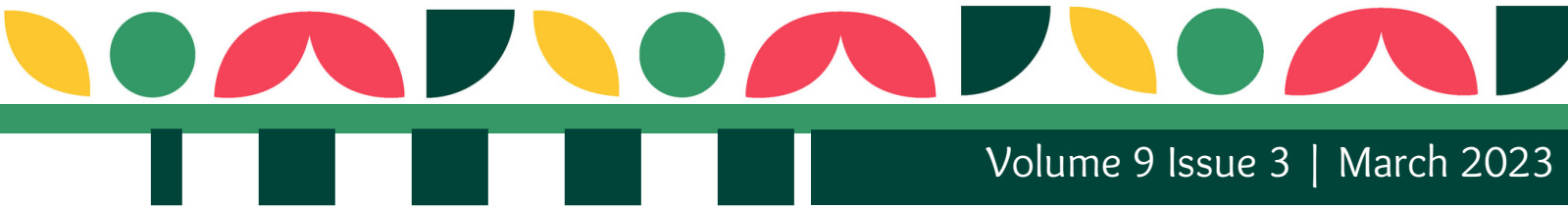




# Hendricks County 4-H Clover Connection



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## Spring Breaks, Flowers, & Fun

### Welcome by Kati Sweet - 4-H Educator

With spring just around the corner, Hendricks County 4-H has a month full of exciting opportunities and deadlines!

Trip information came out this month! If you are in 7th-12th grade, be sure to check out the many options of trips available to you this summer! 3rd-6th grade youth are eligible to attend 4-H Camp at Shakamak State Park in June. Information will be available *soon* for that trip as well. Trip applications are due **March 17th** to the Extension Office! See page 02 for more info.

4-H Flower Sale information has also gone out and orders are due **March 17th** to your Club Leader! Remember, for every \$100 in flowers you sell, you get \$5 to spend at the 4-H CoAlliance Cafe this summer at the Fair!

We have several club meetings, project events, and 4-H programs happening this month, so make sure you check out the calendar on page 10 of this newsletter! We are especially excited about our Spring Break SPARK Programs coming up at the end of this month! Looking for a "staycation" over spring break? We have several options for you!

Be sure to check out page 04 for our Clover Craziness info! While every March brings a big tournament in basketball, it brings a fun contest in the world of 4-H. Pick your favorite projects and be sure to vote each week to find out who will bring home the title of Champion this year!

This is also the month where we have started to add a separate 4-H Livestock section of our newsletter as things really start to pick up!

Happy March to you all!

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## Extension Office Info

Extension Office CLOSED on:  
Friday, April 7th

**HEADS UP!!** The office will be **OPEN LATE on May 10th and 15th** for those that have questions, need to turn something in, or need help enrolling.  
*Hours will be 8am-7pm those days.*

## Contact Us

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 317-745-9260  
 Open 8 a.m.—4 p.m.  
 Monday—Friday  
<https://bit.ly/hendrickscounty4h>  
<https://v2.4honline.com>



# 4-H OPPORTUNITIES



Next Junior Leaders Meeting:  
 Monday, March 13  
 @ 6:30 p.m.  
 Brownsburg Bowling

\*We are encouraging in-person participation, but we understand it may not be an option for some. You may request a Zoom link by emailing hendrces@purdue.edu.

## Junior Leaders

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. It's not too late to sign up!

Mark your calendar for the next few meetings:

- o Monday, March 13 @ **Brownsburg Bowling\***
- o Tuesday, April 11 @ Hendricks County Fairgrounds
- o Monday, May 15 @ Hendricks County Fairgrounds



\*Watch email for additional details! For our Community Service for this month, we will be partnering with the Extension Homemakers. Please bring **paper towel and/or laundry detergent** to donate for Family Promise to this month's meeting.

## Jr. Leader Help Needed

We have several opportunities this month for Jr. Leaders to help with programs or events! Be sure to check out our Jr. Leader website for more information and to sign up:  
<https://bit.ly/HCJL2022>

## Mark Your Calendar for 4-H Summer Trips

4-H Trips are back for Summer 2023! Information was sent via mail and email, but if you did not receive it, please contact the office!



- **4-H Academy** - 9th-12th grade - June 7-9
- **State Jr. Leader Conference** - 9th-12th grade - June 13-16
- **4-H Camp** - 3rd-6th grade - June 14-16 (Camp Counselors are 9th-12th grade)
- **4-H Band** - 9th-12th grade - June 24-26
- **4-H Chorus** - 9th-12th grade - June 24-26
- **4-H Round Up** - 7th-9th grade - June 26-28
- **Citizenship Washington Focus** - July 1-7



Find More Information HERE: <https://bit.ly/3L1YI3b>

## 4-H Fair Queen Contest



Are you interested in becoming the 2023 Hendricks County 4-H Fair Queen? The callout meeting will be your chance to learn how the contest works! See flyer to the right for more information.

All members enrolled in 4-H in Hendricks County who are 16 years of age or older by June 1, 2023, or completed 4-H in Hendricks County their Sophomore through Senior years of high school and have not reached their 20th birthday by June 1, 2023, are encouraged to participate in the 4-H Fair Queen Contest.

Each contestant must be an active or past member of 4-H. You can find more information such as rules, schedule, and the application at:

<https://www.4hcomplex.org/p/2022fair/2019-4-h-fair-queen>

Application is DUE May 15th, NO EXCEPTIONS!

**4-H FAIR QUEEN INFO SESSION**

Join us to learn more about the Hendricks County Fair Queen Program

*This is NOT a commitment to join! We'll share workshop topics, basic rules, and answer questions!*

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023  
 2 PM

HENDRICKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Open to all Hendricks County 4-Hers who are 16 years of age or older by June 1, 2023, or completed 4-H in Hendricks County their Sophomore through Senior years of high school and have not reached their 20th birthday by June 1, 2023.

# SPRING BREAK SPARK PROGRAMS

All of these programs are open to 4-H AND non-4-H youth in the grades mentioned!  
Bring a friend and join the fun! *Registration is open on 4HOnline NOW!*

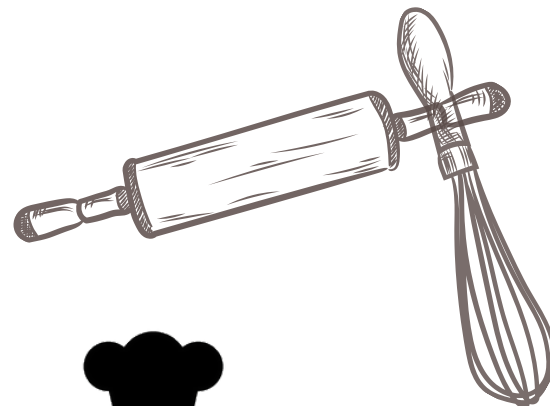
## Chef University

We will once again be offering Chef University. Participants will prepare recipes designed to help them learn new cooking techniques, science skills, and nutrition lessons. Recipes are based on food items from around the world! There will be a fun "Chopped"-style event at the end of Day 2.

Cost will be \$45. Grades 3-5.

Session 1: March 30 & 31 from 8am-12noon

Session 2: March 30 & 31 from 1-4pm



## Chef University



## Get Experience in Mindfulness (GEM)

Get Experience in Mindfulness (GEM) places an emphasis on stress management taught through practical and interactive mindfulness-based activities. It is a fun, interactive program designed to help youth develop a better understanding in all seven areas of wellness. Youth will leave with several items that will help them continue to practice mindfulness at home!

Cost is \$25

Grades 7-12

Tuesday, March 28 and Wednesday, March 29

Time is 9 am-12 noon on both days



## Explorers of the Deep STEM Days

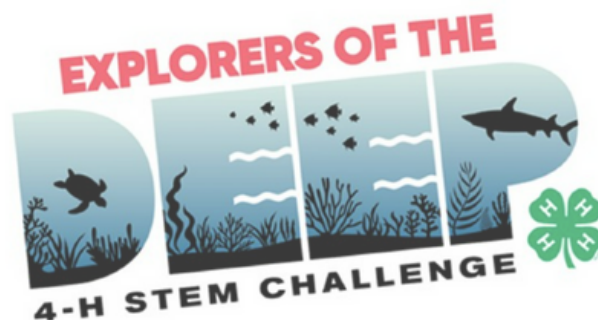
Ocean exploration and research are important tools that help scientists, policy makers, communities and individuals prepare for and adapt to changing ocean conditions. During these two days, participants will do several activities related to oceans and exploring underwater.

Cost is \$25

Grades 3-12

Tuesday, March 28 and Wednesday, March 29

Time is 1-4 pm on both days



## ATTENTION SENIORS

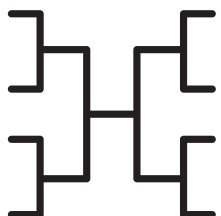
Local Scholarships are still available! You can find links to these scholarships on our website:  
<https://hendricksco4h.com/2023Scholarship>

**Local Scholarships are due on March 15th, 2023!**

Local Scholarships: Pork Producers, Sheep Club, Swine Club, Milk Producers, Beef Club, Beef Club Continuing Education, Hampton Memorial Livestock Scholarship, Hampton Cascade Scholarship, Master Gardeners Scholarship

## 2023 Clover Craziiness

Clover Craziiness is STARTING THIS WEEK! We are beginning our match-ups to see who will be crowned the 2023 Clover Craziiness Champion! Clover Craziiness is our version of "March Madness". Each project is represented and all vie for the title of Clover Craziiness Champion!



Can anyone surpass Fashion Revue, or will they take the championship for the 5th year in a row???

**CHECK OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR VOTING!**



## 4-H T-SHIRTS

Jr. Leaders have taken over the Hendricks County 4-H T-shirts for 2023! This will be a fundraiser for Jr. Leaders to help them with community service projects, scholarships, and their completion trip.

There will be four options:

- **T-shirts - Heather Grey and Sapphire Blue.** Available in Youth sizes S-L and Adult sizes S-4XL. Cost: \$10 (plus a \$2 upcharge for sizes 2XL and up).
- **Long Sleeve T-shirts - Charcoal Gray.** Available in Youth sizes S-L and Adult sizes S-4XL. Cost: \$15 (plus a \$2 upcharge for sizes 2XL and up).
- **Hoodie Sweatshirts - Dark Heather Grey.** Available in Adult sizes S-4XL. Cost: \$25 (plus a \$2 upcharge for sizes 2XL and up).
- **Full-zip Sweatshirts - Dark Heather Grey.** Available in Adult sizes S-4XL. Cost: \$30 (plus a \$2 upcharge for sizes 2XL and up).



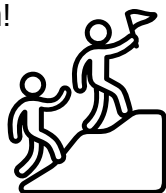
Link to order is: [Hendricks4H.spiritsale.com](https://Hendricks4H.spiritsale.com) (Or scan the QR Code)

Orders due by: **March 17th**

# CLUB INFORMATION

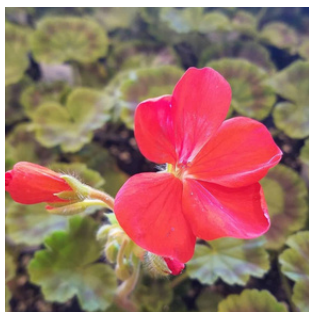
## Club and Project Leaders Needed!

Are you interested in helping with a 4-H Club or leading 4-H project workshops throughout the year? We have numerous clubs and projects that need additional adult volunteer help! Needs range from club leaders to co-leaders to extra sets of hands to help with meetings and workshops. Contact the Extension Office for more information!



## 4-H FLOWER SALE

DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR FLOWER ORDERS!! This is the single largest fundraiser for the Hendricks County 4-H Program! Red and Hot Pink Seed Geraniums are \$2.00 each and Purple and White Petunias are \$5 each. **Please give your total flower count to your club leader by March 17th!**



Pick up is the first week of May and determined by your club leader!

See the attached flyer for more info!



## Mini 4-H

The next Mini 4-H meeting is:

**March 16th at 6:30 p.m. at The WELL CENTER in Brownsburg**

Additional details and information will be sent via email about this meeting since it is NOT at the fairgrounds!

The theme for this meeting is **Career Exploration** which means all of our activities will explore different career areas!

Our **service project** this month will be to bring in **bags of mini-sized candy** to donate to the Well Center for their Special Egg Event in April (an event for children with disabilities).

We look forward to having you!

Mark your calendar for the next couple meetings as well:

- **April 18th - 6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
\*At the Hendricks County Fairgrounds  
Theme: Civic Engagement & Agriculture
- **May 8th - 6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
\*At the Hendricks County Fairgrounds  
Theme: Healthy Living



# CLUB AUDITS AND YEARLY FINANCIAL REVIEW

## Club Audits Coming!

Per state 4-H guidelines, we are to conduct club financial reviews/audits of 20% of our clubs on an annual basis. These audits will take place in early spring. Below is a list of clubs that will be reviewed this year:

- Bull Dog Clovers
- Center Stage 4-Hers
- Gifted 4-Hers
- Working Wonders
- Lucky Clovers
- Clever Clovers
- Beef Club
- Bridle Bunch
- Shooting Sports
- Sheep Club
- Swine Club
- Dog Club



Additionally, ALL clubs must submit a financial overview annually in addition to filing an IRS 990 form. **Club leaders should check their mail and email for additional information coming soon.**

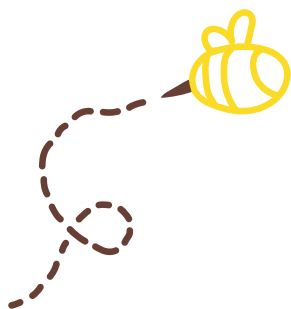
## VOLUNTEER & BOARD INFORMATION

### AWARD SPONSORSHIPS

If you are looking to sponsor an award for the 2023 Hendricks County 4-H Fair, please contact

Steve Patterson for more information!

[SPatterson@4hcomplex.org](mailto:SPatterson@4hcomplex.org)



### BLESSING BOX

We are always looking for volunteers to help keep our blessing box filled!

We are looking for clubs and groups to help us stock our box. Below is a link to sign up for a 2 week slot where you would be responsible for filling the box. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please contact the office if you have any questions:

<https://bit.ly/BlessingBox2023>



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Trip Apps, Flower Orders, & T-shirt Orders Due!

March 17

Spring Break Programs

March 28-31

Details on page 03!

Livestock Tag-in

May 9 and 10

More details coming

# LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

## 4-H LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM UPDATE

In previous years, livestock members were required to participate in a Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training - with the exceptions of Horse & Pony, Llama/Alpaca, Cat, Dog, and Little Critters. This year, a livestock quality assurance program is still required, but there are two options now.

**Option 1:** In person training of the NEW Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program. Cost is \$3. We have several trainings set for Hendricks County and will share surrounding County options as well.

**Option 2:** Online training through YQCA. Cost is \$12. Or there is a test out option for an additional fee. Link for YQCA is: [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org)

*You DO NOT have to complete BOTH! ONLY ONE* is required. You can pick the best option for you. Additional information will be sent out to all of the members in the projects for which a quality assurance training is required.

Both of these are also the options available for participating in the Indiana State Fair livestock shows for the designated species.

Dates for the in person Hendricks County trainings are currently:

- April 25; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- May 23; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- June 12; Fairgrounds @ 10 a.m.
- June 12; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.

More information on how to participate in this program coming soon!



# REMINDER FOR TAG-IN

If you plan on showing **beef, dairy beef, goats, or sheep**, make sure you have your calendars marked for **May 9 and 10 for tag in days!**

All sheep, goat, and cattle needing tagged will be done at the same time. This is different than in the past. This will allow those with multiple species to come all at once instead of having to come two days.

Additional information and details about tag in will be sent to you later this month.

**IMPORTANT!**

## GROOMING ASSISTANCE

Are you an adult wanting to groom in the Hendricks County 4-H Program? Applications will be coming out soon. Keep a look out for those and be sure to get them in before the deadline!



## **RULE CLARIFICATION**

There has been an update to a Rabbit Rule due to an error made in printing. All Rabbit members should have received an email and a letter will be arriving soon in the mail clarifying the correction.

Additionally, the online handbook has been updated. We apologize for any confusion this caused. Thank you for your patience.

## RT2 Book of the Month

March's Featured Book: Chicks and Salsa by Aaron Reynolds. Read about some fun-loving farm animals that are tired of eating regular feed. Join this festive group as they learn how to cook up a storm!

To become a member of the RT2 Book Club, call the Hendricks County Extension Office at 317-745-9260.



## Where Does Your Money Go

**With increasing costs for necessary expenses, learn how you can stretch your paycheck and make your money go further.**

March 28 & 29, 2023  
11:00 am - Noon | FREE

Presented by: Beth Switzer, MS, RDN  
Purdue Extension- Hendricks County  
1900 E Main St, Danville 46122

**Register by March 24th here:**  
<https://hendricksco4h.com/WDYMG2023>  
or by calling 317-745-9260



## Food Handler Course

This program focuses on key aspects including basic food safety, personal hygiene, cross-contamination and allergens, time and temperature, and cleaning and sanitation. This course fulfills the food safety training requirements mandated for home-based vendors in the state of Indiana.

Cost: \$40

When: April 11, 2023 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Registration: Due by March 27, 2023 at 4:00 pm – register and pay online only

<https://cvent.me/g1YxMo>



## Dining with Diabetes

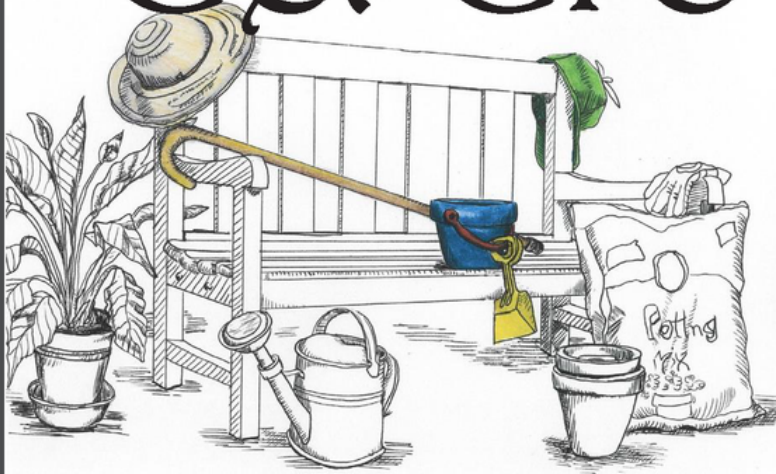
“Dining with Diabetes” is a program for individuals with diabetes, those at risk for diabetes and caregivers of those with diabetes. While diabetes is a serious condition, it can be managed through lifestyle changes and medication to help lower the risk of complications. Lifestyle changes can also prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes. The “Dining with Diabetes” program is a positive and proactive approach in reducing the effects of diabetes.

Cost: \$40.00

When: (4 session program) April 24, 25 and May 2 & 4 from 11am-12pm  
Registration: Due by April 14, 2023 at 4:00 pm – register and pay online only at <https://cvent.me/Yw4AIY>



# Get Growing!



**Get Expert Advice From:**  
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**OUR SPEAKERS:**

- 9:00 AM     Kathe Rae, "Container Gardening"
- 10:00 AM    Coletta Kosiba,  
"Watch out for jumping worms and  
spotted lanternfly!"
- 11:00 AM    Eloisa Garza, "Roses"
- 12:00 PM    Jackie Rosales, "Zinnias"

Children's Activities area will include games, crafts and education with a theme of *Plants and Pollinators*.

Comp'z Food Truck will serve fair favorites such as hamburgers, tacos, tenderloins, wraps and salads.

What:  
**Gardening for All Ages**

When:  
**April 29, 2022  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Where:  
**Hendricks County  
4-H Fairgrounds, in  
the Exposition Hall.**

(1900 E Main St. Danville IN)

Admission: **FREE**

**TAKE HOME:**

Free Trees • Free Seeds  
Free Purdue Publications

**SHOP FOR:**

Plants • Flowers • Tools  
Landscaping Items

**ENJOY:** Family Activities •  
Children's interactive garden  
activities • Food Truck Too!

This is a **FREE** Event produced by the  
Hendricks County Master Gardeners  
(HCMG)



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**MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM**

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For more information, visit [www.hendricksgardeners.com](http://www.hendricksgardeners.com)

# IMPORTANT 4-H DATES



## 4-H Youth Council

Monday, March 27th  
@ 7 p.m.



## 4-H Adult Leaders

NO MEETING THIS MONTH!

Look for a sign up to help  
with New Family  
Orientation in April!



## 4-H Fairboard

Monday, March 6th  
@ 7 p.m.



### Bad Weather Policy

NOTE: As the weather is constantly changing, we want you to know that SAFETY is the number one concern of Purdue Extension—Hendricks County and Hendricks County 4-H. Therefore, should inclement weather happen, please pay close attention to our website and social media accounts for cancellations. If schools have been canceled for the day, MOST LIKELY 4-H related events will be canceled as well for that day. When bad weather happens, please make sure that you only attend meetings where you are comfortable getting to and from the meetings. Again, we want you to stay SAFE while driving this winter!

## March and April Dates

March 6 - Fairboard Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.

March 27 - Youth Council Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.

March 28-31 - Spring Break Programs; Fairgrounds- Varies by program

April 3 - Fairboard Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.

April 5 - New Family Orientation; Fairgrounds- 6:30 p.m.

April 24 - Youth Council Meeting; Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.

## Club/Project Meetings in MARCH

- 1 - Gifted 4-Hers Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 6 - Beef Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 6 - Dog Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- 7 - Hippology Class; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 7 - 4-H Explorers Meeting; Plainfield Library @ 7 p.m.
- 8 - Swine Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 8 - Rabbit Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 9 - Discovery Club; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 9 - Amo Aces Meeting; Amo Community Bldg @ 7 p.m.
- 9 - Washington Winners Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 12 - Goat Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 4 p.m.
- 13 - Jr. Leaders Meeting; Brownsburg Bowling @ 6:30 p.m.
- 13 - Bridle Bunch Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 14 - Hippology Class; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 15 - Happy Farmers Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.
- 16 - Mini 4-H Meeting; The WELL Center @ 6:30 p.m.
- 16 - Robotics Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- 20 - Gifted 4-Hers Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 20 - Dog Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- 21 - Sheep Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 21 - 4-H Explorers Meeting; Avon Library @ 7 p.m.
- 23 - Llama/Alpaca Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- 23 - Rabbit Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.
- 27 - Dog Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- 31- Shot Gun Safety Meeting; Brownsburg Conservation Club @ 6 p.m.

