

# The LINK

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**4-H Enrollment is  
NOW OPEN!**  
Enroll at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)  
to stay up to date with  
all things 4-H!



**IT'S PAPER CLOVER  
TIME!**

April 18-May 5, 2025

Funds support scholarships to  
4-H camp and leadership activities.



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.

## 4-H Ambassador Program

Calling 4-H members in grades 9-11! Check out the Indiana 4-H Ambassador Program. This is a great way to develop your leadership skills and build your self-confidence. Apply by May 15 at [purdue.ag/4HAmbassador25](http://purdue.ag/4HAmbassador25), and learn more about the program at [purdue.ag/ambassadors4h](http://purdue.ag/ambassadors4h).



## Fair Passes

Representatives from the Fair Association will be coming to several 4-H clubs in May & June to sell season passes to the Vanderburgh County Fair. Be on the lookout for more info from your club leaders. Season passes will also be available for purchase at the Purdue Extension Office (when available sometime in May). Passes are \$35 until July 1 and \$40 after July 1.





## Teen Leadership Weekend

A group of teens participated in the first Teen Leadership Weekend at Camp Tecumseh in March. They had a blast learning tips and tricks for being a leader in their communities. We can wait to hear all that they learned! Participants included: Alexa Adler, Samantha Shrull, Abigail Bullington, Brandt Coomes, Charlie English, Maddie Bedel (Ambassador), Alyssa Coomes, and Seanan Walker (not pictured).

## Congratulations!

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

### Accomplishment Scholarship winner:

Isaac Pohl

### Senior Year Scholarships winners:

Sophie Scheller

Josie Nesbitt

Avery Engelhardt

Adam Kemper

Charlie English



The 4-H Artificial Intelligence Community Challenge is designed for youth aged 13 and 18, challenging youth to harness the power of artificial intelligence to solve everyday problems. It fosters critical thinking, creativity, innovation, and problem-solving skills.

We are asking youth nationwide to answer the question: "How can AI be used to solve problems in their community?" State submissions must be submitted by May 11 at 11:59 pm Central time.

To learn more about the 4-H AI Community Challenge, visit: <https://events.projectboard.world/4HA1>

## Tractor Updates



The publication [4-H 84 Conducting Petroleum Power Contest](#) has been updated and is available on the [4-H Tractor and Mower](#) web page under exhibit guidelines. Junior and Senior tractor operator skills contests now include the pre-trip inspection (pages 12 and 16). Tractor operator scorecards have also been updated to reflect this pre-trip inspection scoring. No content was changed to the mower scorecards, but all have been updated to reflect 2025. Area and state contests will only include parts identification and obstacle course.

## Junior Directors

Congratulations to Kylie Weiss and Josie Nesbitt who were chosen to serve as Junior Directors for 4-H Camp! They will be taking on additional leadership responsibilities to ensure 4-H Camp is a success. Way to go!



# CLUB NEWS



## Star 4-H Club

In April our Star 4-H Club was busy working on club project with club leaders Wayne & Emily Jackson. This year each member is making a recycled wooden caddies that can be used for various purposes. The weather was also nice so we played games outside.

Submitted by, Reid Muchnick, Secretary



# Performing Arts

We are SO proud of all the 4-H members that participated in 4-H Performing Arts. What incredible talent! Congratulations to:

## Musical Division:

1. Tensley Jackson
2. Breydon, Riley, Rogan Curtis & Georgia Peters

## Non- Musical Division:

1. Avery Carr
2. Jason Dilger



Other participants: Lydia Coomes & Sydnee Hape, Maxwell Ricketts, Selah Goebel, and Hadassah Goebel

Special thanks to our judge, Annie Rose Keith; our emcee, Carleigh VanMeter; our sound guy- Tony Miller; and stage helper, Emerson VanMeter. You are all appreciated!



# Strawberry Judging

It's strawberry season again! Time to have your berries or patches judged. When your berries or patches are ready to be judged, please call or text Judge Pam Wrucke at 812-480-5308 to set up a time for judging. Please contact her before May 31.



# 7TH GRADERS

The Jr leaders would like to ask any 7th graders to come to our May, June and July meeting.

They will have the opportunity to work in the Jr leader booth during fair. Large snack will be provided at May and June meetings.

May meeting is 6:30 @ Purdue extension office.

## EVENT DATES

MAY 1  
JUNE 5  
JULY 3

More information contact the office



# Stock The Trailer

The Junior Leaders are once again asking for your help to Stock The Trailer! Your club can start collecting money and canned goods now to be included in the total for Stock the Trailer 2025 at the Vanderburgh County Fair. Last year, we surpassed the goal of 5,000 lbs with a total of 6,000 pounds! Let's try to collect even more in 2025!





# 4-H members & volunteers taught over 400 youth about agriculture at Ag Days!

We are SO proud of the 4-H members that brought animals/tractors and educated youth about agriculture at our annual Ag Day event! We got so many compliments about how well spoken and knowledgeable the presenters were. A huge thank you to presenters: Kade Welte, Lilly Claspell, Taylor Claspell, Kylie Weiss, Elise Lousignont, Evelyn Potter, Owen Potter, Kate Potter, Maci Kaufman, Avery Dupre, Luke Jackson, Kael Winn, Leo Guetling, Raegan Brenner, Pat Brenner, Bonnie Brenner, Dave Brenner, Merritt Adler, Chloe Stock, Ireland Guetling, Hunter Stephens, Jim Loughrie, Amanda Bradshaw-Burks, and SICTC students! A huge thank you everyone who helped with set-up/clean-up! And thank you to Farm Bureau for providing food and drinks for our volunteers and Extension Homemakers for assisting with snacks! We appreciate EVERYONE who came together to make this such a successful event! THANK YOU!!

# Hand

# Made



Have you ever wanted to learn how to sew but didn't know where to start? Now is your chance! We are offering a sewing workshop where you can complete your entire first year project in one day! We will also help prepare you for the Fashion Revue too!

**WHO: 3RD GRADE 4-HERS AND NEW SEWING ENTHUSIASTS**

**WHAT: SEWING WORKSHOP TO COMPLETE ELASTIC WAISTBAND SKIRT OR SHORTS**

**WHERE: SALEM CHURCH, 13134 DARMSTADT RD**

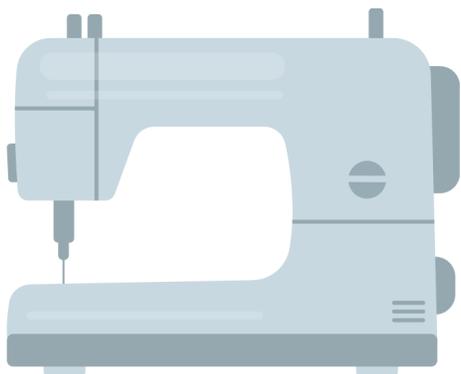
**WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 24 - 9 AM - 2 PM**

**COST: FREE**

**REGISTER BY CALLING AUDREY PETERS AT 812-598-2007**

**SPOTS ARE LIMITED**

You will need to bring fabric, coordinating thread, and a parent or other adult with you. Please also bring a sack lunch and a drink. All other supplies (including sewing machines) will be provided.



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If you have special needs, please call us prior to the event at (812) 867-4935.

# 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.



Get ready, Boilermakers and 4-H'ers - Purdue Day of Giving is TODAY! On April 30th, your gift will stay right here in Vanderburgh County. Over the next couple of weeks we will be sharing just what programs your gift will be helping! There are so many great things happening in Vanderburgh County and we would love for you to be a part of it! Stay tuned to our social media for more information. You can donate on April 30th at <https://tinyurl.com/pdogvanderburgh2025>.

## Terry Clifford Memorial Leadership Award

The Indiana State Fair Foundation, and the Clifford family, are proud to offer the Terry Clifford Memorial Leadership Award. The award was created in memory of Terry Clifford, past President of the Indiana State Fair Board, who passed away in August 2022. Terry was a lifelong supporter of the Indiana State Fair, Indiana 4-H and FFA. Terry's passion for youth in Indiana was on display every day of his life. This award will continue Terry's legacy by recognizing Indiana youth who exemplify leadership and service to their communities. The award will be given annually to one Indiana high school student who has been enrolled in Indiana FFA or Indiana 4-H for a minimum of 2 years and has actively participated in the State Fair within the past 4 years. This is a Leadership Award, not a scholarship. The recipient will not be required to use the proceeds for future educational expenses, but rather for whatever purpose that will allow them to continue to grow as leaders in the community. **The deadline for applying is June 1, 2025.** Learn more by visiting this [Indiana 4-H web page](#).

## 4-H NEXT CHAPTER: SUMMER EXPERIENCE



JOIN US FOR A UNIQUE  
2-DAY EXPERIENCE!

Visit four locations via charter bus: Purdue West Lafayette, Vincennes University, VU Ag Center, and the Aviation Technology Center Indianapolis.

\$100 per youth. Contact us, [jlabbrell@purdue.edu](mailto:jlabbrell@purdue.edu), for scholarship availability. Includes meals, snacks, transportation between sites, lodging, and all activities.

- ➔ See yourself in a college atmosphere.
- ➔ Learn about admissions and program requirements.
- ➔ Sleep in a university residence hall.
- ➔ Try out college food.
- ➔ Enjoy college recreational facilities and activities. And more!

JULY  
23 -24,  
2025



Questions:  
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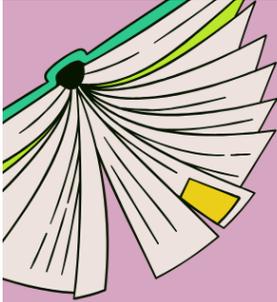
REGISTER NOW! <https://NCSummer.4honline.com>



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**Next Chapter**

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# LITTLE LIBRARY BOXES

## book donation



what is the free library  
box project?

Two boxes will be placed on the  
Vanderburgh 4-H Center, allowing kids and  
families to access educational books in  
Vanderburgh County.

In need of books  
(For Grades K- 8)

Looking for all types of lightly used books  
Please donate them to me at Jr. Leaders, the dog  
club, and the horse and pony club.  
or drop them off at the extension office.

Please get in touch with  
Josie Nesbitt for any  
questions or donations  
E-mail [Jrnjumper@gmail.com](mailto:Jrnjumper@gmail.com)



# Animal Projects

## Animal ID Letters & Livestock Shows

### TAGGING DAY

Saturday, May 3

9:00 - 11:00 am

Vanderburgh 4-H Center Animal Barns

Beef, Meat Goat, and Sheep exhibitors are required to attend a Tagging Day to receive tags for your animals.



Please complete the survey at <https://tinyurl.com/25Tagging> to help us plan for Tagging Day

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## 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) by July 1, 2025.

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

1. Tues, March 18 - 6:15 pm (with Livestock Club Meeting)

2. Thurs, May 29- 3:00 pm

3. Mon, June 9 - 7:00 pm

4. Tues, June 17 - 3:00 pm

#### Training Locations

4-H Center Banquet Hall

Purdue Extension Office

4-H Center Conference Rm

Purdue Extension Office

To register for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program, please use <https://QLC25.4honline.com>. Cost for the program is \$3.

Those planning to be certified through the YQCA program, will register at [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://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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Looking for information on animal ID or livestock shows/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 Livestock Resources, Shows, Judging Opportunities and Workshops

## 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.

## Animal Identification

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

**May 15, 2025**

**Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Horse & Pony, Llamas, Meat Goats, Pygmy Goats, Sheep, and Swine via 4-H Online Poultry & Rabbits via Paper copy**

**Animals not enrolled by these deadlines cannot be exhibited at the County or State Fair.**





# CHECK OUT VANDERBURGH CO. 4-H



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Over 20 kids and parents learned about rabbit husbandry, showmanship, and how to handle their rabbits at the Rabbit Workshop in April.

# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 Jr. Leaders	2	3 9-11 Tagging Day
4	5	6 6 Armstrong Hi-Lighters	7 7 Dog Club	8 6 German Gems	9	10
11	12 6 Centerrific 6 Star 6:30 Horse & Pony	13	14	15 <b>Animal ID Deadline</b>	16	17
18 2 Firearm Training 6 Scott Achievers	19	20 6 Livestock 7 Shooting Sports	21 6 St Wendel All-Stars	22	23	24
25	26	27 5:30 Tech	28	29 3:00 QLC Training	30	31