

# 105th

## Vanderburgh County Fair



*Celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup>!*

# July 20-25, 2026

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4-H Center

US 41 North

Evansville, Indiana

# VANDEBURGH COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

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# “Celebrating America’s 250<sup>th</sup>!”

## Hello and welcome to the 105th Vanderburgh County Fair

The county Fair is a week many of us look forward to each year as it is a time to showcase our event. From the many Grandstand shows, 4-H/Open Class shows and activities, carnival rides, and the variety of foods. With our Fair bringing in thousands of guests throughout the week, our theme “Celebrating America’s 250<sup>th</sup>!” will focus on our great nation and the freedoms we enjoy.

- The **United States Semiquincentennial**, also called the **Bisesquicentennial**, the **Sestercentennial**, or the **Quarter Millennium**, will be the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence. Festivities will mark various events leading up to the Declaration’s anniversary on the 250th Independence Day: July 4, 2026.
- The **America250** initiative is an event which aims to engage every American in Commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence
- A 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade is planned for Washington, D.C., and include a Great American State Fair on the National Mall

This year’s theme will help us achieve our mission to Educate, Exhibit, and Entertain. We hope everyone enjoys the Vanderburgh County Fair and learns something new that will help each of us in living better, more productive lives.

**Special thanks to all of our volunteers who help make our Fair one of the best in the State!**

*Lee Slater, President*  
*2026 Vanderburgh County Fair Association*

### 2026 Season Ticket Order

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ season tickets at \$40 each\*. (postmarked by July 4)

I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Make checks payable to Vanderburgh County Fair.

Mail tickets to:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**Send order and money to:**

**Season Passes**  
**Vanderburgh County Fair**  
**P.O. Box 58**  
**Inglesfield, IN 47618-0058**

**Purchase at:**  
**Participation Schnucks Locations &**  
**Vanderburgh County Purdue**  
**Extension Office**  
**13301 Darmstadt Rd.**  
**Evansville, IN 47725**

Tickets may also be purchased and picked up at all Schnucks stores, and the Extension Office-Darmstadt. *(Please have correct change, if possible, when purchasing from Extension Office.)*

**Prices include all entertainment. Children 9 and under are free.**

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# VANDERBURGH COUNTY FAIR

## 2026 Fair Association Ticket Information & Rules

### Ticket Prices and Classifications

- **Season/Exhibitor Pass** - \$40 - This entitles each holder access to the grounds throughout the fair and entitles the holder to exhibit in open class. Advanced Season/Exhibitor passes will be sold at all Schnucks stores, and the Purdue Extension - Vanderburgh County office. Beginning July 19, season passes will be available at the fair office and gates. Discounted season passes will be available in advance at the Vanderburgh County Extension Office June 1-30th for \$35.
- **Single Admission** - \$10 - (Children 9 and under are free). Available at gate only. Single admission tickets are \$10 each.
- **Exhibitor Only Pass** - \$20. This entitles each holder to exhibit in the Home and Family Arts, Farm Products and Floriculture departments **up to 5 entries or fewer and 1 single entry** to the fair. Exhibitors **entering more than 5 entries** will still be required to obtain a season pass. This pass does not apply for exhibitors in open class livestock shows and will only be available Sunday, July 20th during the open class entry time in the auditorium.
- Association Membership - All members must fill out an application on or before October 30th of each fiscal year, this form can be found online at [www.vanderburghcountyfair.com](http://www.vanderburghcountyfair.com)
- Members are entitled to voting privileges for Fair business.

### General Rules

- NO REFUNDS will be given for admission.
- NO REFUNDS for Seasonal/Exhibitor passes.
- UTV's, Side by Sides and golf carts are not allowed on grounds without being registered in the fair office.
- Dogs and/or other animals are not allowed on the fair grounds unless they are a service dog or animals in a show or contest.
- No illegal drugs, firearms, or alcoholic beverages are allowed on the fairgrounds. All vehicles, packages, parcels, diaper bags, purses, backpacks, etc. and persons are subject to search.
- No public display of advertisement materials such as business logos, company names or product displays, etc. may be on the fairgrounds without prior permission by the Fair Executive Committee and/or Fair Association.
- The Association will carefully preserve all articles while on exhibition but will not be responsible for any losses or accidents that may occur.
- Straw or shavings must be furnished by the exhibitor.
- Judges shall not award prizes to unworthy exhibits, whether there is competition or not; nor shall they award premiums on articles incorrectly entered or incorrectly named.
- In any emergency, the matter will be left to the discretion for the Fair Board.
- All season/exhibitor passes must have the exhibitor's name printed on the pass to exhibit in Open Class.

## 2026 FAIR COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

### Entertainment

Entertainment	Andrea Pennington, Tracey Earley
Arena Events Coordinator	Mike Gries
Talent Contest	Mickey Ritchie, Laura Duncan
Pageant Coordinator	Beth Schmitt
Queen Pageant	Beth Schmitt, Rhonda Klueg Slater
	Alyssa Welte
Young Miss Pageant	Abbey Riggs, Audrey Creel
Miss Vanderburgh Co. Teen	Laura Duncan, Rachel Pohl
Little Miss and Mister Pageant	Sara Coomes, Katie Barnes
Tiny Tots Pageant	Dru Moreland, Rachel Pohl
Miss Golden Pageant	Robin Lax, Lauren Durchholz
Antique Display	SIAM
Tractor Pulling Contests	Gary Rexing, Ted Elpers
Antique Tractor Pull	Ray Rexing
Demolition Derby	Anthony Keil
Little Farmer's Pet Parade	Kimberly Gries
Ice Cream Crankoff	Jennifer Deutsch
Kid's Corner	Kim Racine
Senior Citizen's Day	Debra Droege, Melanie Bailey
Car Show	Jeff Baehl, Mike Kuester
Battle of the Bands	Heath Reininga

### Operations

Food	Kim Racine, Tricia Feller
Exhibit Buildings	Steve Anderson
Commercial Exhibitors	Kate Potter
Camping	Jeff & Stacey Baehl
Electric	Chris Wallace
Gates	Ben Hauschild & Dave Pennington
Parking	Dan Kercher, Jeff Ziliak
Stage	Scott Berry
Publicity	Joan Mentzel
Rides	Executive Committee
Shuttle Bus	
Host of the Day	Marketing Committee
Corporate Sponsorship	Marketing Committee
Scholarships	Taylor VanMeter
Fair Photographer	Madison Beaven & Amanda Deutsch
Social Media	Norah Ferguson & Amanda Deutsch

### Education/Volunteerism

Century Special Events Committee	Susan English
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INDIANA  
**STATE FAIR**

AUGUST 7th-23rd (CLOSED

MONDAYS)

## 2026 FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

### Home & Family Arts

General Superintendent	Susan Yarbor and Robin Lax
Baking	Martha Alle
Food Preservation	Nancy Myers
Arts & Crafts	Cecelia Koch
Household Arts	Deana Welte
Photography	Bonnie Czoer and Rachel Riggs
Little Farmers Exhibits	Kendra Groeninger
Farm Products	Michele Thomas Campbell & Laurie Thomas
Floriculture	Lisa McEuen and Josh Brenner

### Agricultural Displays

Livestock Liaison	Danny Klueg
Dairy Cattle	Rick Adler
Beef Cattle	Mark Welte
Rabbits	Lisa McEuen
Poultry	Pat Brenner
Sheep	Doug & Rajean Bergman
Dairy Goats	Mary Brenner, Linda Goebel
Boer Goats	Tony & Ashley Klueg
Pygmy Goats	Jack & Sharon Krohn
Swine (4-H)	Natalie Keil
Swine (Open)	Natalie & Mike Keil, & Danny Klueg
Horse & Pony (4-H)	Lisa Uhde
Llama (4-H)	Adam & Mallory Bumb



2025 Vanderburgh County Fair Queen  
Emma Ruedlinger and her court

## 2026 VANDERBURGH COUNTY FAIR PROGRAM

Antique machinery on display and in action adjacent to main entrance. Demonstrations and exhibits in SIAM Antique Building and Machinery Building. Free parking lot shuttle in the evenings. Grounds closing will be announced one half-hour before closing each night.

### SATURDAY, JULY 18

4:30pm-5pm  
5:30pm  
6pm

**Open Rabbit Check-in** • Small Animal Barn  
**Open Beef Show** • Livestock Show Barn  
**Open Rabbit Show** • Small Animal Barn



### SUNDAY, JULY 19

9:30am  
1pm  
4pm

**Open Swine Show** • Livestock Show Barn  
**Open Meat Goat Show** • Livestock Show Barn  
**Open Sheep Show** • Livestock Show Barn

### MONDAY, JULY 20

Sponsor of the Day: Claas Farmpoint  
**\*\*Gates Open at 3:00 p.m.\*\***



8am  
8am  
10am  
11am  
1pm  
3pm - 9pm  
3pm  
3pm  
5pm  
5pm - Close  
6pm & 8pm  
6:30pm  
7pm  
  
7:30pm  
7-9:30pm

**4-H Dog Obedience** • Dog Arena  
**4-H Horse & Pony Trail Versatility** • Lower Horse Arena  
**Mini 4-H Barnyard Olympics** • Livestock Show Barn  
**4-H Barnyard Olympics** • Livestock Show Barn  
**4-H Pygmy Goat Show** • Livestock Show Barn  
**All Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public**  
**Open Pygmy Goat Show** • Livestock Show Barn  
**Flag Raising** • Lower Parking Area 3:30pm  
**Vanderburgh County Teen Pageant** • Auditorium  
**All Rides Open**  
**Comedy Illusionist** • Kid's Corner  
**Official Fair Opening** • Auditorium  
**Fair Queen Pageant** • Auditorium (immediately following Fair Opening)  
**375 Promotions Motocross Racing** • Grandstand  
**Battle of the Bands** • Free Stage Area

### TUESDAY, JULY 21- SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY

Sponsor of the Day: Amcor



8am  
9am  
9am  
9am - 12:30pm  
10am - 9pm  
10am  
10am - 9pm  
12pm  
1pm  
4pm - Close  
6pm  
  
6pm  
6pm & 8pm

**4-H Horse & Pony English Show** • Lower Horse Arena  
**4-H Rabbit Showmanship** • Small Animal Barn  
**4-H Meat Goat Show** • Livestock Show Barn  
**Senior Citizen's Activities** • Auditorium  
**All Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public**  
**4-H Rabbit Show** • Small Animal Barn  
**Kid's Corner Open**  
**4-H Sheep Show** • Livestock Show Barn  
**Fun Fair Activity** • In Front of Exposition Hall  
**All Rides Open**  
**4-H Dog Agility** • Dog Arena  
**Little Miss and Mister Pageant** • Auditorium  
**Comedy Illusionist** • Kid's Corner

6:30pm  
7pm  
7pm  
7-9:30pm

**3 Bar J Rodeo • Grandstand**  
**4-H Dairy Showmanship Contest • Livestock Show Barn**  
**Young Miss Pageant • Auditorium**  
**Battle of the Bands • Free Stage Area**



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 - 4-H DAY**

Sponsor of the Day: Kiesel Enterprises

8am  
8am  
9am  
10am - 9pm  
10am - 9pm  
1pm  
4pm  
4pm - 11pm  
5pm - 6pm  
5:30pm - 9:30pm  
5:30pm - 8pm  
5:30pm  
6pm - 6:30pm  
6pm  
6pm & 8pm  
8pm

**4-H & Open Poultry Show • Small Animal Barn**  
**4-H Horse & Pony Halter/Western Show • Lower Horse Arena**  
**4-H & Open Dairy Show • Livestock Show Barn**  
**All Exhibits Buildings Open to the Public**  
**Kid's Corner Open**  
**Fun Fair Activity • In Front of Exposition Hall**  
**4-H Llama /Alpaca Show • Industrial Building**  
**All Rides Open**  
**Sweet & Savory Smack Down Reg. & Setup • Auditorium**  
**Beer Garden • Arena wristband required. \$5/drink. Must be 21+**  
**Battle of the Bands • Free Stage Area**  
**Celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> Parade • Line up Auditorium**  
**Sweet & Savory Smack Down Judging & Tasting • Auditorium**  
**4-H Swine Show • Livestock Show Barn**  
**Comedy Illusionist • Kid's Corner**  
**Braxton Keith Concert with Hank Ruff Opening • Grandstand - Sponsored by Kenny Kent Toyota Concert Night**

\*\*Entrance on the dirt track in front of the stage will require a wristband which can be purchased for \$10 on Wednesday at 5:30pm. Entry to the dirt track will be available at 5:30pm after wristband is purchased.

**THURSDAY, JULY 23.**

Sponsor of the Day: Vand Cty Farm Bureau



8am  
9am  
9am  
10am - 9pm  
10am  
10am - 9pm  
Noon - 9pm  
  
1pm  
1pm  
2pm - 4:30pm  
2pm - 4:30pm  
4pm  
  
4pm - Close  
4:30pm  
6pm  
  
6pm & 8pm  
6:30pm

**4-H Horse & Pony Speed Show • Lower Horse Arena**  
**4-H Beef Show • Livestock Show Barn**  
**Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull Registration • Industrial Building**  
**All Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public**  
**Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull • Industrial Building**  
**Kid's Corner Open**  
**Bear Hollow Wood Carving Exhibition Co-sponsored by Echo Power Equipment • Grandstand South**  
**4-H & Open Dairy Goat Show • Livestock Show Barn**  
**4-H Scavenger Hunt • In front of Exposition Hall**  
**America's 250<sup>th</sup> Educational Event • Guest Speakers • Auditorium**  
**Children's Story Time • Free Books while supplies lasts • Auditorium**  
**4-H Pygmy Goat and Dairy Goat Agility Course and Costume Contest • Livestock Show Barn**  
**All Rides Open**  
**Antique Machinery Parade • Grandstand**  
**Vanderburgh County Fair Farmers Pull • Grandstand**  
**\*\*Hot Farm-Semi-Antique**  
**Magic Show • Kid's Corn 6:30pm**  
**Tiny Tots Contest • Auditorium**



7p-9:30p

**Battle of the Bands • Free Stage Area**

**FRIDAY, JULY 24**

Sponsor of the Day: Meyer Truck Equipment



8am

**4-H Livestock Supreme Showmanship • Livestock Show Barn**  
\*Large and Small animal

9am

**4-H Model Airplane & Rocket Performance • Field southeast of Livestock (Horse) Pavilion**

9:30am

**Horse & Pony Costume & Fun Show • Lower Horse Arena**

10am - 9pm

**All Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public**

10am - 9pm

**Kid's Corner Open**

Noon - 9pm

**Bear Hollow Wood Carving Exhibition** Co-sponsored by Echo Power Equipment • Grandstand South

1pm

**4-H Livestock Premium Auction • Livestock Show Barn**

4pm - close

**All Rides Open**

6pm

**Frog Jumping Contest • Livestock Show Barn**

6pm & 8pm

**Comedy Illusionist • Kid's Corner**

6:30pm

**Pro Pulling League Professional Tractor Pull • Grandstand**

7pm

**Talent Contest • Vocal & Instrumental • Auditorium**

7p-9:30p

**Battle of the Bands • Free Stage Area**

7:30pm

**Little Farmers Pet Parade • Livestock Show Barn**



**SATURDAY, JULY 25**

Sponsor of the Day: Midwestern Pet Foods



8am - 10am

**Vanderburgh County Fair Car Show Registration • Auditorium Parking Lot**

8:30am

**4-H Cat Show • Auditorium**

9am

**Garden Tractor Pull • Grandstand**

10am - 9pm

**All Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public**

10am - 2pm

**Vanderburgh County Fair Car Show • Auditorium Parking Lot**

10am - 9pm

**Kid's Corner Open**

11am - 4pm

**All Rides Open** – session 1 – requires session 1 arm band

10:30am

**Ice Cream Crank-Off • Banquet Hall Porch Registration & Set-up**

Noon

**Ice Cream Crank-Off • Banquet Hall Porch Tasting and Judging**

Noon - 9pm

**Bear Hollow Wood Carving Exhibition** Co-sponsored by Echo Power Equipment • Grandstand South

1pm

**Talent Contest • Dance, Novelty, Tumbling • Auditorium**

1pm

**Vanderburgh County Fair Car Show Awards**

2pm

**4-H Llama/Alpaca Costume & Fun Hour • Industrial Building**

5pm - close

**All Rides Open** – session 2 – requires session 2 arm band

3pm

**Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest • Industrial Building**

3pm-4pm

**Foam Party • By Kid's Corner**

5pm

**4-H Parade of Champions & Club Recognition • Auditorium**

6pm

**Miss Golden Pageant • Auditorium**

6pm & 8pm

**Comedy Illusionist • Kid's Corner**

6:00 pm

**Demolition Derby • Grandstand**



## VANDERBURGH COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Vanderburgh County Fair Association will award at least one \$750 scholarship to an incoming college freshman and at least one \$750 scholarship to a full-time college student in their 2nd through 4th year of post-secondary education. The number of scholarships awarded will be determined by the donations secured for the Vanderburgh County Fair Scholarship Fund. Applicants for these scholarships must exhibit involvement in the Vanderburgh County Fair. Deadline for entry is June 30, 2026.

Information may be accessed at: <http://www.extension.purdue.edu/Vanderburgh>

### PAST WINNERS

2017	Andy Caldemeyer Brooke Bittner Elijah Shell	Zach Goebel Rachel Hatfield Zach Weinzapfel
2018	Kelsey Rexing Nathan Seiler Lindsey Koester Darcie Smith	Andy Caldemeyer Malia Lousignont Nathan Folz
2019	Nathan Seiler Lindsey Koester Emily Wolf	Darcie Smith Claudia Duncan Joshua Pohl
2020	Emma Goebel Kara Woodard Emily Orth	Maria Sensmeier Nicholas Folz
2021	Maria Sensmeier Shela Harker	Lance Berendes Alexis Pohl
2022	Kylie Bedel Emma Farney Olivia Baehl	Aubrey Hirsch Amanda Deutsch
2023	Emily English Kylie Bedel Emma Farney Tyler Weinzapfel	Rachel Pohl Ethan Ziliak Reagan Koester
2024	Emily English Shela Harker Reagan Koester	Isaac Pohl Rhylanne Bittner Sarah Parker
2025	Isaac Pohl Sydney Woodard Rachel Pohl	Charlie English Averye Engelhardt Josie Nesbitt

### YOUNG DAIRYMEN SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

2021 - Ryan Ziliak & Kylie Mitchell

2022 - N/A

2023 - Ethan Ziliak & Reagan Koester

2024 - Ian Rexing & Mia Koester

2025 – Brody Riggs

## DAILY FOOD BOOTH SCHEDULE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday Through Saturday
<b>Breakfast at Jr. Leader Booth</b>	Open 6am	Closed	Open 7:30am-9:30am
<b>Junior Leader Booth</b>	Open 10am-3pm	Open 10am-Close	Open 10am-Close
<b>Young Dairymen Booth</b>	Closed	Open 10am-Close	Open 10am-Close
<b>SIAM Booth</b>	Closed	Open 11am-9:30pm	Open 11am-9:30pm
<b>Wooden Building</b>	Closed	Open 11am-Close	Open 11am-Close
<b>Banquet Hall Meals</b>	Closed	Open 4pm-8pm	Open 11am-2pm and 4pm-8pm
<b>Fair Association Food Booths</b>	Closed	Open 4pm-Close	Open 4pm-Close
<b>Ice Tea Stand</b>	Closed	Open 2pm-Close	Open Noon-Close
<b>Lemonade Stand</b>	Closed	Open 2pm-Close	Open Noon-Close
<b>Midway Food Booths</b>	Closed	Open 4pm-Close	Open 4pm-Close

## SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY AT THE FAIR

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 9am-12:30pm in the Auditorium (persons age 55 and older)

Hosted by The Vanderburgh County Fair Association

8:30am.	Doors Open
9:00am - 10:30am	BINGO
10:30am - 11:00am.	Visit Vendors
11:00am	Lunch
(Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn & ice cream)	
12:00pm - 12:30pm.	Guest Speaker
(Dr. David Browning)	
12:30pm	Enjoy the Fair

THANK YOU TO  
OUR SPONSOR.



\$10 Admission Ticket MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

Tickets sold on a "first come first served" basis at:

SWIRCA & More 16 W. Virginia st. Evansville IN 47710 or Purdue Extension Office –  
Vanderburgh County – 13301 Darmstadt Rd. Evansville IN 47725

The deadline to purchase tickets is July 17. All tickets are non-refundable. Event held in Auditorium. For questions call: (812) 403-0026

# VANDERBURGH COUNTY FAIR



## Educational Event Thursday, July 23 2:00-4:30pm Auditorium

Talk with experts from the Evansville Wartime Museum, Angel Mounds, VFW Post 114, Boy Scout Troup #350, retired Navy CB, Lyles Station, & LST. Learn how to fold a flag, flag retirement, meet Uncle Sam, Rosie and Eleanor.

free books,  
tattoos &  
bracelet  
making

3:00 ROSIE THE RIVETER

3:30 ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

4:00 FLAG HISTORY

Visit our display of all 9 US Military Flags  
and war re-enactment costumes.

Daily 10am-9pm Auditorium

**CENTURY EVENTS COMMITTEE**

TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE THE 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA

# VANDEBURGH COUNTY FAIR TALENT CONTEST

Chairpersons: Mickayla Ritchie, (812) 760-2056 Mickaylaj1998@gmail.com

Laura Duncan, (812) 449-3709 MLchdunc@gmail.com

Vocal and Instrumental: Friday, July 24, 2026 7:00 p.m. Auditorium

Dance, Tumbling and Novelty: Saturday, July 25, 2026 1:00p.m. Auditorium

Pre-registration is required. Entry forms, including payment links, are available at [www.vanderburghcountyfair.com](http://www.vanderburghcountyfair.com) under Events > Contests. Entry deadline: Friday, July 10, 2026. Entry fee: \$10 per person, per act, with a maximum of \$100 for groups of 10 or more. Please review all rules and regulations; failure to comply may result in disqualification.

This is not a 4-H event; 4-H participation is not required. Contestants must be Indiana residents. To be eligible for placements, acts must be from Vanderburgh Co. or have a majority of members from Vanderburgh Co. Acts from neighboring counties whose fair does not host a talent contest may enter and perform for judges' feedback and possible sanction to compete at the Indiana State Fair Talent Contest, pending state approval. Contact Chairpersons for details.

## DIVISIONS

Contestants may compete in one solo and/or one group act.

Junior – Ages 12 and under. Solo & Group. Solo participants who turn 13 in 2026 must compete in the Senior Division. For group acts, participants who are 13 may compete in Junior if the majority of the group is 12 or under. No one over 14 is allowed in the Junior Division.

Senior – Ages 13–21. Solo & Group. Exhibition – For those ineligible due to age, residency, or other reasons, or for those who wish to perform without being judged. Exhibition acts are not eligible for placements or prizes.

## CATEGORIES

Categories will be divided by solo male, solo female, or group (2+ performers, male or female).

A) VOCAL – Vocal performance with instrumental accompaniment (must remain purely supportive).

Background vocals on CD should be minimal. No props allowed.

B) INSTRUMENTAL – Instrumental performance without vocal utterance. Accompaniment is allowed but must be purely supportive. No same-type instruments for accompaniment.

C) DANCE – Dance performance (ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, lyrical, modern, hip-hop, step). Dance-related acrobatic/tumbling skills allowed (2 per solo, 4 per group). Props must be part of the costume (e.g., hat, cane, umbrella).

D) CLOGGING – Clogging performance (freestyle, artistic, traditional, hoedown, precision). Tumbling is not allowed. Props must be part of the costume.

E) TUMBLING/GYMNASTICS – Floor routines with more than two acrobatic/tumbling skills. Must provide

own mats & runners. Props/scenery allowed. No spotters.

F) NOVELTY – For acts that don't fit other categories, such as skits, lip sync, comedy, magic, mime, juggling, hula hoop, reenactment, jump rope, or theatrical performance. Props allowed. \*If fewer than three acts are entered in a category, they may be combined with another category.

## RULES

1. **Timing & Setup:** Contestants have 2 minutes to set up props, instruments, mats, etc. Performance time begins when music starts (if used) or at the first movement or vocal utterance. All acts (Solo & Group) 2.5 minutes / Bands: 3 minutes. Acts exceeding the time limit incur 10-point deduction.
2. **Prohibited Items & Acts:** No cheerleading, baton twirling, or acts using batons, machetes, or sharp instruments. Fire, dry ice, fog, straw, or confetti are not allowed on stage.
3. **Props, Costumes, & Equipment:** Props are hand-carried items and are not part of the costume (e.g., hats, canes, umbrellas, or similar wearable items are part of the costume). All props and equipment must be removed promptly from the stage following the performance. Microphones and a piano will be provided.
4. **Accompaniment:** If used, contestants must provide their own accompanist (live or recorded).
5. **Sound & Music:** A sound system and operator will be provided. Instrumentalists may bring their own amplifier. Music must be on either a CD (one high-quality song per CD, labeled) or a mobile device. A 1/8-inch (3.5mm) plug will be available for connection. Contestants must provide their own device operator. Devices may need to be removed from cases. Contestants are responsible for compatibility and playback; errors may result in a deduction. All acts must use the provided lighting.
6. **Liability:** Contestants are responsible for their costumes, props, belongings, and equipment. The fair is not liable for lost, stolen, or damaged items.
7. **Judging & Concerns:** All participants will receive recognition; official placements and State Fair selections follow judging. The decisions are final. Written complaints may be submitted to Vanderburgh County Fair Assoc., P.O. Box 58, Inglefield, IN 47618, by July 27, 2026. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including verbal complaints, may result in disqualification and ineligibility the following year.
8. **State Fair Representation:** Vanderburgh County may send one act per category in Junior and Senior Divisions to the Indiana State Fair Talent Contest. A second act may advance if scores qualify. Performers winning both solo and group may advance in both. Contestants must disclose prior qualification in another county. Winners declining participation must notify a Chairperson by noon Sunday, July 26, 2026. The next eligible act may be contacted.
9. **Fair Grounds Entry:** Contestants and families are responsible for Fair Grounds entry fees.

\*Chairpersons will interpret rules and address unforeseen situations; decisions are final.

# MISS VANDERBURGH COUNTY QUEEN PAGEANT RULES

Pageant Coordinator – Beth Schmitt

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Committee – Katie Barnes, Audrey Creel, Laura Duncan, Lauren Durchholz, Robin Lax, Dru Moreland, Rachel Pohl, Abbey Riggs, and Emma Ruedlinger

**The deadline for entering the Vanderburgh County Pageant is June 26, 2026.**

**To enter, go to [vanderburghcountyfair.com](http://vanderburghcountyfair.com) (Events, Contests, Pageants, Queen Pageant)**

1. Contestants chosen as Queen and First Runner Up must be at least 18 years of age and cannot have reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday on or before June 1, 2027. Younger contestants and other members of the Queens Court must be 16 years of age by July 20, 2026.
  2. Contestants and moms/chaperones are required to attend a “Contestant Meeting” on July 1, 2026 at 6 pm, in the Expo Hall at the Vanderburgh 4-H Center. Please come prepared to have a head shot taken.
  3. A \$30.00 entry fee and a **copy of the contestant’s birth certificate** must be submitted at the “Contestant Meeting.”
  4. Contestants must be an Indiana resident, a U.S. citizen, and represent their home county (county of legal residency). One of the contestant’s parents or legal guardians must also be an Indiana resident. The only exception: the contestant may reside in an adjoining county if the majority of their activities are in the county in which they entered the contest.
  5. Contestants cannot have a child or be knowingly pregnant at the time of the county fair queen pageant or the State Fair Queen Program. If the 2026 queen becomes or is pregnant anytime during her reign, she will be required to relinquish her title.
  6. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in her community, such as church groups, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc.
  7. Any contestant who has competed in a State Fair Queen Program cannot compete again and cannot compete for the title of Miss Vanderburgh County.
  8. The contestants will be judged on the basis of poise, personality, and the ability to converse. At the county level, the judging is divided into five divisions: speech, interview, professional wear, evening gown and on-stage word response. Points and score sheets are for judges’ assessment only. Final selection is the judges’ decision.
  9. The requirements for each division include:  
*Speech* – Prepare and present a speech no longer than one minute, on the topic of their choice. Speeches will be scored on natural speaking ability, delivery, poise and originality. Each speech will be timed, with one point deducted for speech going over one minute. Speeches will be delivered before the judges at the preliminary judging.  
*Attire*: Denim (jeans/skirt/capris -contestants choice) and Queen T-shirt that is provided to each contestant  
  
*Interview* – Each contestant will have one (1), three minute interview with each of the three judges individually. Therefore, each contestant will give three separate interviews (9 collective minutes total), answering impromptu questions asked by each judge. Interviews are private and not open to the public.  
*Attire*: Suit, Pant Suit, Jumpsuit or Dress  
*Professional Wear* – same attire as Interview  
*Formal Wear* – at least one portion of the hemline must be floor length (touching the floor or top of the contestant’s foot). A gown with the skirt split above the knee (more than 2” above the kneecap), a low-cut bodice and/or cut/design inappropriate for the county pageant may be discounted by the judges. Formal wear worn during Preliminary Judging must also be worn during the Competition finals/evening competition.  
  
*On Stage Word*: Contestants will give one impromptu on-stage response, to be scored by the judges.
10. The Vanderburgh County Pageant will be held on Monday, July 20, 2026. Preliminary judging will occur during the day at Blue Grass Church, 14200 Petersburg Rd, Evansville, IN 47725. The public pageant and crowning will be in the 4-H Center Auditorium, following the official fair opening.
  11. Contestants are required to attend a practice for the public pageant, on Sunday, July 19, in the 4-H Center Auditorium at 6:00 pm.

12. Miss Vanderburgh County, Court and Miss Congeniality must be prepared to spend July 20-25 at the fair, attending daily events. Additional information will be shared during a meeting on Tuesday morning of the fair.
13. **All** contestants are expected to participate in community service, which includes assisting with the Senior Day Lunch on the Tuesday of the fair, and working a shift in Kids Corner, on the Saturday of the fair.
14. The 2026 Queen will compete January 8-10, 2027 at the Indiana State Fair Queen Program competition. Additional information will be provided to the winner.
15. The 2026 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up will have the opportunity to compete at the Indiana State Festivals Association Scholarship Pageant on November 7, 2026. Additional information will be provided to the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up.
16. The Pageant Committee reserves the right to adjust the pageant rules according to the number of entries for this 2026 year.

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## A Letter from Emma Ruedlinger *Miss Vanderburgh County 2025*

As I look back on this year as Miss Vanderburgh County 2025, I just feel so incredibly thankful. When I first stepped into this role, I'll be honest, I was nervous. I wasn't a 4-Her growing up, and I wasn't sure if I would really fit into something that means so much to so many families. What I found instead was a community that welcomed me with open arms. You showed me that 4-H isn't about where you start, it's about the values you grow into. This year completely changed my perspective and turned me into one of 4-H's biggest advocates.



Serving Vanderburgh County has truly been one of the greatest honors of my life. Fair week alone was unforgettable. From riding in the wagon parade, to spending time with my honorary court member Kurt Keil, to getting to meet Ashley Cooke before her concert, every single moment felt so special. And rodeo night? Dancing in the rain with my court? That's a memory I will hold onto forever! It was one of those perfectly imperfect moments that just makes you stop and think, "I never want to forget this."

I also had the absolute best court I could have asked for. Kathrine Roemke, Alyssa Coomes, and Lillie Smith — you girls made every long day brighter and every late night more fun. Whether we were walking the fairgrounds, cheering on exhibitors, or laughing through the rain, I wouldn't trade those memories for anything.

Beyond the fair, representing Vanderburgh County at the Miss Indiana State Fair Queen Program was such an incredible honor. Competing alongside so many strong, inspiring women pushed me to grow in ways I didn't expect. Placing Top 10 is something I'll always be proud of but even more meaningful was knowing I was representing a county that believed in me every step of the way.

There are so many people who made this year possible. Thank you to Lee and Rhonda Slater, Beth Schmitt, Amanda Deutsch, Jenny Deutsch, and Laura Duncan for your guidance, encouragement, and heart for this program. And to every volunteer, exhibitor, and supporter who works behind the scenes, YOU are the reason this fair is so special. Your hard work truly does not go unnoticed.

To my family and friends, thank you for being my constant. For the early mornings, the long days, the outfit changes, the pep talks, and everything in between. I could not have done this without you.

And finally, Vanderburgh County, THANK YOU for trusting me with this role. Thank you for welcoming me, supporting me, and allowing me to represent this incredible community. This year has meant more to me than I can put into words, and I will always carry it with so much gratitude.

It has been the honor of a lifetime!

# MISS VANDERBURGH COUNTY TEEN PAGEANT RULES

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The deadline for entering the Miss Vanderburgh County Teen Pageant is June 26, 2026. To enter, go to [vanderburghcountyfair.com](http://vanderburghcountyfair.com) (Events, Contests, Pageants, Teen Pageant)

1. Each contestant must be at least 13 years old by July 20, 2026 and not had her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday as of November 7, 2026.
2. Contestants and moms/chaperones are required to attend a “Contestant Meeting” on July 1, 2026 at 6 pm, in the Expo Hall at the Vanderburgh 4-H Center. Please come prepared to have a head shot taken.
3. A \$25.00 entry fee and a copy of the contestant’s birth certificate must be submitted at the “Contestant Meeting.”
4. Each contestant must be a U.S. citizen, an Indiana resident, and a Vanderburgh County resident. The only exception: she may reside in an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are in Vanderburgh County.
5. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in her community such as church groups, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc.
6. The contestant will be judged on the basis of poise, personality, and the ability to converse. The judging is divided into four categories: 30 second speech on the topic of the Vanderburgh County Fair, interview, onstage modeling of evening gown, and on stage question.
7. The requirements for each division include:  
*Speech:* Prepare and present a speech no longer than 30 seconds, on the topic of the Vanderburgh County Fair. Speeches will be scored on natural speaking ability, delivery, poise and originality. Each speech will be timed, with one point deducted for speech going over 30 seconds. Speeches will be delivered before the panel of three judges at the preliminary judging.  
*Interview:* Immediately following the speech, each participant will engage in a private, three-minute interview with the panel of three judges. This session consists of impromptu questions. The speech and interview are private and closed to the public.  
*Attire* - Denim (jeans/skirt/capris -contestants choice) and Queen T-shirt that is provided to each contestant  
*Formal Wear* – For the evening pageant, contestants are asked to wear age appropriate formal wear, with at least one portion of the hemline being floor length (touching the floor or top of the contestant’s foot). A gown with the skirt split above the knee (more than 2” above the kneecap), a low-cut bodice and/or cut/design inappropriate for the county pageant may be discounted by the judges.  
*On Stage Question* – At the evening pageant, each contestant will be asked an on stage question. The questions will not be provided before the pageant.
8. The Miss Vanderburgh County Teen Pageant will be held on Monday, July 20, 2026. The preliminary judging will begin at 1:00 p.m. at Blue Grass Church, 14200 Petersburg Rd, Evansville, IN 47725. The public pageant and crowning will be in the 4-H center Auditorium at 5:00 pm. Enter Gate 2 (Boonville-New Harmony Road) right Lane.
9. The winner of the pageant will be crowned “Miss Vanderburgh County Teen 2026.” Miss Vanderburgh County Teen and Court should be prepared to spend Friday, July 24, 2026, at the fair with the Queen/Court. You are encouraged to participate in activities and pass out ribbons at the animal shows throughout fair week. The winner and court will be given additional information after the pageant.
10. Points and score sheets are for the judges’ assessment only and will not be made available to the contestants. The judges’ decision will be final.
11. Late entry fees will not be refunded.
12. There will be on stage practice in the Auditorium on Sunday, July 19, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Bring shoes you will be wearing for pageant to practice. Parents will wait outside.
13. Contestants are expected to work a shift at Kids Corner on Saturday, July 25, 2026
14. The Miss Vanderburgh County Teen 2026, will have the opportunity to compete at the Indiana State Festivals Association Scholarship Princess Pageant on November 7, 2026.
15. The pageant committee reserves the right to adjust the pageant rules according to the number of entries for the 2026 year.

# VANDERBURGH COUNTY YOUNG MISS PAGEANT RULES

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**The deadline for entering the Miss Vanderburgh County Young Miss Pageant is June 26, 2026.**

**To enter, go to [vanderburghcountyfair.com](http://vanderburghcountyfair.com) (Events, Contests, Pageants, Young Miss Pageant)**

1. Each contestant must be at least 10 years old and not had her 13th birthday as of July 20, 2026.
2. Contestants and moms/chaperones are required to attend a “Contestant Meeting” on July 1, 2026 at 6 pm, in the Expo Hall at the Vanderburgh 4-H Center.
3. A \$25.00 entry fee (make checks payable to the Vanderburgh County Fair Association), **a copy of the contestant’s birth certificate**, and a photo, (no larger than 4x6) must be submitted at the “Contestant Meeting.”
4. Each contestant must be a U.S. citizen, an Indiana resident, and a Vanderburgh County resident. The only exception: she may reside in an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are in Vanderburgh County.
5. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in her community such as church groups, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc.
6. The contestant will be judged on the basis of poise, personality, and the ability to converse. The judging is divided into three categories: modeling of a fun outfit, interview, and an on stage question.
7. The requirements for each division include:  
*Fun Outfit* - An outfit that will show off the contestant’s personality. Examples include: sports uniform, sundress, ballet costume. The outfit must be appropriate for 10 to 12 year olds. No formal dress or pageant dresses will be allowed. The contestant must wear the same outfit for daytime and evening judging. Handheld props are permitted. The contestant will be expected to explain to the judges and audience why she chose this outfit.  
*Interview* - Each contestant will have an interview with impromptu question from the judges.  
*On Stage Question* - On the night of the pageant, each contestant will be asked an on stage question. The questions will not be provided before the pageant.
8. The Vanderburgh County Young Miss Pageant will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026. The day judging will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. The evening pageant will be held in the Auditorium at 7:00 p.m., following the Little Miss and Mister Contest. Enter Gate 2 (Boonville-New Harmony Road) right Lane.
9. The winner of the pageant will be crowned “Vanderburgh County Young Miss 2026.” Young Miss and Court should be prepared to spend Friday, July 24, 2026, at the fair with the Queen/Court. You are welcome to pass out ribbons at the animal shows throughout fair week as well.
10. Points and score sheets are for the judges’ assessment only and will not be made available to the contestants. The judges’ decision will be final. Anyone who verbally complains to the judges, chairpersons, or emcee will be ineligible for next year’s pageant.
11. Late entry fees will not be refunded.
12. There will be on-stage practice in the Auditorium on Sunday, July 20 at 3:30 pm. Bring shoes you will be wearing for pageant to practice. Parents will wait outside.
13. Contestants are expected to work a shift at Kids Corner on Saturday, July 25, 2026
14. The pageant committee reserves the right to adjust the pageant rules according to the number of entries for the 2026 year.

# LITTLE MISS AND MISTER CONTEST RULES

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Committee: Lauren Durchholz, Laura Duncan, Robin Lax, Dru Moreland, Rachel Pohl, Abbey Riggs,  
Emma Ruedlinger

**The deadline for entering the Little Miss and Mister Contest is June 26, 2026.**

**To enter: Send the form below, a recent picture (no larger than a 4x6), a copy of the contestant's birth certificate, and an entry fee of \$15.00 (Make checks payable to the Vanderburgh County Fair Association)**

**To: Little Miss and Mister Contest, Sara Coomes 19900 St. Joseph Ave., Haubstadt, IN 47639**

- Private Judging:** (Tuesday, July 21, 2026 in the Auditorium, times will be assigned) Each contestant will have a 2 minute interview with the judges. Questions will come from their hobbies and interests listed on the entry form. Contestants are to wear the same attire for private and public judging (see below). Private judging will start at 4:30. Times will be assigned and communicated by email and/or text to the email and/or phone number provided on registration form at least 1 week before the contest.  
**Judging:** based on the ability to converse.
- Public Contest** (Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 6 p.m., in the Auditorium) Enter gate 2 on Boonville New Harmony Rd. Right Lane.  
**Attire:** Dress of contestant's choice based on the following: appropriateness for 5-7 year olds (Something comfortable: shorts, sundress, sandals, jeans, etc.). **No tuxedos or long, formal dresses or pageant dresses will be allowed. No costumes.**  
**Judging:** Based on poise, personality, and overall presentation.  
**Onstage Question:** Each contestant will answer an onstage question.
- Parents or Chaperones are not allowed in the judging area anytime during the contest. Committee Members will be in this area to assist contestants if needed.
- Any contestant who has performed or competed at the professional level (for monetary gain) in anything other than amateur contests will be considered ineligible for this contest.
- Contestants *must* be at least 5 years old and *cannot* have reached his/her 8th birthday as of July 21, 2026. Past county winners of the Little Miss and Little Mister contest are ineligible.
- Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in the Vanderburgh County community such as church groups, Scouts, etc. or be a Vanderburgh County resident.
- One Little Miss and one Little Mister will be selected as winners.
- Little Miss and Mister should be prepared to spend Friday, July 24, 2026, at the fair with the Queen/Court. Little Miss and Mister are welcome to pass out ribbons at the animal shows throughout fair week with a parent or guardian present. Throughout the year, Little Miss and Mister may be asked to participate in parades.
- Late entry fees will not be refunded.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M or F  
Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: YS YM YL YXL  
Parent/Guardian Name (as you would like announced at the program): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Hobbies/Interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the entry form, recent picture no larger than 4x6, birth certificate, and entry fee of \$15 to:

Little Miss and Mister Contest

Sara Coomes 19900 St. Joseph Ave.

Haubstadt, IN 47639

*\*Late entry fees will not be refunded.*

**Please do not combine entry fees from other pageants.**

Entry forms must be postmarked by June 26, 2026 to be eligible.

In memo line of check please write child's name.

# TINY TOTS CONTEST

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Committee: Katie Barnes, Audrey Creel, Sara Coomes, Laura Duncan, Lauren Durchholz, Robin Lax,

Dru Moreland, Emma Ruedlinger, Beth Schmitt, Rhonda Klueg-Slater, and Alyssa Welte

**The deadline for entering the Tiny Tots Contest is July 16, 2026. To enter, send the form below, entry fee of \$10.00 (Make checks payable to the Vanderburgh County Fair Association) and a copy of your child's birth certificate to: Dru Moreland Re: Tiny Tots Contest 11801 Breckenridge Dr. Evansville, IN 47725**

1. The Tiny Tots Contest will take place on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the fair grounds. Please enter through gate 2 on Boonville New Harmony Rd. Right Lane
2. All tots will be judged on biggest smile and originality of costume.
3. Tiny Tots must have been born on or after July 1, 2022.
4. There will be eight categories in 6-month increments.
5. Please check-in between 5:45p.m. and 6:15p.m. on July 23rd, in the Auditorium.
6. Entry forms must be postmarked by July 16, 2026. Send Entry form, copy of birth certificate and \$10 Entry Fee (Make checks to Vanderburgh County Fair Association) Write Child's Name on Memo Line.
7. Late entry fees will not be refunded.
8. Contestants who do not participate in the event will not be refunded.
9. No CD's will be accepted for any individual participating in the contest. Children's music will be played for participants. The music will be chosen by pageant committee.
10. No entry form will be accepted via any electronic device. All information must be mailed in. We are not responsible for any entry that is not sent in correctly or gets lost in the mail.

## ENTRY FORM

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the entry form, birth certificate, and entry fee of \$10 to:

**Please do not combine fees from other pageants.**

Entry forms must be postmarked by July 16, 2026 to be eligible.

\*Late entry fees will not be refunded.

Tiny Tots

Dru Moreland

11801 Breckenridge Dr.

Evansville, IN 47725

# MISS GOLDEN PAGEANT RULES

(Pageant for Females with Special Needs)

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Committee – Katie Barnes, Audrey Creel, Laura Duncn, Robin Lax, Dru Moreland, Rachel Pohl, Abbey Riggs, Emma Ruedlinger, Beth Schmitt, Rhonda Klueg-Slater, and Alyssa Welte

**The deadline for the Miss Golden Pageant is July 3, 2026. To enter, contact Lauren Durchholz  
A \$10 entry fee is due at the time of registration.**

The Vanderburgh County Fair “Miss Golden Pageant” is a pageant for females ages ten to thirty - five with special needs. Hair styling and makeup will be available as well!

If help is needed with the entry fee, please contact Lauren at (812) 664-8152

1. All contestants must be at least 10 years old and cannot have reached their 35th birthday on or before June 1, 2026.
2. Contestants will be judged on their abilities and interview.
3. Information will be sent out by July 13, 2026.
4. Each contestant must be an Indiana resident, a U.S. citizen, and represent her home county. One of her legal guardians must also be an Indiana resident. The only exception: she may reside in an adjoining county in which she enters the contest.
5. Contestants cannot have a child or be knowingly pregnant at the time of the county fair Miss Golden pageant. If the 2026 Miss Golden becomes or is pregnant anytime during her reign, she will be required to relinquish her title.
6. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in her community, such as Girl Scouts, Kiwanis, 4-H, Rotary, Women in Construction etc.
7. Each participant will be scored on her individual ability through the Vanderburgh County Miss Golden Pageant, using the experience as building blocks for life skills.
8. The categories that each contestant will have the opportunity to participate in are: A. Interview: Each contestant will be asked 2 or 3 questions out of the 5 she picked from the list provided. Appropriate outfit for interview that will take place on the day of the pageant includes a sundress, fun outfit showing personality, or an outfit showing one of her interests. B. On stage modeling: For this event, the girls may wear a formal dress or a dressy outfit. The dress may not be low cut or come more than 2 inches above the knee.
9. The Vanderburgh County Fair Miss Golden Pageant will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2026. Preliminary judging will occur in the daytime leading up to the pageant. The public pageant will be held early evening at the fair.
10. Points and score sheets are for the judges’ assessment only. Final selections are the judges’ decision.
11. All parts of the contest will occur on July 25, 2026. All information will be provided through email or mail.

# 375 PROMOTIONS MOTOCROSS RACES

Monday, July 20, 2026 7:30pm in the Grandstand  
Gates Open 3pm. Sign-ups 4pm-5pm. Practice 5pm. Main Events 7:30pm

## Classes:

### BIKES

WOMEN'S OPEN  
PITBIKE 0-110CC  
TRAILBIKE 70-140CC 12&U  
STACYC 12C DRIVE  
STACYC OPEN  
FUN 50 PW-CRF  
50 JR 4-6  
50 SR 7-8  
50 OPEN  
50 SHAFT  
65 BEGINNER  
65 JR 7-9  
65 SR 9-11  
85 OPEN  
85 BEGINNER  
SUPERMINI  
SCHOOL BOY 12-16  
COLLEGE BOY 17-24  
OPEN BEGINNER  
OPEN C  
OPEN B  
OPEN OUTAW-VET B,C  
25 PLUS  
30 PLUS  
OPEN PRO \$

### QUADS

0-70 YARD  
70-OPEN YARD  
0-50 OPEN  
0-70 QUAD  
0-200 OPEN YOUTH  
QUAD B-C  
ATV PRO \$



\* NO PIT RIDING

\* ATV'S MUST HAVE WORKING KILL  
CORD

\* GATE FEE \$10

\* PIT PASS \$10

## MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jason Stills at (812) 470-1351,

Jasonstills1@gmail.com or

Brayden Stills at (812) 461-8936

\*\*All entries and support crew should enter the grounds  
through Gate 3. Must pay fair admission at the gate.

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## 3 BAR J RODEO

Tuesday, July 21st 2026 – 6:30pm in the Grandstands

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## DEMOLITION DERBY

Saturday, July 25th, 2026

All entering the grounds must pay fair admission at the gate.

Drivers: \$30 Entry, Riders: \$20 Entry, Pit Passes: \$10

Inspection time is Noon-5:00pm

Drivers Meeting at 5:30pm. Show Starts at 6:00pm. (Please DO NOT be late).

- KIDS POWER WHEEL
- WELD BIG CAR
- SCRAPPER RACE
- WELD MINI CAR
- WINDSHIELD BIG CAR
- WINDSHIELD MINI CAR

Please see Let R' Eat Motorsports Facebook page for classes and rules.

Bring extra parts. We will run heats if possible.

For questions, visit Let R' Eat Motorsports Facebook page.

\*\*All entries and support crew should enter the grounds through Gate 3. Must pay fair admission at the gate.

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# FARMERS PULL

Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Grandstand

Drivers Meeting at 5:30pm at the scale Weigh-in starting at 4:00pm

Contact Ted Elpers (812) 305-4032 or Gary Rexing (812) 499-9650

Entry Fee: \$20.00

**Prize Money:** 1st Place - \$75/Trophy 2nd Place - \$60  
3rd Place - \$45 4th Place - \$30  
5th Place - \$15

- Farm Pull open to all counties.
  - Hitches must be in locked position.
  - Open area for hitch to be hooked.
  - 3000 max. rpm's.
  - All drives must remain seated.
  - Judges decision is final.
  - Ruled by speed limit on sled.
  - No hand cut drive tires.
  - MFWD max-permitted.
- All seats must be factory.
- 18.4-38 max single tire for 12,000 lb. class only
  - Raise hitch height to 22inches or Factory set hitch height for 35,000 class only

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## TRACK SPONSORS



## Classes

10,000

- No Cut Tires
- 20" Draw Bar Height
- Factory RPM
- Factory Motor

35,000

- Open MPH
- Max 22" or factory set hitch height (Judges decision is final)

27,000

- Open MPH
- Max 20" Pulling Point

22,000

- 4.5 MPH
- Max 20" Pulling Point

17,000

- 4 MPH
- Max 20" Pulling Point

12,000

- 4 MPH
- Max 20" Pulling Point

## OHIO RIVER VALLEY PULLERS ASSOCIATION TRACTOR PULL

Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Grandstand Contact Rusty Oeth

(812) 589-2730 or Ted Elpers (812) 305-4032

Ohio River Valley Pullers Rules Apply

## ANTIQUA TRACTOR PULL

Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Grandstand Weigh-in Starting at 5:00pm

U.S.A.P Rules • \$20 Per Hook • 2 Hook Max • 50% Payback

Larry Stephans (217) 232-6678, Ray Rexing (812) 459-4174 or

Wayne Reinbrecht (812) 598-1330

USAP CLASSES:

- 4000# - 3mph, 4mph
- 4500# - 3mph, 4mph, 12mph
- 5000# - 6mph
- 5500# - 3mph, 4mph

\*Bonus money classes will be announced at a later date on U.S.A.P or Yesterday's Tractor Forum\*

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# SOUTHERN INDIANA FARM STOCK PULLERS

Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Grandstand

Contact Jody Elpers (812) 305-0720

12,000 - 10 & 14 mph classes | Association Rules Apply

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## SEMI PULLS

Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Grandstand

Contact Ted Elpers (812) 305-4032, Gary Rexing (812) 499-9650 or

Mike Gries (812) 457-4384

20,000 lbs. - \$20 Entry Free Purse - 6 Places Paid

\*\*All entries and support crew should enter the grounds through Gate 4. Must pay fair admission at the gate.

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## PROFESSIONAL TRACTOR PULLS

Friday, July 24, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Grandstand

Contact Gary Rexing 812-499-9650,

Mike Gries 812-457-4384 or Ted Elpers 812-305-4032

### Classes

- Super-Modified Tractors
- 10,000 Pro Stock Tractors
- Hot Farm Tractors

Super Modified 2WD Trucks

- Super Farm Tractors
- Mini Rod Tractors

Event Sponsor:



Track Sponsor:



\*\*All entries and support crew should enter the grounds through Gate 3. Must pay fair admission at the gate.

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## GARDEN TRACTOR PULLS

Saturday, July 25, 2026 at 9:00am in the Grandstand

Contact Gene Gauger (812) 457-8379, ggauger8825@yahoo.com or

Max Burkhardt (812) 486-6526, burkhartmax@yahoo.com

### Quarter Scale Pull

8HP Stock Plus - 875 lbs

12 HP Stock - 1000 lbs

16 HP Stock - 1050 lbs

### TTPAI Classes Only

30 Cu In (NQS) - 1000 lbs

Pro Stock (NQS) - 1050 lbs

Super Stock (NQS) - 1050 lbs

Super Stock Carb - 1050 lbs

One Day Membership \$10 per person • Entry Fee \$15 per class.

See Tristate Tractor Pulling Association - TTPAI on Facebook for complete rules

\*\*All entries and support crew should enter the grounds through Gate 3. Must pay fair admission at the gate.

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# SIAM ANTIQUE DISPLAY

Sponsored by the Southern Indiana Antique & Machinery Club

1979-2026 - 47th Year

Contact Steve Deutsch (812) 454-2007 or  
Gary Mann, Antique Parade Chairman (812) 963-6841

- Contact one of the persons listed above to display antique tools, farm machinery, household goods, or other items of interest.
- Antique machinery and/or exhibits must be registered at the Antique Building Information Booth beginning on Monday.
- All exhibitors will receive a copy of rules regarding the operation of equipment during the fair.
- SIAM personnel will be in the area 24 hours per day.
- Antique tractor parade will start at 4:30pm on Thursday afternoon
- In order to participate in the antique parade on Thursday, you must register at the Antique Building Information Booth.
- You do not have to be a SIAM member to exhibit/participate.

## A LITTLE ABOUT THE SIAM ANTIQUE DISPLAY

More than 150 pre-1960 model tractors including one of the largest displays of John Deere tractors east of the Mississippi.

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shingle mill, baker fan.

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Blacksmith Shop in operation in Machinery Building.



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## **SWEET & SAVORY SMACKDOWN**

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 - 4-H Center Auditorium

Registration and Setup: 5-6pm - Judging and Tasting 6-6:30pm

Fee of \$5 per entry

Rules:

1. Contestants may compete in both categories as individual or group. There is no limit to the number of entries allowed.
2. Contestants will bring finished product. Entries may be hot or cold.
3. The Fair will provide electricity upon request and spoons for tasting. Contestants will provide their own crackers or dippable foods if so chosen.
4. Contestants will provide one recipe card for judging.
5. Contestants will provide any potential allergens for their dip or spread to be displayed for public tasting (I.e. dairy, eggs, soy, tree nuts, peanuts and legumes, fish, shellfish, wheat, sesame.)

### **Awards:**

Judging will be based on overall taste and originality of recipe. A first-place award will be provided for each category (sweet and savory) as well as a People's Choice Award.

# VANDEBURGH COUNTY FAIR BATTLE OF THE BANDS: RULES & GUIDELINES

1. Eligibility
  - The competition entry is open to all bands, regardless of genre
  - Final contestants will be determined by an impartial panel of Fair Association members
2. Entry Requirements
  - All bands must submit the completed entry form by deadline **June 15, 2026**
  - Each entry must include a band bio, a link to a demo, and social media handles if applicable
  - 2 contestants(bands or individuals) will be selected to perform each night
3. Performance Requirements
  - Bands are required to arrive 1 hour prior to performance time and check in with event organizer
  - Each band will be allotted a 30 minute set up with sound check prior to performance
  - Each band will be expected to perform a minimum of 45 minutes (each will have 60 min allowed if they would like to fill the set) of original songs or covers
  - The set must be performed with live instruments (no pre-recorded vocals, no back up tracks, etc.)
  - All performances and attire must family friendly and must not include any offensive language or inappropriate content
4. Voting for Winners
  - Fair participants will vote each night for their favorite band performers by QR code until 11:59pm. Winners will be by most popular vote.
  - Winners will be announced on Saturday, July 26 at approximately 9:30 pm during the Demolition Derby
5. Prizes

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$2,500 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$1,500 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$500
6. Behavior & Conduct
  - All band members and supporters must be professional and respectful throughout the competition
  - Any form of harassment, misconduct, or damaging behavior towards other participants, event staff, or attendees will result in immediate disqualification
  - Fair Association reserves the right to remove any participant who violates the rules or engages in inappropriate conduct
7. Equipment
  - Bands are responsible for bringing their own instruments and equipment
  - Provided by the Fair: covered stage, power, sound, and lights
8. Cancellation & Changes
  - If a band needs to cancel their participation after they are selected to perform, they must inform the organizer as soon as possible
  - The organizer reserves the right to modify the schedule, if necessary, with prior notice to participants
9. Copyright & Permission
  - Bands are responsible for ensuring that they have the legal rights to perform any copyrighted songs or materials during the competition
  - By participating, bands grant the fair association permission to record and use their performances, images, and music for promotional purposes, including social media, websites, and materials
10. Liability
  - The fair association is not responsible for any injuries, damages, or lost items, incurred by participants or their equipment before, during, or after the event
  - Participants agree to indemnify the Fair Association from any claims arising out of their involvement in the Battle of the Bands during the fair
11. Fair Entry
  - Contestants will be provided a single entry pass for each band member +1 to assist with setup

## Contact Information:

Email: [vcfbattleofthebands@gmail.com](mailto:vcfbattleofthebands@gmail.com)



**Braxton Keith**, "With a sound and style honed in the honky-tonks of Texas and beyond, Braxton Keith is part of a new generation of country singer-songwriter — one leading a revival of its core creative tenants. A proud Texas native who these days splits time between San Antonio and Nashville, Keith was born in Midland, Texas, steeped in country mystique. Learning to play piano from his grandmother, diving deep into the pure-country form, Keith picked up a guitar and soon had a taste for hard twang and tales of the heart. He never took it seriously until college, when a friend convinced the unknown-but-obvious talent to record one — just so he'd have something to share with his future kids. Keith and a band of brothers have now been touring nonstop since 2020, racking up untold miles and hundreds of floorboard-shaking shows. Featured on taste-making playlists like Spotify's New Boots and Breakout Country, Keith's 2024 single "Cozy" leads the way for a new chapter, highlighting the rising star's fresh take on a classic style. More new music is planned as Keith continues exploring the contours of a uniquely country sound and style. "The touring never stops — especially for an artist like me," he admits. "I hope people have a damn good time when they come out, and I hope the show was great. And if they pick up the record, I hope they get a taste of that."

To read more about Braxton Keith, visit [www.braxtonkeith.com](http://www.braxtonkeith.com).

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22**  
**8:00 PM | Grandstands**

WITH SPECIAL GUEST



**Braxton Keith**

**Hank Ruff's** sound is a product of the music he grew up on, blending the fiddle-and-steel twang of '90s country with a modern edge. Raised in Southern Indiana, Hank was surrounded by hardcore country music from an early age. Hank writes music that stays true to his life experiences, navigating young romance, heartbreak, late-night partying, and friendships forged along the way. Hank's high energy show continues to captivate audiences across the country.

To read more about Hank Ruff, visit [www.hankruff.com](http://www.hankruff.com).



**Entrance on the dirt track in front of the stage will require a wristband.**

**Wristbands can be purchased for \$10 next to the stage on Wednesday at 5:30pm.**

## CHAIN SAW CARVING EXHIBITION

Thursday through Saturday, 12 Noon - 9pm,  
4 shows daily

**Sponsored by Echo Power Equipment**

Located behind the Grandstand

Carvings to be sold at silent auction concluding  
Saturday at 9pm.

All proceeds benefit the Vanderburgh County Fair.



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## 2026 WANDER THE FAIR TRAILS... AND LOOK FOR THE 6 JOHN DEERE MAILBOXES



Scan the QR code found at the Century Market, Banquet Hall, Activities Center, or Auditorium and wander the fair trail to various locations looking for the six John Deere mailboxes throughout the fairgrounds. Each mailbox will have a postcard with fun facts about celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. On the back of each card will be a patriotic recipe. If you collect all six postcards, come back to the Century Market during open times and receive a stadium cup while supplies last.

## HOME AND FAMILY ARTS DEPARTMENT

Susan Yarbor, general superintendent (812) 483-4599 [slyarbor1982@gmail.com](mailto:slyarbor1982@gmail.com)

Robin Lax, general superintendent (812) 459-8971, [rclax67@gmail.com](mailto:rclax67@gmail.com)

**Entry Time:** Sunday, July 19th from 1pm-4pm in the Auditorium  
– enter through front door only

**Release Time:** Sunday, July 26th from 11am-1pm - front door only

### General Rules:

- **All exhibitors must purchase and present a Season Pass or an Exhibitor Pass to enter in Open Class**
- Pre-register at the Extension Office after July 1 (optional)
- Only one exhibitor per season pass (excluding Extension Homemaker Clubs).
- Season Passes may be purchased at entry time or before at the Extension Office.
- Each exhibitor shall enter only articles not previously exhibited.
- Each exhibitor is allowed only one entry per category.
- All articles **MUST BE MADE BY THE EXHIBITOR.**
- If your article is not listed, it will be placed in an unlisted category.
- If more than one item per category is entered, the exhibit may be disqualified.
- Superintendents reserve the right to correct exhibit category placements.
- No broken items will be accepted, even if repaired.
- Also refer to the General Rules of the Fair Association listed in Fair book
- Exhibits will be entered on Sunday, July 19, between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm through the Front Door of the Auditorium.
- Entries will be release on Sunday, July 26, between **11am and 1pm.**
- Premiums will not be mailed. They will be released with entries on Sunday.
- Residency in Vanderburgh County is NOT required.
- Placings will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.
- Premiums are as follows: First Place: \$5, Second Place: \$4, Third Place: \$3,  
Fourth Place: \$2, Fifth Place: \$1
- 4-H passes will not be accepted for entry to Open Class.

### 2026 NEW THIS YEAR: PROFESSIONAL CATEGORIES!

Professionals are considered as “one who has received any monetary compensation more than \$1,200 per year over the last 5 years.

# BAKING

Martha Alle, superintendent 812-760-5810

Sarah Rust, assistant 812-550-3228

- The number indicated in parenthesis is the quantity comprising the entry. Do not include more. If more are included, it will be at the superintendent's discretion which of the items will be considered for judging.
- Baked entries will be judged on both appearance and flavor.
- Fillings, frostings, glazes and meringue, whether cooked or not, are not permitted to contain cream cheese, whipped cream, unpasteurized milk or egg/egg whites. Products containing meats are not permitted. Entries containing these items will be disqualified.
- We will display the entire entry of all award winner. We will display one-fourth of all other the entries. If you wish to pick up the remaining **cakes and pies** on Monday between 3pm and 5pm please write "pick up" on the back of your entry tag. After 5pm, all remaining items will be disposed.
- All displayed baked items will be disposed of at the close of the fair.
- Please bring your entry covered on a disposable plate. Attach your entry tag to the OUTSIDE covering not directly on the baked goods.
- Refer to General Rules for Home and Family Arts Department.

THANKS TO OUR 2025 SPONSORS: ERIK RUST & DETLEF ALLE

## CAKES

Cakes – Decorated(on actual cake)

- 400 Cutups
- 401 Cupcakes (4)
- 402P Professional

Cake Decorating (on foam board)

- 403 Birthday
- 404 Holiday
- 405P Professional

Cakes – Cupcakes

- 406 White (4)
- 407 Chocolate (4)
- 408 Sugar Free (4)
- 409 Gluten Free (4)
- 410 Other (4)

Cakes - Bundt Cake

- 411 Light
- 412 Dark

Cakes – Not iced

- 413 Angel Food
- 414 Pound Cake
- 415 Sponge Cake

## COOKIES (6)

- 420 Chocolate Chip
- 421 Oatmeal
- 422 Peanut Butter
- 423 Uniced Brownie
- 424 Snickerdoodle
- 425 No-Bake
- 426 Rolled Sugar (round)
- 427 Rolled Sugar cutouts (may vary shape)
- 428 Sugar Free
- 429 Gluten Free
- 430P Professional
- 431 Other

## CANDY (6)

- 440 Fudge
- 441 Divinity
- 442 Peanut Brittle
- 443 Hard candy
- 444 Sugar Free
- 445 Other

## PIE

- 450 Apple
- 451 Cherry
- 452 Peach
- 453 Pumpkin
- 454 Pecan
- 455 Other

## BREADS

Quick Breads

- 460 Baking Powder Biscuits (4)
- 461 Cornbread
- 462 Cornbread muffins (4)
- 463 Savory Scones (4)

Quick Breads - Sweet

- 470 Pumpkin
- 471 Banana
- 472 Zucchini
- 473 Nut
- 474 Coffee Cake
- 475 Muffin (4)
- 476 Sweet Scones (4)
- 477 Other

Yeast Bread - White

- 480 Bread Loaf
- 481 Plain rolls (4)
- 482 Sweet Rolls (4)
- 483 Kuchen

Yeast Bread – Whole Grain

- 490 Bread Loaf
- 491 Plain Rolls (4)
- 492 Sweet Rolls (4)

Yeast Bread - Sourdough

- 500 Bread Loaf
- 501 Plain Rolls (4)
- 502 Sweet Rolls (4)

Bread – Gluten Free

- 503 Bread
- 504 Plain Rolls (4)
- 505 Sweet Rolls (4)

Bread – Other

- 510 Bagel (4)
- 511 Pretzel (4)
- 512 Other

## MIXES

Creating with a Mix (must add min of 2 ingredients)

- 520 Cookies
- 521 Cake
- 522 Other

Mixes in a Jar (judged on artistry in jar)

- 525 Cookies
- 526 Soup
- 527 Beverage

PATRIOTIC (250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of America)

- 530 Cookie (6)
- 532 Cupcakes (4)

# FOOD PRESERVATION

Nancy Myers, superintendent, 812-618-7201

Alice Duvall, assistant, 812-228-9724

- Exhibitor's name must not be on the package.
- Entry should be labeled with product name, date of preparation, and canning method.
- All canning must be in standard jars and sealed with two-piece lids with the outside ring left on.
- Jams, jellies, and preserves should be in ½ pint jars or smaller with a 1 4/8 inch headspace.
- No paraffin allowed on jams, jellies, or preserves.
- Dehydrated foods and frozen foods must be in moisture-proof food containers.
- Frozen Foods ONLY may be picked up Monday between 3 pm and 5 pm. Not responsible for items not picked up.
- All items must have been preserved in the past year.
- Refer to General Rules for Home and Family Arts Department

## CANNING

### Vegetables

- 100 Green Beans
- 101 Yellow Wax Beans
- 102 Soup Mixture
- 103 Tomatoes
- 104 Corn (pints only)
- 105 Beets (not pickled)
- 106 Greens
- 107 Carrots
- 108 Tomato Juice
- 109 Unlisted

### Fruits

- 120 Peaches
- 121 Blackberries
- 122 Cherries
- 123 Pears
- 124 Applesauce
- 125 Pie Filling
- 126 Juice
- 127 Unlisted

### Pickles

- 130 Beets
- 131 Bread & Butter Pickles
- 132 Sweet Pickles
- 133 Sour Pickles
- 134 Dill Pickles
- 135 Fruit Pickles
- 136 Relish
- 137 Pickled Vegetables
- 138 Pickled Peppers
- 139 Unlisted

### Jellies

- 140 Blackberry
- 141 Apple
- 142 Grape
- 143 Plum
- 144 Raspberry
- 145 Pepper Jelly
- 146 Unlisted

### Preserves & Jam

- 150 Strawberry
- 151 Peach
- 152 Blackberry
- 153 Raspberry
- 154 Plum
- 155 Tomato
- 156 Pears
- 157 Apple Butter
- 158 Other Butter
- 159 Blueberry
- 160 Cherry
- 161 Unlisted

### Sauces

- 170 Catsup
- 171 Tomato Sauce
- 172 Meat Sauce
- 173 Barbecue Sauce
- 174 Salsa (Vegetable)
- 175 Pizza/Pasta Sauce
- 176 Unlisted

### Dehydrated

- 180 Fruit
- 181 Vegetable
- 182 Herb

## FREEZING

### Fruits

- 700 Peaches
- 701 Strawberries
- 702 Blackberries
- 703 Cherries
- 704 Blueberries
- 705 Apples
- 706 Raspberries
- 707 Unlisted

### Jams

- 710 Strawberry
- 711 Peach
- 712 Blackberry
- 713 Unlisted

### Vegetables

- 730 Corn
- 731 Peas
- 732 Okra
- 733 Lima Beans
- 734 Green Beans
- 735 Broccoli
- 736 Carrots
- 737 Unlisted

Special Awards given by IGA

# ARTS AND CRAFTS

Cecilia Koch, Superintendent, 812-459-1248

Kim Schapker, Assistant Superintendent, 812-568-5093

- All needlework can be finished/framed, but must be clean.
- Backs do not need to be exposed.
- Item description is encouraged, but not required.
- **Paintings, wreaths and wall hangings should be ready for hanging.**
- **Refer to General Rules for Home and Family Arts Department**

## Needlecraft

300 Ribbon Embroidery  
301 Decorated Pillow  
302 Stamped Embroidery  
303 Machine Embroidery  
304 Crewel Embroidery  
305 Applique` (Hand)  
306 Applique` (Machine)  
307 Needlepoint  
308 Candle Wicking  
309 Handbag  
310 Tatting  
311 Wearable Art  
312 Needle Felting  
313 Punch Needle  
314 Chicken Scratch  
315 Huck/Swedish Weavinl  
316 Unlisted

## Counted Cross-stitch

320 Large (Over 12")  
321 Small (Under 12")  
322 Fall Cross Stitch  
323 Spring Cross Stitch  
324 Winter Cross Stitch  
325 Summer Cross Stitch  
326 Pillow  
327 Linen  
328 Unlisted

## General Arts

330 Stenciling  
331 Painting (On Wood)  
332 Painting (On Other Article)  
333 Fabric Painting  
334 Molded Ceramic Article  
335 Wall Hanging  
336 Wreath-Spring  
337 Wreath – Summer  
338 Wreath -Fall  
339 Wreath – Winter  
340 Wreath – Non Seasonal  
341 Door Decoration  
342 Floral Arrangement -Silk  
343 Floral Arrangement – Other  
344 Chalk Painting  
345 Paper Quilling  
346 Recycled Arts  
347 Mixed Media

348 Diamond Art (12x12 or larger)  
349 Diamond Art (smaller than  
12x12)  
350 Unlisted

## General Crafts

351 Handmade Jewelry  
352 Non-Porcelain Doll (Body  
must be made by the exhibitor)  
353 Stuffed Animal  
354 Spring Holiday Craft  
355 Summer Holiday Craft  
356 Fall Holiday Craft  
357 Winter Holiday Craft  
358 Basket  
359 Handmade Flowers  
360 Toy  
361 Button Craft  
362 Memory Book Handmade  
363 Memory Book Printed  
364 Stamping on Paper  
365 Stamping on Other  
366 Nature Craft  
367 Paper Crafting (Cards)  
368 Paper Crafting (Other)  
369 Gift Wrapping  
370 Unlisted

## Wood Crafts

371 Small Wooden Article (6"or  
less)  
372 Carving  
373 Wood Working  
374 Furniture  
375 Decorative Box Making  
376 Recycled Wood  
377 Wood Burning  
378 Unlisted

## Fine Arts

380 Original Fiber Arts  
381 Original Acrylic  
382 Original Oil  
383 Original Watercolor

384 Original Drawing  
385 Sculpture  
386 Calligraphy  
387 Original Ceramic  
388 Porcelain Article  
389 Clay Article  
390 3D Printed Items  
391 Unlisted

392 Patriotic Arts & Crafts

## Professional Fine Arts

380P Original Fiber Art  
381P Original Acrylic  
382P Original Oil  
383P Original Watercolor  
384P Original Drawing  
385P Sculpture  
386P Calligraphy  
387P Original Ceramic  
388P Porcelain  
389P Clay Article  
390P 3D Printed Items  
391P Unlisted

Special Awards by: SewSly  
Alterations, Yayas Extension  
Homemakers Club, Log Inn,  
Buslers.

# HOUSEHOLD ARTS

Marva Meeks, Superintendent 812-598-3004  
Lori Smith, Assistant Superintendent (812-319-3223)

- **All garments must be on hangers.**
- **All names or initials on garment labels and quilt labels must be covered.**
- **Unless otherwise noted, all quilts must be twin sized (68" x 89") or larger.**
- **Refer to General Rules for Home and Family Arts Department.**

## Garments

- 201 Apron
- 202 Swimsuit
- 203 Cover Up for Beach
- 204 Active Sportswear
- 205 Recycled Vintage Item
- 206 Child's Garment-Ages 0-2
- 207 Child's Garment-Ages 3-5
- 208 Child's Garment-Ages 6 & up
- 209 Girl's Dressy Dress
- 210 Blouse, Shirt or Top
- 211 Shorts, Slacks or Skirt (Any age or sex)
- 212 Evening Wear
- 213 Wedding Dress
- 214 Daytime Dress (1 or 2 pc)
- 215 Jumper
- 216 Coat (lined) Short or Long
- 217 Suit or Ensemble
- 218 Accessories (Hat, Vest, etc)
- 219 Totes, Purses and Bags
- 220 Costume (Any occasion)
- 221 Jacket (Casual)
- 222 Loungewear/Pajamas
- 223 Doll Clothes
- 224 Embellished Garment (embellishments sewn by hand or machine)
- 225 Unlisted

## Quilts – Hand Quilted

- 230 Pieced (Any Size)
- 231 Wall Hanging (Ready to hang WITH rod)
- 232 Quilted Pillow
- 233 Kit Quilt (any size)
- 234 Patriotic
- 235 Group Made Quilt
- 236 Unlisted

## Quilts – Machine Quilted

- 240 Pieced (Twin or Larger)
- 241 Applique (Twin or Larger)
- 242 Baby/Child (Any Style or Size)
- 243 Wall Hanging (Ready to hang WITH rod)
- 244 Quilted Pillow
- 245 Kit Quilt (any size)
- 246 Patriotic
- 247 Group Made Quilt
- 248 Unlisted

## Quilts – Novelty

- 250 T-Shirt Quilts
- 251 Embroidered (Machine or Hand)

- 252 Miniature Quilt (Maximum 12" x 14")
- 253 Whole Cloth
- 254 Embellished (Mixed Techniques)
- 255 Comforter (Tied)
- 256 Pieced Article
- 257 Quilted Wearables
- 258 Handmade Chenille
- 259 Quilted Throw (Smaller than Twin)
- 260 Art Quilt Wall Hanging (ready to hang WITH rod)
- 261 Art Quilt (NOT wall hanging)
- 262 Modern Quilt
- 263 English Paper Pieced Quilt
- 264 Patriotic
- 265 Found and Finished (Portion of quilt – either blocks or top-found unfinished and exhibitor finished and quilted)

## 266 Unlisted

## Household Arts

- 270 Knitted Garment
- 271 Crocheted Garment
- 272A Shawls (Knitted)
- 272B Shawls (Crocheted)
- 273A Afghan (Crocheted-Full Size)
- 273B Afghan (Crocheted-Baby Size)
- 274 Afghan (Knitted)
- 275 Afghan (Hairpin Lace)
- 276 Finger Knitting
- 277 Small Crocheted Wearable
- 278 Small Knitted Wearable
- 279 Small Crocheted Article
- 280 Small Knitted Article
- 281 Pillowcases (One Pair)
- 282 Table Topper
- 283 Table Runner-Holiday
- 284 Table Runner-Other
- 285 French Braid Table Runner
- 286 Placemats (Set of 4)
- 287 Rugs (any method)
- 288 Spring Holiday Article
- 289 Summer Holiday Article
- 290 Fall Holiday Article
- 291 Winter Holiday Article
- 292 Unlisted

*Special Awards given by Sew-Tech, Bernina Sewing Center, Quilt's 'n Bloom, Grateful Threads Fabric & Furnishings, Sheepskins Yarn Shop, The Village Mercantile, Little House of Yarn*

# PHOTOGRAPHY

Bonnie Czoer , Superintendent, 812-453-9763

Rachel Riggs, Assistant Superintendent

- Film or digital photos will be accepted.
- Entries previously exhibited at Vanderburgh County Fair are not eligible.
- Entries must be suitable for family viewing.
- Name and address of exhibitor must be written on the back of the photo display.
- Exhibitor may enter a maximum of seven prints, only one print in each class.
- All entries must be at least 7" x 10" and mounted directly onto a 16" x 20" white board. THE BOARD MUST STAND VERTICALLY. No poster boards.

## CLASSES/CATEGORY

1. Weather
2. Animal
3. People
4. Black/White
5. Close up
6. Beautiful Color
7. Humor
8. Flowers
9. Patriotic Theme

## PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY

- P1. Weather
- P2. Animals
- P3. People
- P4. Black/White
- P5. Close Up
- P6. Beautiful Color
- P7. Humor
- P8. Flowers
- P9. Patriotic Theme

Overall Champion Award will be given by Kathy Sollman Photography

# FARM PRODUCTS

Michelle Campbell , Superintendent, mcampbell926@aol.com, (812) 431-1837  
Laurie Thomas, LCToothie@aol.com, (812) 480-6153

**Entry Time:** Sunday, July 19th from 1pm-4pm in the Auditorium (Enter Thru front door)

**Release Time:** Sunday, July 26th from 11am-1pm

- All items must be grown by the exhibitor.
- All vegetable exhibits will be judged on the basis of their commercial value.
- Quality and uniformity are of primary importance
- Condition should be the best. Vegetables should be clean, attractive, firm and crisp, free from injury or blemish and of the proper degree of maturity.
- Do not use a preservative on vegetables (clear coat)

## Class 1-Garden Products Only

- 801 Bean- (lima) – 1 cup
- 802 Beets (Table Variety) -5
- 803 Cabbage (Any Type) – 1
- 804 Carrots – 5
- 805 Corn (Sweet) – 5 ears in Husks
- 806 Cucumbers – 3
- 807 Eggplant (Purple) – 1
- 808 Green Beans – 20 Pods
- 809 Okra - 5 pods
- 810 Onions (Any Variety) – 5
- 811 Pepper (Bell Variety)- 5
- 812 Pepper (Poblano)- 5
- 813 Pepper (Jalapeno)- 5
- 814 Pepper (Hot Variety) - 5
- 815 Pepper (other sweet/mild varieties) - 5
- 816 Pumpkin – 1
- 817 Squash (Yellow Summer Variety) – 1
- 818 Squash (Green Summer Variety) - 1
- 819 Squash (Winter Variety) – 1
- 820 Tomato (Other) – 5
- 821 Tomato (Roma Type) – 5
- 822 Tomato (Small Fruited) – 12
- 823 Watermelon (Any Variety) – 1
- 824 Melons (Other) – 1

## Class 2 – Potatoes

- 830 One tray (12" x 18")
- 831 Tray provided by the committee.
- 832 White Potato category
- 833 Red potato category

## Class 3 – Fruit

- 840 Grapes (Any Variety) – 3 Bunches
- 841 Blueberries – Pint
- 842 Blackberries – Pint  
(pint containers will be provided)

## Class 4 Herbs

- 850 Collection of Herbs, at least 3 varieties
- 851 Bunch of Thyme
- 852 Bunch of Parsley
- 853 Bunch of Rosemary
- 854 Bunch of Basil
- 855 Bunch of Mint (any)
- 856 Herb Bunch – Any other variety
- 857 Bunch of Oregano
- 858 Bunch of Lavender
- 859 Bunch of Eucalyptus

## Class 5 – Largest

- 860 Largest zucchini squash by weight
- 861 Largest potato by weight
- 862 Largest sunflower head

## Class 6 Honey

- 870 1lb Extracted Honey (Jar)
- 871 1 lb. Chunk Honey
- 872 1 lb Cut Comb Honey
- 873 Extracted: 1 lb of Extracted Honey
- 874 Chunk Honey: Comb Honey
- 875 Covered with Extracted
- 876 Cut Comb: A Section of Comb Honey

Champion & Reserve Champion will receive a special award.

# FLORICULTURE

Lisa McEuen, superintendent (812) 484-8516

Josh Brenner, assistant superintendent, (812) 664-4813

**Entry Time:** Sunday, July 19th from 1pm-4pm in the Auditorium

**Release Time:** Sunday, July 26th from 11am-1pm

- Refer to General Rules.
- In addition to ribbons and premiums listed, sweepstakes will be awarded in arrangement and horticulture classes.
- All exhibitors in horticulture will submit flowers only. Containers will be provided, except for large variety sunflowers.
- Accessories permitted only where indicated. An accessory is anything other than the flowers, foliage, container and base or fabric on which the container may stand.
- The superintendents nor the Fair Association are responsible for any items or accessories used in your display during the fair
- When using a BASKET or a METAL container a plastic or a metal liner must be used.

## Fresh Flower Arrangements

- 601 BARN BARBIE**- Create a fresh flower arrangement using a Barbie and then add a twist of farm
- 602 SEE CLEARLY**- Create a fresh flower arrangement using a **clear glass container**, vase, or container. If you are using an oasis (floral foam) it must be hidden, be creative. CAN be arranged with natural stems
- 603 GARDENING**- Create a fresh flower arrangement using a clay pot (any size must have a waterproof liner) and incorporate garden tools with or in the arrangement. Accessories are acceptable
- 604 LEMON & LIMES** – Create a fresh flower arrangement using lemons or limes or both in the water
- 605 RED, WHITE, and BLUE**- Create an arrangement to celebrate America's Birthday
- 606 DESIGNER'S CHOICE**- Using your creativity and imagination to create a fresh flower arrangement **of your choice**. It can be anything you choose to create. Accessories are acceptable. Maximum size 18"x18" area
- 607 A BIT OF COUNTRY**- Create a fresh flower arrangement that when you look at it you know that it is COUNTRY. Accessories are acceptable such as baskets, pitcher, bowl, table setting, vase
- 608 CHRISTMAS IN JULY**- Create a fresh flower arrangement for Christmas in Jul

## Horticulture

- 609** Three individual large-flowered Zinnia blooms
- 610** Three individual small-flowered Zinnia blooms
- 611** Three individual large-flowered Marigold blooms
- 612** Three individual small-flowered Marigold blooms
- 613** Three individual Gladiola stems
- 614** Two individual small variety Sunflower blooms (up to 6-inch bloom)
- 615** One individual large variety Sunflower bloom (Must be in a container that will stand alone)
- 616** Three individual Black-Eyed Susan blooms
- 617** One Hybrid Tea Rose (Must be disbudded, any color, any variety)
- 618** One Miniature Rose (Any color, any variety)
- 619** Floribunda and Polyantha Roses (Best single spray, need not be disbudded, any color, any variety)
- 620** Three individual Petunia stems
- 621** Green Plant, 4" pot
- 622** Green Plant, 5" or larger pot
- 623** Terrariums
- 624** Pot of Garden Coleus
- 625** Mixed Pot of Garden Plants, may be flowering or all greens.
- 626** Pot of Geraniums and Foliage
- 627** Three individual stems of daisies
- 628** Single stem of knock-out roses
- 629** Plant that sits on floor or hanging on a stand.
- 630** Fairy Gardens
- 631** Cactus Garden NO size requirement

## LITTLE FARMERS EXHIBITS

Kendra Groeninger, superintendent, 812-457-2306, groeninger0308@gmail.com

### Sponsored by Vanderburgh County Farm Bureau

- a. Any child living in Vanderburgh County or is a member of Vanderburgh County Farm Bureau is eligible to exhibit.
- b. Child must be 10 years old or younger.
- c. Exhibits will be displayed in the Expo Hall.
- d. Entry time: Sunday, July 19, 2026, from 12pm-2pm (Expo Hall)
- e. Release time: Sunday, July 26, 2026, from 11am-1pm (Expo Hall)

#### Classes (Child may have one entry per class.)

**Garden Flowers:** Any type of garden grown flower may be exhibited. A child may exhibit in all three classes if desired.

1. Single
2. Bouquet
3. Theme Presentation

**Hobbies:** Each exhibit may not exceed 2 ft x 2 ft.

1. Collective - Any type of collection display
2. Creative - Any type of creative item

**Poster Contest Theme:** "My All-American Farm" theme

- Posters must not exceed 14" x 22" (half a regular posterboard) Foamboard or other backing preferred but not required. May be displayed horizontally or vertically.
- Theme must be included on poster.

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## LITTLE FARMER PET PARADE

Kimberly Gries (812) 305-5778, KGries5@icloud.com

Sponsored by Vanderburgh County Farm Bureau

- f. Any child living in Vanderburgh County or is a member of Vanderburgh Co. Farm Bureau is eligible. Must be 10 years of age or under.
- g. The Pet Parade will take place on Friday, July 24, 2026 at 7:30 p.m., Livestock Show Barn
- h. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
- i. All entries must be received by Wednesday, July 22, 2026, to be eligible.
- j. Entrants will be judged in the following categories:
  - i. Best showmanship of pet
  2. Most unusual pet
  3. Pet/owner look-alike
  4. Best costume
  5. Crowd favorite—\$0.25 per vote
  6. Best group presentation

*All proceeds to benefit local animal rescue group.*

### LITTLE FARMER PET PARADE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and TYPE of pet (EX: dog, cat etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any additional information about child or pet: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail completed registration form by July 22, 2026, to Little Farmer Pet Parade,  
KGries5@icloud.com

# OPEN POULTRY SHOW

Pat Brenner, Superintendant (812) 480-0469

Bonnie Brenner, assistant (812) 480-0455, Jill Seiler, assistant (812) 499-2928  
Jennifer Willett, assistant (812) 589-9997, Dave Brenner, assistant (812) 480-0245

## Poultry show is Wednesday, July 22 Following 4-H Show Showmanship

Vanderburgh 4-H Center, 201 E. Boonville-New Harmony Rd, Evansville, IN 47725

ENTRY: July 19th 5-8pm and July 20th 8-10am

RELEASE: July 25th 7-8am

ENTRY FEE: \$1 per bird

- k. No health certificate is required to exhibit Indiana poultry. However, all Indiana fowl exhibited must originate from National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) approved flocks or hatched from eggs originating from NPIP flocks. Exhibitors shall sign an affidavit that they are originated from an NPIP approved flock, or the birds must have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of going to public exhibition. Open class only: a .50 fee will be charged for on-site testing.
- l. Exhibitor is permitted one entry in each class.
- m. One entry per pen (unless space is limited).
- n. Exhibitor must furnish food.
- o. A champion will be selected in each breed.
- p. A Grand Champion will be selected in each group: American Breeds - Mediterranean Breeds - Asiatic Breeds - English Breeds - Cross Breeds (Sex Linked) - All Other Breeds - Bantams - Waterfowl - Turkey - Guinea Fowl - Pigeons - Game Birds
- q. Any 4-Her entering Open Class must designate choice of entry (from 4-H entries) with leg band number.
- r. The proper permits must be shown for the exhibition of wild birds.

### Commercial (or Large Fowl) Categories

All cockerels and pullets must be hatched after January 1, 2026

#### American Breeds

- A. Cock
- B. Hen
- C. Cockerel
- D. Pullet

#### Mediterranean Breeds

- E. Cock
- F. Hen
- G. Cockerel
- H. Pullet

#### Asiatic Breeds

- I. Cock
- J. Hen
- K. Cockerel
- L. Pullet

#### English Breeds

- M. Cock
- N. Hen
- O. Cockerel
- P. Pullet

#### Cross Breeds (Sex Linked)

- Q. Cock
- R. Hen
- S. Cockerel
- T. Pullet

#### All Other Breeds

- U. Cock
- V. Hen
- W. Cockerel
- X. Pullet

#### Bantams -

#### Any Games

- AA1. Pullet or hen

#### Single Comb Clean Leg

- BB1. Pullet or hen
- BB2. Cock or cockerel

#### Rosecomb Clean Leg

- CC1. Pullet or hen
- CC2. Cock or cockerel

#### All Other Comb Clean Leg

- DD1. Pullet or hen
- DD2. Cock or cockerel

#### Feather Leg

- EE1. Pullet or hen
- EE2. Cock or cockerel

*(All Classes following: 1 male and 1 female constitute an entry)*

#### WATERFOWL

#### Ducks

- GG. Heavy Breeds (Pekins, Aylesburg, Rouen, Muscovy)
- HH. Medium (Cayuga, Swedish, Buff)
- II. Light Weight Class (Runner, Campbell, Magpie)
- JJ. Bantam (Call, East Indie, Mallard)

#### Geese

- KK. Heavy (Toulouse, Embden, African)
- LL. Medium (Sebastopol, Pilgrim, American Buff, Saddleback, Pomeranian)
- MM. Light (Chinese, Tufted Roman, Canada, Egyptian)

#### Turkeys

- NN. Commercial
- OO. Fancy

#### Guinea Fowl

- PP. Guinea Fowl

#### Pigeons

- QQ. Fancy
- RR. Sporting
- SS. Utility

#### Game Birds

- TT. Peafowl
- UU. Pheasants
- VV. Quail

# OPEN DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

Rick Adler, superintendent (812) 483-5960 email: [rickadler11@yahoo.com](mailto:rickadler11@yahoo.com)  
 Kent Rexing, assistant (812) 459-6833, Dale Koester, assistant (812) 483-4332

4-H/Open Dairy Show - Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 9:00am.

4-H Showmanship - Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 7:00pm

Vanderburgh 4-H Center, 201 E. Boonville-New Harmony Rd, Evansville, IN 47725

Entry Fee: \$10 per class entry.

Entry forms must be received by 10:00pm on July 15, 2026.

Entries postmarked after July 15 must pay \$20 per class entry. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Mail entries to: Rick & Tracy Adler 9200 Schmitt Rd. Haubstadt, IN 47639.

Checks should be made payable to the Vanderburgh County Fair Association.

\* Please specify on entry form if you are going to show in showmanship, especially pre 4-H.

- Animals must be checked by superintendent or an assistant prior to unloading.
- Each exhibitor and helper(s) must pay to enter the fairgrounds.
- All trailers carrying dairy cattle must enter through gate two.
- All animals must be purebred and in show condition.
- The exact birthdate of the animal must be known to identify class entry.
- 4-H animals must be on the fairgrounds by noon on Monday, July 20th. NO EXCEPTIONS

## All Dairy Breeds

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
A. Spring Heifer Calf: born after Mar. 1 2026	\$20	\$12	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6
B. Winter Heifer Calf: born between December 1, 2023 - February 28, 2025	\$20	\$12	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6
C. Fall Heifer Calf: born between September 1, 2023 - November 30, 2025	\$20	\$12	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6
D. Summer Yearling Heifer: born between June 1, 2023 - August 31, 2025	\$20	\$12	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6
E. Spring Yearling Heifer: born between March 1, 2023 - May 31, 2025	\$20	\$12	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6
F. Winter Yearling Heifer: born between December 1, 2023 - February 28, 2024	\$20	\$12	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6
G. Fall Yearling Heifer: born between September 1, 2022 - November 30, 2024	\$20	\$12	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6
H. Yearling Heifer in Milk: born after September 1, 2024 Junior Champion	\$20	\$12	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6
I. Jr. 2 year old cow: born between March 1, 2022 - August 31, 2024	\$20	\$12	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6
J. Sr. 2 year old cow: born between September 1, 2022 - February 28, 2024	\$20	\$12	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6
K. Jr. & Sr. 3 year old cow: born between February 28, 2021 - March 1, 2023	\$20	\$12	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6
L. 4 year old cow: born between September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2022	\$20	\$12	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6
M. 5 year old cow: born between September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2021	\$20	\$12	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6
N. Age cow 6 years and older: born prior to September 1, 2020	\$20	\$12	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6
O. 3 or 4 year old dry cow: born between September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2023	\$20	\$12	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6
P. Aged Dry Cow: born prior to September 1, 2022 Senior Champion Female	\$20	\$12	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6
Q. Reserve and Grand Champion						
R. 2 generations (one entry per farm)	\$20	\$12	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6

4-H Supreme Champion - \$50 - Kelly Maurer Memorial Fund

4-H Reserve Supreme Champion - \$25 - Sponsored by Todd Riggs & A.B.S.

Open Class Supreme Champion - \$100 Worth of Semen - Sponsored by K.A.B.A. Select Sire

Reserve Open Class Supreme Champion - \$50 Worth of Semen - Sponsored by Todd Riggs & A.B.S.

Open Class Supreme Heifer Champion - \$100 - Sponsored by Posey County Co-op

Open Class Grand Champion - \$50 - Sponsored by Evansville Young Dairymen

Open Class Reserve Champion - \$25 - Sponsored by Dearing Service and Solution

# OPEN BEEF CATTLE SHOW

Mark Welte, Superintendent (812) 305-3033

JT Welte, Superintendent (812) 598-7746

**Open Beef Show is Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

- Registration is from 2 to 4pm
- Show begins at 5:30pm
- Entry Fee is \$25 per animal. Exhibitors must be ages 4-21 as of show day.
- Showmanship is \$5.
- All animals must be in show condition.
- Breeding animals will be shown as commercial if papers are not in hand.
- Market animals will be entered and shown by weight.
- No bedding allowed in parking lot. All bedding must be picked up.
- Limited barn space, showing off trailers encouraged.
- Dairy Steers are to be full blood dairy animal. NO beef cross.
- Show order is subject to change as deemed necessary by the superintendents.
- Food on site benefits Vanderburgh County 4-H Jr. Leaders and Young Dairywomen

<b>Class</b>	<b>Payout</b>
Breed Champion Heifer	\$25
Supreme Champion Heifer	\$200
Supreme/Reserve Champion Heifer	\$100
3rd Overall	\$50
4th Overall	\$25
Supreme Champion Beef Steer	\$200
Supreme/Reserve Champion Beef Steer	\$100
3rd Overall	\$50
4th Overall	\$25
Champion Dairy Steer	\$75
(If there is at least 5 head)	

## **SHOWMANSHIP (100% Payout per class):**

- Pewee - Ages 4-6
- Novice - Ages 7-9
- Junior - Ages 10-12
- Intermediate - Ages 13-16
- Senior - Ages 17-21

**ALL ENTRIES DONE THROUGH SHOWMAN APP**

Showman Link: <https://showman.app/shows#/vanderburgh-co-fair-indiana-open-show-b169>



# OPEN SHEEP SHOW

Superintendents: Doug Bergman 812-205-6183 dougberg2255@gmail.com

Rajeane Bergman 812-470-1849 rajeanebergman@gmail.com

Assistant Superintendents: Heather Lawson 812-746-9297 the1975squirrel@yahoo.com

Matt Engelhardt 812-455-0002 mzaengelhardt@gmail.com

**Show - Sunday, July 19, 2026**

Vanderburgh 4-H Center, 201 E. Boonville-New Harmony Rd, Evansville, IN 47725

**Check-in:** 12 noon - 2 pm    **Show:** 4:00 p.m.

**\$20 Entry fee per animal and \$10.00 Showmanship fee.**

## Payouts

Grand Champion - \$200 + Banner

Reserve Grand Champion - \$100 + Banner

3rd Overall - \$50

\*In Class and/or Breed Champion Payouts Determined Day of Show\*

Showmanship - Payout Prorated for Champion and Reserve Champion of each division

## Order of Show:

Showmanship

Rams

Breeding Ewes

Market Lambs

- Market Lambs will show by breed and weight as of day of show.
  - Exhibitor will declare weight day of show; Scale available onsite.
- Breeding classes will show alphabetically by age.
  - Yearlings: 1 year and under 2
  - Lambs: born after Sept 1, 2025
- Class breakdowns will be determined by the number of entries.
  - Must have 2 entries to make a breed in Market Lambs, Rams, and Breeding Ewes respectively.
- Ewe Lambs can be shown as either Market Lambs or Breeding Ewes, not both.

## Showmanship Divisions (grade completed)

Peewee (2nd grade and under)

Novice (3rd - 5th grade)

Junior (6th - 8th grade)

Intermediate (9th - 12th grade)

Senior (up to 21 years old)

- (Non 4-Hers) Show from Trailer; Generators Recommended
- No age limit for exhibitors
- Premise ID number required for in-state animals; VALID health papers required for out-of-state animals.

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**Link:** <https://showman.app/shows#/vanderburgh-co-fair-indiana-open-show-b169>

## OPEN PYGMY GOAT SHOW

Sharon Krohn, Superintendent (812) 568-7363, Jack Krohn, Superintendent (812) 307-0033

Crystal Herke, Assistant (812) 453-1802, Michael Herke, Assistant (812) 774-7459

Josh Brenner, Assistant (812) 664-4813

Show: Monday, July 20th at 3:00pm

Vanderburgh 4-H Center, 201 E. Boonville-New Harmony Rd. Evansville, IN 47725

- Exhibitors must turn in expected entries on Sunday July 19, and pay the \$10, per animal, entry fee.
- Each exhibitor is limited to two entries in each single class and one entry in each group class.
- Animals deemed by the judge not to be in show condition will be excluded from the show ring.
- No bucks will be shown. If nursing, (2 months and under) animal may attend with mother being shown.
- Pygmy goats must have one of the following: Tattoo, premise ID or chip.
- The judge is not required to give first place if no animal is found to be worthy.
- All goats must have a collar and tie rope available.
- Exhibitors are not required to wear white clothing for the show.

### Single Classes

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
<b>Wethers</b>				
1. Junior Wethers 3 mon. to 1 year old	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
2. Wethers over 1 yr. old and less than 2 yrs old	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
3. Senior Wethers over 2 yrs old	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
4. Champion/Reserve Champion Wether				
5. Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion Wether				
<b>Junior Does</b>				
6. Doe kid 3 mon. to 6 mon. of age	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
7. Doe kid 6-12 mon. of age	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
8. Unfreshened yearling 12-24 mon. of age	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
9. Champion/Reserve Champion Jr. Doe				
<b>Senior Does</b>				
10. Freshened yearling under 2 yrs.	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
11. 2 years old	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
12. 3 to 4 years old	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
13. 5 to 7 years old	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
14. 8 years and older	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6
15. Champion/Reserve Champion Sr. Doe				
16. Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion Doe				

### Group Classes

1. Dam and Daughter
2. Herd

# OPEN DAIRY GOAT SHOW

Mary Brenner – Superintendent – (812)499-7517, mlbrenner12@gmail.com

Linda Goebel- Superintendent – (812)632-1076, lgoebel1965@gmail.com

Angela and Donald Montgomery – Assistants – (812)568-3752, admontgomery3@spectrum.net

Dennis Brenner – Assistant – (812)664-5586

**The show is on Thursday July 23rd, 2026 at 1 p.m.**

Check-in will be from 8 – 11:00 a.m. day of the show.

Vanderburgh 4-H Center, 201 E. Boonville-New Harmony Rd, Evansville, IN 47725

## Entry:

Early – by July 18th: \$10 per animal

Late – by 11 a.m. day of show: \$12 per animal

Showmanship: \$10

Send entries and fees to Mary Brenner: 2500 Adler Road Haubstadt Indiana, 47639

Checks should be made out to Vanderburgh County Fair Association

**There will NOT be any pens available to rent but there will be limited space under-roof to set up your own temp pens.**

## Payouts:

1st place: \$10

2nd place: \$8

Champion: \$10

Grand champion: \$20

- All animals must be pure bred dairy goats or dairy breed cross.
- The open show will run with the 4-H show. Meaning for every class, the 4-H entries will be shown and placed. Then, any open class additions will be added, reshowed, and placed.
- All animals must be checked-in and inspected by a superintendent before unloading.
- Any animal showing illness/poor condition upon check-in, may be asked not to be shown and kept on truck/trailer.

## Classes:

### Dry Does by Breed

1. Junior doe kid, born between April 1 and May 15, current year
2. Intermediate doe kid, born March 1 to March 31, current year
3. Senior doe kid, born January 1 to February 28, current year
4. Yearling doe, born January 1 to December 31, previous year (never fresh)

### Milking Does by Breed

5. Doe-1 year and under 2 years
6. Doe-2 years and under 3 years
7. Doe-3 years and under 5 years
8. Doe-5 years and over
9. Dam and Daughter
10. Produce of Dam
11. Best 3 Females

### Pet Class (all breeds)

12. Does 2 years and older who have never kidded

### Showmanship

1. Junior Showmanship
2. Intermediate Showmanship
3. Senior Showmanship

### Wethers (all breeds)

13. Under 1 year
14. 1 year and older

\*\*The Vanderburgh County Fair Association is not responsible for any loss or damage to animals, tack, vehicles, etc. during exhibition at the fair.\*\*

## OPEN MEAT GOAT SHOW

Ashley Klueg: Superintendent, (812) 453-1622 [aklueg924@icloud.com](mailto:aklueg924@icloud.com),

Tony Klueg: Superintendent, (812) 453-6638

**Show: Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

Vanderburgh 4-H Center, 201 E. Boonville-New Harmony Rd, Evansville, IN 47725

Meat Goat - \$20 entry fee per animal per class

### Market Animals, Commercial Does, Breeding Does

Market Animal Class will combine market does and wethers

**Check-In & Weigh-in:** 9 a.m. – 12 noon (scale closes at 12 noon)

**Show Time:** Following Swine Show

**Grand Champions** – Payout & Prize

**Reserve Grand Champions** – Payout & Prize

- No age limit.
- No generators allowed in barns.
- In-state exhibitors must have valid premise ID number.
- Out-of-state exhibitors must have valid health papers.
- All Vanderburgh County 4-H members will be placed in the pens they will use during the week of the fair and will be allowed to leave their animals after the show.

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## OPEN SWINE SHOW

Superintendents: Natalie Keil (812) 664-7122; [nkeil1027@gmail.com](mailto:nkeil1027@gmail.com)

Mike Keil (812) 664-7446; [mikeakeil@gmail.com](mailto:mikeakeil@gmail.com), Danny Klueg (812) 604-8607

**19th Annual Swine Show** - Sunday, July 19, 2026

Vanderburgh 4-H Center, 201 E. Boonville-New Harmony Rd, Evansville, IN 47725

Weigh In: 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Show: 9:30 a.m.

Declared Weight System (scale available)

\$20 Entry fee per animal and \$5.00 Showmanship fee.

Grand Champion: \$ 250 + Banner

Reserve Grand Champion: \$100 + Banner

3rd Overall: \$50 + Banner

4&5 Overall – Banner

Class money payout for classes with 4 or more pigs: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$20, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$15

For Classes of 3 pigs: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20

For Classes of 1-2 pigs: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25

Showmanship: Groups are based on the number of participants, with a 100% payout.

- Purebred Gilts show by age and breed
- Cross gilts and All Barrows by Breed-Weight
- All exhibitors must have valid Premise ID
- Out of state exhibitors must have health papers
- Pens limited to Vanderburgh Co. 4-H members
  - All others must show from trailers
- All Exhibitors must be no older than 20 as of Jan 1, 2026

Vanderburgh County 4-H members participating will be placed in the pens they will use during the fair, and will be allowed to leave their animals after the show.

**ALL ENTRIES DONE THROUGH SHOWMAN APP**

<https://showman.app/shows#/vanderburgh-co-fair-indiana-open-show-b169>

# VANDERBURGH COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Vanderburgh County Farm Bureau Inc. is proud to afford educational assistance to 4-H and Farm Bureau members. This year, as in the past, up to three scholarships may be awarded to active members of either Vanderburgh County 4-H or Farm Bureau.

These scholarships are awarded in honor of the current and all past presidents and women leaders of Vanderburgh County Farm Bureau Inc. It is a pleasure to make these awards and to be associated with the youth of Vanderburgh County. Watch for the scholarship presentations at the opening! ceremonies of the 2026 Fair.

## Previous Scholarship Winners

2025	Isaac Luigs	Charlie English	Josie Nesbitt
2024	Allyson Johnson	Isaac Pohl	Leonard Hughes
2023	Reagan Koester	Rachel Pohl	Sydney Woodard
2022	Audrey Hirsch	Kylie Bedel	Sarah Weiderkehr
2021	Emma Vieira	Alexis Pohl	Amanda Deutsch
2020	Emma Goebel	Kara Woodard	Eli Ziliak
2019	Joshua Pohl	Nicholas Folz	Alexandra Pulling
2018	Lindsey Koester	Warren McWilliams	
2017	Andrew Caldemeyer	Zachary Goebel	
2016	Erin Will	Travis Koester	
2015	Lacie Folz	Jessica Corbett	
2014	Nicholas Biever	David Angermeier	
2013	Megan Orth	Anna Will	
2012	Elizabeth Biever	Abbey Schmitt	
2011	Sydney Lax	Catherine Fritchley	
2010	Amanda Weyer	Alyssa Slater	
2009	Alan Bittner	Daniel Klueg	
2008	Megan Kron	Tyler Jackson	

## Presidents

1947-1948	Normal Heldt
1949-1953	Paul Niehaus
1954-1956	Albert Mueller
1957-1958	Lawrence Stahl
1959-1960	Marshall Beck
1961-1962	Lawrence Stahl
1963-1966	Ross Riggs
1967-1970	Ray Kleinknecht
1971-1974	Albert Mueller
1975-1978	Edwin Mueller
1979-1984	Eugene Kuehn
1985-1988	Sylvester Straub
1988-1992	David Ellison
1993-1995	Randy Kron
1995-2000	John Bittner
2001-2004	Brian Schmitt
2005-2007	Brian Rexing
2008-2014	Bruce Blackford
2015-2024	Dave Brenner
2025-	Terry Kulenkamp

## Women Leaders

1947-1952	Anna Schwiersch
1953-1954	Edna Happe
1955-1967	Oriena Kallenbach
1968-1971	Esther Fray
1972-1975	Virginia Nurrenbern
1976-1979	Vetris Angermeier
1980-1983	Loretta Wallenmeyer
1984-1987	Esther Fray
1988-2007	Rose Mary Kercher
2008-2016	Cynthia Maasberg
2017-2018	Nancy Gumbel
2019-2025	Kristi Schulz



# THANK YOU, 2025 LIVESTOCK BUYERS!

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 Aaron Slater, DVM  
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 Adler Holsteins  
 ADM Animal Nutrition  
 ADM Grain  
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 Alyssa & JT Welte  
 AP & P Soilmasters, LLC  
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 Beasley Financial of Indiana  
 Berendes Farms  
 Beth Moreland  
 Bittner Tax Service  
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 Dewig Meats  
 Donaldson Capital Management  
 Dr. Jason Kuester  
 Dusty Wilhite-Farm Bureau  
 Emily's Paw Spa  
 Emma's Place Feed Store  
 Farm Credit Mid-America  
 First Bank  
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 Friends of Hornville Tavern  
 Gish's Wildlife Farm  
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 Heritage Federal Credit Union  
 Hi Tech Investigative  
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 J. A. Bumb Farms  
 Jackson Livestock & Grain  
 Jackson Seed Service  
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 Karen Bumb Lauer  
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 Larry & Judy Kron  
 Lee & Rhonda Slater  
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 Lori & Anthony Keil  
 M & M True Value  
 MACO Evansville Blue  
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 Old National Bank, Darmstadt  
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 Posey County CO-OP  
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 Stone Outdoor RV's LLC  
 Stone Ridge Animal Care LA LLC, Dr. Bryan Helms  
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 Tom & Rosie Welte  
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 Vanderburgh Co. Farm Bureau  
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 Wallis Family Farms- In memory of Charles Wallis  
 White Stone Veterinary Clinic  
 Wilderman-Burgdorf Concrete  
 Will Dairy Farms  
 Wyatt Creek Kidz  
 Zach, Audrey & Georgia Peters  
 Zirkelbach Family

## VANDERBURGH COUNTY FAIR PRESIDENTS

1920-1934	Thomas Peck	1979-1982	Ralph Mueller
1934-1937	Richard Riggs	1983-1986	Bob Meyerholtz
1937-1938	Edward Henze	1987-1988	Larry Rudolph
1938-1939	Otto Volkman	1989-1992	Mike Miller
1939-1941	Clarence Peck	1993-1996	Dan DeMuth
1941-1943	Alvin Stacer	1997-2000	Bill Heilman
1943-1950	Norman Heldt	2001-2004	Mike Miller
1950-1955	Curran Miller	2005-2007	Jim Weisman
1955-1955	George L. Schmidt	2008-2009	Rhonda Klueg-Slater
1956-1961	Herman Niederhaus	2010-2013	Beth Schmitt
1961-1965	Ray Kleinknecht	2014-2016	Norman Reibold
1966-1968	Fred Bumb	2017- 2021	Scott Berry
1969-1971	Hugh Miller	2022 - 2023	Jeff Ziliak
1971-1975	Bill Miller	2024 -	Lee Slater
1976-1978	Roger Steinkuhl		

## VANDERBURGH COUNTY FAIR QUEENS

1948	Betty Roeder Bumb	1991	Lisa Korff
1958	Nancy Jones Korff	1992	Ellen Berendes Adler
1959	Linda Jo Kirby Utley	1993	Kayla Feistel-Barton
1960	Rosie Farney Hanson	1994	Amanda Luigs Rizert
1961	Charlene Machen Moore	1995	Kimberly Hight Townsend
1962	Sandra McDowell Foley	1996	Christina Lipper Roemke
1963	Delores Lowe Mueller	1997	Barbara Harris
1964	Martha Schuessler Thompson	1998	Sheri Rexing Zoss
1965	Brenda Maasberg Robertson	1999	Laci Hasenour Scourfield
1966	Ruth Callis Sander	2000	Cassie Lee
1967	Georgia Cummings Neu	2001	Christina Woodside Bumgardner
1968	Judy Nicholson Smith	2002	Jessica Neidhammer Volz
1969	Elaine Ferhrenbacher Tenbarge	2003	Chelsea Wright Martin
1970	Cathy Russell Wathen	2004	Erica Crockett Hirsch
1971	Barbara Wesselman Gasset	2005	Megan Miller Uzarek
1972	Beth Miller Schmitt	2006	Emilee Zimmerman Feagley
1973	Nancy Burnett Schwartz	2007	Andrea Bittner Michel
1974	Karen Koester Ade	2008	Alyssa Slater Welte
1975	Kim Weatherholt Salmon	2009	Sarah Orth Rust
1976	Alice Ann Spicher	2010	Leah Blankenburger Trujillo
1977	Mindy Morrow	2011	Jaci Turner Rowland
1978	Jayne Weatherholt Puckett	2012	Olivia DeWeese Libertowski
1979	Connie Engelbrecht Hollander	2013	Laura Rexing Newmaster
1980	Jane Conway	2014	Virginia Deig Adair
1981	Stephanie Mooney Clark	2015	Tate Fritchley Hobbs
1982	Rhonda Klueg-Slater	2016	Becca Lax
1983	Laura Pendley	2017	Holly Witten Tenbarge
1984	Shannon Sholtz Frank	2018	Lauren Ziliak Durchholz
1985	Audra Shrode Jergens	2019	Claudia Duncan Franchville
1986	Sheila Straub	2021	Abbey Duvall Riggs
1987	Angie Schlensker Rice	2022	Olivia Baehl
1988	Lori Messel Pierre	2023	Ryan Fritchley
1990	Lisa Gresser	2024	Rachel Pohl
		2025	Emma Ruedlinger

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## **4-H Council, Inc.**

The 4-H Council's objectives include planning county 4-H programs, securing and training 4-H leaders, helping with 4-H exhibits, determining 4-H policy matters, selecting achievement winners, and encouraging 4-H enrollment.

Beth Kroft, President

Dan Miller, Treasurer

Nick Bullington, Vice-President

Jennifer Deutsch, Secretary

## **4-H Adult Leader Organization**

The 4-H Adult Leaders Organization offers training opportunities for all volunteer 4-H leaders as well as fundraises to support 4-H activities.

Beth Schmitt, President

Susan English, Secretary

Kellyann Walker, Vice-President

Melissa Bippus, Treasurer

## **4-H Junior Leader Organization**

4-H members who are in grades 8-12 are eligible to join the Junior Leader Organization. The group participates in community activities throughout the year in addition to helping leaders within their own club and helping out with county activities.

Alyssa Coomes, President

Austin Groeninger, Assistant Treasurer

Brandt Coomes, Vice-President

Braden Wheeler, Recreation Leader

Kylie Weiss, Secretary

Abigail Bullington, Meeting Coordinator

Maddie Bedel, Treasurer

Elise Lousignant, Historian

## KIDDIE PEDAL TRACTOR PULL

*Sponsored by Play 'N' Hooky Pedal Tractor Pulling, LLC and  
Vanderburgh County Fair*

**Thursday, July 23, 2026**

9:00 a.m. - Registration Opens - \$4 entry fee

10:00 a.m. pull begins - Industrial Building

Boy and Girl classes for ages 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Fun pull for 3-year olds.

- **Parent or legal guardian's signature is required for child to pull.**
- Register in class of age at day of pull
- Trophies awarded for first place.
- The VCF is no longer a State Sanctioned pull, no vouchers for Indiana State Fair



For further information, please call  
Play 'N' Hooky Pedal Tractor Pulling,  
LLC at (812) 449-3477 or  
(812) 568-2969

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## RIDES

### The Carnival Company

#### TICKET PRICES

Single Ticket - \$1.50

12 Tickets - \$15

24 Tickets - \$25

50 Tickets - \$50

#### ARM BANDS

Monday-Friday: \$30

Saturday: \$30 per Session

#### Monday

Open at 5:00pm - Close

#### Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Open at 4:00pm - Close

#### Saturday Two Sessions Open at

Open - 4pm - session 1

and 5pm - Close - session 2

- Discounted armbands will also be available in the fair office the weekend before the fair
  - A separate arm band will be required for each of the Saturday sessions
  - Rides will require multiple tickets based on size of the ride
- To ensure safety, opening time may be dependent on environmental conditions at the time of opening.



## ICE CREAM CRANK OFF

Saturday, July 25, 2026 | Judging & Tasting begins at 12 noon  
| Banquet Hall Pavilion

Contact Jennifer Deutsch at (812) 431-1706

Registration/Set up: 10:30am Start Freezing Ice Cream 11am

Judging will take place as ice cream has finished freezing. One-hour maximum given for freezing ice cream, until 12:00 noon. Awards to follow after everyone has been judged.

- Registration is for - Vanilla entries, and Flavored entries
- Contestants may participate in more than one category. May compete as individual or team.
- Electric or hand crank machines permitted.
- Entry fee is \$5.00 per entry. **Pre-Registration and entry fee** must be postmarked by Thursday, July 16, 2026 and should be sent to the Vanderburgh County Fair - P.O. Box, 58, Inglefield, IN 47618-0058.
- Previous winning recipes will be ineligible.
- Contestants are to provide their own rock salt. **The Vanderburgh County Fair will furnish ICE.**
- The Vanderburgh County Fair will provide electricity for electric machines.
- Contestants must come prepared to start freezing product and be ready for judging within one hour. Each entry should bring one recipe card for judges with all ingredients used and directions to prepare. We encourage you to bring a poster with recipe for public to see.
- Judging will be based on flavor, body & texture, natural ingredients and technique.
- All recipes must contain **pasteurized dairy products and cooked eggs ONLY.**
- The categories that will be judged: Vanilla, Flavor and "People's Choice" Award

The Following awards will be given in each category:

1st Place - \$50.00 2nd Place - \$20.00 3rd Place - \$10 "People's Choice" - Ice Cream Maker

**Awards sponsored by The Young Dairymen**

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## CENTURY COMMITTEE THEME CONTEST

*Create an entry that exemplifies the beauty of our 2026 Fair Theme: Celebrating  
250<sup>th</sup> AMERICA.*

Indoor and outdoor entries accepted. Handmade items including but not limited to apparel, quilts, artwork, craft projects, florals, photos and baked items.

1. Attach any info about your entry you would like to share.
2. No entry fee. Multiple entries accepted.
3. Exhibits entered inside or outside Auditorium.
4. Monetary awards will be given for five Judges Choices in each category – Indoor and Outdoor
5. Fair projects previously entered will be accepted.
6. Outdoor items are limited to 4'x6' and should be suitable for yard or porch display, resistant to weather conditions. MUST contain red/white/blue and a flag(s).

**Indoor Entry Time:** Saturday, July 18th 1-3pm Auditorium

**Outdoor Entry Time:** Saturday, July 18th 3-5pm Auditorium

**Pick-up Time:** Sunday, July 26th 11am-1pm

## SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF OUR 2025 SPONSORS (MIN. \$100)

Kenny Kent Toyota	A-1 Equipment	ACES Disposal
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Full Throttle Automotive	Reis Tire	Lupfer Ag
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Beck's Hybrids	Advance America	So Indiana Detailing
Pioneer / Corteva	American Senior Benefits	Blesch
Prime Foods	Champion Windows & Doors	Bobcat
Jackson Seed Service	Composit Home Systems	Brandeis
Countrymark	Cultural Homestay International	Diamond Equipment
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Bernie Spindler	Papa Bears Honey	Mr. Fence
Vineyard Financial	SW IN Behavioral Health	Mt. Carmel Stabilization
POSH-Katie Barnes	University of Evansville	Niemeier Enterprises
Old National Bank	US Marines	Premier Scale
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D&R Distributing	Hartman Farms	Sunbelt
Lee & Rhonda Slater	John Rexing Farms	SynEnergy
Vand Co Homemakers	Kron Farms	United Rental
Deig Brothers	Rothemeier Farms	Mike & Noah Gries

# Vanderburgh County Fair

## Half Pot

The Vanderburgh County Fair will have a Half Pot again this year. Tickets will be for sale Tuesday – Saturday 5:00-9:00pm at the Half Pot Booth located at the North end of the Grandstands and by ticket sellers walking through the crowd. The drawing will be on Saturday after ticket sales close at approximately 9:30pm. You do not need to be present to win!

Follow us on Facebook to watch for the winning number!!

2 tickets = \$5.00

5 tickets = \$10.00

20 tickets = \$20.00

50 tickets = \$40.00

# THE 4-H CENTER

The Vanderburgh 4-H Center is a self-supporting, non-profit corporation operated by a volunteer board of directors. The aim of the center is to develop an educational program that will meet the needs of the 4-H youth in our community.

No members or officers of the corporation receive any compensation for their services. The 4-H Center receives no tax revenue. The quality facilities and beautiful grounds of the center are available to all individuals, organizations, and agencies upon request.

The center relies on four sources of income to maintain its operation: rental of the facilities, donations, interest from the 4-H Trust Fund, and 4-H Center sponsored fund raising activities.

There is no governmental financial support.

Our facility includes 192 acres of fun.

## **Main Halls**

Auditorium (Hardwood dance floor)  
Banquet Hall  
Activities Center  
Exposition Hall  
Conference Room

## **Open Buildings**

Cattle Barn  
Show Barn  
Swine Barn  
Small Animal Barn  
Commercial Building  
Industrial Building

## **Arenas**

Livestock Pavilion  
Dressage Arenas  
Lower Arena  
Grandstand for 1600

## **Recreation Areas**

Campground  
Picnic Areas

## **Facilities**

Concession Stands  
Administrative Office  
Parking  
Public Telephones  
Outdoor Restrooms



The facilities of the center have been developed and are maintained by the Vanderburgh County 4-H Club Association, Inc., commonly known as the Center Board.

Ben Kloc, President  
Bob McCarty, Vice-President  
Melanie Bailey, Secretary  
Terry Hughes, Treasurer  
Lee Slater, Fair Representative  
Dave Rexing, Building and Grounds  
Sara Petrig, Past President

For information, call the 4-H Center Office at (812) 867-6217.

Office hours: by appointment only

[www.vanderburgh4hcenter.com](http://www.vanderburgh4hcenter.com)

We specialize in family oriented activities