



Extension - Elkhart County



# Friday 4-H Nugget



## Greetings 4-H Community,

February greetings! The 4-H year has well and truly kicked off and clubs are meeting regularly. Be sure to reach out to your club leadership or Extension Office staff with questions about completion.

February also means geranium and hanging basket sales. Are you fundraising for your club? You can get a copy of the order form [here](#). Be safe and stay warm!

All the best,

[Robby Kelly](#), [Sthele Greybar](#) & [Corey Sharp](#)  
Extension Educators

**STEM FEST**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025  
9:15AM - 3:00PM (REGISTRATION - 8:30AM)  
ST. THOMAS SCHOOL, ELKHART  
(1331 N MAIN ST, ELKHART, IN 46514)

Participants will select 6 of the following classes to participate in:

- Plant Science
- Graphic Design
- Robotics
- Animal Science
- Natural Resources
- Food Science
- Cooking/Food Safety
- Hypersonics

Your Cost: \$25 per participant - Lunch and supplies provided.

Register Today!  
<https://stemfest.4honline.com>

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## Join us for STEM Fest!

When: Saturday, March 29 from 9:15 am to 3:00 pm (registration at 8:30 am)

Where: [St. Thomas School](#), Elkhart

Cost: \$25 per participant includes lunch and supplies

Select six of the following classes:

- Plant Science
- Graphic Design
- Robotics
- Animal Science
- Natural Resources
- Food Science
- Cooking/Food Safety
- Hypersonics

Register here: <https://stemfest.4honline.com>

## Fashion Revue & Sewing Workshop

Would you like advice for your clothing construction project? Limited assistance and advice on garment fitting and clothing construction will be available. Join us Sunday, **June 8** from 1pm to 3pm at the Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds in Maple Hall (formerly the HFA building). Pre-registration is required. You may register here: <https://frworkshop.4honline.com/> by **June 1**. There is no charge to participate.



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Fashion Revue Workshop with limited assistance and advice for garment fitting and clothing construction project completion will also be available.

### FASHION REVUE & SEWING WORKSHOP

REGISTER BY JUNE 1ST!

NO CHARGE.  
PREREISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

<https://frworkshop.4honline.com>

CONTACT INFORMATION:  
PURDUE EXTENSION/ELKHART COUNTY  
574-533-0554

**SUNDAY  
JUNE 8, 2025  
1:00-3:00PM**

**ELKHART COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS  
MAPLE HALL BUILDING**

Featuring - current and past Elkhart County 4-H Fair Queens  
Becca Brewer  
Sami Markham  
Hosted by Stitch It Up 4-H Club  
Rosanne Markham  
Faith Snowden  
Linda Anderson-Mausser

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**NORTHEAST INDIANA YOUTH ART GALA**  
HOSTED BY PURDUE EXTENSION

**MARCH 8  
1:00-4:00 PM  
CHECK-IN AT NOON**

Whether you are new to art, an amateur artist, or aim to be a professional artist, a great way to build your portfolio is to exhibit art to your peers and professionals in the industry. Our goal is to give youth the skills and knowledge on how to pursue a career in the art world successfully!

**GROUP REGISTRATION**  
<https://bit.ly/GroupNEINArtGala>

**INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION**  
<https://bit.ly/IndNEINArtGala>

**PRIZES FOR WINNERS**  
GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES  
LOCATION: PURDUE UNIV. FORT WAYNE  
REGISTER BY MARCH 3

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## Northeast Indiana Youth Art Gala

Whether you are new to art, an amateur artist, or aim to be a professional artist, a great way to build your portfolio is to exhibit art to your peers and professionals in the industry! The goal of the Art Gala is to give youth the skills and knowledge on how to pursue a career in the art world successfully.

Registration is due by **March 3** for the **March 8** event at 1-4pm at the Purdue University Ft. Wayne campus.

Group/School Registration:  
<https://bit.ly/GroupNEINArtGala>  
Individual Registration:  
<https://bit.ly/IndNEINArtGala>

## Quality Livestock Care (QLC) for Livestock Exhibitors

All 4-H youth exhibiting: Beef, Dairy Feeder, Dairy, Lamb, Swine, Goat, Poultry and Rabbits will need to complete the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program or Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. This program will allow the youth to learn more about:

- Their role in food animal production
- Food Safety
- Animal Care
- How to use the life skills members learn from their projects.

The Indiana 4-H QLC program will only be offered in person and is \$3.00 payable at the door during the class. You will need to preregister for the classes in 4-H Online: <https://QLC20242025.4honline.com>

Indiana 4-H will recognize the YQCA program this year as we transition, but this will only be offered online at: <https://yqcaprogram.org> The online version is \$12.00. If you chose to complete the online version, you must email or drop off a copy of the certificate to the Extension office.



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### ELKHART COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK UPDATE 2025

Welcome.....

We are excited that you have chosen to participate in the 2025 Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program. This packet is our Animal Science update for the year and contains most of the information you will need to know this year. I also ask that you review your club's information packet for more specifics for your project. Be sure to reach out to your club volunteers as well.

It is also important that if your animal requires Animal ID information to be uploaded into 4-H Online it must be completed by May 15, 2025 in order to be able to show. If you also plan on showing at the Elkhart County Fair you must also complete FairEntry by June 25, 2025.

There are a lot of different ways for you to be involved on a county wide level from Career Development Events and our Livestock Skillathon Contest held in June. I encourage you to participate in one of these great events to grow your skillset and challenge your learning.

Don't forget to keep your email address and contact information up to date with our office so that you are getting our newsletter the Friday 4-H hugger! If you have any questions or need assistance along the way, please reach out to our office staff or your club leaders.




All the best,  
Robby Kelly

**Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor Program**

Did you know that by participating in Showmanship and the summer Livestock Skillathon contest you are automatically entered into the Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor Program? This is a way to highlight the knowledge of our 4-H members and their hard work. Now this year we will be adding the Dog project to the Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor program. On the last Saturday of fair we will have our awards program for both the Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor Program and the County Livestock Skillathon Contest. We hope you will join this great program!


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The requirement will need to be completed by **June 15, 2025** in order to be able to show at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair. Download the [Livestock Update](#) for more detailed information on 2025 completion.





**JOIN US FOR ELKHART COUNTY  
MINI 4-H NIGHT OF SHARING!**

Stop by Culver's, enjoy some delicious food, and support Elkhart County Mini 4-H! A percentage of the proceeds will go directly to Mini 4-H programs, helping to provide more opportunities for youth in our community!

 **Monday, March 10**

 **5:00PM-8:00PM**

 **Culver's  
2024 Elkhart Rd., Goshen  
(Next to Biggby Coffee)**



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## Culver's Night of Sharing

Make your dinner plans count! Stop by Culver's, enjoy some delicious food, and support Elkhart County Mini 4-H! A percentage of the proceeds will go directly to Mini 4-H programs, helping to provide more opportunities for youth in our community. Bring your family and friends, share a meal, and share in the mission of growing young leaders through 4-H!

**When: Monday, March 10**

**Time: 5:00–8:00 PM**

**Where: Culver's North, 2024 Elkhart Road,  
Goshen**



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