# Hendricks County 4-H Fair Guide





July 14 - 20, 2024

# DEAR HENDRICKS COUNTY RESIDENTS AND VISITORS,

IN THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AND SHARED VALUES, WE EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED THE 2023 HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H FAIR WITH THEIR PRESENCE AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT. The success of this event was truly a collective effort, and we are grateful for the commitment that each one of you brought to the fairgrounds.

As supporters of 4-H, you play a crucial role in nurturing the potential of our youth and instilling values that will shape their future. Your support empowers us to continue providing valuable experiences and opportunities for growth to the young minds involved in 4-H programs.

We acknowledge and appreciate the diverse ways in which you contributed, whether it was through active participation, generous donations, or simply being present to cheer on the participants. Your involvement has a lasting impact on the success of 4-H initiatives, and for that, we are truly thankful.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the possibilities that lie in the continued collaboration between 4-H and our community. Together, we can inspire positive change, foster a sense of belonging, and create an environment where young individuals can thrive.

Once again, a heartfelt thank you for being an integral part of the 4-H family. Your support echoes the core values of 4-H, and we are eager to continue this journey together, making a meaningful difference in the lives of our youth.



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# **ONE HUNDRED YEARS WORKING TOGETHER**

Hello and welcome to the 2024 Hendricks County 4-H Fair Guide. When Steve Patterson, the Executive Director of the 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex, asked the newspaper about working together to create this publication, it was an easy yes.

The Republican newspaper has been covering 4-H programs in Hendricks County ever since they began in the 1920's. For over 100 years, much ink has spilled sharing the stories of the accomplishments and hard work of thousands of 4-Hers. We have lots of stories and we have even more pictures. Pictures of anticipation. Pictures of perfection. Pictures of exhaustion. Pictures of realizing you just finished the last event of your ten-year commitment. Ten years of memories and emotions wash over you like a freight train and you can't stop crying. We have that picture. We were right there with you.

Yes, of course we want to partner with the organization that has been such an intimate part of our own history and responsible for shaping the lives of generations of our youth.

The purpose of this guide is to share information with you about 4-H and the 2024 4-H Fair in Hendricks County. We encourage you to look for 4-H events in which to get involved. From robots to Holsteins and everything in between, there is a wide variety of events to check out. Also, note that there are coupons in this guide that can be used at the 2024 4-H Fair in July, so be sure to keep this guide around.

4-H. Head. Heart. Hands. Health. The Republican newspaper is looking forward to the next one hundred years together.

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### 2024 Hendricks County 4-H Fair

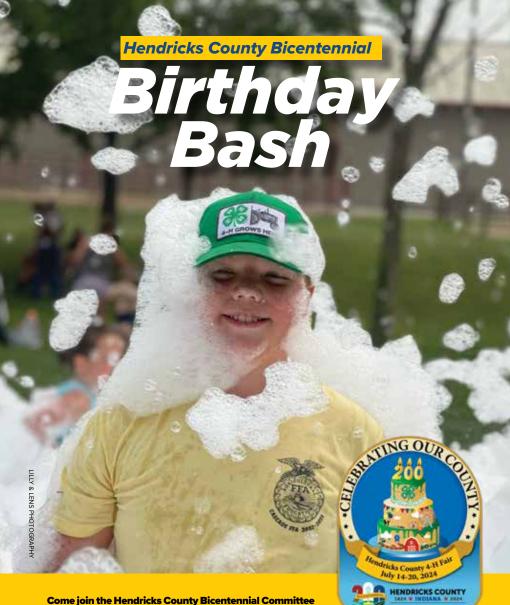
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# **Hendricks County 4-H**

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and the Hendricks County Fairboard as they celebrate

Hendricks County's 200th Birthday on Sunday, July 14, 2024! There will be cake, a foam party, inflatables, old-fashioned games, and much more.

Throughout the week, there will be a township scavenger hunt, heirloom recipe contest, fashion show through the ages, and quilt block contest.

Check out **4hcomplex.org** to explore more.

**Hendricks County Bicentennial** 

# Celebrating 200 Years

Prewitt

Plainfield Masonic Lodge and Prewitt Theatre in Plainfield

#### WE HAVE REACHED A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE IN OUR COUNTY'S HISTORY!

The Hendricks County Bicentennial Steering Committee invites you to help us leave our own legacy as so many have done who came before us.

Whether you've lived here your entire life or just moved here, you are part of that history. So, help us this year as we celebrate the past, make new memories and prepare this county for its next chapter.





#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- Create a project as simple as planting a tree or creating a time capsule.
- Plan an event or add a historical element to an existing event.
- Get endorsed to make your project or event official and receive free promotions.
- Sign up for our monthly **newsletter** to stay updated on the latest news and information.
- Volunteer opportunities may be available.
- · Request a free yard sign to spread the word.
- Become a sponsor. Opportunities both large and small available.
- Submit photos to add to our website's gallery.
- Attend events to celebrate the many endorsed activities on our website.

To learn more about the Bicentennial, view a historic timeline about our county, scroll through historic images and much more at Hendricks200.com or by scanning the QR code.





### Hendricks County 4-H Fair History

# Making the Best Better

#### By Betty Bartley

The first county fair in 1852 was hosted by the newly formed Hendricks County Agricultural Society, on property purchased west of the boundaries of Danville, on the south side of what was known as the Rockville Road. For the admission price of 20 cents, the visitor could see "animals and articles of manufacture" that represented 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 to a threeday program adding crowd-pleasing events like harness racing and a ladies' riding match.

These fairs took place at the western fairgrounds until 1881, when the land was sold to settle the debts of the Agricultural Society. For the next several years, there was no county fair, but smaller agricultural fairs took place at different locations around the county.

In the early 1900's, President Theodore Roosevelt established the Country Life Commission to study the best ways to improve rural life and create a more efficient food production system. The Commission recommended the teaching of agriculture in schools and the establishment of an agricultural college extension service in 1914.

One of the results was Corn Contests for school children, with prizes for yield and quality. These clubs were the beginning of 4-H.

In 1927, the Danville Commercial Club organized a Town and Country Festival that combined with the 4-H Club exhibitions. Within a few years, the 4-H portion of the fair was moved to the Center Township School grounds (now the Hendricks County Government Center). The 4-H Club members used the gymnasium for exhibits. A large tent was put up in the schoolyard for the livestock exhibition.

In 1938, a group of farmers interested in promoting 4-H Club work formed the Hendricks County 4-H and Agricultural Association, Inc. That year there were 800 boys and girls taking part in the various 4-H Clubs.

By 1950 the 4-H Fair had 1,243 exhibits. It was time to look for a bigger location. In April of that year, the County Commissioners had plans drawn up for a new "4-H and storage building" on the site of the old County Highway Garage that had recently been destroyed by fire. The 120' x 50' concrete block building hosted its first 4-H Fair in 1951. (The building is still in use today by the Highway Department.)

In 1955, the Commissioners approved a one-



ABOVE: In this picture from the 1966 4-H Fair 13 year old Richard Lee Dillon shows off his grand champion Hampshire. TOP RIGHT: Miss Suzanne Glover, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Glover, was crowned the first Hendricks 4-H Fair Queen in 1960. The pageant took place in the indoor area, where a platform stage was set up for the contest. Suzie had five years of 4-H work in Center Township. BOTTOM RIGHT: In this picture from 1969, Scott Cooper (right) was a 10-year 4-H member and the inspiration for the Supreme Showman contest. Scott died when he was just 21 years old.

time tax of 5-cents per \$100 assessed valuation for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining 4-H buildings to be owned by the Hendricks County 4-H Fair & Agricultural Association. In May of 1956, the Commissioners signed a lease with the Fairboard for 20 acres of land on the south side of U.S. 36, just east of the County Home. It was there that the new fairgrounds would be established. The first 4-H Fair took place on the new grounds in August 1956.

Improvements were made to the fairgrounds, new buildings added, roads extended, but the amount of room for expansion grew smaller. Land to the south was taken when a four-lane section of U.S. 36 was built. A new county jail, built in 1974 and expanded in the 1980's, encroached on the west side. As the county entered a new century, it became clear that the fairgrounds could not keep up with the growth in population.

When property at the intersection of Old U.S. 36 and CR 200 E was acquired by the County in 2003, it seemed the ideal location for a new, expanded fairgrounds. Work on the project began in 2004.

The new fairgrounds, close to three times the size of the old fairgrounds, was designed

to serve not only the citizens of Hendricks County, but all of Central Indiana. "This will be an exciting place to be," said past Hendricks County 4-H Fair and Conference Complex Director Gary Emsweller. "It will be the hottest place in Hendricks County and in Indiana. We plan for it to be in use 52 weeks a year."

The Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex hosted its first 4-H Fair in 2006. With its large buildings, sidewalks and promenade, many compared it to the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.

Today's 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex is not only a continuation of those early county fairs, but a tribute to the growth of 4-H in Hendricks County. With a full schedule of year-round events, it's become what Gary Emsweller envisioned, a gathering place where citizens and visitors of all ages can find entertainment and education.



FOR INFORMATION visit 4hcomplex.org or by scanning the QR code.





2024 Hendricks County 4-H Fair

# Events & Activities

#### **WELCOME TO THE 2024 HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H FAIR!**

We have been working hard and are excited to bring you the following events and activities for the 2024 4-H Fair. On the following pages, you will find lists of all the event dates and times as of this printing so you can easily find what you're looking for. Let the fun begin!

### **GROUNDS**

Enjoy fair food, chainsaw carving, One Man Band, Extreme Raptors, and so much more! The promenade has it all. See page 16.

### **CARNIVAL**

THE RESIDENCE OF

Food, fun, music, games of skill, and big fluffy stuffed animals! Check out thrill seeking rides or relax on the merry-go-round. See page 18.

#### **FLEECE PERFORMANCE** GRANDSTANDS

Don't miss these 'must see' events! Whether you are into cars, motorcycles, trucks or horses, there's an event for you. See page 20.

## **EVENTS & CONTESTS**

There's so much to do at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair. Check out all the contests and events happening all week long. See page 24.

\*DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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







Hendricks Regional Health





# CELEBRATING fun for all.

If you're looking for an example of why Hendricks County is a great place to live and work, look no further than the Hendricks County 4-H Fair. From the food to the rides to the spectacular exhibits, the fair is filled with unforgettable experiences for all! Hendricks Regional Health is honored to serve as the exclusive healthcare partner for this annual tradition. It's one more way we can celebrate the people who inspire our mission to provide exceptional healthcare.



#### **VENDORS**

Do you own a small business and want to join the vendor space at the 2024 Hendricks County 4-H Fair? We have indoor and outdoor vendor spaces available. Showcase

your business and/or sell at a booth in the Justin Dorsey Plumbing Hall or from a trailer/tent on the outer grounds. You pick what is best for your organization. Visit 4hcomplex.org for more information and exhibitor contracts.



#### FAIR TICKET INFORMATION

Confucius says, "A man that does not plan long ahead will find trouble at his door." No one wants trouble at their door, so take a look at these great prices you can get by planning ahead. Now is a great time to open your calendar, while you have the 2024 4-H Fair Guide in your hands. Take a look at all the events, contests and competitions in this guide book and plan your Hendricks County 4-H Fair experience now. Check out the deals at the carnival while you're at it!

Now until June 30, 2024	\$3 per person
July 1, 2024-July 12, 2024	\$4 per person
After July 12, 2024	\$5 per person





## 1 FREE ADMISSION

This coupon is good for one (1) FREE admission to the 2024 Hendricks County 4-H Fair when you buy one ticket at the gate at regular price.

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#### ATTRACTIONS ON THE HENDRICKS REGIONAL HEALTH

PROMENADE. The promenade is the heart of the 4-H Fair. The promenade greets you as you enter the fair and gently guides you out after a fun day. It takes you from the Exhibition Hall to the North Mechanical Cattle Dairy Barn to the Greencycle Equine Arena to the Carnival. It's where you go to find your favorite fair food. It's where you meet your friends.

This year the promenade will feature many special attractions for you to enjoy. Performance times are below. Be sure to plan your fair day to include these attractions.

#### **EXTREME RAPTORS SHOW**

We have more than just 4-H approved animals at the 4-H Fair! The Extreme Raptors Show features the world's largest traveling collection of birds of prey in the world! Jonathan Wood spent his boyhood growing up in the National Seashore wilderness of New York's Fire Island which nurtured his fascination with birds and birding. Woods founded Raptor Project Inc., training and caring for these incredible birds.

Come see the Extreme Raptors show daily starting Sunday, July 14 through Saturday July 20 on the Hendricks Regional Health Promenade!

Daily: 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.

#### **NERVELESS NOCKS THRILL SHOW**

Presented by The Republican Newspaper

These aerial stunt artists are all game for thrill and fear! There will be three shows per day, Sunday through Saturday. You don't want to miss this exhilarating show!

Daily: 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. & 9 p.m.

PICTURE PROVIDED BY VARIETY ATTRACTIONS

#### KIDBUCKS GAME SHOW

Presented by Hendricks County Bank and Trust Returning to the Hendricks County 4-H Fair is the Kidbuck\$ Game \$how. Be a contestant on this interactive kids game show! This hilarious show keeps guests pumped up and encourages participation. Young and old alike will love this show!

Sunday - Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Thursday - Saturday: 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m., & 8 p.m.

#### THE ONE MAN BAND, MARC DOBSON

The One Man Band, Marc Dobson, puts on an inspiring performance playing self-created instruments. Marc, a lifelong musician and entertainer, plays 9.1 instruments at once. His repertoire includes songs every age can recognize, covering the 60's through to today with a mix of rock, country, pop and more. With improv comedic antics, no two shows are alike. Maybe that's why Marc has been performing yearly at many fairs! Find him roaming daily with no set show or time.



#### BEAR HOLLOW WOOD CARVING DEMONSTRATIONS

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 complete.

Sunday - Wednesday: 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.





AS THE DAY COOLS INTO EVENING,

the carnival provides the perfect ending to a great day at the

Hendricks County 4-H Fair. Bursts of color painted on a background of thumping music, screaming kids, and bashful hopes fill the night.

Ever since the 1970's, carnival rides have been a part of the Hendricks County 4-H Fair experience.

For many years, the carnival experience has been provided by one of the most respected ride operators in the country. The James H. Drew Expo has a long history of saving and restoring hundreds of classic and vintage carnival rides, as well as providing the latest thrill rides.

They are also known for their safe rides and a variety of experiences for every age and every level of thrill seeker.

A popular attraction last year, Drew is bringing back Guiness Book of World Records holder,

David "the Bullet" Smith. David holds the world record height of 89 feet for a human to be shot out of a cannon. Ouch!

See David launched from a cannon twice a day Monday-Saturday at this year's 4-H Fair. Once at 7 p.m. and once at 9 p.m. He promises a bang at every show. Literally!

You can enjoy a limited selection of child/ family friendly games that everyone can win. Try games of chance encouraging you to test your skills and win prizes. Enjoy the magic of the merry-go-round or rest your feet and take in the entire scene on the Ferris wheel.

Whether young or old, there's something about the carnival that brings out the kid in all of us. The sights, the sounds, the smells, the tingling of your skin when the ride starts up.

Do vourself a favor and visit the carnival whether you have kids or not.

**Advance Tickets** available by visiting 4hcomplex.org.





#### **MIDWAY RIDES • 5-10 PM**

Ride All Night for \$25

#### THE HUMAN CANNONBALL • 7 & 9 PM

Plainfield Equipment Field

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Plainfield Equipment Field



#### MIDWAY RIDES • 1-10 PM

Ride All Day/Night for \$30 FREE RIDES from 1-2 pm

#### THE HUMAN CANNONBALL • 7 & 9 PM

Plainfield Equipment Field

Midway Rides Presented by Drew Expositions









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#### MOTOCROSS · 7 PM

Fleece Performance Grandstands Ticket Tiers: \$5 / \$8 / At the Gate: \$10 Jay Meinking (513) 382-1900 for participants

#### **Bike Classes**

50CC Auto, 50CC SR., 65CC, 85CC, 125CC, 250CC, 30+ Bike, Bike Open, Pit Bike, Dash for Cash Bikes

#### Quad Classes

Mini Quads. 400CC and Below. Open Quads, Dash for Cash Quads, Woodsman Quads



JULY

#### **FLAT TRACK DRAGS • 7 PM** Fleece Performance Grandstands

Practice & Registration starts at 5 p.m. FREE EVENT koidraaracina.com

Lewis at (859) 576-7380 for participants

#### Classes

Kids, Gas, Diesel, Quads, Dirtbikes, 2 wheel drive, 4 wheel drive, Modified, Open. Buggies, SXS, Semis

KOI Drag Racing is bringing dirt drag racing to Hendricks County 4-H Fair this summer! If it has a motor and wheels, they have a class for it. This year: \$20 entry fee for Diesel with 100% payback. \$10 entry fee for all other classes with 100% payback.



JULY 18 **THURS** 

#### **TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL • 7 PM**

Fleece Performance Grandstands Ticket Tiers: \$5 / \$8 / At the Gate: \$10 4hcomplex.org

Come on out and enjoy tons of pulling action! The Hendricks County 4-H Fair will host the Tractor and Truck Pull with a goal of 50 hooks!



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#### RODEO • 7:30 PM

Presented by Fleece Performance Fleece Performance Grandstands Ticket Tiers: \$10 / \$12 / At the Gate: \$15 For participant information, email: jmarcia32@yahoo.com



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#### **DEMOLITION DERBY • 7 PM**

Presented by Hammer INC Productions Fleece Performance Grandstands Ticket Tiers: \$10 / \$12 / At the Gate: \$15 Participants can find info at hammerincpromotions.proboards.com

Full Size Super Stock Class

1st: \$2000 2nd: \$600 3rd: \$200 4th: \$100

Compact Gut-n-Go Class

1st: \$1500 2nd: \$500 3rd: \$200 4th: \$100

Full-Size Motor Swap Class

1st: \$1500 2nd: \$500 3rd: \$200 4th: \$100

Youth Compact Class

1st: \$500 2nd: \$200

3rd: \$100





2023 Queen & Court pictured above from left to right: Megan Thompson-Queen's Court, Mary Van Ness-Queen's Court, Sadie Mercurio-Runner Up, Kate Alsdorf-2023 Queen, Mollie Dial-Miss Congeniality, Amanda Fulcher-Queen's Court

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.

Applications and eligibility requirements available at 4hcomplex.org. Entry deadline for your chance to wear the crown is May 15, 2024.

#### **2023 QUEEN KATE ALSDORF**

Kate is the daughter of Jared and Leah Alsdorf; she was a 4-H member for 10 years and participated in many projects throughout the years. Her projects were sewing, ceramics, foods, child development, goats, and junior leaders, but her favorite one was the dairy project. 4-H taught her perseverance, critical thinking, independence, and networking.

Kate is a Junior at Purdue University where she is majoring in agronomy with minors in agribusiness and horticulture. At Purdue, she has had the opportunity to serve as the agronomy club historian and is also a member of the crops judging team and an agronomy ambassador for the college of agriculture. Kate is looking forward to another great school year and furthering her education in the study of agriculture.

## **NOW SELLING IN HENDRICKS COUNTY**









#### HENDRICKS COUNTY AG EXPERIENCE 10 AM - 8 PM

Sponsored by the Danville FFA Alumni.

Open daily, July 14-20 from 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. in the Cartlidge Barn at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds. The Ag Experience is an interactive, hands-on opportunity for children of all ages. Learn and explore how agriculture impacts lives in many ways including through food, fuel, fiber, pharmacy, and futures.

#### PIONEER VILLAGE

Presented by Hendricks County Antique Tractor and Machinery Association

Check out pioneer village where there are antique tractors, a straw maze. blacksmith demonstrations, and small engine demonstrations. Blacksmith and small engine demos are daily from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

#### CHOPPED CHALLENGE! • NOON - 4:30 PM

This is a great fundraising event for Family Promise and local food pantries that brings everybody into the excitement. Chopped Challenge is a competition between four member teams to create meals using only foods that might be found at a food pantry. The intent is to illustrate how hard it can be for those living in low income situations to create meals with a limited amount of ingredients. Teams might have to deal with faulty equipment or utilities being shut off. Come be a spectator as we ask for spectator participation through monetary donations where you can help sabotage teams and root for your favorite team!

Team Registration Deadline: July 1. Team Registration Fee: \$200 Event Date: Sunday July 14. Preliminary Round: Starts at noon. Finals Round: Starts at 4:30.

Benefits Family Promise and Hendricks

County Food Pantry Coalition

#### CAR SHOW • 2-4 PM

Presented by Cluster Busters

Don't miss the car show presented by the Cluster Busters, one of the oldest Hot Rod Clubs around and founded in 1948. Cluster Busters has displayed some of the hottest rides around Indiana for the last 60 years. Stop by and take some time to admire the craftsmanship put into these machines. Who do you think has the best car? Find out at the awards ceremony which begin at 5 p.m. Car registration from 2-4 p.m.



#### **BAKED FRUIT PIE CONTEST • 3:30 PM**

Sponsored by HCATMA

It doesn't get more classic than a pie baking contest! Each entry must be a baked crust with fruit filling. There will not be any refrigeration provided, and custards will not be accepted. Participants must attach a recipe to the entry form. Pies will be accepted in the Pioneer Village on Sunday, July 14 only from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The judging will begin at 3:30 p.m.



#### HOT DOG EATING CONTEST • 5 PM

Sponsored by HCATMA

Find this event in the Pioneer Village. This will be a timed event! The winner is determined by the number of hot dogs (buns included!) consumed in five minutes. Any contestants under 18 years old must have an application filled out by their parent/guardian. Participants are responsible for any upset stomachs or injury!



Sponsored by Hendricks County Farm Bureau A decades-old tradition at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair, the Pet Parade is open to any child from pre-school through 6th grade. From dogs to critters to livestock you can show it all. The children and their pets compete in three categories, by age group: Best Groomed, Pet & Master Look-Alike, and Most Attractive. All animals must be on a leash/lead or in a cage. Register on-site at 5 p.m. on Sunday July 14. The show starts at 5:30 p.m. in the NSSB arena.



#### KIDS PEDAL TRACTOR PULL • 7:30 PM

Sponsored by HCATMA

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Registration is located at the Sponsor Pavillion starting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pull beginning at 7:30 p.m.





2023 Little Miss Jolie Ryan Thornburg and Little Mister Abram Herbert

# Little Miss & Mister

For those too young to officially start 4-H, fear not! Those that will not vet have completed 3rd grade can register online

at 4hcomplex.org for the Little Miss or Mister Contest. This event takes place at the State Bank Entertainment Stage on Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

The 2023 Hendricks County Little Miss, Jolie Ryan Thornburg, is the daughter of Candice Thornburg of Danville and sister of Baylor and Colbie. Her hobbies are dance, tumbling, and playing on the swing set. Her favorite foods are strawberries & bananas. Her favorite TV show is Miraculous Ladybug.

The 2023 Little Mister, Abram Herbert, the son of Danielle & Corey Herbert of Avon and brother of Andrew and Asher. His hobbies are football, basketball, golf and fishing, and enjoys playing with his friends and being with his family. His favorite food is steak on the grill. His favorite TV show is Big Nate.







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"There's traditions that sometimes just kind of fizzle out over the years," said West, "but the watermelon eating contest, it has continued through the years."

Join us Monday July 15, 2024 at 7 p.m. for the Watermelon Eating Contest. No Preregistration required and open to all ages.

West shared that everyone loves the competition, the memories, and of course the watermelon that comes with it.

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#### If you are:

- · An adult in need of a career change or upskill
- · High school student who wants to check out options for after graduation
- Parents who want to help their students explore possibilities early

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#### YOUTH TALENT COMPETITION • 6PM

State Bank Entertainment Stage What's Your Talent?

Whether your child has been honing their talent for years or they are just beginning to show interest in a talent this is a friendly and safe opportunity for them to exercise their gifts. Spend the day at the 4-H Fair and bring your own fan section to cheer them on.

The winners of the talent show will be eligible for the Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Competition. Entry info at: 4hcomplex.org.

Pre-registration required by: July 12, 2024. Date of event: Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Time of event: 6 p.m.



#### **CHEERLEADING CONTEST • 7 PM**

Greencycle Arena

Watch your local middle school and high school cheerleading teams compete for the trophy. Cheerleading is as competitive as any other sport out there. These teams put together complicated routines combined with tumbling and stunting that require complete team focus. Bring your family and friends to cheer on your favorite squads. Don't forget your school spirit wear! Entry is \$5.



#### HENDRICKS COUNTY GOT TALENT • 8 PM

State Bank Entertainment Stage

"The voice of Hendricks County" WYRZ Radio is presenting the Got Talent competition at the 2024 Hendricks County 4-H Fair. Brush off your old routine, dust off the guitar and warm up your voice. Start writing new jokes and work on your timing. Create something no one has seen before. This is the place to test it out. You have a few months to get it dialed in and wow the crowds.

Prize Money: 1st Place: \$500, 2nd Place: \$200,

3rd Place: \$100

Pre-Registration is required by July 12. ALL AGES. Competition Date: Tuesday July 16, 2024. Competition Time: 8 p.m. Participants must check in 30 minutes prior to start time.

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#### HORSE PULL • 7:30 PM

Greencycle Arena

If you haven't been around large horses, put this event on your calendar. Teams of large draft horses show off their strength as they compete to pull heavy sleds as many feet as possible while racing the clock. Pick up some good fair food and head over to the Greencycle Arena to cheer on the competition. FREE. 4hcomplex.org

#### **DISABILITY INCLUSION DAY**

Presented by Sycamore Services and Duke Eneray

The Hendricks County 4-H Fair and 4-H Program strive for inclusive environments designed for everyone in our community; thus the creation of a Disability Inclusion Day. Along with their families, this event allows individuals of any age, with any type of disability to visit and enjoy the 4-H Fair on Wednesday, July 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Disability Inclusion Day includes a quiet sensory room for those that need to relax, the Ag Experience, entertainment and education, along with a sensory-friendly carnival experience between 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.



Ryan, pictured above, at the 2023 4-H Fair Disability Inclusion Day. His mom says, "He takes a long time to warm up to riding anything, and we often end up leaving lines or leaving events all together because he's too overwhelmed. With the inclusion day, the reduced crowd helped with shorter line wait times and allowed him to ride without building up anxiety while waiting, once he was ready!" 2023 Hendricks County 4-H Fair

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#### TOUCH-A-TRUCK • 2-5 PM

Presented by Hendricks County Bank and Trust & Danville Chamber Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds Conference Complex parking lot Held on Friday, July 19 from 2-5 p.m. Bring the kids to enjoy a fun day exploring trucks of all shapes and sizes! Don't forget to bring along your coupon for a free mini-milkshake at the 4-H Cafe compliments of Hendricks County Bank & Trust.

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To register visit: familypromisehendrickscounty.org

#### **BABY CONTEST • 4 PM**

Hendricks Power Expo Hall

The 4-H Fair is excited to announce the return of the Baby Contest! No pre registration is required, simply arrive and register at the Expo Hall by 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 20. Cost is \$10 to enter each baby in any one of the following categories:

Twins: 3 months-3 years

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After the scores are totaled, the winner is announced. Anastasia Burnett was the 2023 winnerl

The 2023 Supreme Showman contest was presented by Hendricks County Bank & Trust.

Come and support the 2024 participants on Sunday, July 20 at 5 p.m. in the NSSB Arena.



2023 4-H Fair Supreme Showman Anastasia Burnett shows off her trophy, along with her other prizes, including personalized chair, blanket, belt buckle and a cash award, all donated by sponsors.



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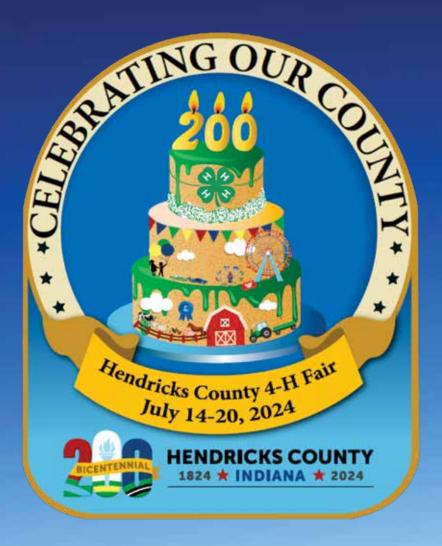
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The Master Gardener association and program is provided in Hendricks County to allow like minded individuals the opportunity to learn and educate their community about homebased horticulture. The Master Gardener Basic Training Class is typically held each year. The class is a 15-week course that covers topics such as soil science, vegetable/fruit gardening, plant science, insect identification and benefits, lawn care, plant disease diagnostics. ornamental care, and many more.

Class graduates are eligible to become members of the Purdue Extension Hendricks County Master Gardener Association. The main goal of this club is to network, learn, and help educate the community. The club has approximately 150 active members each year. The members conduct their monthly association meetings and provide additional educational opportunities for club members. Each October, the club hosts the "Adventures in Gardening Program" that has multiple speakers throughout the day on a variety of horticultural topics. In addition, over 2,600 individuals will participate in the "Gardening for All Ages" event. This event supplies event goers with multiple speakers, gardening booths, a children's interactive booth and a seed and tree giveaway. The club also partners with multiple agencies in the county to help educate others as well as sharing their knowledge of gardening at community events.

Statewide, Master Gardeners in 2023 provided their communities with 162.734 volunteer hours, valued at \$4,693,256.92. The program has been an integral part of the success of Purdue Extension.

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Other fair activities include our baked goods auction on Sunday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hendricks Power Expo Hall! All baked goods from the previous day are auctioned off to support scholarships and teacher grants! The

Extension Homemakers also offer a Quilt Block Contest during the fair. Entries will be accepted on Saturday, July 13.

On Thursday, July 18, the Extension Homemakers and Hendricks Power Cooperative host Home and Family Arts Day at the Fair! During this event there is a presentation given by a guest speaker, a baking contest and announcement of the Quilt Block Contest Winner. The baking contest is open to all Hendricks County residents and HCEH members. 2024 key ingredient is apple.

Be sure to pick up your Open Class Booklet this summer. We hope to see you at the fair!

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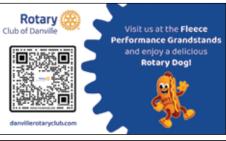
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#### **4-H OPPORTUNITIES**

4-H members can take part in short-term specific interest workshops that focus on anything from robotics to food science! 4-H members also have access to numerous scholarships, educational opportunities, and can build life skills through community involvement. Most of all, 4-H is a real life experience which is exemplified by our motto, "Learn by Doing."

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#### 4-H ANIMAL PROJECTS

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Dairy Steer Dog

Goats

Horse and Pony Little Critters Llama and Alpaca

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CONTACT OUR OFFICE or go online to get a copy of our mini 4-H member guide. Mini 4-H members can also attend club meetings and mini day camp and other great activities!



#### MINI 4-H DAY AT THE 4-H FAIR

Come and join us on Sunday, July 14 for Mini 4-H Day at the 4-H fair! Explore the fairgrounds, enjoy some exciting activities, and participate in a foam party as we celebrate our achievements at the 4-H Fair!

#### **BECOME A 4-H VOLUNTEER**

Volunteers are essential to a successful 4-H program. There are many opportunities to help in 4-H, from club or project leaders, to co-leaders, workshop organizers and general helpers.

If you are interested in lending your time and talents to make the best better, please contact the Hendricks County Extension Office at 317-745-9260 or email hendrices@purdue.edu.

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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

#### Pledge:

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Heart to greater loyalty

Hands to larger service

Health to better living

For my club, my community, my county and my world

**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.







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### 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 www.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 interesed in 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. 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!

## Showing the Best of 4-H to the Community



Betty Bartley grew up in Hendricks County, on dairy farm near Hadley. Working at the Danville Public Library and

volunteering at the county museum, she contributed articles to The Republican. In 2004 she began helping out at the newspaper, which turned into a full-time job as Editor.

She covered the last 4-H Fair at the old fairgrounds and the first 4-H Fair at the present location. Covering the 4-H Fair is an exhausting and rewarding job. Here's how she describes it: "Scandals, gossip, political downfalls - they say that's what it takes to sell newspapers today, but at The Republican we believe that stories about people working hard, helping others, and achieving goals are the stories that matter to our readers. Since the 1920's when 4-H clubs began to form in the county, The Republican published club news and covered the annual exhibits. We have covered the Queen Contest since it began in 1960."

Betty will be at the 4-H Fair, taking pictures of 4-H Club members with their projects, showing their animals, talking to 4-Hers, past and present, and covering one of the best stories in Hendricks County.



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