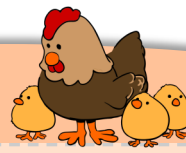




January & February 2025



## EXTENSION CONNECTION

Purdue University—Huntington County

### ANNUAL MEETING



The Extension Board Annual Meeting....

12 Noon, Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall

RSVP by 2.3.25, [pape1@purdue.edu](mailto:pape1@purdue.edu) or  
260.358.4826

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The Extension Office will be closed Monday, January, 20, 2025  
in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Extension - Huntington County



*Ed Zamp* *JL Pritchard*

Last date for submission of information for the  
March & April 2025 newsletter is February 21, 2025

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

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**2024-2025 4-H Enrollment is open through January 15, 2025**

- Just two more weeks to sign up for the 2024-2025 4-H year! Any current and new 4-H members need to enroll for 2025! Members need to reenroll every year. The website is located at: **V2.4honline.com**
- Please **DO NOT** select "I need to set up a profile" if you were enrolled in 2024, even for Mini 4-H. If you have trouble logging in to your profile, please contact the office.
- For 4-H members in regular 4-H, there is a \$15 State Program Fee. You may pay by credit card (preferred), cash or check.
- Families with more than 3 children participating in the 4-H program will only have to pay a maximum of \$45. Thank you for wrapping up the enrollment process by promptly paying. You can pay in person, by mail or use the after hours drop box located outside the office door. The office can not accept cards.
- The program fees cover annual accident/medical insurance for 4-H members and volunteers and provide quality programming materials. Therefore, members that are not paid will not be able to participate in meetings or events. When paying online with the 4HOnline system, each youth enrolled in the 4-H Program will be active upon review of the enrollment. Enrollment and fees are due by **JANUARY 15th!**
- **It's important to be signed up by JANUARY 15th since so many activities start right after that. If you are not enrolled, you may miss important information or opportunities regarding a project you are interested in taking. Don't miss out!!**
  - **The drop/add deadline for 4-H projects is May 15!**



### 4-H Projects & Activities



- **Shooting Sports** - Disciplines offered include Archery, Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun. There is a fee per discipline, in addition to the \$15.00 State 4-H program fee. The discipline registration fee CANNOT be paid on-line and is paid separate from the 4-H program enrollment fee. You MUST be signed up and PAID on 4honline to participate in Shooting Sports. A detailed letter will be mailed mid January for anyone enrolled in the Shooting Sports project.
- **Rifle** - Grades 4 - 12 Fee is \$30.00. Learn how to safely handle a rifle and to improve marksmanship. The course will be presented in eight, two-hour classes involving classroom training and firing of both air and .22 caliber rifles. **Classes start February 16, 2025** from 2 - 4 pm at the First Federal Savings Community Building.
- **Pistol** - Grades 6 - 12. Fee is \$30.00. Safe and Responsible Pistol Handling, with different Pistols, along with Marksmanship development. **Classes TBA**
- **Archery** - Grades 3 - 12. Fee is \$20.00. **Classes start February 9, 2025** from 4 - 6 pm, First Federal Savings Community Building. **Please note ALL meetings will be on SUNDAYS.**
- **Shotgun** - Grades 4 - 12. Fee is \$30.00 **Classes TBA.**
- **Tractor and Lawn & Garden** — County 4-H Tractor Project meetings begin in March from 7:00-8:30 p.m. the Huntington County Fairgrounds. Complete details will be mailed to youth enrolled in the project in mid February.





## Highlights of 2025 4-H Project & Rule Changes

Check the 2025 Rule book for changes in the following projects: Tentatively, Project Books for 2025 will be available in January.

**Non-Animal Projects with changes:** Several projects have added and AI option to their requirements. Please read through the project guidelines of the projects you are selecting for fair and let us know if you have questions.

**Animal Projects with changes:** Horse & Pony and Poultry

**Project Additions:** My 4-H Resume, Homemade Ice Cream, Mini 4-H Cupcake Decorating, and Mini 4-H Photography

It is **important** that you read the rule book and the materials for the project given out by your club leader.

Please visit: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington/docs/4h/huntington4h.html> for our digital Project Book.

### Community Calendar

#### January

9 Junior Leaders Meeting: 7pm

Fairgrounds

13 4-H Leader Meeting 7 pm, Annex

20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, County  
Offices Closed

21 Fair Board, 7 pm, Beacon Credit Union  
Heritage Hall

#### February

10 4-H Leaders, 7 pm, Annex

13 Junior Leaders Meeting, 7pm,  
Fairgrounds

18 Fair Board, 7 pm, Beacon Credit Union  
Heritage Hall



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#### **Purdue Extension-Huntington County**

Look for updates on events and meetings throughout the county on our page! Visit our website for 4-H and other Extension information and events throughout the year at:

[www.extension.purdue.edu/huntington](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/huntington)

**4-H Mission:** The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who positively impact their community and world.

**4-H Vision:** Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.

#### **Future Dates...**

March 10, 4-H Leaders, 7:00 pm, Annex

March 15 Beef Preview Show, Huntington County  
Fairgrounds

March 18 Ag Day for 3rd graders,

March 18 4-H Fair Board, 7:00 pm, Beacon Credit  
Union Heritage Hall

July 18 - 24 Huntington County 4-H Fair

August 2 - 17 Indiana State Fair

**MINI 4-H....** If you are in Mini 4-H please select your club as Huntington County Mini 4-H when enrolling if you do not have another club you would like to attend. You may attend regular 4-H club meetings if you'd like. You may enrolled in up to 2 livestock and/or 2 non-livestock projects. Watch your email and US Mail to keep updated on information.



- ⇒ The next 4-H Leader's meeting will be Monday, Jan. 13, 2025, Annex, 7 pm.
- ⇒ Distributing achievement pins and the 2025 materials.
- ⇒ Discussing Workshops and 4-H Camp support and the 2025 4-H Year

### 4-H Leader Information

**Next Meeting....Thursday, January 9 @ 7 p.m.**  
**First Federal Savings Community Bldg**

### JUNIOR LEADER NEWS

All 4-H Jr Leader members are encouraged not to miss our first meeting of 2025!

It's not too late to sign up or add 4-H Jr Leaders to your enrollment in 4honline. Select Jr Leaders for your club and Jr Leaders for the project.

Don't wait until January 15 to enroll or you will miss our first meeting!!!

### State 4-H Scholarships

ALL State 4-H Scholarship applications are due in 4honline on or before **January 25, 2025**.

Scholarship application forms and information is available at [extension.purdue.edu](http://extension.purdue.edu)

Reminder....you **MUST** be enrolled and your fee paid before you submit your application.

Please do not wait until the last minute! Paying the fee by card ensures immediate active status. Available scholarships include:

- ♦ **4-H Foundation Scholarship:** 4-H members who are Seniors in High School may apply for this one-time award to use for any post high school study or training.
- ♦ **Indiana 4-H Accomplishment:** 4-H members who are in Grade 10 through the year following the final year of 4-H eligibility. The different categories with sub-categories are: Animal Science; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering & Technological Science; Healthy Living; Food & Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; Plant & Environmental Science. A minimum of 30 \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to youth based on their life skills developments in the different categories.
- ♦ **4-H Club Scholarship:** 4-H members who are Seniors in High School and have participated in 4-H at least 4 years. Persons must enroll in the College of Agriculture or specific majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences at Purdue University, West Lafayette and have on file your FAFSA application by March 1. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of (1) scholastic ability; (2) financial need; (3) achievement in 4-H club work. Scholarships are renewable and good for eight (8) semesters, as long as requirements are satisfactorily fulfilled.



### 4-H Camp Counselors Needed

Interested in serving as a 4-H Camp Counselor at 4-H Camp? Be thinking about it now if you will be in grade 9 or above as of February 1, 2025. Eighth graders will be considered if we run short on high school counselors. 4-H Camp will be June 4-6. The counselors arrive the night of Tuesday, June 3. Applications are available in the Extension Office.

Selection of counselors is made in February. 4-H Camp Counselors are expected to attend trainings.

Those dates will be March 6, April 15, & May 19, location TBD from 5:30 pm - 8 pm. If you are interested in serving as a 4-H camp counselor or have any questions, please call the Extension Office.





**Award Sponsorships Needed**

We have several awards that need sponsors. Contact Liz at the office to see what is available. Awards range from \$15.00 to \$32.00.

**ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION PROCESS IN 2025**

The 4-H livestock animal identification process will be completed online again for all Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse & Pony, Rabbits, Sheep, Dairy Beef, and Swine animals. Animals will be identified online at: [V2.4honline.com](http://V2.4honline.com). Each 4-H family is to complete the online identification by **May 15 for ALL animals** (except poultry). This is the same website which youth were enrolled on this year. Detailed steps on how to identify your livestock are available on 4honline. Devices are available in the Extension Office for families to utilize if help is needed when identifying their animals online. Members must include the Premise ID for the location where project animals are located/housed when identifying their animals online. For more information and registration forms to secure a Premise ID, contact the Indiana Board of Animal Health at 877-747-3038 or on the web at [www.in.gov/boah/](http://www.in.gov/boah/). The Extension Office does not keep premise ID numbers on file. You must contact IBOAH if you have misplaced your number.

**YQCA requirements for 2025:** In 2025 Purdue and Indiana 4-H is offering the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (4-H QLC). The 4-H QLC will ONLY be offered in-person and will replace the in-person YQCA sessions. **If you plan to show any livestock outside of the 4-H Fair or State Fair, we recommend completing the YQCA online ONLY option.** ALL youth planning on exhibiting livestock in 4-H must participate in either in-person 4-H QLC (\$3) or online YQCA (\$12). **You must have one of these completed by June 30 or you WILL NOT be able to exhibit your animals at the fair.**

**\*\*\*Your Completion date must state the program was completed on or before June 30th.\*\*\***

4-H QLC Classes at Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall. Additional trainings may be scheduled. Cost for 4-H QLC is \$3.00 per member. The first Huntington County opportunities are:

- Saturday, April 12 (3-4pm)
- Tuesday, May20 (6-7pm)
- Thursday, June 19 (6-7pm)



There is a **multiple year online certification** available for youth who are age 12 and age 15 by Jan. 1. You can take a multiple year "test out". You will still pay \$12 for each year you test out of. You only pay if you pass the test. You only have one opportunity to take the test. Cost for age 12 is \$36 (3 years). Cost for age 15 is \$48 (4 years). Test out is ONLY available online.

**Huntington County Beef Preview Show...**

The 2025 Preview Show will be Saturday, March 15. Promotional flyers are available at the Extension Office.

**Beef and Starter Calf ID Day...**Saturday morning, April 12 at the cattle barns, Fairgrounds. Information about ID day will be mailed to those enrolled members in late March.

**Goat & Sheep ID Day...**Mark your calendars for Saturday morning, May 3 for ID Day of all market lambs and goats, along with non-registered ewe lambs. Information will be mailed mid-April to all 4-H sheep and goat members.



## **Upcoming Events**

### ***Fort Wayne Farm Show – January 14 – 16, 2025***

The farm show features both a trade show and educational sessions. Private pesticide and commercial applicator recertification credits will be available a session (2 p.m. on Jan. 14). Contact Ed Farris ([emfarris@purdue.edu](mailto:emfarris@purdue.edu)) for more info or stop by the Extension office for a flyer.

### ***Succession Planning Workshops – Jan./Feb. 2025***

“Leaving a Lasting Legacy for Midwestern Farm Women: A Succession Planning Series,” will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Eastern time in Columbia City, Indiana on Jan. 21, Jan. 28, Feb. 4 and Feb. 11, at the Purdue Extension office, 524 Branch Court, Columbia City, IN. Huntington County Extension will also be assisting with the program.

The workshops will also be hosted at sites across Kansas, Nebraska, and Indiana. Topics covered will include motivation for succession planning, communicating with family, the financial aspects of estate and transition plans, and the legal aspects of putting a plan in place.

The registration fee for in-person attendance is \$60 before Jan. 13 and increases to \$75 on or after Jan. 13. A virtual option is available for \$75. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions. Registration information available at <https://purdue.link/Legacy>.

### ***Ag Women Engage Conference (Fort Wayne, IN) – February 13, 2025***

The conference will take place at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The AWE conference is designed to bring women together involved in various aspects of agriculture, including farmers, researchers, educators, and industry professionals. Three pre-conference sessions on topics including the Johnnie Mae Farm, Cut Flowers and Grain Marketing will also be offered on February 12 before the Ag Women Engage Conference. When registering for the Ag Women Engage Conference, you will have the option to register for a pre-conference session. The pre-conference sessions are open to individuals not registered for the conference. To register and learn more about the Ag Women Engage Conference, please visit <https://ag.purdue.edu/departments/extension/wia/>

### ***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](mailto:emfarris@purdue.edu).

Purdue Extension Master Gardener Basic Training for Huntington, Miami, and Wabash Counties in 2025 will be on Thursday afternoons 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 6. Materials and expenses for the series of classes cost \$175 per participant. Couples may register together; cost is \$250 if sharing the manual.



## *Rita's Ramblings*

I hope you are staying healthy with this crazy weather. Maybe when the new year begins, it will just decide to stay cold and forget throwing in a 50 degree day. I would like to thank all of the ladies who took time to bake cookies, make candy, or donate money to our Annual Cookie & Candy Sale. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated in supporting our money making project. Also, thanks to anyone who has volunteered to read to Head Start. I'm sure the children enjoyed the books.

There are several scholarships available to homemakers. Your club president has the information, but if you need an application, or more information about one of the scholarships, please give me a call.

If you are heading south for the winter, please have a safe trip. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and may we all have a Happy New Year!

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

## *Riley Children's Hospital*

A BIG thank you goes to the wonderful ladies in all of our clubs. With your donations to Riley's Hospital, we were able to pack up 474 items! We had lots of Match Box cars, Play Doh, baby rattles, cards, games, dolls, etc. We also had \$50 in cash donations. We have already donated 100 book bags to Riley. Please remember to record donations on your Volunteer Community Support Sheet. Thanks again for your generosity.

## *Achievement Day*

The Achievement Day Committee met and have a few details for you. Achievement Day will be held on April 28, 2025 at the Evangelical United Methodist Church. We will begin the day at 10:00 a.m. with a theme of "The Book Worm". We hope to have a speaker from Kate's Kart and also a local author speak. Please remember to give us the names of your 25 or 50 year members and let us know if anyone in your club has passed away.

Now is a good time to work on your Cultural Arts project. The state project is a placemat and can be no larger than 14 inches by 20 inches. It can be made from plastic, material, paper, etc. Get creative and see what you come with! The committee decided to have a soup and salad luncheon. More details to come in the next newsletter. Mark your calendar's now!





## *Host a Hoosier*

Your four County Officers, Carol, Stephanie, Carla and Rita, traveled to Starke County on December 11th. We met with four ladies from Starke County who gave us a tour of the Oregon Davis High School. It was unique in that it has a round gym and a round library. It is a very pretty school and they are so proud of it.

They took us on a tour through two of their small towns and treated us to a wonderful lunch. Following lunch, we went to Hensler's Christmas Tree Farm. The manager of the farm told us all about raising and selling Christmas trees. They had some beautiful centerpieces, a nice gift shop and even live reindeer. The ladies from Starke County will join us for our Achievement Day. It is always a fun day when we travel to other counties and see what they do.



## *21st Annual Holiday Cookie & Candy Sale*

The 2024 Homemakers Cookie & Candy Sale was held Saturday, December 7 at the Evangelical United Methodist Church on Flaxmill Road. Homemakers were asked to donate five dozen cookies and/or candies for the sale. Cookies were sold for \$5.00 a dozen and candy was sold for \$5.00 a half pound. Proceeds from the Cookie Sale will be used for Homemakers general programming with a donation of \$150 to the New Life Meal Ministry. The remaining cookies from the sale were taken to the Huntington County Sheriff's Department, Huntington Police Department, Etna Avenue Fire Station, Bippus Fire Station, New Life Meal Ministry, Treasurer's office at the courthouse and the Boys and Girls Club of Huntington County.

The Ways and Means committee wishes to thank all who donated cookies for the sale and all of those who participated in making the sale a success! There was a special collection of toys for Riley's Children's Hospital with over 400 items! These items, along with 100 tote bags, will be taken to Riley Hospital for children in their care.

*Stephanie Jerabek, Treasurer*  
*Huntington County Extension Homemakers*

## *Looking Ahead*

Put the following dates on your calendar so you don't miss out on important events.

February 5 - Purdue Extension Board Annual Meeting  
 February 11 - Sew Day  
 March 10 - Extension Homemakers Council Meeting - 3:00 p.m.  
 March 11 - Sew Day  
 March 15 - Paper Artisans CROP  
 April 14 - Spring District Meeting in Steuben County  
 April 28 - Achievement Day

