



Hendricks County 4-H Clover Connection



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Thankful, Grateful, Blessed!

Ashley Alexander; 4-H Youth Extension Educator

The year is almost over! As our 4-H team has changed and grown in the last year, we are looking forward to serving you in 2024! We would like to congratulate Rebecca Weiss for moving to the Program Assistant role in our office. She will still be around to help where necessary! We also want to welcome Bailey Stierwalt to our team! She will be our new 4-H Administrative Assistant and she will begin mid-December.

Over the next month, many of our older 4-H members will be applying for scholarships. Be sure to check out page 04 to learn more about Hendricks County scholarships for our members and some other resources for scholarship applications!

Not ready for scholarships just yet? No worries. This month is also a great time to get started on your 4-H Projects!

Be sure to check out page 02 for information on our New Family Orientation that will be held in January if you are new to our 4-H Program.

We are currently working on our handbook for the 2024 4-H year, and hope to have that completed by January. A few projects have minor guideline changes, so we will alert our 4-H families once the new handbook/guidelines are available! See page 04 for some new information on policies for the 2024 year!

We are thankful for all our 4-H Families! Without your participation and support, we would not have the fantastic program that we have today! Thank you again to all of our 4-H members for a great 2023. We are looking forward to an even better 2024. See you in the new year!

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Extension Office Info

Office will be CLOSED on
December 25th and 26th for
Christmas AND January 1st
for New Years!

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Monday—Friday

<https://hendricksco4h.com/HCGS>
<https://v2.4honline.com>





Junior Leaders

Next Junior Leaders Meeting:

Monday, December 11th

6:30-8 p.m.

Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds

During our December meeting, we will be helping the Blue Star Salute stuff stockings for their Military Family Holiday event. Please bring bags of candy, small party favor-type toys, and/or boxes of band aids to stuff in the stockings. Other materials for stuffing will be provided. This is a great opportunity to give back to Military Families in the community! Additionally, we will have a Blue Star guest speaker join us!

Other Jr. Leaders Updates:

- **Be sure you have signed up for the Jr. Leaders Project on 4-HOnline!** In order to keep getting information about the Jr. Leaders project, you will need to sign up on 4-HOnline.
- **Committee Sign Ups Now available!** Interested in being on a committee in Jr. Leaders? You can learn more about the committees, and you can sign up for committees here: <https://hendricksco4h.com/2024JLCommittees>
- Mark your calendar for our **first few 2024 meeting** dates:
 - January 16
 - February 15
 - March TBD



Jr. Leaders is open to youth in 7th-12th grade who are interested in taking more of a leadership role in the 4-H Program! We meet monthly and do monthly community service projects. Be sure to sign up for "Junior Leaders" on 4-HOnline when enrolling in projects!

NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION

Are you new to Hendricks County, or would you like some more guidance on what to expect in 4-H?!? This meeting is for YOU!

Our NEW Extension Educator, Ashley Alexander, will be hosting a New Family Orientation on **Wednesday, January 17th**

At the Hendricks County Fairgrounds

Mini 4-H: 6-6:45 p.m.

Regular 4-H: 7 p.m.

We will have New Family Guides and 2024 Handbooks available, and will be able to answer the questions that you may have regarding 4-H.

Poinsettias



A HUGE THANK YOU to those who supported 4-H by purchasing Poinsettias!! The proceeds from Poinsettia Sales will benefit kids that would like to attend 4-H Camp and Trips this year!

Thank you for attending our 2023 4-H Open House!

We had a packed house, and we hope that you learned something new, and had a great time!

Thank you to all the 4-H volunteers that helped put on and run this awesome event!

4-H OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Open Enrollment

4-H Enrollment is OPEN for the 2023-2024 year!!

Youth and adult volunteers are now able to re-enroll in 4-H Online (<https://v2.4honline.com>).

Please use your current log-in information to re-enroll for this next year.

Reach out to the Extension Office if you need assistance of any kind!



YOU COULD
WIN AN IPAD!
CHECK OUT
THIS
OPPORTUNITY!



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
- 3 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!

MINI 4-H

Hendricks County Mini 4-H is for those kids in Grades 1 or 2 as of January 2024. The Mini 4-H members meet once a month from February to May from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (unless stated otherwise).

You can sign up your Mini 4-Her at: v2.4honline.com (they can be on the same account as regular 4-H members).

Please choose "Hendricks County Mini 4-H" as your primary club so you can get all the details of meetings and more!

2024 Meeting Dates:

Thursday, January 17th @ 6 p.m.
(New Family Orientation)

Monday, February 12th
March TBD

Tuesday, April 16th
Wednesday, May 8th

Thursday, May 30th @ 9am-12noon
(Mini 4-H Day Camp)

Sunday, July 14th @ TBA
(Mini Day @ the Fair)

4-H OPPORTUNITIES



NEW POLICY UPDATES

Due to new 2024 Purdue Policy Updates, there are new completion guidelines that have been laid out for 4-Hers to follow. As of the time of this newsletter, project books and record sheets are NOT required to exhibit at the 2024 Hendricks County 4-H Fair. This being said, we HIGHLY RECOMMEND purchasing project manuals for reference and for help in completing your 4-H Project. Example: Consumer Clothing has activities that must be completed to enter into the Consumer Clothing notebook.

If you choose to NOT exhibit at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair and you would like to receive credit for completing your project, you MUST complete a record sheet for the specific project and turn it into your leader by Monday, July 1st, 2024.

As always, to complete either option, the \$15 State Program Fee MUST be paid to receive credit for the year's project. (FairEntry will not be accessible without your State Program Fee being paid) If you have questions about this new policy, please contact the Extension Office.

2024 FairEntry Deadline

The 2024 FairEntry Deadline will be Monday, July 1st, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.

As in previous years, in order to exhibit at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair, you MUST complete FairEntry by the designated deadline. This year, the FairEntry Deadline will be on Monday, July 1st at 11:59 p.m. After this date, FairEntry will NOT re-open and you MUST contact the Extension Office for assistance. It is VERY important to complete FairEntry by this deadline! FairEntry will open for entries approximately June 1st, 2024.



4-HOnline Information

This is a reminder for ALL 4-H families!! **Please be sure to update your information, especially address, email, and phone number.** We CANNOT contact you if these are not up to date. We have been receiving many returned emails and mailings due to outdated information and we want to make sure you are aware of changes, news, and upcoming events! Also, if everything is correct, be sure to check your SPAM/junk box. 4-HOnline sends broadcasts via *RegMax*, so you may need to add this email to your "safe" list.

Scholarships

State and Local Scholarships are now available!

You can find state scholarships at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html>. These State Scholarships are due January 25th! Applications must be submitted on 4-HOnline!

You can find links to our local scholarships at: <https://hendricksco4h.com/2024Scholarship>. Be sure to follow the application deadlines!

CLUB INFORMATION & VOLUNTEER/BOARD INFORMATION



Contact Me About Clubs

If you selected "Contact Me To Learn About Clubs" when enrolling for 4-H, there are 2 ways to decide which club to join: visit our Google Site for a current list of clubs OR contact the office by calling 317-745-9260 or email hendrces@purdue.edu.

For more info: <https://hendricksco4h.com/HCGS>

Blessing Box

We are looking for clubs and groups to help us stock our box. You can bring **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD OR TOILETRY ITEMS AT ANY TIME!** If the blessing box is full, please bring your items into the Extension Office and we will fill the box at a later time.

IMPORTANT 4-H DATES

November and December Dates

December 4 - 4-H Fairboard Meeting; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.

December 25 - OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS

December 26 - OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS

January 1 - OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS

January 15 - OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 17 - New Family Orientation; HC 4-H Fairgrounds (see page 02 for times)

January 22 - 4-H Youth Council Meeting; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.



Club/Workshop Dates

December 11 - Beef Club Meeting; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.

December 11 - Llama/Alpaca Workshop; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.

December 12 - Poultry Workshop; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.

December 12 - Sew Savvy Workshop; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.

December 14 - Discovery Club Meeting; HC 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.



4-H Youth Council

Monday, January 22nd
@ 7 p.m.



4-H Adult Leaders

February 22nd
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Fairgrounds



4-H Fairboard

Monday, December 4th
@ 7 p.m.



Happy Holidays from our office to all of you!





Extension

PURDUE EXTENSION
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM



Class Topics to be covered

<p>Native Plants Soil & Plant Nutrition Plant Science Plant Disease Diagnosis Lawn Care</p>	<p>Weed Identification & Control Insect Identification & Control Animal Pest/Invasive Species Pollinator/Pollinator Protection Fruit Gardening</p>	<p>Pesticide Safety & Pesticide Alternatives Vegetable Gardening Woody Ornamentals Herbaceous Ornamentals</p>
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If interested, please contact Jeff Pell to place your name on a list to be notified. Classes will tentatively begin

Monday, January 29, 2023.

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317-745-9260

**Hendricks County 4-H
Fairgrounds and Conference
Complex**

**1900 E Main Street
Danville, IN 46122**



Plant Care for the Holidays



Important Tips for Poinsettia Care:

- **When selecting**, look for one with a bright green foliage along the stem with the least amount of pollen
- **Water the plant** enough to drain through the pot or container
- **Avoid excess watering** that could cause root damage and rot if saturated for an extended amount of time
- **Require** 10 weeks in darkness from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. to produce its final flower
- **During the day** increase the temperature 10-14 degrees warmer with the most access to sunlight

Good Temperatures of:

- 60F to 70F with high relative humidity and maximum sunlight are most beneficial
- 60 to 62F when the plant enters its period of floral induction

Avoid Temperatures of:

- 50F or below as it can cause wilting
- Any temperature fluctuations, drafts, contact with cold windows, and dry air from a heating outlet

HHS UPDATE

I am excited to be getting more involved in Hendricks County through Extension. Over the past couple of weeks, I have been assessing the needs of the community, and initiating programs with community members, leaders, and organizations. If you would like to know more about the HHS programs, please reach out to me by calling the Extension Office at 317-745-9260 or email hendrces@purdue.edu. I look forward to meeting many of you in the upcoming months!

-Amanda Marciano-Feutz

Programs Offered for a variety of age groups:

- Dining with Diabetes
- Be Heart Smart
- Food Budgeting and Meal Planning
- Mental Health First Aid
- Compassion & Resilience Education at Work
- A Matter of Balance
- Kindergarten University
- Staying Scam Safe
- Where Does Your Money Go?
- Captain Cash

PURDUE EXTENSION

Be Heart Smart
PROGRAM



If you are interested in keeping up to date with Amanda's programming, subscribe to her monthly newsletter at the link below:

<https://bit.ly/3RkPLaz>



PURDUE EXTENSION GET WALKIN' PROGRAM

Helping Hoosiers get on their feet!



SCHOOL OF NURSING



Are you looking to make a change in your lifestyle? Need some motivation or support? **Get WalkIN' is a FREE e-mail based walking initiative being offered January 8 - March 25.**

Two Options to participate: sign up, walk on your own time, get email support OR sign up, walk with a group Mondays from 5-6 pm at The Center in Danville, IN - get in person and email support.

Register by January 2, 2024 at: <https://hendricksco4h.com/GetWalkIN24> or contacting the Extension Office at hendrces@purdue.edu or call 317-745-9260.

In person spots are limited, secure your spot now and register today.