shown by weight.
No bedding allowed in parking lot. All bedding must be picked up.
Limited barn space, showing off trailers encouraged.
Dairy Steers are to be full blood dairy animal. NO beef cross.
Showmanship jackpot \$5 entry winner take all.
Show order is subject to change as deemed necessary by the superintendent.
Food on site benefits Jr Leaders.

Showmanship
Pewee - Ages 4-6
Novice - Ages 7-9
Junior - Ages 10-12
Intermediate - Ages 13-16
Senior - Ages 17-21

Class	Payout
Breed Champion Heifer	\$25
Supreme Champion Heifer	\$200
Supreme/Reserve Champion Heifer	\$100
3 rd Overall	\$50
4 th Overall	\$25
Supreme Champion Beef Steer	\$200
Supreme/Reserve Champion Beef Steer	\$100
3 rd Overall	\$75
4 th Overall	\$25
Champion Dairy Steer (If there are at least 5 head)	\$75

For questions, please contact:
Mark Welte, Assistant Superintendent, (812) 305-3033
JT Welte, Assistant Superintendent, (812) 598-7746

Show Order
Showmanship
Market Lambs
Rams
Breeding Ewes

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY
OPEN SHEEP SHOW**

**GRAND
CHAMPION
\$200**

RES. GRAND CHAMPION - \$100
3rd OVERALL - \$50

Judge:
Doug Edge

**\$20
Class Entry**
\$5 Showmanship Entry

**Sunday,
July 20, 2025**
Check-in
Noon - 2 p.m. CST
Show:
4 p.m. CST

For More Information,
Doug 812-205-6183
Rajean 812-470-1849




Entries must be made through Showman App
Scan the code or search Vanderburgh County Indiana

- Vanderburgh County 4-H Center
201 E. Boonville-New Harmony Rd, Evansville, IN 47725
- Premise ID number required for in-state animals
- VALID health papers required for out-of-state animals
- Show from trailer; Generators recommended
- Declared weight; scale available onsite
- Ewe lambs can show as breeding ewes or market lambs NOT both

VANDERBURGH CO LIVESTOCK

COLORING CONTEST

include this info on back of your pic

Name _____

parents _____

address _____

phone _____

age _____

- ENTRIES ARE DUE JULY 1
- 3 CATEGORIES: 5 & UNDER, 6-10, & 11-15 YRS OLD
- USE ANY COLORING MEDIUM.
- 5 WINNERS TO BE CHOSEN PER CATEGORY. AT FAIR JULY 21-26, A PEOPLE'S CHOICE WILL BE SELECTED BY VOTING WITH A FINANCIAL DONATION FOR YOUR FAVORITE PIC. HIGHEST AMT RECEIVED WINS.
- WINNERS RECEIVE: 1 SINGLE DAY PASS, YOUNG DAIRYMEN ICE CREAM, JR LEADER KIDS MEAL
- RETURN YOUR ENTRY TO PURDUE EXT VANDERBURGH CO, 13301 DARMSTADT RD, EVANSVILLE IN 47725
- BY ENTERING YOU ARE RELEASING THE SHARING OF YOUR ENTRY.
- FOLLOW VANDERBURGH CO 4-H PROGRAM ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES







2025 LIVESTOCK ENTRY AND RELEASE TIMES

4-H LIVESTOCK SET-UP

Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Pygmy Goats, Rabbits: Tuesday, July 15: Parents at 6:00 pm and 4-H members at 7:00 pm

Sheep, Swine: Thursday, July 17 at 6:00 pm

Poultry, Llamas: Friday, July 18 at 6:00 pm

Show Barn: Saturday, July 19 at 12:00 pm

4-H LIVESTOCK ENTRY TIMES

Horse & Pony: Sunday, July 20 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sheep: Sunday, July 20 from 1-3 pm or Monday, July 21 from 8 am - 10:00 am

Pygmy Goats: Sunday, July 20 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Llamas, Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Swine: Sunday, July 20 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm or Monday, July 21 from 8:00 am - 10:00 am

4-H LIVESTOCK RELEASE TIMES

Dairy: Heavy Milkers Only: Thursday, July 24 at 10:00 pm

Dairy Goats, Meat Goats: Friday July 25 from 8:00 pm-12:00 am

Sheep: Friday July 25 from 8:00 pm-12:00 am or Saturday, July 26 from 8:00-10:00 am

Remaining Dairy, Beef, Swine: Friday July 25 from 10:00 pm-12:00 am or Saturday, July 26 from 6:00-9:00 am

Poultry: Saturday, July 26 from 7:00 - 8:00 am

Pygmy Goats, Rabbits: Saturday, July 26 from 8:00 - 9:00 am

Horse & Pony: Friday, July 25 from 12:00 - 2:00 pm or Saturday, July 26 from 9-10 am

Llamas: Saturday, July 26 11:00 pm-12:00 am or Sunday, July 27 7:00 - 8:00 am

4-H LIVESTOCK CLEAN-UP

Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Pygmy Goats, Poultry: Saturday, July 26 at 8:00 am

Rabbits: Saturday, July 26: 8:00 am cage cleaning; Sunday, July 27: 10:00 am clean-up

Sheep: Saturday, July 26 at 10:00 am

Other 4-H Livestock: Sunday, July 27 at 8:00 am



2025 4-H & LIVESTOCK EVENTS AT THE VANDERBURGH CO. FAIR

Wednesday, July 16

5:00 pm: 4-H Expo Hall Set-Up

Thursday, July 17

9:00 am: 4-H Expo Hall Set-Up cont.

Saturday, July 19

10:00 am – 3:30 pm: 4-H Project Check-In (check handbook for specific times for each project)

4:30 pm: Open Beef Show

Sunday, July 20

9:30: Open Swine Show

10:00 am – 2:00 pm: Horse & Pony Check-in

12:00 – 2:00 pm: 4-H Project Check-In for Garden, Aquatic Science, Floriculture, and Pets

1:00 pm: Open Meat Goat Show

1:00 – 3:00 pm: Sheep Check-In

4:00 pm: Open Sheep Show

5:00 – 8:00 pm: Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Llamas, Meat Goats, Poultry, Pygmy Goats, Rabbits & Swine Check-In

Monday, July 21

8:00 am: 4-H Dog Obedience Show

8:00 am – 10:00 am: Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Llamas, Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep & Swine Check-In

9:00 am – Horse & Pony Trail, Versatility

10:00 am – Mini 4-H Barnyard Olympics

11:00 am – 4-H Barnyard Olympics

1:00 pm – 4-H Pygmy Goat Show

3:00 – 9:00 pm: 4-H Exhibits Open

3:00 pm: Open Pygmy Goat Show

6:30 pm: Fair Opening & 10 Year Member Recognition

Tuesday, July 22

9:00am: 4-H Rabbit Showmanship

9:00 am: 4-H Meat Goat Show

9:00am: 4-H English Horse and Pony Show

10:00 am – 9:00 pm: 4-H Exhibits Open

10:00 am: 4-H Rabbit Show

12:00 pm: 4-H Sheep Show

1:00 pm: Fun Fair Activity

4:00 pm: Open Rabbit Show

6:00 pm: 4-H Dog Agility Show

7:00 pm: Dairy Showmanship

Wednesday, July 23

8:00 am: 4-H & Open Poultry Show

9:00 am: 4-H & Open Dairy Show

9:00 am: 4-H Halter/Western Horse & Pony Show

10:00 am – 9:00 pm: 4-H Exhibits Open

Wednesday, July 23 cont.

1:00 pm: Fun Fair Activity

4:00 pm: 4-H Llama/Alpaca Show

6:00 pm: 4-H Swine Show

Thursday, July 24

9:00 am: 4-H Beef Show

9:00 4-H Horse & Pony Speed Events

10:00 am – 9:00 pm: 4-H Exhibits Open

1:00 pm: 4-H & Open Dairy Goat Show

1:00 pm: Scavenger Hunt

4:00 pm: Pygmy/Dairy Goat Agility & Costume Contest

10:00 pm: Heavy Milking Dairy Released

Friday, July 25

8:00 am: 4-H Livestock Supreme Showmanship

9:00 am: 4-H Model Airplane & Rocket Performance-Field South of Horse Pavilion

10:00 am – 9:00 pm: 4-H Exhibits Open

10:00 am: 4-H Horse & Pony Costume Contest

12:00 pm: Horse & Pony Release

1:00 pm: 4-H Livestock Premium Auction

6:00 pm: Frog Jumping Contest

8:00 pm – 12:00 am: Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Sheep Released

10:00 pm– 12:00am: Dairy, Swine, Beef Released

Saturday, July 26

6:00 – 9:00 am: Dairy, Beef & Swine Released

7:00 – 8:00 am: Poultry Released

8:00 – 9:00 am: Pygmy Goats, Rabbit Released

8:00 – 10:00 am: Sheep Released

8:00 am: Poultry, Dairy Goat, Pygmy Goat, Rabbit Cage Clean-Up

8:30 am: 4-H Cat Show

9:00 – 10:00 am: Horse & Pony Released

10:00 am: Sheep Clean-up

10:00 am – 9:00 pm: 4-H Exhibits Open

10:00 am: 4-H Horse & Pony Costume Classes & Free Fun Show

2:00 pm: 4-H Llama/Alpaca Costume & Fun Hour

5:00 pm: 4-H Parade of Champions

11:00 pm–12:00 am: Llama Released

Sunday, July 27

7:00 – 8:00 am: Llama Released

8:00 am: Livestock Clean-Up

10:00 am: Rabbit Clean Up

11:00 am–1:00 pm: 4-H Projects Released

Summer Fun in 4-H!



4-H Camp



4-H Camp Counselors

4-H Tractor Contest



4-H Academy



State Dairy CDE



Vanderburgh 4-H members, Miles & Jude Schmitz, participated in the state Dairy Judging CDE. In June. They did a great job representing Vanderburgh County! They were coached by Arin Commens.

4-H Round-Up



Summer Fun in 4-H!



Fourteen Vanderburgh 4-H'ers participated in the Area Tractor Contest

State Fair Qualifiers:

- Daniel Marx placed 2nd in Jr. Lawn & Garden
- Adam Marx placed 3rd in Jr. Lawn & Garden
- Jude Moyer placed 3rd in Jr. Zero Turn
- Owen Potter placed 3rd in Sr. Zero Turn

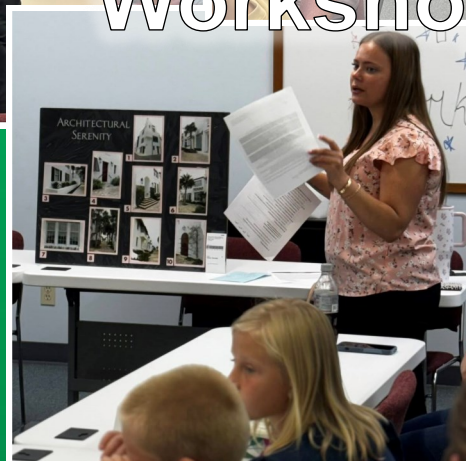
Other participants included: Jack Michel, Breydon Curtis, Stephen Brenner, Beau Wheeler, Bryce Rexing, Isaiah Schmitt, Logan Brandt, Kade Welte, Jarrett Keil, Clay Welte, and Isabella Schmitt. A few had to leave early so we didn't get their photo. Way to go 4-Hers!!

4-H Trip to Appalachia

The Vanderburgh County World Hunger Advocate Group headed to the Appalachian Mountains to build raised garden beds, weed local gardens, and taught the community about microgreens. What a great example of 4-H members living out the 4-H pledge as they served a community in need.



Workshops





CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR TEN-YEAR MEMBERS!

BRADY ANDRECHT

ADAM KEMPER

KATELYN WIEDERKEHR

ALYSSA BEYER

JOSEPH KNEA

ADDISON WILLETT

LUKE DILGER

ISAAC LUGS

ELI WININGER

AVERY DUPRE

JOSIE NESBITT

AVERYE ENGELHARDT

NATALEE POLAGE

CHARLES ENGLISH

BRODY RIGGS

TATE FARNEY

MADELYNN SCHNELL

JEDIDIAH GALVIN

MEREDITH SMITH

GIDEON GOEBEL

KILEY STANDRING

JACK HIRSCH

ELLA THOMAS

BLAIRE HOLLIS

AIDEN WARGEL



Brady Andrecht



Parents: Pete & Tera Andrecht

Graduate of: Homeschool

4-H Club: German Gems

Favorite Project: Photography

Future Plans: I plan to go into the Electric trade.

What difference has 4-H made in you life?

Being in 4-H for 10 years has made a big difference in my life. It has helped me become more responsible, confident, and more dedicated. I've learned a lot of skills by working on different projects and being a part of events. I've also made great friends and had a lot of fun along the way. 4-H taught me how to work with others, try new things, and give back to my community through volunteer work. It's been a big part of my life and given me lots of new skills and opportunities.

Alyssa Beyer

Parents: Jamie & Matt Beyer

Graduate of: FJ Reitz High School

4-H Club: St. Wendel All-Star Clovers

Favorite Project: Fine Arts & Gardening

Future Plans: Attend University of Southern Indiana and study business.

What difference has 4-H made in your life? 4-H has helped me know who I am and given me opportunities to grow in my community involvement.



Avery Dupre

Parents: Desiree Bauer & Roch Dupre

Graduate of: North High School

4-H Club: Horse & Pony

Favorite Project: Horses

Future Plans: I will be attending USI to be a dental hygienist.

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

4-H has given me many opportunities and lifelong skills. It has given me many friendships through what I love doing which is riding horses.



Averye Engelhardt



Parents: Zana Engelhardt, Matt Engelhardt

Graduate of: Tecumseh High School

4-H Club: Livestock Club

Favorite Project: Arts & Crafts, Sheep

Future Plans: I will be attending Indiana University Bloomington majoring in Human Biology on a pre-health track planning to work in Cardiothoracic Surgery.

What difference has 4-H made in your life?

Through 4-H I have made lifelong friends that have truly become family. I've been taught important lessons I will never forget and been raised into a hardworking, full of integrity young adult. This industry has taught me that no success in life will come if you choose to take the easiest route in every circumstance. True success comes to the ones who work towards their goals each and every day; the ones who strive to be the best version of themselves. not only for their health and wellness but for the influence that your actions and leadership have on your peers and those who look up to you.

Charlie English

Parents: Susan & Charlie English

Graduate of: North High School

4-H Club: Junior Leaders, Armstrong Hi-Lighters, Dog Club, Tractor Club, Shooting Sports

Favorite Project: Americana

Future Plans: Pursuing Agricultural Engineering at Purdue University

What difference has 4-H made in you life? 4-H has provided me with vast amounts of opportunities and knowledge that I hope to be able to pass on to the next generation of young 4-H members. Through 4-H I have been able to grow my leadership, accountability and communication skills. 4-H has given me the opportunity to be President of the Vanderburgh County Junior Leaders, Treasurer of Armstrong Hi-Lighters, Junior Director at 4-H Camp, and to go on several state/national 4-H trips. I am very thankful for everything the 4-H program has provided me and to all the mentors and friends I have gained along the way. I hope to return and give back to the local 4-H program as a leader and advisor to the Junior Leaders.



Tate Farney



Parent: Dirk Farney

Graduate of: North High School & SICTC

4-H Club: Dog Club

Favorite Project: Model Craft

Future Plans: Continue my career in Heating & Air.

What difference has 4-H made in you life?

4-H has been a cornerstone in my life, providing a nurturing environment where I've not only learned invaluable life skills like leadership and responsibility, but also discovered passions through hands-on projects that have shaped my interests and future path. The friendships and mentorships I've gained have created a strong support system, fostering my confidence and helping me grow into the person I am today. Ultimately, 4-H has instilled in me a deep sense of community and the drive to make a positive impact on the world around me.

Jedidiah Galvin

Parents: Michael & Varbi Galvin

Graduate of: North Posey High School

4-H Club: Livestock Club

Favorite Project: Showing my llama and creating related posters.

Future Plans: Attend Taylor University to play football and study Exercise Science

What difference has 4-H made in you life?

It has introduced me to a group of supportive peers and taught me responsibility of taking care of my animals.



Jack Hirsch



Parents: Bernie & Amanda Hirsch

Graduate of: North Posey High School

4-H Club: St. Wendell All Star Clovers

Favorite Project: Showing Animals

Future Plans: Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 136

What difference has 4-H made in you life? 4-H has taught me to step out of my comfort zone and persevere through difficult projects. I have developed many friendships, skills, and memories throughout my years in 4-H.



Blaire Hollis

Parents: Robbie & Rachel Hollis

Graduate of: Reitz High School

4-H Club: Perry M&Ms

Favorite Project: Minnie Mouse Costume for Fashion Revue & Minnie Mouse tote bag I made for Sewing Non-Wearable

Future Plans: I plan to attend college at USI for Exercise Science to become a Pediatric Occupational Therapist.

What difference has 4-H made in you life?

Ever since 3rd grade, 4-H has taught me that hard work and dedication pays off. Learning to sew with my Mimi throughout the summer for the past 10 years has meant so much to me and I cannot thank her enough.

Our club meetings, field trips, and activities have taught me communication skills I will continue to use my entire career. All the experiences I have had were fun and I didn't realize how much I was learning along the way.



Adam Kemper



Parents: Jennifer Kemper & Mark Kemper

Graduate of: North High School

4-H Club: Livestock Club

Favorite Project: Baking my apple pie and showing my rabbit.

Future Plans: I plan on attending Purdue University in the fall and studying Engineering.

What difference has 4-H made in you life? 4-H has helped me with skills as time management. For example, when I made my apple pie for the fair I wanted to make it just in time so that it was warm for the judges. After making the pie many times I got a feel for how long it would take me to make it the day of judging. I planned how long it would take to fully complete the process and I woke up accordingly that morning and finished my pie right on time.



Isaac Luigs

Parents: Eric & Nicole Luigs

Graduate of: North Posey High School

4-H Club: St. Wendel All-Star Clovers

Favorite Project: Rabbits

Future Plans: I plan to attend USI to study Ag Business.

What difference has 4-H made in your life? It has shown me how to care for projects and animals. It has also given me people skills.



Josie Nesbitt



Parent: Kim Nesbitt

Graduate of: New Tech Institute

4-H Club: Dog Club, Horse & Pony Club, Livestock Club, Junior Leaders

Favorite Project: Showing my horses and showing my dog at the Fair.

Future Plans: I plan to attend St. Mary's of the Woods College for Equine Science.

What difference has 4-H made in you life?

I am grateful for the amazing mentors, volunteers and friends I have met in 4-H. Over the years 4-H has been a foundation for developing many of my life skills, such as public speaking, social skills, self-reflection and responsibility. Without 4-H I would not have had the opportunity to explore different interests and ideas. It's about the process and

improvement from year to year that is most important than the final ribbon. For me 4-H is a life path way that I will always be thankful I had the opportunity to experience.

Natalee Polage

Parents: Valerie & Craig Polage

Graduate of: Reitz High School

4-H Club: Perry M&Ms

Favorite Project: Woodworking & Creating With A Mix

Future Plans: I plan to attend Indiana State University to major in Applied Medicine to become a Physical Therapist.

What difference has 4-H made in you life?

4-H has taught me the importance in creativity and being able to express ourselves in the things that we do. It has also brought me closer to my grandpa. He helps guide me through my woodworking projects every year and we always have so much fun. 4-H has gave me amazing memories that I will never forget.



Brody Riggs



Parents: Todd & Shawna Riggs

Graduate of: Gibson Southern High School

4-H Club: Scott Achievers

Favorite Project: Dairy

Future Plans: Major in Civil Engineering and run Track at the University of Evansville

What difference has 4-H made in you life? 4-H has taught me how to take care of animals and do things on my own.





Aiden Wargel

Parents: Stephanie Wargel & Craig Wargel

Graduate of: North High School

4-H Club: Livestock Club

Favorite Project: Basic Crafts & Swine

Future Plans: Join the workforce.

What difference has 4-H made in you life?

4-H has given me leadership opportunities and personal growth opportunities through community involvement and hands-on life experiences.

Katie Wiederkehr



Parents: Lorrie & Mike Wiederkehr

Graduate of: North High School

4-H Club: Scott Achievers

Favorite Project: Creating With A Mix & Cat Show

Future Plans: I plan on attending the University of Evansville in the fall and will be majoring in Marketing.

What difference has 4-H made in you life? I have been able to experience unique activities in 4-H that are out of my comfort zone. I have explored various careers through the 4-H Academy, which has been a lot of fun. The cat show has allowed me to express my creativity, while strengthening my confidence. I am thankful for the opportunities and knowledge that I have gained from 4-H because it has helped prepare me for my future.

Addison Willett

Parents: Ken & Jennifer Willett
Graduate of: Mater Dei High School
4-H Club: Perry M&Ms
Favorite Project: Poultry
Future Plans: Study Biology and Exercise Science on a pre-med track at USI.

What difference has 4-H made in you life? 4-H has allowed me to form deeply rooted connections with my community along with allowing me to practice and grow leadership skills that I will cherish throughout my life.



Eli Wining



Parents: Ty & Kristin Wining
Graduate of: Central High School
4-H Club: Centeriffic
Favorite Project: Creating With Legos
Future Plans: Attending USI in the fall to study Kinesiology.
What difference has 4-H made in you life? It has allowed me to connect with other people. It has taught me responsibility and how to be a leader.

Not Pictured

Luke Dilger, Joseph Knea, Madelyn Schnell, Meredith Smith, Kiley Standring, Ella Thomas

