

The LINK

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A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL
VOLUNTEERS AND 4-H MEMBERS
FOR MAKING THIS YEAR'S FAIR A
HUGE SUCCESS! WE COULDN'T
HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

Head Leaders

It's time to begin setting up the 2025 Calendar. We **MUST** have a list of your meeting dates (with times and locations) to the Extension Office once you have your year planned out. Your events won't be included in the LINK calendar if you do not share your information. Thanks for your help!

Volunteers Needed!

We are going to have a table again this year at the WNIN Kids Fest and we need your help! We are looking for 4-H members and adults to talk to attendees about Vanderburgh County 4-H. We will have all of the stuff you need. The event is Saturday September 21st from 10am-2pm downtown on Main St. We would like to have volunteers working in two different shifts 10am-noon and noon-2pm. If you can help, please email Taylor at tvannet@purdue.edu. Thanks in advance for your willingness to volunteer!

Trip Forms

Trip Forms **WILL NOT** be due to the office in September like they have in the past. Forms will be due in January once we know more details about 2025 trips. Be sure to turn in your Achievement Record by September 16 to be eligible to win trips!

Year End Deadline

Monday, September 16th is the third Monday in September...Do you know what that means? All year end forms are due to the Extension Office at that time. The following items need to be turned in on or before September 16th:

- **Achievement Records (MUST BE TURNED IN TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR TRIPS & AWARDS)**
- Secretary's Books
- Treasurer's Books
- Club Scrapbooks
- Honor Club Applications



If you need help completing your Achievement Record, please reach out to our office or your club leader. You can find a recorded workshop here: <https://youtu.be/KxQJTtHOfQM> that gives you tips for completing your record. You can find the Achievement Record template [here](#).

2025 4-H Enrollment

4-H Online Enrollment begins

October 1st, 2024!

Enroll in 4-H at:

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



Be sure to re-enroll so that you stay up-to-date with all things 4-H!

Fair Leftovers

We still have some orphaned county and state fair projects that were not picked up. Please pick these up **as soon as possible**. If you are missing a score sheet or ribbon, we may have that as well. Contact us to find out!

Achievement Banquet

Save the date for the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet on Tuesday, November 12 at the 4-H Center Auditorium. If you have been chosen to receive an award, you will receive an invitation in the mail in October. Don't forget to turn in your Achievement Record by Sept 16 to be eligible for an award!



Junior Leader Officers

Congratulations to the new group of officers for 2024-25, elected at their recent Banquet:

President: Charlie English

Vice-President: Alyssa Coomes

Secretary: Kylie Weiss

Treasurer: Tate Farney

Assistant Treasurer: Maddie Bedel

Recreation Leader: Austin Groening

Historian: Ella Johnson

Meeting Coordinator: Elise Lousignont



Jr leader retreat



Grant GAME & ACTIVITIES

AUGUST 30 7PM - SEPT. 1ST 8AM

RSVP: [HTTPS://JLRETREAT24.4HONLINE.COM](https://jlretreat24.4honline.com)

ANY 4-HERS 8TH-12TH GRADE
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

FOOD AND LODGING WILL BE PROVIDED
FOR MORE INFO. CONTACT PHILLIP : 812-499-8556

PLACE: CAMP REVEAL
1042 E. BOONVILLE-NEW HARMONY RD
EVANSVILLE, IN 47725

Achievement Banquet Ads

Would you like to advertise your business at the Achievement Banquet? How about placing an ad of congratulations to all of the award winners? Ads placed in the program help pay for award winners' tickets. Without the ads in the Achievement Banquet program, we would have to raise the price of tickets for your family and friends. Please help support the Achievement Banquet and purchase an ad. If you'd like to purchase an ad, contact the office for more details on how you can help! Thank you!





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Seasonal Produce Drive

The Vanderburgh County 4-H Seasonal Produce Drive took place again this year. 4-H members exhibiting produce in the Garden project were asked if they would like to donate their produce to Feed Evansville. Produce was also collected during the Fair. What a great way to share with those in need! Thank you to all who participated in this effort!



4-H Awards Selection

The Awards Committee will be meeting daily starting Sept 24 until the awards are chosen. All 4-H club leaders are encouraged to help with the selection process. No previous experience is necessary. We will be sending out more details soon. We'd appreciate your help!



One-acre Corn & Soybean Contest

The One-Acre Corn or Soybean Contest is open to any 4-H member. You do not have to exhibit Crops at the fair to participate. A weigh wagon is used to determine the number of bushels. Shawn and Ben Jackson have graciously agreed to do the weighing. If interested in participating, call Shawn at 812-480-6555 or Ben at 812-549-3386 when you are ready to harvest. Winners will be announced at the 4-H Achievement Banquet.

Adult Leaders Meeting

Adult Leaders will be meeting on Wednesday, October 23 at 7:30 pm at the 4-H Center conference room (immediately following the Treat Yourself to 4-H promo event). All 4-H leaders are invited to attend.

Champion Awards

If you received a prize for receiving a champion ribbon at the fair, please show your appreciation to our sponsor by sending a Thank

You note to:

Vanderburgh Co. Adult Leaders
Re: Champion Awards
13301 Darmstadt Rd. Ste A
Evansville, IN 47725



Upcoming Opportunities

Youth Resources Make a Difference Grant - Young people in our community want to make a difference, and YR's Make A Difference Grants give them that opportunity! Individual youth or a group can apply for a grant of up to \$750 for a youth-led community service project. More info - youth-resources.org/mad-grants

Artificial Intelligence Teens as Teachers Team - Are you a teen who loves to teach others about AI? If so, grab a friend or two and make a team and attend a training on November 2 at Purdue. This is provided through a grant from Google. If interested, let Megan know at mkron@purdue.edu.

4-H Ignite Conference - Join us at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, D.C. March 12-16, for Ignite by 4-H! The four-day interactive summit helps teens find their spark through inspiring speakers, hands-on workshops, off-site experiences, career exploration, and peer connections. Early-bird registration for teens is \$1,200 by October 15. Find out more [here](#).

4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp in Florida - Dec 27-31

4-H'ers become amateur zookeepers at Busch Gardens, Tampa & SeaWorld, Orlando. In this learn-by-doing environment, members explore careers in the animal field and learn about animal conservation all while having fun in the park! 4-H Junior Zoo Apprentice Camp is for youth ages 11-13 & 4-H Zoo Apprentice is for youth 14+! Click [here](#) for more info.

Invention Convention - Are you a teacher or club leader who has students who love to invent? Indiana 4-H will be hosting an annual Invention Convention in March. Find out more [here](#) and contact Megan at mkron@purdue.edu for upcoming workshops.



TREAT YOURSELF TO 4-H!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

6:00 - 7:30 PM

4-H CENTER INDUSTRIAL BUILDING

FREE FOR YOUTH IN GRADES K-12

**RSVP AT [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/TREAT4H](https://tinyurl.com/treat4h) BY
OCTOBER 21**

**Put on your Halloween costume and join us
for a trunk-or-treat and learn just how sweet
4-H is at hands-on stations. 15-minute parent
info sessions will be held at 6:30 and 7:00 pm.**

**For more information,
contact Megan Hoffherr at
mkron@purdue.edu.**



**SCAN TO
REGISTER**

Purdue University is an equal access/equal opportunity institution.

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



CELEBRATION STATION!



Tractor Driving

2024 AREA CONTEST RESULTS

Logan Brandt, Lucas Jackson, Owen Potter, Kade Welte, Adam Marx, Daniel Marx, Jarrett Keil, Beau Wheeler, Stephen Brenner, Jude Moye, Riley Hobby, Bryan Keil, Isaiah Schmitt, and Elijah Schmitt competed in the Area Tractor Contest.



Logan Brandt: 1st In Jr. Ag
Lucas Jackson: 3rd in Jr. Ag
Kade Welte: 3rd in Sr. Ag
Adam Marx: 1st In Jr. Lawn
Beau Wheeler: 3rd in Jr. Lawn
Beau Wheeler: 4th in Sr. Lawn
Jude Moye: 1st in Jr. Zero Turn
Isaiah Schmitt: 3rd in Sr. Zero Turn
Elijah Schmitt: 4th in Sr. Zero Turn

2024 STATE CONTEST PARTICIPANTS

Logan Brandt, Lucas Jackson, Kade Welte, Adam Marx, Jude Moye, Isaiah Schmitt

Showmanship Results

Beef: Level 1: Isabella Schmitt ; Level 2: Alexa Adler; Level 3: Kaleb Herke

Dairy: Level 1: Grady Ziliak Level 2: Adeline Weis ; Level 3: Mia Koester

Dairy Goats: Level 1: Isabella Schmitt Level 2: Joston Woodall ; Level 3: Maddie Bedel

Llama/Alpaca: Level 1: Tensley Jackson; Level 2: Heidi Jackson; Level 3: Chloe Stock

Meat Goats: Level 1: Catherine Seib; Level 2: Cash Welte; Level 3: Maddie Bedel

Poultry: Level 1: Lillian Donberger; Level 2: Riley Hobby; Level 3: Kyle Jackson

Pygmy Goat: Level 1: Isabella Schmitt; Level 2: Sally Schultheis; Level 3: Kaleb Herke

Rabbits: Level 1: Presley Gobin ; Level 2: Leo Guetling; Level 3: Kaleb Herke

Sheep: Level 1: Reese Jackson; Level 2: Brody Engelhardt; Level 3: Averye Engelhardt

Swine: Level 1: Cooper Schillinger; Level 2: Alexa Adler ; Level 3: Caitlin Schillinger

SUPREME SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS:

Large Animal—
Casey Schillinger

Small Animal—
Maddie Bedel

Other participants include:
Large Animal— Averye Engelhardt, Mia Koester, Kaleb Herke & Maddie Bedel

Small Animal— Kaleb Herke, Jack Hirsch, Kyle Jackson, & Chloe Stock



Barn Leadership Awards

The following 4-Hers were recognized at the Livestock Auction for their leadership skills:

Beef: Grady Mowrer

Dairy: Etta Wallace

Dairy Goat: Breydon Curtis

Llama/Alpaca: Mason Petersen

Meat Goat: Maddie Bedel

Poultry: Maddie Bedel

Pygmy Goat: Jackson Cherry

Rabbit: Aubrey Glaser

Sheep: Reba Bergman

Swine: MiKayla Lamey



Special thanks to the sponsors - Vanderburgh County Farm Bureau, Brenner Construction, American Senior Connection, and Ad Vision for sponsoring the awards.

Aerospace Flight Classes

Streamer

Gr. 3-5: Champion— Kenzie Keil
Gr. 6-8: Champion— Jacob Coleman
Gr. 9-12: Champion— Cale Melton

Parachute:

Gr. 3-5: Champion— Breydon Curtis
Gr. 6-8: Champion— Blake Woodard
Gr. 9-12: Champion- Austin Groening

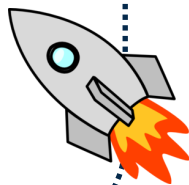
Spot:

Gr. 3-5: Champion— Macie Mindrup
Gr. 9-12: Champion- Allyson Johnson

Glider:

Gr. 6-8: Champion— Blake Woodard

Other Participants: Jackson Cherry, Brandt Coomes, Norah Embrey, Clayton Keil, Isabel Key, Kenedee Compton, Eli Barnes, Tinley Barnes, Connor Evans, Bryce Rexing, Silas Lawson



Strawberry Contest



Division I Mini Patch

Champion: Emerson VanMeter

Division I Home Patch

Champion: Annabelle Keil

Advanced Division Mini Patch

Champion: Elise Lousignont
Reserve Champion: Isaac Pohl



BBQ Contest

Grades 9-12 Individual

Champion: Maddie Bedel
Reserve Champion: Lucas Rudolph

Grades 9-12 Team

Champion: Isaac Pohl & Charlie English



Speech and Demonstration Contest

Senior Individual Demonstration:

Champion: Lydia Munro

Junior Professional Persuasive Presentation:

Champion: Emma Roemke

Senior Public Speaking:

Champion: Maddie Bedel

Senior Informative 4-H Presentation:

Champion: Kylie Weiss

STATE FAIR RESULTS

Emma Roemke— Orange Ribbon
Maddie Bedel— Red Ribbon
Lydia Munro— Blue Ribbon



County Garden Contest

Large Garden

Champion: Dimitri Straub
Reserve Champion: Alexa Adler
Honorable Mention: Breydon & Riley Curtis
Blue: Tate Farney, Elise Lousignont, Annabelle Keil

Small Garden

Champion: Jessica Shadley
Reserve Champion: Dimitri Straub
Blue: Sarah Parker



Shooting Sports

JUNIOR DIVISION (Grades 3-7)

Iron Sights:

Champion: Caleb Kunkler

Reserve Champion: Reinard Stanislaus

Muzzleloader:

Champion: Olivia Swartz

Scoped Rifle:

Champion: Lucas Jackson

Reserve Champion: Owen Potter

Pistol Semi-Auto:

Champion: Raegan Brenner

Reserve Champion: Jarett Keil

Pistol Revolver:

Champion: Jack Jacobs

Archery:

Champion: Savannah Goldsberry

Reserve Champion: Jude Moye

SENIOR DIVISION (Grades 8-12)

Shotgun:

Champion: Austin Parker

Pistol Revolver:

Champion: Maddox Harris

Reserve Champion: Alyssa Coomes

Scoped Rifle:

Champion: Elijah Schmitt

Reserve Champion: AJ Rogers

Iron Sights:

Champion: Logan Brandt

Archery:

Champion: Emma Early

Reserve Champion: Brandt Coomes

Other Participants:

Isaiah Bolin, Riley Hobby, Bryan Keil, Kenzie Keil, Isabella Schmitt, Nicholas Forbes, Sabrina Funk, Clayton Keil, Samuel Standing, Easton Fettes, Lydia Coomes, Blake Woodard, James Owens, Austin Groeninger, Audrie Walker, Brooklyn Rogers, Joseph Knea, Seanan Walker, Maddox Harris, Tyler Brenner



Food Preservation Results

LEVEL A:

Champion: Hadley Jackson & Bryce Rexing

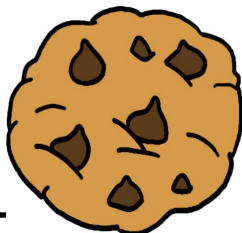
Reserve Champion: Tinley Barnes & Miriam Greenlee

Blue: Brayden Kapp

LEVEL B:

Champion: Eli Barnes & Jackson Cherry

Reserve Champion: Avery Carr & Lydia Coomes



LEVEL C:

Champion: Brandt Coomes, Austin Groeninger, & Emma Roemke

Reserve Champion: Elise Lousignont, Abigail Pfafflin, & Kaliana Smith

LEVEL D:

Champion: Paige Kapp, Katherine Roemke, Katelyn Wiederkehr

Reserve Champion: Matthew Caldemeyer, Charlie English, & Alyssa Coomes

Honorable Mention: Kelsey Herke

Blue: Sarah Parker, Kylie Weiss, Addison Willett, & Vivienne Greenlee

Fashion Revue

Congratulations to everyone that participated in the County Fashion Revue!

Consumer Clothing 3-5: Avery Carr*, Emerson VanMeter*, Hadley Jackson*, Norah Embrey*

Consumer Clothing 6-8: Emma Roemke*, Carleigh VanMeter*, Abigail Embrey*

Consumer Clothing 9-12: Sarah Parker*, Elise Lousignont*, Katherine Roemke*, Grace Temple, Kylie Weiss

Sewing Grade 3: Vivian Aurand, Alayna Lents, Emerson VanMeter, Anniston Marfilus*, Macie Mindrup*, Riley Curtis*

Sewing Grade 4: Hadley Jackson*, Tinley Barnes

Sewing Grade 5: Breydon Curtis, Evelyn Potter*, Avery Carr

Sewing Grade 6: Raegan Brenner, Lydia Coomes*, Carleigh VanMeter*

Advanced Suit or Coat: Kylie Weiss, Blaire Hollis*

Advanced Formal Wear: Katherine Roemke*, Allyson Johnson

Advanced Informal/Casual Wear: Sarah Parker*

Advanced Free Choice: Elise Lousignont*



***Denotes Best Dressed**

Selected For State Fair – Sewing: Kylie Weiss, Blaire Hollis, Katherine Roemke, Allyson Johnson, Sarah Parker

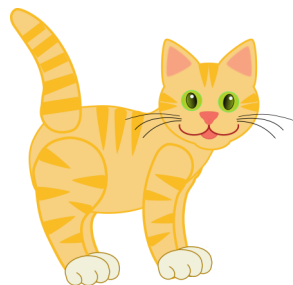
State Fair Top 10/Honor Group: Sewing– Elise Lousignont - Free Choice (below, left)

Selected for State Fair – Consumer Clothing: Hadley Jackson, Emma Roemke, Katherine Roemke

State Fair Top 10/Honor Group: Consumer Clothing– Hadley Jackson (below, right) & Katherine Roemke (below, middle)

INDIANA STATE FAIR CHAMPION: Consumer Clothing– Hadley Jackson (below, right)





Cat Show Results

CAT COSTUME

Grades 6-8

Champion: Elizabeth Temple

Reserve Champion: Natalie Allen

Honorable Mention: Lilly Claspell

Grades 9-12

Champion: Grace Temple

Reserve Champion: Sarah Parker

Honorable Mention: Robert Hughes,
Taylor Claspell

CAT CAGE

Grades 6-8

Champion: Natalie Allen

Reserve Champion: Lilly
Claspell



Grades 9-12

Champion: Sarah Parker

Reserve Champion: Katelyn
Wiederkehr

Honorable Mention: Robert Hughes,
Taylor Claspell

CAT- HOUSEHOLD CAT

Grades 6-8

Champion: Elizabeth Temple

Reserve Champion: Natalie Allen

Honorable Mention: Lilly Claspell

Grades 9-12

Champion: Katelyn Wiederkehr

Reserve Champion: Sarah Parker

Honorable Mention: Taylor Claspell, Grace Temple

Overall Grand Champion Cat - Katelyn Wiederkehr

Reserve Grand Champion Cat - Sarah Parker



Thank You!

A special thank you goes to the Vanderburgh County Fair Association for paying for 4-H projects to be delivered to and from the Indiana State Fair. With the rising costs of fuel and rentals, this is a huge expense. This is just one of the MANY ways the Fair Association supports the 4-H program. Be sure to tell them **THANK YOU** for their continued support! **THANK YOU!!**

Thank You!

Special Merit Winners

We would like to congratulate the following Vanderburgh County 4-H Members on their Special Merit (Orange) Ribbons at the 2024 Indiana State Fair!

An orange ribbon signifies an exceptional blue ribbon project.

Allyson Johnson— Aerospace
Morgan Hollis—Arts & Crafts
Charlie English— ATV Safety Education
Katelyn Wiederkehr— Cat Poster
Emerson VanMeter— Child Development
Elijah Wilson— Computer
Kenzie Keil— Electric, Entomology,
Maddie Bedel— Entomology
Isabelle Schmitt— Electric
Elijah Glines— Fine Arts
Vivian Kroft— Floriculture
Kelsey Herke— Floriculture
Lydia Coomes— Foods
Kylee Fee— Foods
Bryce Rexing— Foods
Austin Groeninger— Genealogy,
Shooting Sports, Woodworking
Mesa Compton— Geology
Elliana Bittner— Home Environment

Isabella Schmitt— Lawn & Garden
Tractor Safety Education, Tractor
Safety Education
Leo Guetling— Rabbit Poster, Wildlife
Kadyn Hoyer— Sewing: Non-Wearable
Porter Gobin— Sewing: Non-Wearable
Emma Roemke— Professional Persuasive Presentation, Sewing: Wearable
Ridge Compton— Small Engines
Andrew Scherer— Sportfishing
Riley Curtis— Poultry Poster
Grant Wenger— Weather
Hadley Jackson— Woodworking
Madison Carlson— Photography
Kaleigh Konrath— Photography
Graydon Mowrer— Photography

Congratulations to our Vanderburgh County State Fair Exhibitors!

Vanderburgh County exhibitors brought home:



36 Orange Ribbons
106 Blue Ribbons
44 Red Ribbons



Special Congratulations to Austin Groeninger on his Sweepstakes project- Genealogy!

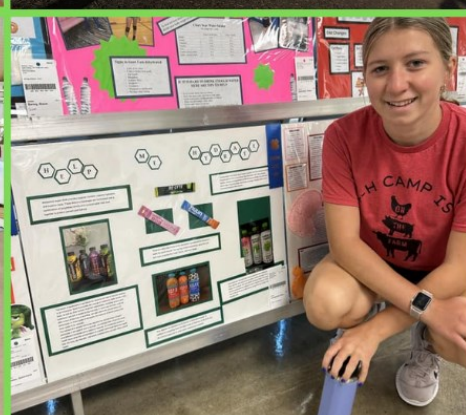
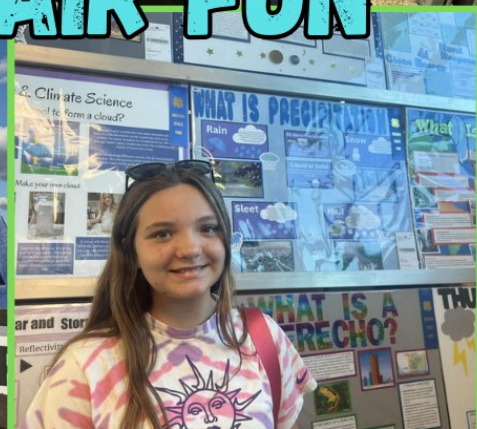


**Austin Groeninger—
Genealogy
Sweepstakes Winner**





INDIANA STATE FAIR FUN





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News & Celebrations

Congratulations to Maddie Bedel! She was chosen as 1 of 9 Indiana 4-H ambassadors from across the state. What a great representation of Vanderburgh County 4-H! Congratulations, Maddie!



Star 4-H Club News

Star 4-H Club had a meeting on July 8, 2024. For our community service project we brought canned goods for "Stock the Trailer". Remington Campbell demonstrated how to use her softball gear in order to stay safe in a game. There was also a motion passed for a donation to the Scott Township Fire Department. We worked on our Achievement Records and ended the meeting with a slip n' slide.

Sincerely,

Chloe Stock, Star Club Secretary

End Hunger... Plant a Garden



The 4-H team, Vanderburgh County World Hunger Advocate Group will be hosting an adult program this fall!

When: October 12 from 10 am—12:00 pm

Where: Salem Church of Darmstadt, 14134 Darmstadt Rd, Evansville IN 47725

Program highlights: guest speakers, grow-your-own food presentation, and local opportunities to address world hunger

Be sure to like their group on Facebook! Questions? Contact isaacpohl7@gmail.com

Stock the Trailer

Thanks to everyone who participated by donating canned goods or money to Stock the Trailer. With the amount collected by clubs and Kiss the Pig contest we were able to donate 6,126 pounds of food to the Tri-State Food Bank this year.

Top three 4-H Club winners for Stock the Trailer are:

1st Star 4-H Club 245 cans

2nd Scott Achievers 192 cans

3rd Armstrong Hi Lighters 124 cans

What a way to help those in need! Thank you for your support!



Fairs Care

Thank you to all those who participated in the Fairs Cares Food Drive this year! Through this drive and the produce drive we were able to donate 170 pounds of food and \$647 to the Tri-State Food Bank! Great job, Vanderburgh County!

Southwest Soils Invitational

Tuesday, September 10th in Owensville from 3:00 – 6:00 pm. This contest is open to any 4-H or FFA student either individually or as a team. This event is free. Register individuals or teams by contacting Julie Loehr at Julia.loehr@in.nacdn.net or calling 812-779-7924 any time prior to noon on Monday the 9th.

SEPTEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Horse & Pony Advisory Mtg - 3pm	2 Office Closed 	3 Livestock Club - 6 pm Armstrong Hi-Lighters 6pm	4 Dog Club - 7pm	5 Jr. Leaders - 7 pm	6	7
8	9 Horse & Pony 7pm	10	11 Perry M&M's 6:45pm	12 German Gems 6pm	13	14
15	16	17	18 Mini 4-H 6 pm	19 4-H Council 6:30 pm	20	21
22	23	24 Tech Club 5:30pm	25	26 Happy Hoosiers	27	28
29	30					