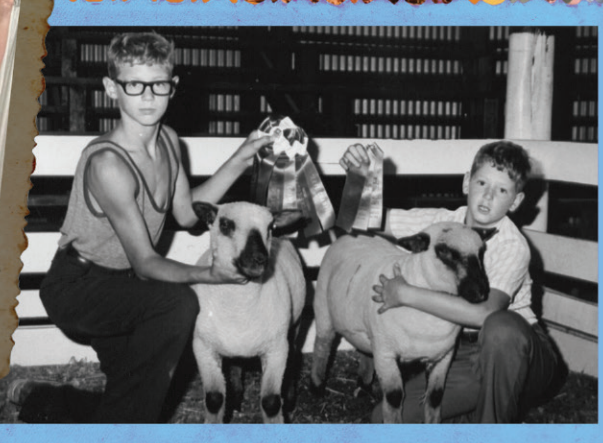
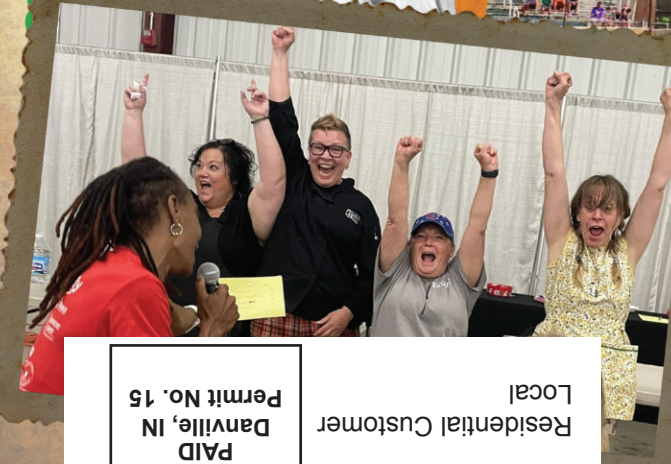


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Join us as this year's Queen is crowned on Sunday, June 30 at 7 p.m.



TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Bring the kids to enjoy a fun day exploring trucks of all shapes and sizes! Bring your coupon for a free mini-milkshake at the 4-H Cafe compliments of us!

Friday, July 19 from 2-5 p.m.



Touch-A-Truck Ticket

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Steve Patterson, Executive Director
 Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex



Best 4-H Fair memory?

My favorite memory is watching families and 4-Hers make their own memories. I love hearing the laughter throughout the venue from families enjoying events. Memories are logged each time a 4-H member exhibits a successful project or shows in an event. The unexpected can sometimes lead to the most memorable times of all, like if the weather, which we can't control, is unfavorable!

What is your favorite part of the 4-H Fair?

The best part of the 4-H Fair is working together with various groups (Board of Directors, businesses, sponsors, partners, 4-H families, clubs, volunteers, and staff) to create an experience for the entire community to enjoy.

What does the Hendricks County Bicentennial mean to our county and to the 4-H Fair?

It's important to celebrate the past, present and future! Reviewing the history of agriculture and the 4-H Fair in Hendricks County is an incredible opportunity. How things have changed through the years.

Jerry Vornholt, Publisher and Owner
 The Republican Newspaper



Best 4-H Fair memory?

My memories fall into two categories: before and after owning The Republican. Prior to my role as publisher, I loved the Midway rides and playing games of chance. However, 5 years ago my role changed from a fair-goer to a "fair-cov-erer!" Our editor, Betty, wasn't feeling well and I told her I would cover the goat judging. A woman from the crowd yelled, "Where's Betty's boy taking pictures for The Republican?" I felt like a 10-year old kid again. Lucky for me, that feeling remains whenever I'm at the 4-H Fair.

What is your favorite part of the 4-H Fair?

I love going each day as an observer. The 4-H Fair brings out happiness in people and it's so nice to see.

What does the Bicentennial mean to our county and to the 4-H Fair?

Whether you moved here last year or your ancestors settled here 200 years ago, the Bicentennial birthday of Hendricks County ties everyone together, just like the annual 4-H Fair. Experiencing our shared history brings diverse groups of people together in the place we all call home.

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THE 4-H COUNTY FAIR IN HENDRICKS COUNTY HISTORY

“Bring a Horse or a Flower”

By Betty Bartley
therepublican@sbcglobal.net

“This Organization is designed especially for the encouragement of the producing classes of the community... it is hoped that every citizen of the county will consider himself individually interested and that all will contribute towards making the approaching Fair what it should be.”
- Danville Advertiser, September 1852

On September 22, 1852, the newly formed Hendricks County Agricultural Society held the first County Fair on three acres of land located one mile west of Danville on Rockville Road, approximately where the entrance to the Danville Community High School is located. For 20 cents admission, the fair visitor could see on display “animals and articles of manufacture” representing the best the county had to offer.

The one-day event proved successful, and the following year improvements were made to the grounds and the fair was expanded into a three-day program that featured not only displays but crowd-pleasing events such as a ladies’ riding match.

Competition and entertainment were only one part of the County Fair; the sense of community it achieved was the real goal. The board of directors emphasized this aspect in a statement printed in 1871: “Its success is a matter that rests with the people of the county. If they will use their influence and attend, each bringing something, be it a horse or a flower, then indeed it will be a fair for social engagement.”

Annual county fairs were held at the western fair grounds until 1881 when the land was sold to settle the debts of the Agricultural Society. For the next 39 years, smaller agricultural fairs were held at different locations around the county.

In 1920, the county fair was re-established at Danville by the Hendricks County Fanciers Association, a conglomeration of livestock breeders. As the popularity of 4-H Clubs spread during the 1920’s and 1930’s, the emphasis of the fair changed from the established farmers to the future farmers. Exhibits by 4-H Club members became the focal point of the fair, along with the Open Class exhibition sponsored by the Extension Homemakers.

The re-established county fair was held on the town square in Danville, and later on the grounds of the Center Township School on South Washington Street, now the Government Center. In 1951, it was held on the grounds of the County Highway Garage on the east side of Danville on US 36.

In 1956, the county Commissioners signed a 99-year lease for part of the County Farm ground to be used as a permanent site of the county fair. Livestock barns and a show arena were built, and the fair once again had a home of its own.

The Hendricks County 4-H Fair was moved to its current location at 1900 E Main Street in Danville in 2006. This spacious complex houses numerous 4-H events, and a wide-variety of community events, conventions and meetings throughout the year. For more information, visit 4hcomplex.org.



Cattle being shown on the Courthouse lawn on the Danville Town Square.

Opening Day in 2005



Dean Turner, a former 4-H member and long time supporter of the 4-H Fair, reenacted a page in 4-H Fair history when he walked his grandson’s steer into the arena on opening day of the 2005 4-H Fair, the final year the fair was held at its previous location.

Turner recalled that in 1944 he would walk his four legged entry from his home outside of town limits down the streets of Danville to the 4-H Fair’s location at Center Township School on South Washington St., now the Hendricks County Government Center. Turner served as a member of the 4-H Fair Board for 36 years.

Ribbon Cutting in 2006



Members of the 4-H Fair Board participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony to launch the 2006 4-H Fair at its new location at 1900 E Main St in Danville.



RED, WHITE, BLUE & A HEALTHY YOU at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair

Hendricks Regional Health Daily Events | Sunday, July 14 – Saturday, July 20

SPONSOR DAY

Friday, July 19 | 2 P.M. - 6 P.M.

Join us in the Expo Hall as we celebrate the Hendricks County Bicentennial in true Americana style. Your wellness is our focus this year and every year. Collect all our custom healthy living cards to complete your set during this fun and interactive event.

FIRST AID AND MEDICAL COVERAGE

Sunday, July 14 - Saturday, July 20 | 10 A.M. - 10 P.M.

In collaboration with local EMS agencies, the Hendricks Regional Health Emergency Department will once again manage an on-site first aid clinic and patrol the fairgrounds on medical golf carts throughout the entire week of the fair to ensure visitors have a fun and safe experience. The first aid clinic will be located inside the air-conditioned Conference Center.

LACTATION STATION

Sunday, July 14 - Saturday, July 20 | 10 A.M. - 10 P.M.

Nursing mothers visiting the fair can enjoy the comfort of the Hendricks Regional Health Lactation Station inside the Conference Center. This free service offers privacy, water bottles and air conditioning so young families enjoy their fair outing.

COOL ZONE

Sunday, July 14 - Saturday, July 20 | 10 A.M. - 10 P.M.

Fairgoers will have access to complimentary Hendricks Regional Health misting fans along the promenade. Be sure to beat the heat this summer and enjoy the cool zone!

HENDRICKS REGIONAL HEALTH TENT ON THE PROMENADE

Sunday, July 14 - Saturday, July 20 | 2 P.M. - 8 P.M.

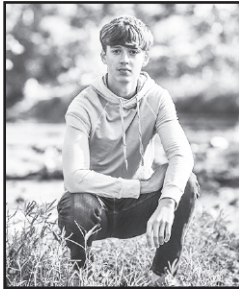
Play cornhole and create your own wellness kit with Hendricks Regional Health associates along the promenade. Be sure to grab some sunscreen, festive sandal charms and other summer favorites!



CONGRATULATIONS 10 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS!



* Addie Charles



Alden Phillips



Andrew Williams



Annie Grace Stephens



Asher Mercer



Ashley Webster



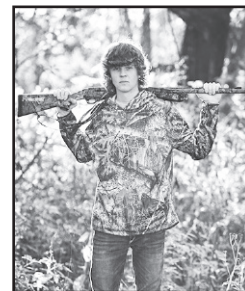
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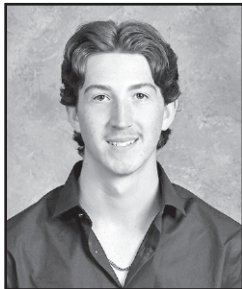
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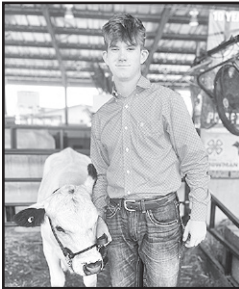
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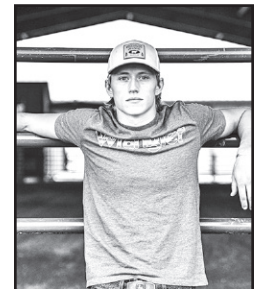
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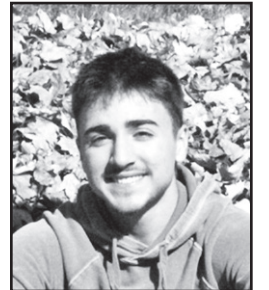
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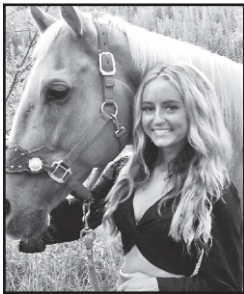


Kelly Wagner



Kyler Schmalz

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Kyndall Zunk



Layne Moyes



* Levi Rasberry



Lilly Armstrong



Logan Dottenwhy



* Lora Watson



Luke Borrousch



Makenna Himself



Mary VanNess



Meghan O'Brien



Melayna Bavetz



Mollie Henry



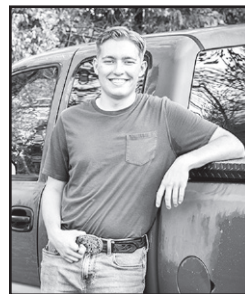
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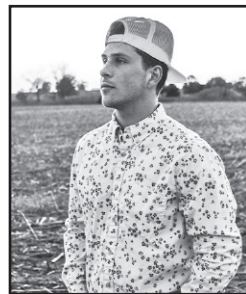
Morgan Spurlock



Morgan Waggoner



Nathan Milharcic



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* Olivia Ochs



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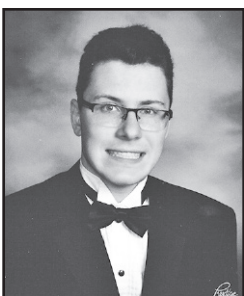
* Shelby McGhee



* Susanna Miskimen



* Sydney Ochs



Thomas Averitt



* Trent Yoder



Vanessa Brewer



* Zach Benter

10 Year Members Not Pictured:

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| Phillip Bourke | * Simon Nicely |
| Conrad Dean | James Perdeu |
| Trisha Hart | Mark Ruegsegger |
| Vanessa Louie | Andrew Wilson |
| Xane Neier | Danica Wiseman |

* Denotes 9-Year Final Year Members

Queen Contest

The 4-H Queen Contest is not a beauty pageant or talent show.

The contestants attend a series of workshops to prepare for the contest. Yes, they learn about makeup and poise on the stage, but they are also coached in communication and confidence.

The judges, who are not residents of Hendricks County, judge the contestants in business attire and evening gowns. The largest percentage of their score comes from their interview with the judges, where they have to show they have the knowledge and attitude to represent the Hendricks County 4-H Fair, not only during Fair week, but during the year they hold the title.

This year, the contest, presented by Hendricks County Bank & Trust, is on June 30 at 7 p.m. in the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds Justin Dorsey Plumbing Hall.

And Your 2024 4-H Fair Queen Contestants Are...



2023 4-H Fair Queen Kate Alsdorf is crowned by 2022 Queen Cameryn Rector.



Queen Kate takes a moment after being crowned to facetime family sharing a big smile and wave.



Addison Moore Anna Shearier Ariane Sims Breanna Hume



Cora Ross Elizabeth Hunt Graci O'Neal Kelly Wagner



Lexi Mercurio Lora Watson Mattie Flohr Melayna Bavetz



Olivia Shillings Rylee Smith Shelby McGhee Tessa Marr



Whitney Grace Smith



Carol Hitch Award

Each year the 4-H Queen Contest Committee presents a special award based on attendance at workshops, improvement in modeling, and helpfulness to other contestants. The award honors the memory of Carol Hitch, who was a long-time member of the Queen Committee.

2023 Carol Hitch Award Winner, Melayna Bavetz

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Daily Fun at the 4-H Fair!

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

7pm 4-H Queen Contest MAP 9

THURSDAY, JULY 11

7pm 4-H Fashion Revue MAP 9

SATURDAY, JULY 13

12pm 4-H Dog Obedience, Showmanship & Agility Show MAP 4

4pm Rocket Launch North 40 by Parking Lot

SUNDAY, JULY 14

Sponsored by: Plainfield Equipment

8am 4-H Horse & Pony (Senior Western/Contesting) MAP 2

8:30am Sunrise Service MAP 15

9am 4-H Goat Show (Pygmy, Myotonic & Boer) MAP 4

12pm Chopped Challenge Prelims MAP 14

Benefitting Family Promise & Hendricks County Food Pantries

1-3pm Mini 4-H Day at the 4-H Fair MAP 9

2pm Baked Fruit Pie (Entries Drop Off) MAP 15

2pm Little Miss & Mister Contest MAP 11

2-4pm Car Show Registration | Awards at 5:00pm MAP 17

3pm Bicentennial Cotillion Dance Lessons & Band MAP 9

2-4pm Birthday Celebration MAP 6

3pm Mini 4-H Rabbit Showmanship MAP 7

3-5pm 4-H Stem Activity MAP 9

3:30pm Baked Fruit Pie Contest Judging MAP 15

4:30pm Chopped Challenge Finals MAP 14

5pm 4-H Rabbit Ambassador Show MAP 7

5pm Hot Dog Eating Contest MAP 15

5pm Farm Bureau Pet Parade Registration MAP 4

5:30pm Tenure Award Announcement MAP 4

5:30pm Farm Bureau Pet Parade MAP 4

6:30pm Hendricks County Extension Homemakers MAP 14

Baked Goods Auction

7pm Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Registration MAP 6

Presented by HCAT&MA

7pm Dave Hatfield & Friends Band MAP 11

7:30pm Kids Pedal Tractor Pull MAP 6

MONDAY, JULY 15

Sponsored by: Hometown Insurance

9am 4-H Horse & Pony (Sr English/Versatility Comp) MAP 2

10am 4-H Sheep Show MAP 4

1-5pm 4-H Communications Contest MAP 14

4-8pm Wool Keepers Demonstration MAP 14

5:30pm Exploring the Garden with Master Gardeners MAP 16

6-9pm 4-H Robotics Demonstration MAP 14

7pm Watermelon Eating Contest MAP 4



TUESDAY, JULY 16

Sponsored by: Waste Management

9am 4-H Rabbit Show MAP 7

10am 4-H Dairy Goat Show MAP 4

5-8pm Career Pathways Fair MAP 14

Presented by Hendricks College Network

6pm Hendricks County Youth Talent Contest MAP 11

Presented by WYRZ

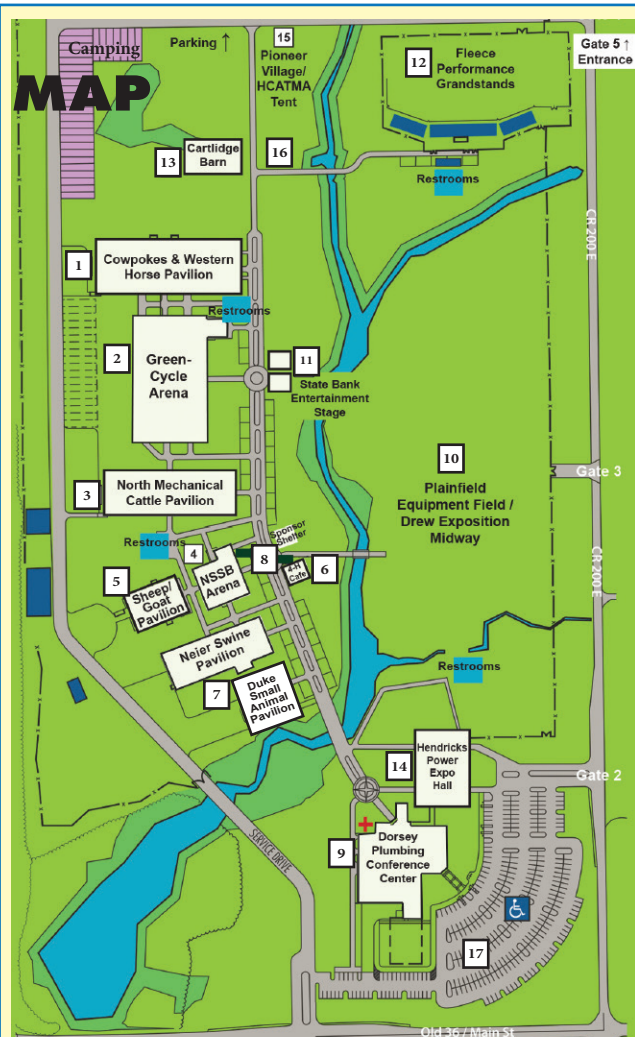
6pm Hot Air Balloon Tether Rides MAP 12

7pm Cheerleading Contest MAP 2

8pm Adult Pedal Pull MAP 6

8pm Hendricks County Got Talent Competition MAP 11

Presented by WYRZ



1. Cowpokes Work & Western Horse Pavilion
2. GreenCycle Arena
3. North Mechanical Cattle Pavilion
4. North Salem State Bank Arena/Office
5. Sheep/Goat Pavilion Presented by HC Horse Club
6. Keystone Cooperative 4-H Cafe' & Sponsor Pavilion
7. Neier Swine & Duke Energy Small Animal Pavilions
8. Hendricks Regional Health Promenade
9. Dorsey Plumbing Conference Center
10. Plainfield Equipment Field/Drew Exposition
11. State Bank Entertainment Stage
12. Fleece Performance Grandstands
13. Cartlidge Barn
14. Hendricks Power Expo Hall
15. Pioneer Village Area & HCAT&MA Tractor Tent
16. Master Gardener Demonstration Garden
17. Conference Center Parking Lot

See Daily Schedule, Grandstands, Free Entertainment, Carnival & 4-H Fair Festivities for more times & events! Events & times are subject to change.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Sponsored by: Sycamore Services

9am 4-H Bike Rodeo MAP 17

9am 4-H Dairy Show MAP 4

9am 4-H Poultry, Pigeon & Waterfowl Show MAP 7

10am-4pm Disability Inclusion Day MAP 9/14

Presented by Sycamore Services and Duke Energy

12pm 4-H Dairy Steer & Beef Show MAP 2

6pm 4-H Little Critters Show MAP 14

7:30pm Horse Pull MAP 2



THURSDAY, JULY 18

Sponsored by: Hendricks Power Cooperative

8am 4-H Swine Show (Gilts, Barrows, Showmanship) MAP 4

9am 4-H Horse & Pony (Jr & Inter Western Show) MAP 2

10am Junior Bakers Apple Contest (Classrooms B-C) MAP 9

12pm Home & Family Arts Apple Contest Check In MAP 9

2pm Home & Family Arts Apple Contest Judging MAP 9

2pm Home & Family Arts Quilt Block Contest MAP 9

Viewer's Choice Winners Announced

2pm High Voltage Safety Demonstration MAP 14

Presented by Hendricks Power Cooperative

3pm Silly Safari Animal Encounter MAP 11

Presented by Hendricks Power Cooperative

4pm Hendricks Power Coop EV Model on Display MAP 8

4-8pm Wool Keepers Demonstration MAP 14

4:30pm Silly Safari Animal Encounter MAP 11

Presented by Hendricks Power Cooperative

6pm 4-H Rabbit Awards Presentation MAP 7

6:30pm 4-H Llama & Alpaca Show MAP 2

7pm Truck & Tractor Pull MAP 12

8pm Celebrity Goat Milking Contest MAP 6



FRIDAY, JULY 19

Sponsored by: Hendricks Regional Health

9am 4-H Horse & Pony (Jr & Inter English Show & Intermediate Versatility) MAP 2

10am 4-H Beef Grooming Competition MAP 4

2-5pm Touch a Truck MAP 7

Presented by Hendricks County Bank & Trust & Danville Chamber of Commerce

2-6pm HRH "Red, White, Blue and a Healthy You" MAP 14

5:30pm 4-H Livestock Super Sale MAP 4

7pm Hendricks County K-9 Competition MAP 2

7:30pm Hendricks County 4-H Fair Championship Rodeo MAP 12

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Sponsored by: Electric Plus

8am 5K Run and Walk *Benefitting Family Promise* MAP 8

8am 4-H Horse & Pony (Inter & Jr Contesting) MAP 2

9am Livestock Skill-a-Thon MAP 9

9am 4-H Lawn & Garden & Ag Tractor Operators Competition MAP 9

9am-12pm All Ford Car Show Registration | Awards at 4pm MAP 17

Presented by Mustang Club of Indianapolis

10am 4-H Cat Show MAP 14

10am 4-H Llama & Alpaca Costumes & Games MAP 4

11:30am Goat Olympics MAP 4

2pm Fashion Show through the Ages MAP 14

2pm Mike Peters Memorial Supreme of the Supreme Showmanship Event MAP 4

3:30pm Baby Contest Registration MAP 14

4pm Baby Contest MAP 14

5pm 4-H Supreme Showmanship MAP 4

Presented by Hendricks County Bank & Trust Company

5:30pm Warrior Pro Wrestling Fair Fight MAP 2

7pm Demolition Derby MAP 12

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Sun 7pm

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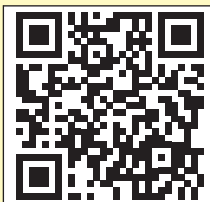
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4-H Livestock Super Sale

By Isabella Zarate

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The Hendricks County 4-H Super Sale Auction has been a key part of the 4-H Fair for many years.

The motion of steering your livestock around the pen and hoping someone in the stands is interested, or maybe wishing no one is, is a big part of many 4-Hers' experience.

"The auction is such a valuable part of the 4-H Fair because it helps round out the week and allows for members of the community to help the next generation for children in agriculture," said Makena Himsel, a 10-year 4-H member and former officer for the Hendricks County 4-H Beef Club.

For many 4-Hers, the 4-H Fair resembles a week of dedication, hard work, memories and pride. In the months leading up to the fair, those who show livestock spend countless hours tending to their animals, feeding, walking and washing. Hours are spent in the barn, in the chilly winter air and under the hot sweltering sun. Hours are spent caring for and developing a bond between showman and livestock.

Then fair Friday rolls around, otherwise known as auction day. Livestock are lined up with their showman like dogs at a dog show, preparing to be paraded around, for maybe the last time.

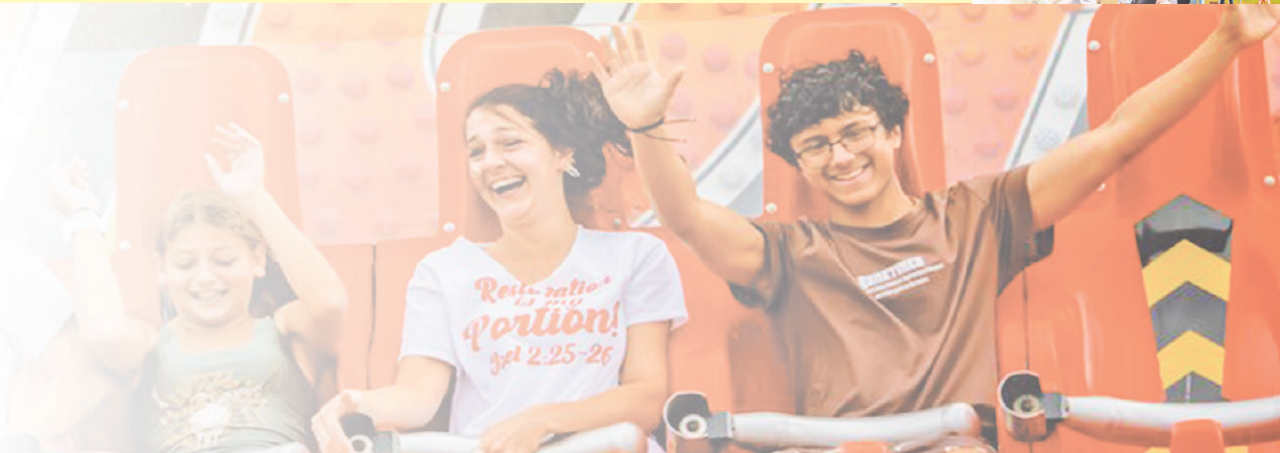
After years in the rings many of the kids get used to what comes next, bids are placed and the highest bet rolls in, their precious pet pig gets loaded onto a truck never to be seen again.

The older kids are better at this, more seasoned to the less than bittersweet goodbyes, according to longtime Fairboard member, Tim Whicker. The younger kids, not so much.

"You see 10 year-old Susie has her. . . 4-H pig. She's raised it all summer. She's sat in the pen with it and she's walked this thing all year," he said setting the scene.

"Their pet Wilbur pig. . . and dad says it's going to market we're not taking this home. This is what happens. And of course they're bawling their eyes out taking it all the way to the truck. And you know mom's crying, dad might be crying. . . and then they get to the truck and it's that life lesson that this is just the circle of life."

This year's 4-H Supersale will take place on Friday, July 19th, at 5:30pm in the NSSB Arena.



THANK YOU TO THE 2023 SUPPORTERS!!

The 4-H Livestock Super Sale is a way for donors to recognize the collected hard work and effort from 4-Hers throughout the year. 4-H participants benefit greatly through financial support and donations. The 2024 Livestock Auction will be July 19, 2024.

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4-H Fair Food Tradition: The Keystone Cooperative 4-H Cafe

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Sizzle. Whir. Ding! These are just a few of the sounds visitors to the Keystone Cooperative 4-H Cafe will hear this summer.

The sizzle of the pork burgers, ribeyes, and hot dogs taken fresh off the grill from a member of the Hendricks County Beef and Pork Producers, no matter the weather.

The whir of the shake machine, providing 4-H Fair-goers a cool treat on a hot day. The ding of the cash register as a Junior Leader returns your change with a smile.

The Keystone Cooperative 4-H Cafe isn't just about tantalizing food. It's all about giving. The profits are split between Hendricks County 4-H Junior Leaders, Hendricks County Beef Cattle Association, Hendricks County Dairy Producers, and Hendricks County Pork Producers to support trips, scholarships, and other developmental projects. Even local churches and sports organizations can volunteer to make money.

Tonya Weiss, Cafe Manager, former 10-year member, and mother of three 10-year members, says that despite working long hours, the 4-H Fair remains her favorite week of the year. Between shifts, Weiss, a science teacher at Tri-West High School, is able to watch her students show animals or view their projects.

She also loves the camaraderie among the volunteers, working together to provide delicious food, a quintessential 4-H Fair experience. Sharing their years of participation like badges of honor, stories of fairs past are often discussed during slower moments.

When asked about ideal food choices from the cafe, Weiss says, "With July temperatures and humidity, many don't want a heavy meal. What better thing to do than go to the cafe for a fresh grilled cheese (where you get to pick the bread and cheese) and relax with a milkshake. Then in the evening, when it cools down, grab a pork burger, ribeye, or try a BBQ sandwich. And if you are really hungry you can get the 'Ultimate' which gets you a taste of a couple of them."

And for those that look for a side of adventure with their fair food, Weiss suggests trying the goat burger, served on the day that goats are shown.

Hours of operation are Sunday, July 14 - Friday, July 19 from 10 a.m.- 10 p.m. and Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.



Hungry 4-H Fair-goers enjoy tasty treats at the 4-H Cafe.

Catering to the Needs of 4-H Fair-Goers: What's Cooking Cafe

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It's 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Fair and your family of 5 is hungry. Your eldest claims to be a foodie. Your middle child is gluten-free. Your youngest is in their "I Only Eat Hot Dogs Era."

And you? You just want to feed your family on a budget in one place. Bonus points: vegetables and air-conditioning.

Good news! The What's Cooking Cafe, located in the conference center kitchen of the Dorsey Plumbing Conference Center checks all the boxes.

Ginny Vornholt, longtime-owner of the popular catering business What's Cooking?, is back by popular demand. Specializing in comfort food with family-friendly priced options, the Cafe is open daily during the 4-H Fair from 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. Throughout the day, you can swing by for salads, sloppy joes, hot dogs/coney dogs, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, chicken salad on a croissant, a variety of side salads, and desserts.

From 4:00-7:00 p.m. you can order the meal of the day: meatloaf, smoked pork chops, or dressing stuffed chicken, all served with mashed potatoes and green beans. Like last year, chicken and noodles will be served each day, all day.

After her inaugural year in 2023, Ginny said many of her repeat customers were vendors looking for a healthier alternative, such as a grilled chicken salad. Many 4-H families spend the week at the 4-H Fair and a miss home cooked meal. A favorite memory of Ginny involved ensuring one of the 4-H Queens had gluten-free options, keeping her energy level up!

It's now 6:30 p.m. and your family is full and happy. Bonus points: Everyone cooled off, vegetables were consumed, and you have money left for the Midway. Thanks, What's Cooking Cafe!



Chris Feuquay enjoying a WCC home cooked meal.

Another Local Favorite: Georgia's Kitchen



Jim and Georgia Stone of Avon are the owners of Georgia's Kitchen. They are gearing up for their busy season, having done concessions for 24 years.

Republican Office Manager, Beth Polley, visited them last year and enjoyed a classic Indiana tenderloin and lemon shake-up.



Ginny Vornholt, owner of What's Cooking? says the tenderloins from Georgia's Kitchen are among the best she's ever had.



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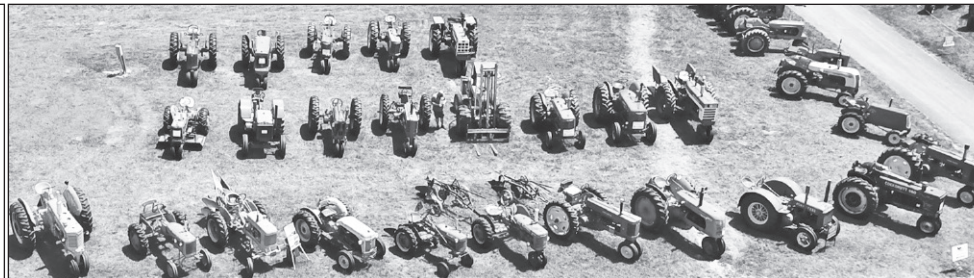
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Preserving History and Planning 4-H Fair Events



Aerial view of a section of the HCAT&MA display at the 4-H Fair.



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The Hendricks County Antique Tractor and Machinery Association has been a part of the Hendricks County 4-H Fair for as long as members can remember.

The non-profit organization and its members have a mission of preserving history, educating, and promoting an appreciation of the county's rich agricultural heritage. Aside from the group's monthly meetings, and annual benefit auction, they are most often seen driving their vintage, orange 1946 Z tractor around parades and the local and state fair. While the Z is the club's tractor, many members have classic collections of their own. Some store one to two pieces of agricultural history while others own upwards of 50 to 100 tractors.

This year's 4-H Fair will feature a number of tractors from the members and their collections. Aside from the display, the club will also be hosting a number of activities including a biscuits and gravy breakfast, a maze, and a kids pedal tractor pull. Registration for the pull will begin at 7 p.m. on Sunday the 14th, with the actual event starting at 7:30 p.m. This will take place in the Sponsor Pavillion.

To learn more about the Hendricks County Antique Tractor & Machinery Association, including to read about upcoming events and meetings, visit heatma.com.



Look up in the sky, it's a bird, it's a plane, it's . . . David "The Bullet" Smith

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Smith, like the rest of us, wakes up nearly everyday and goes to work. He sits behind a desk, fills out paperwork, schedules meetings, and even spends some time on the road. On the surface he's not that entirely different, well except for the fact that he gets launched out of a cannon.

"A human cannon ball is me," the second generation entertainer said. "It's basically a crazy art and science of climbing into a human cannon and blasting yourself for the enjoyment of others."

For much of Smith's childhood he found himself following his dad around from circus to circus. "I watched him get blasted out of cannons my whole life," he explained. Then, at the age of 19, Smith decided to join in on the action. Now 29 years and a career later Smith still finds himself performing.

"I've done, I estimate around 10,000 cannon shows in 15 countries, and in every state except for Hawaii, so far," he shared.

The art of one's body catapulting nearly 70 feet into the air and soaring a distance of 150 feet is of course a crowd pleaser. While the accolades and attention are intriguing to Smith, he also finds gratitude in the freedom. "It's been my ticket to the world," the cannon baller said. Though he noted how his free lifestyle doesn't come without sacrifice. "Everything has a trade-off and I guess I've traded danger for freedom."

The physical threat is obvious. When one is shot like a bullet out of an erupting cannon, and hoping to land safely into a net, injuries are bound to happen. Injuries from miscalculations, injuries from failure to stick the landing, and injuries simply from the taxing toll pulling 15 g's regularly takes on the body. "A lot of soreness involved," the performer stated. "It takes a while for your body to get used to the acceleration and deceleration and whatever weird positions you can end up with if there's any kind of mistakes at all."

Despite the constant strain on Smith's physical being, the entertainer's fuse has yet to go out as he continues to perform almost daily. And his favorite part? "There is a sound that happens," Smith said, "when I am flying through the air. . . an intake of breath from a massive crowd." "Then when I hit the net, they let that out, and they've been holding that big inhale for a four or five second flight. And when I hit that, the victory is tremendous." David "The Bullet" Smith will be performing at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair starting July 15th and running everyday till the 20th. Performances will take place at 7 and 9 p.m. at the Plainfield Equipment Field.



Smith, as he prepares to soar a distance of 150 feet.

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Master Gardeners: From Their Gardens to Yours

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Lucky for us, the 150 members of the Hendricks County Master Gardeners have accepted their mission: to provide current, research-based, home horticulture information and education to the citizens of Indiana through Purdue University Extension programs and projects.

Throughout the year, you can find them volunteering, learning, and teaching in a myriad of ways throughout the county. But during the 4-H Fair, you'll find them in the Demonstration Garden and at their popular booth in the Expo Hall. Members are happy to answer your gardening questions. Free string bags, games, and crafts for the kids generates enthusiasm for the next generation of plant lovers.

Member Rosie Lenihan believes that one of the best parts of being a Master Gardener is the opportunity for growth, and not just in her own garden. She's made new friends and helped organize the now annual Gardening for All Ages event. She participates in the Garden Club and attends sponsored events.

In addition to providing members with positive personal experiences, the program is having an incredible impact as a larger organization. Statewide, Master Gardeners in 2023 provided their communities with 162,734 volunteer hours, valued at \$4,693,256.92.

"To plant a garden is to dream of tomorrow."

- Audrey Hepburn



Master Gardener flower display at the HC 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex.



Whimsical Master Gardener display at recent 4-H Fair.



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Open Class apple pie entry.



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Extension Homemakers: Connecting Home to the 4-H Fair

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Every year, anticipation builds among Hendricks County baking enthusiasts as the Extension Homemakers release the name of the key ingredient needed for next year's annual baking contest. In 2024, bakers have been dreaming of tasty treats flavored with an American favorite: the apple. After all, what is a county 4-H Fair without homemade baked goods vying for the prized ribbons in the Open Class?

One of the roles of the Homemakers organization is to create a place where many aspects of the 4-H Fair intersect. For 110 years, the Homemakers have ensured creating, making, doing, and showing are not just events for youth. All Hendricks County adults are invited to display hobbies and passions too. Why? The Open Class is not just for bakers. The show offers members of our community a chance to display their talents and win prizes in various categories, from art to woodworking.

The Open Class show is open to all Hendricks County residents and HCEH members. A small entry fee and registration is required.

Back by popular demand, 4-H Fair-goers can swing by the Homemakers table in the Expo Hall to pick up books for their home collection. Donations for paperbacks are being accepted in the Extension office.

The Extension Homemakers is so much more than a staple at the 4-H Fair; it is a group committed to living out their creed by supporting homes across Hendricks County in a plethora of ways, celebrating "the greatest institution in the world...the home." They provide scholarships, teacher grants, and books for children. Chef University, for 3-5th graders, can also be attributed to the Homemakers.

Much like 4-H, the Homemakers have clubs within the organization based on interest, such as the "Chat N Do" and the "Modern Homemakers." Membership to the Extension Homemakers is open to everyone: ALL ages and from ALL homes. It's easy to join! Simply call the Extension Hendricks County Office at (317) 745-9260.



Open Class photography exhibit from the 2023 4-H Fair.

Hendricks County Extension Homemakers Events:

- * **Quilt Block Contest:** entries accepted on Saturday, July 13.
- * **Baked Goods Auction:** Sunday, July 14, 6:30 p.m.
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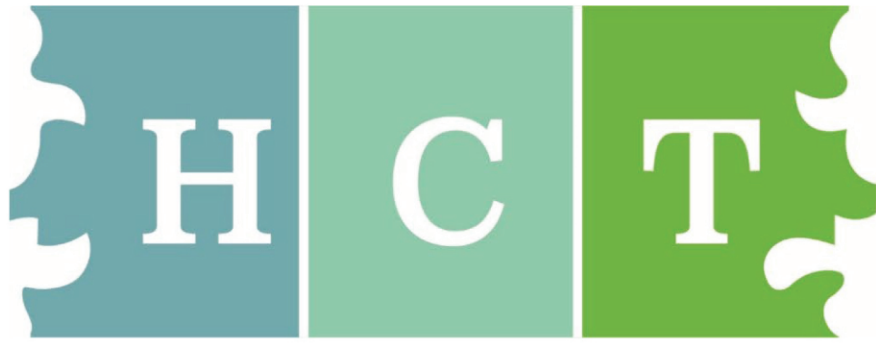
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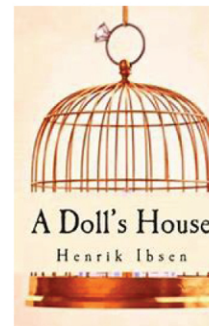
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