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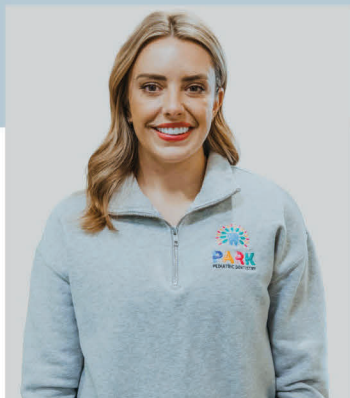
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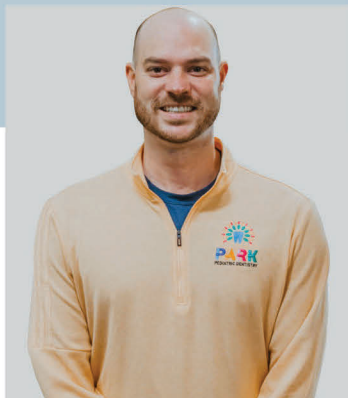


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# WELCOME TO THE FAIR!

There's nothing quite like fair time; the sounds, the smiles, the traditions, and the memories waiting to be made. Whether this is your first visit or a long-standing family tradition, we hope you slow down, explore something new, and experience everything our fair has to offer. We hope to see you at the 2026 Hendricks County 4-H Fair.

Use the following list as your guide, and we hope you'll join us in making this year unforgettable!



## 2026 FAIR BUCKET LIST:

- Watch a Grandstand Show.
- Visit the livestock barns.
- Try a new fair food.
- Learn something new about agriculture.
- Support a 4-H exhibitor.
- Ride the Ferris wheel.
- Check out the Open Class Exhibits.
- Check out the free entertainment.
- Spot a blue ribbon winner.
- Visit the commercial vendors.
- Take a family photo at your favorite fair spot.
- Stay for the lights at night.
- Find the oldest building or barn on the fairgrounds (hint: it is the newest structure on site but the oldest physical building).
- Watch a judging in the show arena.
- High-five a volunteer or fair board member.
- Try a classic fair treat like a lemonade shake-up or corn dog.
- Watch a tractor or equipment display.
- Find the pollinator or flower garden.
- Take a sunset photo at the fair.

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# WELCOME TO THE BEST 4-H FAIR IN THE STATE

Hello and welcome to the 2026 Hendricks County 4-H Fair Guide. The theme of this year's 4-H Fair is Stars, Stripes, and County Fair Nights!

I learned of 4-H after moving to Indiana but was not fully aware of its impact on our kids and communities until becoming involved with The Republican newspaper about six years ago.

If you have not had much experience with 4-H and what it has to offer, this guide will give you an idea. If you have never been to a 4-H county fair, this one will spoil you. The Hendricks County 4-H program and facilities are arguably one of the best in Indiana.

In this guide, you'll find a bucket list created by the staff and board members of your local Hendricks County 4-H chapter. If you take the time to check all the boxes in the bucket list, you will have experienced a wide variety of what a 4-H fair has to offer.

If you choose to join 4-H, you will quickly find a family and goal oriented program designed to teach kids how to become productive, responsible, and caring adults. This occurs while making lifelong friends and memories.

Take a minute and look through this guide, ideally, with a potential 4-H kid. Look for what interests them. From robots and rockets to sewing and baking. From watermelon eating to watermelon seed spitting. From A to Z, there is something for everyone.

Now, take a look at all the exciting and new events coming to this year's 4-H Fair. Get your pen or phone out and make notes on the events you want to attend. Keep an eye out for money-saving coupons that can be used to make your experience a little more affordable.

Be sure to stop by The Republican tent in the middle of the promenade to say "Hi" and maybe get your picture in the newspaper. Happy Birthday, America! And remember, Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

See you in July.

## **Jerry Vornholt**

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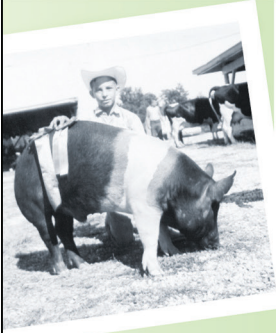
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Hendricks County 4-H

# Fair Guide

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- Fireworks
- Balloon Glow
- Live Music
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# Volunteers

## *The Heart of the Hendricks County Fair*

Every summer, the Hendricks County Fair comes alive thanks to our dedicated volunteers. From helping in the Expo Hall with 4-H projects to welcoming guests at Grandstand events, every shift makes the fair possible—and memorable.

Be part of the fun and make a difference in your community! Visit the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds website to learn more and sign up.

Our volunteers are the heart of the fair, turning tradition into an unforgettable celebration for everyone.

To become a volunteer, scan this QR code or visit us at [4hcomplex.org](https://4hcomplex.org)





***Own***

the moments  
that shape us.

At the Hendricks County 4-H Fair, bright futures take root and unforgettable memories are made. Every achievement is a reminder that growth doesn't just happen. It is built, nurtured and owned by each of us. Hendricks Regional Health is proud to serve as the exclusive healthcare partner for this cherished tradition. Together, with the people we are honored to serve, we're owning every opportunity to celebrate the spirit of becoming our best selves.

## A History of

# Carnival Fun

By Betty Bartley

Carnivals have long been a source of entertainment and childhood memories.

When 4-H clubs started having annual exhibits, carnivals became a fun addition for club members and the public.

In 1929, the 4-H and Agricultural Fair Association and the Danville Commercial Club hosted a three-day 4-H Round-up

the 4-H Exhibits needed a new location. East of town, the County Highway Garage had been leveled by a fire. Plans were drawn up for a new concrete block building, 120 ft. x 50 ft., for “4-H and storage” on the site. The first 4-H Fair took place there in 1951.

In 1956, the Commissioners leased 20 acres on county property east of the Highway



Peanuts! Hot Dogs! Popcorn! Ferris wheels and merry-go-rounds!” Just what every Danville youngster has been waiting for since last August, will be here next week. The carnival is organized by the local American Legion Post 118.” .

— *The Republican*, July 27, 1951



and Street Fair. In addition to the 4-H exhibits, it promised pet and doll parades, a Greased Pole Climb and “Clean Carnival Concessions.” The carnival was set up on the court house square and the 4-H exhibits at the school on South Washington Street.

The combination of 4-H and the carnival drew large crowds, which showed its success, but also had a downside for some of the merchants on the square whose sales began to slide down.

In 1951, the newly-founded Danville Chamber of Commerce committed to a plan to have the County Fair and 4-H organization and American Legion find another location than the public square. County Agent Harold Yarling said the 4-H leaders “did not approve of holding their displays in connection with a carnival.”

With a growing enrollment, it was agreed

Garage building and passed a one-time tax to erect 4-H buildings and maintain the new fairgrounds.

With more room than the town square to work with, the fair was moved to the new fairgrounds in 1956. A carnival became part of the new program. When the 4-H Fair moved to its present location in 2006, a larger area was devoted to a traditional traveling carnival.

The American Legion continued its carnival on the square until 1984, when the Danville Town Board announced it would be the last year for the tradition.

Today, the Hendricks County 4-H Fair continues the carnival tradition of memory-making, as a generation raised on virtual reality can experience the magic of “Peanuts! Hot Dogs! Popcorn! Ferris wheels and merry-go-rounds!”



TOP: Carnival area of the 1966 Hendricks County 4-H Fair.

RIGHT: 1939 poster advertising the Hendricks County 4-H Round-up and Street Fair.

BELOW: Vintage image of Ferris wheel.



HENDRICKS 4-H  COUNTY CLUBS

# Round-up!

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## STREET FAIR

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## DANVILLE

### August 17, 18, 19

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- Exhibits
- Farm Produce Shows
- Horse Show
- Clean Carnival Concessions
- Greased Pole Climb

- Displays
- Flower Show
- Don't Miss the Stratosphere Man
- Pet and Doll Parades

- Band Concerts
- Breath-taking Free Acts
- Kiddy Contests
- Don't Miss the Stratosphere Man
- Horse Pulling Contests

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**\$500 Cash Prizes to Exhibitors**

Sponsored by Hendricks County 4-H and Agricultural Fair Association and the Danville Commercial Club.



# 4-H Café

The Keystone Cooperative 4-H Café is proudly operated through a collaborative partnership between the Hendricks County 4-H Jr. Leaders, Hendricks County Pork Producers, Hendricks County Beef Cattle Association, Hendricks County Dairy Producers, and the Hendricks County 4-H Fairboard. Together, these five organizations work to serve a variety of delicious food items throughout the Hendricks County 4-H Fair.

Fairgoers can enjoy a creamy milkshake, a juicy beef ribeye sandwich, a cheesy grilled

cheese, or a flavorful pork burger—just to name a few favorites. The Hendricks County 4-H Jr. Leaders play an important role in the café's success, volunteering as cashiers and servers to ensure every guest has a positive and welcoming experience. Supporting the 4-H Café helps fund trips, scholarships, and other 4-H development projects.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Keystone Cooperative for their generous sponsorship and continued support of the Hendricks County 4-H program.

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The fun starts at 7:30 p.m. with line dance lessons, perfect for beginners and seasoned dancers alike. Whether you're a two-step pro or ready to learn your first do-si-do, this is your night to kick up some dust and dance to the tunes spun by our DJ.

Come for the music, stay for the memories, and let's fill the floor!

**VETERANS & MILITARY**  
**APPRECIATION DAY**  
**MONDAY, JULY 20**

A-ten-shun!

Join us at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair for a special celebration honoring our Veterans and Military Monday Appreciation Day on Monday, July 20, 2026!

The day will kick off at noon with colors being posted and a ceremony at the Free Stage.

The four American Legion posts of Hendricks County will host vendor booths featuring military memorabilia and information in the Hendricks Power Expo Hall. Representatives

will be available to visit with fairgoers and share more about their service and community involvement.

The Hendricks County Historical Museum will host a table at the event and, beginning July 1, will showcase military artifacts from various eras in the Conference Center display cases throughout the month.

From 2–5 p.m., children of armed forces families can enjoy bounce houses, with additional activities.

Free admission to the fairgrounds will be provided to veterans and active military members with a valid military ID.

For more information, please contact [director@4hcomplex.org](mailto:director@4hcomplex.org).

**ABE LINCOLN**  
**SUNDAY 2-6 PM**  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY 5-8 PM**  
**SATURDAY 2-6 PM**

Danny Russel will bring this theatrical tour-de-force with his uncanny likeness to Honest Abe. The 16th president will work the crowds, answer questions, pose for photos as requested, and hand out candy to youngsters.

## VENDORS

Would you like to join a vendor space at the 2026 Hendricks County 4-H Fair? We have indoor and outdoor spaces available for you to showcase your business or sell items at a booth. Scan the QR code for more information and for exhibitor contracts.



## FAIR TICKET INFORMATION

Plan ahead for the 2026 Hendricks County 4-H Fair taking place July 19-25, 2026! Grab your tickets early and save!

Now until June 30, 2026 .....	\$3 per person
July 1, 2026-July 18, 2026 .....	\$4 per person
After July 18, 2026 .....	\$5 per person



# 1 FREE ADMISSION

This coupon is good for one (1) FREE admission to the 2026 Hendricks County 4-H Fair when you buy one ticket at regular price.

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# Events & Activities

Celebrate 250 years of American spirit at The Hendricks County 4-H Fair with “Stars, Stripes, and County Fair Nights!” This year’s guide highlights a spectacular lineup of activities. Be sure to check out the exhibits, the grandstand thrill shows, the dazzling carnival, and the livestock competitions! The creativity, dedication and hard work of our 4-H members will impress you.

## CARNIVAL

Get ready for thrills, laughter, and classic fair fun at the award-winning Drew Exposition Carnival. See page 17.

## FREE ENTERTAINMENT

There’s excitement around every corner. Chainsaw carving, shows, Laser Tag, scavenger hunts, trivia, and more. All for FREE! Page 18.

## FLEECE PERFORMANCE GRANDSTANDS

Experience the raw power of events showcased at the grandstands this year and the popular Demolition Derby! See page 22.

## EVENTS & CONTESTS

There’s something for everyone during Fair Week! You’ll find contests and events for every interest. See page 34.

\*DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

For a complete list of events and activities visit the **Hendricks County 4-H Fair website**.



# CARNIVAL JULY 20-25



## CARNIVAL HOURS

MON-FRI 5-10pm (\$25)

SATURDAY 1-10pm (\$30)

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CARNIVAL

For an up-to-date listing visit [4hcomplex.org](http://4hcomplex.org).



**Yes, you heard that right, free!** Other than a small entry fee to the fairgrounds, there is a lot to see and do for free at this year's 4-H Fair. See the best **chainsaw carving** in the midwest, enjoy watching our canine friends at the amazing **dog shows**, feel the excitement of the **aerial trapeze and thrill shows**, have fun chasing your friends around playing **laser tag**, get an idea of frontier life with demonstrations at the **Pioneer Village**, challenge your friends to a **scavenger hunt**, and test your knowledge with **trivia** on the Promenade. **All for FREE!**

## FREE ENTERTAINMENT | JULY 19-25



### AG EXPERIENCE **FREE**

**DAILY: 10 AM-8 PM**

*Presented by Friends of Danville FFA*

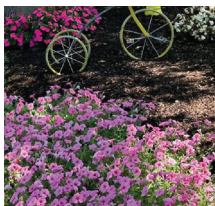
You won't want to miss the hands-on Ag Experience with live agriculture animals, interactive displays and education. Learn more about how agriculture impacts your daily life in the five disciplines of Fuel, Food, Fiber, Pharmacy and Future. Located in the historic Cartlidge Barn.



### BEAR HOLLOW WOOD CARVING DEMONSTRATIONS **FREE**

**SUN-WED: 11 AM, 2:30 PM, 5 PM & 7:30 PM**

Watch the talented Bear Hollow Wood Carving demonstrations daily on the Hendricks Regional Health Promenade from Sunday through Wednesday. These works of art will be included in a silent auction once they are completed.



### DEMONSTRATION GARDEN **FREE**

**SUN-FRI: 12-8 PM • SAT 12-5 PM**

Volunteers will be present daily in the beautiful Master Gardener Demo Garden. This interactive garden is designed to inspire, educate, and showcase the best in gardening techniques, plant varieties, and landscape design.

Master Gardeners can also be found in the Hendricks Power Expo Hall.



### FIRST BITE FISHING **FREE**

**SUN-SAT**

*Presented by Hendricks County Bank and Trust*

First Bite Fishing Tanks is exciting fun for families and kids of all ages. Simply observe the fish in the tank or try your hand at catching the fish with fishing instructors.

[firstbitefishing.com](http://firstbitefishing.com)



### PATRIOT GAMES LASER TAG **FREE**

**SUN: 1-9 PM • M-TH 4-9 PM • F-SAT 12-9 PM**

*Presented by Hawkeye Storage*

You won't want to miss Patriot Games Laser Tag at the Hendricks County Fair. This free family-friendly activity is sure to provide action-packed fun!



### CENTRAL K9 PERFORMANCE DOGS **FREE**

**SUN-SAT 4:30 PM • 6:30 PM & 8:30 PM**

Meet the high-energy stars of the Central K9 Performance Team! This talented pack has earned titles at world-class events. Teaming up with trainer Jessica Edgerly, these incredible dogs have performed at the highest levels of competition. Even more impressive? Several are certified therapy dogs, visiting hospitals and schools while still competing at elite levels. Their shows are fast-paced, action-packed, and full of jaw-dropping tricks guaranteed to delight audiences of all ages!



### THE FLYING CORTES **FREE**

**SUN-WED: 6 PM & 8 PM • TH-SAT: 4 PM, 6 PM & 8 PM**

Get ready to look up and hold your breath! The Flying Cortes are a multi-generation family of high-flying aerialists who've dazzled audiences with legendary productions like Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, The Big Apple Circus, and Circus Flora. This is aerial trapeze at its most thrilling—so don't miss your chance to see these gravity-defying stars soar!



### PIONEER VILLAGE **FREE**

**DAILY DEMOS: 5-8 PM**

*Presented by Hendricks County Antique Tractor and Machinery Association*

Don't miss Pioneer Village at the Hendricks County Fair, a step back in time you won't want to skip! Explore a collection of antique tractors, wind your way through the straw maze, and catch live blacksmith and small engine demonstrations. Demos run daily from 5–8 p.m., but there's plenty to see and experience all day long!



### ONE MAN BAND-MARC DOBSON **FREE**

**DAILY ALL DAY**

The One Man Band, Marc Dobson, puts on an inspiring performance playing self-created instruments. Marc is a lifelong musician and entertainer covering the 60's through to today with a mix of rock, country, pop and more. Find him roaming daily with no set show or time.

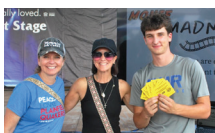


### SCAVENGER HUNT **FREE**

**DAILY ALL DAY**

Get ready to explore the fairgrounds in a whole new way! As you enjoy Stars, Stripes & County Fair Nights — Celebrating 250 Years of America, keep an eye out for special scavenger hunt signs hidden around the fair each day. From patriotic symbols to classic fair favorites, every stop is a chance to discover something new.

Find the daily locations, write down what you see, and turn in your completed sheet for a chance to win prizes. It's a fun adventure for all ages; so grab your friends and family and start hunting! Daily papers can be found on the north end of the promenade or in the NSSB Office.



### TRIVIA **FREE**

**DAILY 5 PM**

Trivia will take place daily at 5:00 p.m. at the free stage. Participate for your chance to test your knowledge and win fair bucks while having fun!



### THE MAGIC OF LANCE GIFFORD & COMPANY **FREE**

**MON-FRI 7 & 9 PM**

Plainfield Equipment Field

Award-winning entertainer Lance Gifford brings a lifetime of showmanship to the fair with his spectacular large-scale illusion show. With more than three decades of experience, he has mastered the art of captivating audiences and delivering spellbinding performances packed with mystery, excitement, and unforgettable moments.



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& ANNUAL MEETING**

**Thursday, July 23, 11AM-7PM**

Join us at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair!  
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Safety Demonstrations | Balloon Animals  
Board of Directors Election

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**SUNDAY & MONDAY | JULY | 19 & 20**



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Fleece Performance Grandstands  
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**TUESDAY | JULY | 21**



**LAWN & GARDEN TRACTOR PULL • 7 PM FREE**

Fleece Performance Grandstands  
 Come see this competitive event where participants use modified hot rod garden tractors to pull a weighted sled. Watch the tractors rev their engines and compete for distance.

# THURSDAY & FRIDAY JULY 23 & 24



## RODEO • 7/23 & 24 7:30 PM

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Fleece Performance Grandstands

The rodeo returns for two action-packed evenings! Experience this classic American tradition as professional cowboys and cowgirls ride bucking broncos, rope steers, and race around barrels in heart-pounding competition. It's an exciting event full of thrills, laughter, and crowd-pleasing moments you won't want to miss!

**Tickets: EB \$10 / PS \$12 / GA \$15**

*For participant information, email: [jmarcia32@yahoo.com](mailto:jmarcia32@yahoo.com)*

# SATURDAY JULY 25



## DEMOLITION DERBY • 7 PM

*Presented by Robbie Willey*  
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**2026 4-H**

# Queen Contest

*Back row pictured L to R: 2025 contestants Maggie Moser, Little Miss; Sadie Mercurio, Queen's Court; Shelby Miller, Queen's Court; Hallie Phillips, Queen; Mary Van Ness, Runner Up; Olivia Gibson, Queen's Court; Christina Samuel, Miss Congeniality; Henry Pepper, Little Mister. Front Row: Sammy Manternach, Watermelon Eating Contest Winner.*

The Queen Contest, presented by Hendricks County Bank and Trust, is on June 28, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds Justin Dorsey Plumbing Hall.

This event is open to all Hendricks County 4-Hers who are 16 years of age or older

by June 1, 2026 or have completed 4-H in Hendricks County in their sophomore through senior years of high school or have not turned 20 by June 1, 2026. Sign-up at [4hcomplex.org](http://4hcomplex.org) by the May 15, 2026 deadline for your chance to wear the crown.

## HALLIE PHILIPS: 2025 QUEEN



After my senior year, I plan to attend Taylor University to study Sports Management. I am involved in school events and recently started an internship at NSSB. I enjoy golf, hosting Bible studies, being outdoors, and learning new hobbies.

I learned so much about myself from the Queen Contest, such as how to bring confidence into everyday life. I learned to communicate better with others, became more responsible, and grew in my appreciation for everything it takes to run a fair. I hope others will find skills they can use for not just the contest, but for the rest of their lives. This

contest allows all contestants to represent themselves in their own unique way. I was nervous about participating, but it was one of the best decisions I ever made!

Throughout the fair week, there were a lot of new experiences. I loved being able to watch all of my cousins from the show arena and hand them ribbons! I loved being able to talk with employees and appreciate all of the time and effort they put into the event. One of my favorite memories was during the 4-H roundup when the court got to participate in the activities!



Above L to R: 2025 Little Miss: Margaret "Maggie" Moser and 2025 Little Mister: Henry Pepper

## Hendricks County **Little Miss & Mister**

Children who are at least five years old and have not yet completed 3rd grade can register online at [4hcomplex.org](http://4hcomplex.org) for the Little Miss or Mister Contest. The event will be held before the Queen Contest on Sunday, June 28, 2026, at the Hendricks

County 4-H Fairgrounds in the Justin Dorsey Plumbing Hall. Pre-registration is required, and applications must be submitted by 4 p.m. on June 12. Scan the QR code for complete details and registration information.



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# Livestock

## SATURDAY, JULY 18

### DOG OBEDIENCE, SHOWMANSHIP & AGILITY SHOW

12 p.m. • NSSB Arena

## SUNDAY, JULY 19

### SR. HORSE & PONY WESTERN SHOW

8 a.m. • GreenCycle Arena

### 4-H MEAT GOAT SHOW

(Pygmy, Myotonic & Boer)

9 a.m. • NSSB Arena

### RABBIT AMBASSADOR

5 p.m. • Small Animal Pavilion

## MONDAY, JULY 20

### SR. HORSE & PONY ENGLISH & VERSATILITY SHOW

8 a.m. • GreenCycle Arena

### 4-H SHEEP SHOW

10 a.m. • NSSB Arena

### LLAMA/ALPACA SHOW

6:30 p.m. • GreenCycle Arena

## TUESDAY, JULY 21

### SENIOR CONTESTING

8 a.m. • GreenCycle Arena

### 4-H DAIRY GOAT SHOW

9 a.m. • NSSB Arena

### 4-H RABBIT SHOW

9 a.m. • Small Animal Pavilion

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

### 4-H DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

9 a.m. • NSSB Arena

### 4-H POULTRY/WATERFOWL/ PIGEON SHOW

9 a.m. • Small Animal Pavilion

### 4-H BEEF & DAIRY BEEF STEER SHOW

12 p.m. • GreenCycle Arena

### LITTLE CRITTERS SHOW

6 p.m. • Hendricks Power Expo Hall

### SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

6 p.m. • NSSB Arena

## THURSDAY, JULY 23

### JR. HORSE & PONY WESTERN/ENGLISH SHOW

9 a.m. • GreenCycle Arena

### 4-H SWINE SHOW

(Gilts and Barrows)

9 a.m. • NSSB Arena

### 4-H RABBIT AWARDS PRESENTATION

6 p.m. • Small Animal Pavilion

## FRIDAY, JULY 24

### INTERMEDIATE HORSE & PONY WESTERN/ENGLISH SHOW

9 a.m. • GreenCycle Arena

### 4-H BEEF GROOMING CONTEST

10 a.m. • NSSB Arena

## SATURDAY, JULY 25

### INTERMEDIATE & JR. CONTESTING AND INTERMEDIATE VERSATILITY

8 a.m. • GreenCycle Arena

### 4-H LLAMA COSTUMES & GAMES

10 a.m. • NSSB Arena

### GOAT OLYMPICS

11:30 a.m. • NSSB Arena

### 4-H CAT SHOW

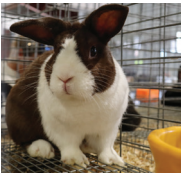
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### SUPREME OF SUPREMES CONTEST

2 p.m. • NSSB Arena

### 4-H SUPREME SHOWMAN CONTEST

5 p.m. • NSSB Arena



# What to bring to the Fair



## COMFORT & ESSENTIALS

- comfortable shoes
- sunscreen
- sunglasses
- hat or visor
- refillable water bottle
- umbrella? (We hope not!)



## FAIR FUN MUST-HAVES

- cash/card for food, rides, and vendors
- phone
- camera
- small backpack or crossbody bag
- hand sanitizer or wipes
- 2026 Fair Guide



## FAMILY FRIENDLY EXTRAS

- stroller or wagon
- snacks for little ones
- ear protection for young children at the grandstand
- meeting spot plan in case you get separated

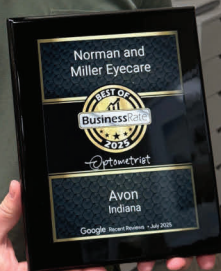


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Hendricks County, use the QR code to access the 2026 auction fund.  
Hendricks County 4-Hers use their super sale funds for anything from  
purchasing their next livestock to attending college.**





## SUNDAY | JULY 19

### CHOPPED CHALLENGE • 12:30 PM

Hendricks Power Expo Hall

Chopped Challenge is full of fun, but also raises awareness to the challenges some in our community face. Contestants will bring their cooking A-game, as they attempt to use a handful of low-cost ingredients those struggling with food insecurity may find in their own cupboards.

Bolster your team's ability to win the judges' votes with your monetary donations, simultaneously supporting our chosen charities. Register your team at [familypromisehendrickscounty.org](http://familypromisehendrickscounty.org)

Team Registration Deadline: July 1

Team Registration Fee: \$200

Preliminary Round: Starts at noon.

Finals Round: Starts at 4:30 p.m.

*Benefits Family Promise and Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition*



### CAR SHOW • 2-5 PM

Experience a true Indiana tradition with the Cluster Busters Hot Rod Club Car Show, delighting fairgoers since 1948! Bring the whole family to pick your favorites and cheer on the winners during the 5 p.m. awards ceremony. Think your ride has what it takes? Enter your car between 2 and 4 p.m. for a chance to take home top honors.



### KIDS DAY • 3-6 PM

Mark your calendar for Kids Day at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair! Enjoy a full day of family-friendly fun, including inflatables, a foam party, and so much more. It's the perfect opportunity to make lasting memories with the whole family!



### BAKED FRUIT PIE CONTEST • 3:30 PM

Show off your baking talents at Pioneer Village on Sunday, July 19, 2026, during the HCATMA-sponsored pie contest! Bring your homemade fruit pie with a baked crust and enter for a chance to impress the judges. Drop-off is from 2–3 p.m., and judging begins at 3:30 p.m. Please note: refrigeration is not available, and custard or cream pies cannot be accepted.



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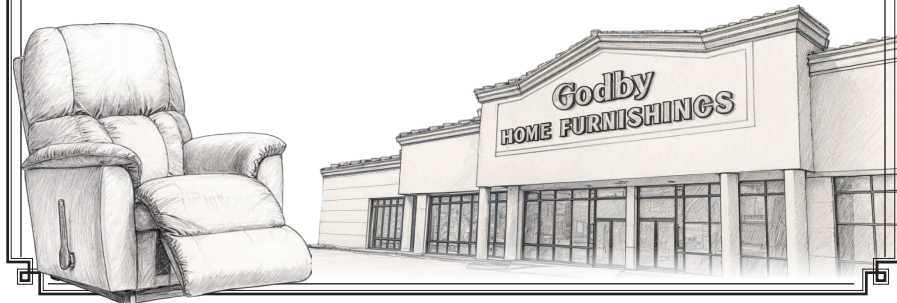
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## SUNDAY, JULY 19 (CONTINUED)

**HOT DOG EATING CONTEST • 5 PM**

The Hot Dog Eating Contest will be held at Pioneer Village, where competitors will battle it out to see who can eat the most hot dogs—buns included—in just five minutes! Contestants under 18 must have an application completed by a parent or guardian. All participants compete at their own risk and are responsible for any upset stomachs or injuries.

**PET PARADE • 5:30 PM**

*Presented by Hendricks County Farm Bureau*

The Pet Parade is open to any child from pre-school through 6th grade. Categories include Pet/Master Look Alike, Dynamic Duos, Best Groomed and Most Creative. Register on-site at 5 p.m. at the NSSB Arena!

All animals must be on a leash/lead or in a carrier.

**INDIANA GOSPEL MUSIC ASSOCIATION • 6-9 PM**

State Bank Entertainment Stage

Don't miss the 2026 Fair's incredible Gospel lineup, featuring IGMA artists Witness Quartet, Ginny Spillman, Victorious Trio, Revival Road Quartet, The Sinclairs, and Heavens Voice Quartet.

**KIDS PEDAL TRACTOR PULL • 7:30 PM**

*Sponsored by HCATMA*

The Kids Pedal Tractor Pull is back for more fun! Watch as young contestants pedal their hardest to win their class:

Class I: 0–40 lbs

Class II: 41–55 lbs

Class III: 56–70 lbs

Class IV: 71–85 lbs

Registration is at the Sponsor Pavilion on Sunday, July 19, 2026, starting at 6:30 p.m. The pull begins at 7:30 p.m.

# MONDAY JULY 20

**WATERMELON CONTEST • 7 PM**

North Salem State Bank Arena

The Watermelon Eating Contest is a crowd favorite for both participants and spectators! Rounds are divided by age: younger kids can use both hands, while older kids must eat their watermelon with their hands behind their back. Fun for all ages—everyone is welcome to join!

**VETERANS & MILITARY MONDAY APPRECIATION DAY**

Join us at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair for a special celebration honoring our Veterans and Military Monday Appreciation Day on Monday, July 20, 2026! Free admission to the fairgrounds will be provided to veterans and active military members with a valid military ID. *See page 14 for more information!*



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TUESDAY | JULY 21

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**YOUTH TALENT COMPETITION • 6:30 PM**

State Bank Entertainment Stage

Encourage your child or family member to show off their talents at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair! The winners of the Youth Talent Competition will be eligible for the Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Competition. For more information, visit [4hcomplex.org](http://4hcomplex.org).

Pre-registration ends on July 15, 2026 by 4 p.m.

**CHEERLEADING CONTEST • 7 PM**

GreenCycle Arena

Watch local youth cheer teams compete for the trophy in front of their fan base at the annual Cheerleading Contest! Entry is \$5.

WEDNESDAY | JULY 22

**DISABILITY INCLUSION DAY • 10 AM - 4 PM**

*Presented by Sycamore Services and Duke Energy*

People of all ages and abilities are invited to Disability Inclusion Day at the Fair! Enjoy a variety of activities, including a quiet sensory room, the Ag Experience, live entertainment, educational opportunities, and a sensory-friendly carnival.

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## WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 (CONTINUED)

**ADULT PEDAL TRACTOR PULL • 6:30 PM**

Sponsor Pavilion

The Adult Pedal Tractor Pull is a decades old fair tradition you won't want to miss! Think you've got what it takes? Sign up and pedal your way to victory at the Adult Tractor Pull! Cash prize, bragging rights, and tons of fun await!

**HENDRICKS COUNTY GOT TALENT • 7 PM**

State Bank Entertainment Stage

Get ready for Hendricks County Got Talent coming soon to the Hendricks County 4-H Fair! Pre-register by July 15, 2026 at 4 p.m. for your chance to perform on the big stage. First place wins \$500, second place takes \$200, and third place leaves with \$100! All ages are welcome to perform.

**HORSE PULL • 7:30 PM**

GreenCycle Arena

Come witness majestic draft horses from across the Midwest as they compete to see who can pull the heaviest weighted sled. It's a powerful and thrilling display you won't want to miss!

**HOT AIR BALLOON & TETHER RIDES**

Take in the views of one of Indiana's finest fairgrounds from the sky! These rides are weather dependent and will take place in the evening with the time to be determined.

## THURSDAY | JULY 23

**CELEBRITY GOAT MILKING CONTEST • 8 PM**

Local community leaders step into the spotlight to try their hand at milking goats. Usually with little to no experience, these contestants will leave you laughing as they fumble their way through this "udderly" hilarious event!

## FRIDAY | JULY 24

**TOUCH A TRUCK • 2-5 PM**

*Presented by Hendricks County Bank and Trust and Danville Chamber of Commerce*

The Touch-A-Truck event is a must-do on your fair bucket list. We'll have trucks of all shapes and sizes ready for hands-on fun. Finish your day by using your coupon for a free mini-milkshake at the 4-H Cafe.

*Touch-a-truck tickets are available at the HCBT booth near touch-a-truck. Good for 1 mini milkshake at the 4H Cafe. Valid July 24 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. only. Compliments of Hendricks County Bank and Trust.*



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## Town of Plainfield 2026 EVENTS



- Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>: Arbor Day | Echo Hollow Nature Park
- Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>: Cops & Bobbers with PPD | Echo Hollow Nature Park
- Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>: Public Safety Day | Al & Jan Barker Sports Complex
- Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>: Fourth of July Extravaganza | Hummel Park
- Saturday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>: Quaker Day Parade & Festival | Downtown Plainfield
- Saturday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>: Plainfield Sky Dance | Al & Jan Barker Sports Complex
- Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>: Back Your Badge Marathon | Start at Carlucci Recreation Center
- Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>: HC International Festival | Hobbs Station
- Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>: National Night Out with PPD | Hummel Park
- Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>: Sat-Terror Day Festival | Talon Stream Park
- Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>: Light Up Main Street | Bicentennial Plaza
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**BABY CONTEST- 10:00 A.M.**

Hendricks Power Expo Hall

No pre-registration is required. Just simply arrive and register at the Hendricks Power Expo Hall from 9-10 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2026 with the contest beginning at 10 a.m. Cost is \$10 to enter each baby in any one of the following categories:

**Twins:** 3 months-3 years

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The 2025 Supreme Showman contestants, left to right: Ariaeh Neier, Piper Crooks, Shelby Miller, Brinley Tennerly, Addyson Knotts, Jessica Andres and Olivia Eubank.

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# 2025 10-Year Members



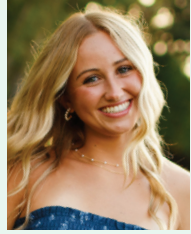
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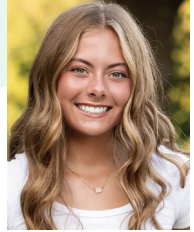
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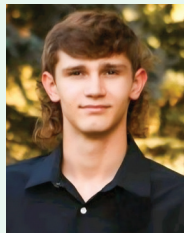
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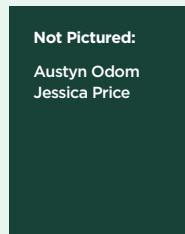
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To learn more about the class offerings, contact Jeff Pell at [jpell@purdue.edu](mailto:jpell@purdue.edu) or call 317-745-9260. Explore more about the Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program by visiting their website [purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener](http://purdue.edu/hla/sites/master-gardener).

## Hendricks County Master Gardeners

Throughout the year, Hendricks County Master Gardener volunteers lead educational events to engage those in the community that have a shared love for gardening.

**Gardening For All Ages** is a spring gardening show, held annually in April.

It's a great opportunity to ask Master Gardeners for gardening tips, collect free seeds and trees, and to be one step ahead in the growing season by attending education sessions. Join us this year on April 25, 2026!

**Adventures in Gardening (AIG)** takes place October 10 and features educational sessions, activities, and opportunities to ask Master Gardeners questions about readying your gardens for the upcoming seasons.

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# Extension Homemakers

## JULY 19-25: OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS

The Hendricks County Extension Homemakers sponsor the Hendricks County Home & Family Arts Open Class Show offering Hendricks County residents the opportunity to showcase their talents. Categories include Culinary, Fine Arts, Flower & Garden, Hobbies & Crafts, Needlecraft, Photography and Sewing. Pre-Entry deadline is July 16 and Judging takes place Saturday, July 25th.



## JULY 19: BAKED GOODS AUCTION • 6 PM

Baked items prepared for judging are auctioned off to raise funds to support the charitable endeavors of the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers throughout the year benefiting Hendricks County Residents.



## JULY 23: HOME AND FAMILY ARTS DAY

**Quilt Block Contest:** The entries for the Quilt Block Contest are formed into a beautiful piece to be raffled off the following year at the fair. Look for this year's piece in the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers Booth.



**Baking Contest:** This year's featured flavor for the baking contest is blueberry. Categories are Cakes, Candies, Cookies, Quick Breads, Yeast Breads, Pies and an "other" category for that unique item you like to make. Entries accepted from 12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Judging begins at 2 p.m.

**Junior Baking Contest:** This contest is offered for youth ages 9-12. The featured ingredient is blueberries, and the categories are Breakfast Item, Snack or Dessert. Entries are accepted from 11-11:30 a.m. with the contest starting at 11:45 a.m. The deadline to enter is Tuesday, July 8, 2026.



**Stop by the Hendricks County Extension Homemaker booth in the Hendricks Power Expo Hall and learn more about the multiple clubs meeting in various locations around the county!**

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# 4-Hers Say



## **Lyric Burgess**

*Graduated Senior from 2025*

4-H brought me many opportunities to work with diverse groups of people and helped me develop the skills of communication and leadership. These skills have definitely been put to use during my first year in college. I really enjoyed my time as a 4-H member!

## **Luke Preyss**

*Indiana 4-H Ambassador*

Being engineering-minded, 4-H has been my leadership toolbox. It hasn't just given me opportunities to learn about small engines but has taught me how to build confidence and fine-tune my leadership skills. With every experience, from public speaking and serving others to leading workshops, writing grants, and traveling to new places with new friends, 4-H has added another tool I'll carry for life. It continues to fuel my passion for learning, growth, and leading with purpose. The possibilities with 4-H are endless... just like the tools in my toolbox!



## **Piper Crooks**

*Current Senior*

4-H has shaped who I am by teaching me responsibility, leadership, and a deep respect for animals. Through years of livestock projects and roles such as Junior Leader, Fairboard representative, and camp director. I learned how proper animal care, time management, and decision-making go hand in hand. The mentors who once guided me inspired me to give back by teaching younger members both animal welfare and leadership skills. Those experiences continue to influence how I work with animals and lead others today.



# Highlights

## EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP

4-H is a nationwide, youth development organization that empowers young people to reach their full potential through hands-on learning and leadership opportunities. With a focus on the four pillars—Head, Heart, Hands, and Health—4-H helps youth develop critical thinking, emotional intelligence, and leadership skills while having fun and making a difference in their communities.

### 4-H OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES IN VARIOUS AREAS:

**Agriculture & Animal Science:** Youth can raise livestock, participate in agricultural fairs, and learn about sustainable farming practices.

**STEM:** 4-H encourages exploration in robotics, engineering, and environmental science through engaging, hands-on projects.

**Arts & Communication:** Members can participate in visual arts, photography, public speaking, and more.

**Leadership & Community Service:** 4-H develops leadership skills by involving youth in community-service projects and leadership roles.

**Healthy Living:** Programs focus on nutrition, fitness, and overall wellness.

# 4-H Projects

## MINI 4-H GRADES 1-2

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choose from:*

Arts and Crafts  
Bugs  
Collections  
Cookie Decorating  
Dinosaurs  
Farm Animals  
Foods  
Gardening  
Models  
Nature, Plants, and  
Trees  
Oceans  
Pets  
Sewing  
Showing Animals  
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Wildlife

## GRADES 3-12

Aerospace  
Animal Education  
Aquatic Science  
Arts and Crafts  
Astronomy  
ATV  
Beekeeping  
Bicycles  
Cake Decorating

Camping and Hiking  
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**Slogan:** Learn by Doing

**Motto:** To Make the Best Better

**Colors:** Green & White

**Logo:** The National 4-H Emblem is a four-leaf clover with the letter H in each leaf.

**Hendricks County 4-H Website:** [www.extension.purdue.edu/county/hendricks](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/county/hendricks)

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Heart to greater loyalty

Hands to larger service

Health to better living

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**4-H Member:** Anyone in grades 3-12 who participates in a local 4-H group or activity.

**Mini 4-H Member:** Anyone in grades 1-2 who participates in local Mini 4-H group or activity.

**4-H Club Leader:** A volunteer who is responsible for the organizational part of a 4-H Club.

**Jr. Leader:** A 4-H member who is in grades 7-12 and is willing to assume additional leadership and mentoring responsibilities within the 4-H Program. These youth typically meet once a month and engage in monthly community-service projects.

# 4-H FAQs

## *What do I need to be a member?*

To be an active 4-H member, simply complete your online registration after October 1 at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com), pay the associated fees, and complete your online profile! You do not have to exhibit at the 4-H Fair to be considered an active 4-H member. Attendance at club meetings, while recommended, is not required. 4-H members can attend a one-time workshop, participate in trips, or simply join to make new friends!

## *How do I know what projects to choose?*

There are over 70 projects you can complete! There is even a self determined category for any projects that may not fit into a predetermined category.

## *What do I need to exhibit at the 4-H Fair?*

To exhibit at the fair, 4-H members need to have completed their 4-H online profile after registration opens October 1. 4-H members will select the projects they are interested in on 4-H online. In June, the 4-H Fair Entry program will open. Members will log into 4-H Fair Entry through their 4Honline account and register for the projects they are bringing to the 4-H Fair.

## *Where can I go for help?*

If you have any questions, you can call the Extension Office at 317-745-9260 or email [hendrces@purdue.edu](mailto:hendrces@purdue.edu). Every year the handbook is published online and contains all the project requirements as well as contact information for all project superintendents and club leaders. We are all here to help!

# Join Us for “Read, Taste, Touch” at the 4-H Fair!

Purdue Extension’s RT2 program invites young learners to explore books, healthy foods, and agriculture through hands-on activities! This FREE program is designed for Pre-K through 1st Grade and offers an engaging experience where children can **READ** a good book, **TASTE** healthy foods, **TOUCH** agriculture/animals.



## **EVENT DATES & TIMES:**

Monday, July 20 • 10 - 11:15 AM

Tuesday, July 21 • 10 - 11:15 AM

Friday, July 24 • 10 - 11:15 AM

## **Spots are limited! Register by June 30, 2026**

and sign up for each session your child will attend. We can't wait to learn, taste, and explore with you at the fair!

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