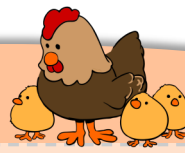




November & December 2024



EXTENSION CONNECTION

Purdue University—Huntington County

Project supplies available in the Extension Office:

- 22 x 28 white foam boards = \$5.00
- 22 x 28 poster cover sleeve = \$2.00
- 16 x 20 white or black foam board = \$2.00 (new this year!)
- 16 x 20 clear cover = \$1.00

- ♦ We also have several sewing patterns for **FREE** to anyone.



- ♦ We no longer sell electric kits. They can be purchased through eeinabox.com

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The Extension Office will be closed the following days for the Holidays:



November 5, Election Day

November 11, Veterans Day

November 28 & 29, Thanksgiving

December 23 - 31, Christmas

January 1, 2025, New Years



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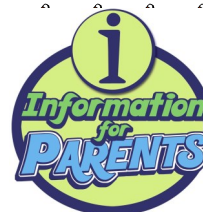
Last date for submission of information for the January & February 2025 newsletter is December 13, 2024

Courthouse Annex 1340 S. Jefferson Street, Huntington, IN 46750: (260) 358-4826

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2024 4-H Enrollment is open from October 1, 2024 - January 15, 2025



Any new 4-H member needs to enroll and current members need to reenroll for 2024! Members need to reenroll every year. The website is located at: v2.4honline.com. For 4-H members in regular 4-H, there is a \$15 State Program Fee. The program fees cover annual accident/medical insurance for 4-H members and volunteers and provide quality programming materials. Families with more than three kids participating in the 4-H program will only have to pay a maximum of \$45. When paying online with the 4HOnline system, each youth enrolled in the 4-H Program will require separate transactions. **PLEASE check your years in 4-H when enrolling.** The office is not able to edit your years in 4-H.

If you were in 2nd grade and in Mini 4-H last year, WELCOME to the traditional club program! We are so glad to have you as a member. You will already have a 4-H record in 4honline. Be sure to check before creating a new one!!! Please also note that your participation years in 4-H will go back to ONE (1). We start over counting your years in the traditional club program beginning with 3rd grade. Your Mini 4-H records will remain in the system but your years in 4-H will NOT include Mini 4-H. When enrolling, the number of years in 4-H may not be accurate. Please remember that youth are not considered "enrolled" in the 4-H Program until their program fees have been paid.

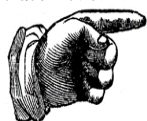
Enrollment and fees are due by JANUARY 15th!

As you begin working on your 4-H projects for 2025—please consider the following...

Youth that qualify Static (non-livestock) projects to move on to the Indiana State Fair (ISF) please be aware of the following:

- ◇ It is optional to exhibit at the ISF. If you do not want your project to exhibit there – let the office know. You are NOT required to send your project.
- ◇ Transportation to the ISF is provided by volunteers and office staff. Purdue Extension nor the Huntington County Fair Association are NOT required to transport the projects. We do this to assist our 4-H members and their families.
- ◇ There are size limitations, weight limitations and if a project requires set up – we have the option to not transport. Those limitations vary based on the equipment available to transport and the number of helpers we have available. We will notify you prior to check-out of the projects we cannot transport.
- ◇ If we transport we make every effort to make sure the project is handled carefully. If you have concerns – we suggest you provide transportation for the project.
- ◇ The ISF does NOT take any responsibility for your project while it is being set up, on display, or being taken down. If your project is damaged or stolen from the ISF, the ISF is not responsible. If there are items of monetary or historical/personal value, it is suggested you do not exhibit those items at the ISF. If you have concerns about the safety of your project, it is suggested you do not exhibit.

Please Notice This



Enroll Early.....By enrolling by the January 15th deadline you won't miss important information such as club meetings. Other information for special clubs is distributed early February. Shooting Sports, Tractor, Dog, and Horse and Pony.



Important changes and updates

4-H Youth Development

The following projects have changed exhibit requirements or have been clarified by the State 4-H Office and our local 4-H program.



Aerospace, Animal Education, Beekeeping, Cake Decorating, Child Development, Communications, Construction & Architectural Replica, Consumer Clothing, Electric, Entomology, Fashion Revue (Both Sewing & Consumer Clothing), Floriculture, Foods (Baked, Preserved and Recipe Card), Forestry, Garden, Genealogy, Geology, Health, Home Environment, Lawn & Garden Tractor Safety, Photography, Sewing, Shooting Sports, Small Engine, Soil & Water Science, Sportfishing, Sports & Performing Arts, Tractor Safety, Vet Science, Weather, Wildlife, Woodworking and Zero Turn.

Watch for changes in the 2025 rule book and with your project materials. **The 2025 rule book will be available online in December and in hard copy early January.**

There are deadlines with 4-H...There are consequences when we don't follow them.

___ Drop and Add projects—May 15. This is a firm deadline. Make sure you have enrolled in 4honline for all the projects you plan to complete and exhibit by May 15. Printouts for club leaders will be available May 16. Any changes made in 4honline after May 15 will not be recorded.

___ Sign up for what you plan to EXHIBIT at the 4-H Fair in FairEntry June 1 - June 30. Entry will close on June 30. This is a firm deadline. **FairEntry will CLOSE June 30.** Changes can be made after June 30. Families can change animals between children, or change animals (if in 4honline by May 15). ALL animals MUST be entered by May 15 (excludes cat, dog and poultry). This is a state deadline and it is to be enforced.

If you have not entered your project(s) in FairEntry by the June 30 deadline you will receive no higher than a "Blue (A) Award" for non-entered projects and animals.

4-H Communication

Most of our communication is through email and our 4-H Facebook page. We try and keep everyone Up-to-date on what is happening with 4-H.

Watch your email.

Follow us on Facebook.

Let's work together as we "Learn by Doing"!

Let's move forward as we "Make the Best Better"!



State 4-H Scholarships

4-H members awarded a 4-H Foundation scholarship as a senior in 2024 will be notified in December the procedure for requesting their check.



The 2025 4-H Scholarship applications are available on the 4-H web site. Applications must be submitted through 4HOnline by **January 25, 2025.**

Scholarship application forms and information are available at: extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html

****There are scholarships available to Huntington County 4-H members! Be sure to apply!!!**

If you need assistance getting them into 4honline - PLEASE CONTACT US!!!



Leader News

- **2025 4-H Leader Committee Sign-ups**— A committee sign-up sheet is available at the Extension Office for all 4-H leaders. Committees are a vital part of our organization to help with various activities throughout the year.
- **Club Meeting Dates** - Please provide the Extension Office with meeting locations, dates, and times. This helps our office provide information to new members and advertise your 4-H Club meetings through a variety of media.
- **Volunteers Needed** - If you know of individuals interested in volunteering with the county 4-H program, they need to **complete** a 4-H Volunteer Application Form, and go through a screening process. Applications are available at the Extension Office.



Jr. Leader News

- ♦ November 14, Jr. Leader Meeting, 7 - 8 pm, First Federal Community Bldg
- ♦ Christmas Shopping with Jr. Leaders (TBD)
- ♦ December 12, Jr. Leader Christmas party, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall 7– 8 pm

Congratulations to the newly elected 4-H Fair Board Officers and board members . . .

Fair Board News

President - Todd Landrum
Vice-President - Kathy Stephan
Secretary– Amy DeLong
Treasurer - Tyler Park



Additional Board Members include:

Trevor Brewer, Mark Brown, Mason Brown, Lane Burnau, Tim Burnau, Michael Chenoweth, Kevin Eppard, Kara Frame, Aaron Goodnight, Andrew Laymon, Scott Pursifull, Brett Stephan, Amanda Stroup, Rosie Wall, Lane Whitted

Many thanks to outgoing board members Alan Amick, Cory Ayers, Kyle Felton, Paul Jacobs, Kyle Kuehnert and Gary Will

Join us on Saturday, December 14th for 2 amazing holiday events
Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall

Santa at the Fairgrounds...10 - 12, Professional family photography with Santa, cookie decorating with Mrs. Claus and her helpers, and a Make & Take activity with the Master Gardeners, all from 10-noon, other classic Christmas characters will be roaming around bringing joy to shoppers!

Holiday Marketplace....10 am - 2 pm, Do some holiday shopping with several area vendors. Crafts, honey products, Tupperware, and much more. Deadline to sign up as a vendor is November 15th!





Request for 4-H materials prior to your first club meeting

Members may request their 4-H materials after they have enrolled in 4Honline and paid their State Program Fee of \$15. Simply contact the Extension Office and request your 4-H materials. We know there are families that like to get started on projects over the holidays. We will make every effort to make sure that you have the information needed to do so. You can call the office at 260-358-4826 to make your request.



Participation in Club meetings is encouraged


Again, you will get out of the program what you put in and one of the things we encourage you to “put in” is participation in your 4-H Club. You will stay better informed of opportunities, deadlines, and program changes if you attend your club meetings.

You will also have the opportunity to learn more skills by participating. Leadership, team work, socialization, community service, are just a few of the skills that can be practiced and developed by attending and being a part of your club. You also have the opportunity to develop your presentation and communication skills in club meetings. We also hope the older members will mentor to the younger members—sharing the skills and knowledge they have gained during their years in 4-H.

A Note to Mini 4-H

Mini 4-H manuals - you must come to the Extension Office to pick up your manual. Or, you can request to have them emailed by contacting Liz at ebrundig@purdue.edu. There is no fee to join Mini 4-H. There will be a \$1.00 fee if you misplace your manual and need a new one.

New this year is Mini 4-H Horse & Pony. You may sign up for and exhibit up to 2 livestock and 2 non-livestock projects.



We will be announcing the Theme and Design winner in mid-November! The winner will receive a \$40.00 gift card to Shop 4-H and their 4-H Club. Please be on the lookout for the winner announcement!

Important Dates for the Huntington County Extension & 4-H Programs

November

- 5 County Offices closed for General Election Day
- 11 County Offices closed in observance of Veteran's Day
- 14 4-H Jr. Leaders, 7 pm, First Federal Community Bldg
- 19 4-H Fair Board, 7 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 23 4-H Jr. Leaders Baked Steak Dinner 5 - 7 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 28-29 County Offices closed—Thanksgiving Holiday

December

- 23-31 Extension Office Closed – Christmas Holiday

January

- 1 Extension Office Closed - New Years Day

July 18 - 24, 2025 – Huntington County 4-H Fair Events at the Fairgrounds
August 1 - August 17, 2025 – Indiana State Fair





HUNTINGTON COUNTY 4-H JR. LEADERS FUNDRAISER

BAKED STEAK DINNER

**BEACON CREDIT UNION HERITAGE HALL
HUNTINGTON COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH ANY JR. LEADER OR AT
THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 15TH, 2024.**

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.

**WHEN
NOVEMBER 23RD
5PM - 7PM**

**\$12.00 A TICKET
INCLUDES: BAKED
STEAK, GREEN BEANS,
DINNER ROLL &
COOKIES**

**PROCEEDS ARE USED FOR JR. LEADERS TO SHOP FOR
LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON**



Upcoming Events

2025 Purdue Master Gardener Basic Training

If you want to sharpen your gardening skills and you have an interest in sharing your knowledge with others, Purdue University has the ideal program for you. Participants will be exposed to a wide range of subjects including soil and plant science, diagnosis of plant problems, pesticide safety, and culture of vegetable, flower, landscape, and fruit plants. If you'd like an application to join our league of volunteers or have questions about the program, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, at 260-358-4826 or by e-mail at emfarris@purdue.edu.

Purdue Extension Master Gardener Basic Training for Huntington, Miami, and Wabash Counties in 2025 will be on Thursday evenings from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - March 6 through May 29. The location of the sessions will alternate between counties. The deadline for submitting applications is February 7. Note that class size may be limited depending on the number of applications that are received. Materials and expenses for the series of classes cost \$175 per participant (cost per couple sharing a manual is \$250).

Purdue Extension Offers the “Know Your Numbers, Know Your Options” Program to Assist Women

Know Your Numbers, Know Your Options is a four-week course offered virtually November 26, December 3, 10, and 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST. This is a discussion-based workshop to connect participants and subject-matter experts in the areas of financial records and interpreting results.

This program is open to all individuals, however, those participating should plan on attending each of the four workshop dates. The course requires participants to have an internet connection. Women will find many opportunities for questions, sharing, and connecting with the presenters and other participants. Upon completion of this program, participants will have a better understanding of how financial records can be used to make decisions.

Session highlights are as follows:

Week 1 - Balance sheet construction and interpretation

Week 2 – Cash flow and income statement fundamentals

Week 3 – Ratios, lease evaluations and negotiations

Week 4 - Know Your Numbers Know Your Options

Registration is \$20 per participant and class size is limited to 20. Register by November 18 at the following website: <https://bit.ly/KYN24>.

Class material is based upon work supported by USDA/NIFA under Award Number 2020-70028-32728 (cooperating with University of Nebraska Extension).

For more information, or if you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Emily Kresca at eluc@purdue.edu or 574-372-2340 by Nov 18.



Rita's Ramblings

I hope you have all enjoyed the warmer fall weather. It's finally cooling off and the holidays are just around the corner. I would like to thank Joan Scher and her committee for the fall lesson. Everyone appreciated Mike McElhaney's presentation on pre-planning a funeral. Many questions were asked and answers given. Thank you to the Paper Artisans Club for presenting a craft to us.

Thanks to all those who helped make our care boxes and the clubs who donated items. Also, thanks to all those members who showed up for sew day. Several book bags were finished that day. Now it's time to think about making candy and cookies for the holidays and for our Cookie/Candy Sale. Hope to see at least one representative from your club at our November 18th Council Meeting beginning at 3:00 p.m.

***Rita McCabe, County President
Huntington County Extension Homemakers***



Northeast Homemakers Camp

The Northeast Homemakers Camp was September 11-13 at Camp Shiloh in Marion with the theme "Cooking Up a Storm". There were 7 ladies from Huntington Co. who attended and enjoyed the various education lessons, crafts and fun activities. Hopefully more of our ladies will join us next year.

District Meeting

The District meeting was held at Sweetwater Sound in Fort Wayne on October 17th with 10 ladies from Huntington attending. The theme for the meeting was "Just One More Chapter". Gloria Doty, local Christian author, was the guest speaker. Each attendee brought a new children's book to donate to Kate's Kart. Founder of Kate's Kart, Kirsta Layman, gave the history of how the project started, which was very touching. Our State President and Vice President, both gave presentations. Lunch included prime rib, broccoli rice casserole, dinner roll, dessert and beverage. The Spring District Meeting will be held in Steuben County on April 14, so mark your calendars now.

State Project - Care Boxes

Remember all the hearts you made to spread kindness throughout our community? Well, this year's project is "Box of Care". The state president would like us to fill small plastic boxes with band-aids, needle and thread, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc. to give to homeless people in our community, men and women in our shelters, school children, etc. Nine ladies met on October 14th and put together 22 boxes. Each club donated one of the items for the boxes. They were then delivered to the Meal Ministry, Salvation Army and United with Love. The week of October 21-26 is IEHA Week, so this was our project for Make a Difference Day. We will evaluate this project at our November Council Meeting and decide when we will make more care boxes for other towns in our community.



Riley Children's Hospital

Last year, Huntington Co. Extension Homemakers, collected 704 items for Riley Children's Hospital. It was such a successful project that we decided to do it again. From now until December 7 at our Cookie/Candy Sale, please buy a few items for this project, (see insert). There is a collection box in the Extension Office or you can bring your items to the Cookie/Candy sale. Mary Ann Ripperger, our past District Rep, is a member of the Riley Cheer Guild. She said they are always in need of Play-Doh and baby rattles.



Homemaker Holiday Cookie, Candy and Craft Sale

The H.C. Extension Homemakers are sponsoring their 21st annual Holiday Cookie, Candy and Craft sale on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at the Evangelical United Methodist Church located at 1000 Flaxmill Road. The sale will begin at 9:00 a.m. and close at 12:00 Noon. In addition to the candy and cookies, some of our Extension Homemaker clubs will be offering crafted items that will make wonderful Christmas gifts.

Pre-made cookie trays are available again for sale. Only by pre-ordering, you will be able to purchase a "Tray of Cookies". Each tray will include an assortment of three dozen cookies for \$18.00. These must be pre-ordered by November 30 by calling Stephanie Jerabek at 260-344-0012. The trays will be available for pick-up only during sale hours on Saturday. The sale will work the same as in years past. You will be given a Styrofoam container and allowed to choose the cookies you wish to purchase. Prices this year will be: Cookies/\$5.00 per dozen and Candy/\$5.00 per 1/2 pound.

We are asking all club members to participate in this fundraising project. Each club member is asked to bring 4 to 5 dozen cookies and/or candy for this sale. We ask that cookies be homemade and of the festive/holiday varieties. For those who are unable to bake, we are asking for a donation of \$18 (the equivalent to what you have baked.)

Cookies and candies should be brought to EUM Church between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6. Trays will be put together at 5:00 p.m. Clubs are invited to request a table for selling crafts. Contact Stephanie Jerabek to do this. Sales for crafts will be handled by each club's members and the clubs will keep their own proceeds. Set-up for crafts will take place from 3 to 5 p.m.

Huntington County Extension Homemakers is a not-for-profit group whose purpose is to promote education, leadership development and community service in an effort to nurture families and homes in our community and across the state.



HUNTINGTON COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

21st ANNUAL HOLIDAY COOKIE & CANDY SALE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

EVANGELICAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1000 FLAXMILL ROAD HUNTINGTON, IN 46750

FROM 9:00 AM—NOON (OR WHEN SOLD OUT)

COOKIES—\$5.00 PER DOZEN

CANDY—\$5.00 PER ONE HALF POUND

Pre-ordering available for cookie trays. Trays include three dozen assorted cookies for \$18.00. Must be ordered by November 30th & picked up during sale hours only.

Call Stephanie Jerabek, 260-344-0012, to place your order.

Assorted hand-crafted items will be offered to help complete your Christmas shopping!





Supporting Riley Children's Hospital for Christmas

Huntington County Extension Homemakers are collecting a variety of small items for the children at Riley Hospital from September 23 until Saturday December 7, 2024. Clubs can bring those items into the Extension Office to the collection box there or bring them to the set up for our annual cookie sale.

We are collecting the following items:

Crayons and Coloring Books



Playdoh



Matchbox/diecast cars



Baby Dolls (less than 10 inches tall)



Baby Rattles



Children's Playing Cards— Old Maid, Go Fish, Crazy Eights, Uno



Action Figures and Pocket Pals (less than 9 inches tall)



Small Dolls (Polly Pocket, LOL Dolls, etc.)



Thank you for supporting Huntington County Extension Homemakers and Riley Children's Hospital.

