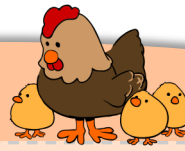




March & April 2025



EXTENSION CONNECTION

Purdue University—Huntington County

The annual 4-H Leaders Organization Geranium Fundraiser will take place again this year. Plants are \$1.75 each. Colors are Red, White, Pink, Coral and Violet/Fuchsia. Orders must be placed with a 4-H club leader or by calling the office by APRIL 14th. Delivery date is April 29 or 30 at the Hoosier Real Estate Show Arena.

Find us on Facebook! Like our pages:

:) **Purdue Extension-Huntington County**
:) **Huntington County 4-H**
:) **Huntington County 4-H Tractor**
:) **Huntington County 4-H Royalty**



Look for updates on events and meetings throughout the county on our pages! Visit our website for 4-H and other Extension information and events throughout the year at:
www.extension.purdue.edu/huntington

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The Extension Office will be closed Friday, April 18, 2025 in observance of Good Friday.



Extension - Huntington County



Ed Zamp *JL Pritchard*

Last date for submission of information for the May & June 2025 newsletter is April 22, 2025

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

Purdue University is an Equal Access/Equal Opportunity Organization

IMPORTANT: We have several 4-H members who have not yet paid the \$15.00 enrollment fee or have incomplete enrollments.

There have been weekly email reminders of this. If your credit card was declined please return to the enrollment and try again.

Please pay ASAP so that we may get the enrollment process wrapped up.

You are not considered fully enrolled and are not allowed to participate in club meetings for insurance reasons.



Huntington County 4-H Scholarships (deadline to apply for each of the following is May 31):

Each scholarship must be submitted in it's own sealed envelope with the name of the scholarship on the envelope.

- Janell Marie Saunders Nursing/Health Profession (\$1,000)
- Ray Vanderspool Memorial (\$1,000)
- Huntington County 4-H (2 at \$500)
- Huntington County 4-H Beef (\$500)
- Huntington County 4-H Swine (up to 4 at \$500)
- Huntington County 4-H Goat (3 at \$500)
- Huntington County 4-H Horse & Pony (\$500)
- George Guy Memorial Huntington Co. 4-H Dog (up to 2 at \$250)
- Huntington County Master Gardener (\$1,500.00)

4-H Scholarship Information



For applications please contact the Extension Office or go to: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington/docs/4h/scholarships4h.html>

Materials and Project Supplies Available for 4-H projects:



Poster sleeves are available in the Extension Office at a cost of \$2.00 for 22"x28" and \$1.00 for 16"x 20" salon print size. The "22 x 28" foam board for posters available to purchase. Cost is \$5.00 each. **AND**, we now carry 16 x 20 foam boards for the salon photography project for \$2.00 each.

Electric project supplies can be purchased at <http://www.eeinabox.com/>

JUST AS A REMINDER, THE EXTENSION OFFICE ONLY ACCEPTS CASH OR CHECKS

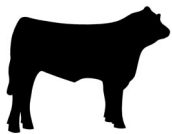
4-H Livestock News...



4-H Youth Development

Animal ID: 4-H members must identify all Beef Cattle, Dairy Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Horses, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine in 4HOnline by the state deadline **May 15, 2025**. Animals that are required to be tagged with a 5-digit county tag or attend the county tagging/weigh-in should attend the county event before entering the Animal ID information in 4HOnline.

Animals will be identified online at: v2.4honline.com. This is the same website which youth were enrolled. Each 4-H family is to complete the online identification by May 15 for ALL animals (except Poultry). 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 317-544-2381 or on the web at www.in.gov/boah/. When enrolling on-line, remember to check the "county born and raised" box for those animals born and raised in Huntington County. Note that the breeder information is not entered on-line. The volunteers assisting with weigh in at the fair in July will need confirmation of the breeder.



Beef...ID Day will be Saturday, April 12, 9 am - 12 pm at the cattle barns, Fairgrounds. All 4-H members planning to exhibit MUST bring their commercial breeding heifers, beef or dairy beef steers to be identified by ear tags and weighed on this date. Animal identification must be completed online by May 15 at v2.4honline.com. All 4-H steers and heifers that are exhibited at the Indiana State Fair must have a DNA hair sample submitted to the Extension office in provided envelopes by May 15, 2025.



Dairy...An RFID tag for each dairy animal along with registration information and/or identifying tag must be entered by May 15. Animals exhibited at the Indiana State Fair must have a DNA hair sample submitted to the Extension office in provided envelopes by May 15, 2025.



Goat...ID Day for 4-H market goats will be Saturday, May 3rd 7:30 - 10 am, in the ForeFront Ag Solutions Goat Pavilion, Fairgrounds. More information will be US mailed mid-April. A tattoo or microchip animal identification is needed when enrolling. Animal identification must be completed online by May 15. All meat goats must have an RFID tag and DNA hair sample by ID deadline to be eligible for state fair.



Horse & Pony...You will need to go online to complete and submit your ID form and include a color photo of your horse, showing all four feet and the face. If needed, a computer is available in the Extension Office for 4-H Horse & Pony members to identify their animal(s) online. Animal identification must be completed online by May 15th. Don't forget about the vaccination requirements for Horse & Pony animals!



4-H Livestock News Continued...



Poultry...HATCH DATE for Broilers is May 19 - 25. This is a correction to the dates listed in the fair book. Poultry does NOT have to enter identification in 4honline but MUST sign up to Exhibit in FairEntry June 1-30.



Rabbit...Rabbits are to be entered in 4honline by May 15. Roaster, Stewer, Fryer and Meat Pens go under the Market Class tab. Breeding rabbits need to know if your rabbit breed is a four or a six class rabbit.



Sheep...ID Day is Saturday, May 3rd from 7:30 - 10 am, Fairgrounds, cattle barn area. Complete details will be US mailed mid-April. Animal identification must be completed online by May 15. All sheep must have RFID tag and DNA hair sample by ID deadline to be eligible for state fair.



Swine...Ear notching will remain the enrollment ID for swine. Additionally, **all swine showing at the 2025 Huntington County 4-H Fair must have an 840-RFID tag (Indiana Board of Animal Health requirement).** Note that the Huntington Co. Swine Boosters have agreed to furnish a maximum of **4** tags per 4-H member, which will be available by mid-April at the Extension office (additional tags must be located and purchased at the expense of the 4-H member's family). Swine arriving on the fairgrounds at the July 18 check-in will be identified with an 840-RFID tag, if they do not already have one of these tags.

State Fair Swine Exhibitors: DNA hair samples will be required by May 15 for all swine (barrows & gilts) to be eligible for the Indiana State Fair. Collection envelopes are available in the Extension Office along with collection instructions. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to have an adequate sample turned into the office by May 15. 840-RFID tags will once again be required to be in all swine prior to entering the state fairgrounds.

4-H members must have their 840-RFID tags when identifying their swine online at v2.4honline.com. Identification of your animals is to be completed by the 4-H member by May 15th (State Fair Entries only).



INDIANA STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS REMINDER.....It is the 4-H member's responsibility to complete ALL fields in 4honline if the animal is showing at State Fair.



4-H Livestock News Continued...

The Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (QLC) Program is a replacement for in-person YQCA Classes. All 4-H youth enrolled in a LIVESTOCK PROJECT (Beef, Dairy Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine) must be QLC certified or have a YQCA online completion certificate by June 30th. **If you complete the training AFTER JUNE 30th YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SHOW!**

If you choose to complete the YQCA option, you will register for the online course at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. The cost of the online YQCA course is \$12. After completing the course, you must email the 4-H Educator with your certification to receive credit. This option is recommended for anyone showing at shows other than county and state fair.

If you prefer to take the QLC in person (instructor-led) course, the cost is \$3 per child, **PAYABLE ONLINE OR AT THE CLASS** at the following times/locations:

- ⇒ March 11, Future Farmers 4-H Club, Mt. Etna Church, 6:30 pm
- ⇒ March 17, We Raise Em' Best 4-H Club, First Christian Church, Warren, 6:30 pm
- ⇒ April 12 at 3 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- ⇒ May 20 at 6 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- ⇒ June 19 at 6 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall

Register through the link at the top of the Huntington County 4-H Facebook page

4-H Quality Livestock Care (QLC) for Huntington County

REMINDER!!!
Either 4-H QLC or YQCA **MUST BE COMPLETED** on or before June 30th in order to show at the fair. If you complete the training after June 30th you will not be allowed to show your livestock.

How to Register:
• Use the link provided and choose the session that works best for your schedule!
<https://2024huntingtonQLC.4honline.com>

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact JP Pietrowski prior to the meeting at 760-358-4826 or jpierow@purdue.edu at least two days before the training date you are attending. Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.

Award Sponsorships - There are several Beef, Poultry, Swine and Tractor awards for shows and events that still need sponsored. Prices range from \$20.00 - \$35.00 for the plaques, trophies or banners. If you're interested contact Liz at the office to see what is available. Thank you to those that renewed their sponsorship for 2025. We appreciate it.

**Next meeting...****4-H LEADER NEWS**

Monday, March 10, 2025, 7 p.m. at the Annex

Future Dates:

- ◇ Monday, April 8 - 7 p.m. at the Annex
- ◇ Monday, May 13 - 7 p.m. at the Annex
- ◇ Monday, June 10 - 7 p.m. at the Annex

Officers for 2024-2025

President - Regeanna Lahr
 Vice President - Marsha Chenoweth
 Secretary - Jennifer McCoy
 Treasurer - Emma Barr

**JUNIOR LEADER NEWS****Meeting Dates:**

March 13, April 10, May 8-monthly meeting, 7 pm, First Federal Savings Community Bldg

Tuesday, June 10 **Mini 4-H Workshop** (this takes place during the day at Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall) Additional information will be coming. (All members should try to help with this event.) 4-H Jr Leaders are the teachers and line leaders for this event.

4-H Royalty Contest Entry Due: May 15, 2025

The Royalty Committee is hosting a Call Out Meeting for all 4-H members interested in participating in the Royalty Pageant on April 16, 2025, 7 pm in the Annex. The Royalty program focuses on interview skills, public relations, and confidence in each participant. You must be a 4-H member, 16 years old by August 2025, and not previously selected as a Royalty Champion to be eligible to compete. Entry Forms Available at the Extension Office or the 4-H Web page

PROJECT BOOKS: It is important to remember if you drop a project that you return the book to your leader or the Extension Office. This will help the rising cost of manuals down. Remember to check inside the cover of your books for all of your record sheets and skills cards. Livestock resource books available upon request. One per family.



As a reminder....Use of the 4-H Name & Emblem

Any group, organization, club or individual wishing to use the 4-H name & emblem in any aspect of printing must submit a drawing or design showing the proposed use of the 4-H Clover to the Purdue Extension-Huntington County Office. If accepted, a letter will be sent to the requesting person giving approval for the use of the 4-H name & emblem. Contact the office if you need the official 4-H clover.



Community Calendar

March

- 10 4-H Leaders - 7 pm, Annex
- 13 Jr. Leaders, 7pm, First Federal Savings Community Bldg
- 15 Beef Preview Show, Fairgrounds,
- 15 Horse & Pony Tack Sale, 10 am, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 18 Fair Board, 7 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall

April

- 14 4-H Leaders - 7pm, Annex
- 10 Jr. Leaders 7 pm, First Federal Savings Community Bldg
- 12 Beef/ Dairy Beef ID Day, 9-12 pm, Fairgrounds
- 12 QLC Class, 3 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 14 Geranium Orders DUE**
- 15 Fair Board, 7 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 16 Royalty Meeting, 7 pm, Annex
- 18 County Offices Closed - Good Friday
- 29or30 Geranium Delivery, Show Arena

Attention Mini 4-H Members...

There will be a Mini 4-H Fun Day Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall. Info will be mailed out in May! Also, a meeting for Mini 4-H members will be April 5, 2025 at the Evangelical United Methodist Church, 2 - 4pm.

Huntington County Beef Preview Show...

The 2025 Preview Show is set for Saturday, March 15th in the Hoosier Real Estate Show Arena.



Promotional flyers are available at the Extension Office.



American Rabbit Breeders Association

Future Dates...

May

- 3 Goat & Sheep ID Day, Fairgrounds
- 8 Jr. Leaders, 7 pm, First Federal Community Bldg
- 15 Livestock Identification DUE, v2.4online.com**
- 15 Drop/Add date for 4-H projects**
- 20 QLC 6 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 20 4-H Fair Board, 7 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 26 Memorial Day, County Offices Closed

July 18-24, 2025 Huntington County 4-H Fair

August 1 - 17, 2025 Indiana State Fair

There will be an open rabbit show MARCH 8, 2025 in the First Federal Savings



Community Building. Help is needed for set up on Friday, March 7 around 4 pm and kitchen help on Saturday from 8 am to 2 pm. Donations of pies, cookies or brownies are welcomed. For more info contact Tammy Rush 260.388.9665

4-H Trips & Opportunities

*It's time to think about 2025 4-H Trips and Events! **Applications are available on 4honline** or stop by the Extension Office for a copy.*

INFORMATION: Please pay special attention to ages, dates, costs and other restrictions that may apply. We encourage you to participate in several trips throughout your years in the 4-H program.

You may attend each trip as many times as you would like within the given age/grade ranges, with the exception of Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress, and National Dairy Conference. **Please note that 4-H trips are funded based on available funds. If funds are limited for a particular trip, we will let you know prior to official registration. Please see each trip for the total cost of the trip and what funding assistance is available. If you are selected for a trip, 4-H Leaders/ Fair Board funds are disbursed, and you fail to attend, you will be responsible for reimbursing the 4-H Leaders/ Fair Board the full amount of your trip(s).** If there are other 4-H trips you wish to attend that pop up during the year, not listed here, let the Extension Office know.

At the conclusion of your trip, we invite you to attend the 4-H Leaders Meeting/Fair Board to present and informal presentation of your trip experience and tell us about what you learned, the friends you made, and what you enjoyed most about the trip.

Please note that the prices, dates, and location maybe subject to change

Application form type	Educational Trip	Grades	Date	Your Cost \$
Registrations are due May 1 on a separate registration camp form	4-H Camp: 4-H Camp will be at Epworth Forest in North Webster, Indiana! Registrations are open March 1 and due May 1 on a separate registration form. In addition to large group games, cabin activities, and recreation, all campers will attend classes to gain experiences in various and diverse subject areas. Campers will have the opportunity to take part in boating, swimming, crafts, fun with science, nature exploration, outdoor sports, and the famous GIANT swing! Camp costs \$190, but you only pay \$45! The Huntington 4-H Leaders Association covers the other half! Registration forms are available in the Extension Office or via the event registration portal at v2.4honline.com .	3-6	June 4-6	\$45
Register through 4-HOnline and is due May 15 th	4-H Academy @ Purdue: 4-H Academy @ Purdue is available to all youth in grades 9-12, regardless of 4-H participation. Youth will dive deep into a subject of choice and spend time with university faculty and staff. It's true hands-on learning in a college environment. The family total cost for this trip is \$65.00 with transportation included. The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association will help cover some of the trip cost. Some Workshop Offerings: Animal Science, Healthy Living, Natural Resources, Plant Sciences, Finance, Sustainable Agriculture, STEM, Engineering, and Aviation.	9-12	June 11-13	\$65
Register through 4-HOnline and is due May 15 th	State 4-H Junior Leader Conference: SJLC is held on the DePauw campus. Youth will be able to meet peers from around the state and explore their leadership abilities. Participants will attend skill sessions that will help improve leadership skills, and many fun activities are planned. You can even run for a council position in which you will help plan the following conference, which is a great honor and a ton of fun. The total cost for this trip is \$200.00. The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association will help cover some of the trip cost. You will be responsible for transportation to/from DePauw University.	9-12	TBD Call Extension Office	TBD Call Extension Office

4-H Trips & Opportunities (Continued)

Application	Educational Trip	Grades	Date	Your Cost \$
Register through 4-HOnline and is due May 1st	State 4-H Band: Musically talented attendees will experience immersive musical workshops and conduct an instrumental performance for 4-H Round-up delegates at Purdue. The total cost for this trip is \$250.00. The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association will help cover some of the trip cost, so you will only be responsible for transportation and some meals.	9-12	June 21-23	\$65
Register through 4-HOnline and is due May 1st	State 4-H Chorus: Dynamic, talented youth will experience concentrated and inspiring musical workshops focused on singing, dance, and performance. Attendees will perform for 4-H Round-up delegates at Purdue. The total cost for this trip is \$250.00. The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association will help cover some of the trip cost, so you will only be responsible for transportation and some meals.	9-12	June 21-24	\$65
Register through 4-HOnline and is due June 1st	4-H Round-Up: Will you have completed 7th, 8th, or 9th grade by this summer? Then get ready, because you are eligible to attend one of the best 4-H trips ever—Round-Up! It is held at Purdue University, and is jam-packed with fun! You will have three days to explore career options through active learning, develop leadership abilities, meet other 4-H'ers from all over the state of Indiana, and get a taste of college life. The total cost for this trip is \$200.00. The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association will help cover some of the trip cost, with transportation included.	7-9	June 23-25	\$65
Register through 4-HOnline and is due March 15th	Citizenship Washington Focus: Have you ever wanted to travel to Washington, D.C.? Each delegate will take part in workshops on contemporary issues, learn about government, and meet youth from across the US as they learn more about the true meaning of civic engagement. The cost of the trip is \$1,600.00. The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association covers half of the cost. You will be responsible for transportation to and from Purdue University. From there a charter bus will then take you to D.C.!	Age 15+	Contact Extension Office	\$400
Contact Extension Office for details.	National 4-H Dairy Conference: Youth will gather in Madison, WI to learn about production, processing, marketing, and use of dairy products, as well as careers in the Dairy industry. The cost is \$600 for the trip, but the Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association will help cover some of the trip cost. You will be responsible for transportation to and from Purdue University, where a bus will take you to Madison, WI.	9-12	Sept.28–Oct. 2	\$175
Register through 4-HOnline and is due May 1st	National 4-H Congress: This premier trip is held in Atlanta, GA. Youth will participate in educational workshops focusing on diversity, cultural experiences, leadership, and team development. Only 9 Indiana 4-H members will be selected to attend! Your expenses will include spending money. The total cost for this trip is \$600.00. The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association will cover the trip cost	9-12	Nov. 28–Dec. 2	NO COST
Register through 4-HOnline and is due Dec. 1st	National 4-H Conference: Attend the annual premier national civic engagement opportunity for 4-H members. Delegates will have the opportunity choose an important societal topic, and prepare a briefing. During the conference, groups present their briefing to federal officials around the Washington, D.C. area. One to four delegates will represent Indiana. You will be responsible for transportation to and from Purdue University, where a charter bus will then take you to D.C.! The total cost for this trip is \$600.00. The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association will cover the trip cost.	9-12	April 11-16	NO COST But plan on about \$100 in incidentals.



Upcoming Events – Extension Ag & Natural Resources **Purdue Extension offers virtual inheriting farmland workshop**

The Purdue Extension Land Lease Team invites those who have inherited or who might inherit farmland soon to attend the two-session virtual workshop, “Navigating Farmland Inheritance.”

The workshop will be offered on Tuesdays, March 18 and March 25 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. EST. Adapted from a University of Nebraska Extension program, the series will discuss best strategies for managing farmland.

After you inherit farmland, there are many decisions that need to be made. If you are not already farming, what do you plan to do with this land?

This program will explain and discuss several topic areas:

- Determining land value and rental rates,
- Family and landowner/tenant communications
- Types of farm leases
- What to include in a lease (legal aspects)
- Resources for new landowners and / or tenants

The registration fee is \$25 per person, household or farm. Register at <https://cvent.me/xABXmR> by 3/14/2025.

Purdue University prohibits discrimination against any member of the University community on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, or status as a veteran.

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Bill Horan prior to the meeting at 260-824-6412 or horan@purdue.edu by 3/14/2025.



Purdue Extension Tools Available for Producers to Improve Profitability

The Purdue Center for Commercial Ag website has tools available for growers including the following (<https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag>):

- ***The Crop Basis Tool*** examines weekly nearby and deferred basis for corn and soybeans. Daily cash price data from individual grain elevators and processors are averaged within each crop reporting district to create a regional average cash price series. The regional average cash price data is used to compute weekly basis (cash price minus futures price) for corn and soybeans.
- ***2025 Crop Cost and Return Guide*** offers farmers a resource to project financials for the coming cropping year (prepared by Purdue Extension specialists). Gross revenue, cost, and net returns are evaluated on a per acre and per unit basis for different corn, soybean and wheat cropping systems. Breakeven prices to cover variable and total cost are computed for each crop.



Rita's Ramblings

Hopefully, all club members have stayed safe this winter with the slick roads and cold weather. I didn't venture too far away from home in January and February unless it was to a doctor's appointment or physical therapy. I had a knee replacement on January 8th, so I haven't been going out. But, it is now time for us to gear up for our spring activities!

Our **Council Meeting is on Monday, March 10th**, in the Extension Office meeting room beginning at 3:00 p.m. (Let's hope for a nice day!) Please bring the following items with you to the meeting:

- 1) **Volunteer Community Support report.** Make sure you have recorded your cookie/candy sale information, number of items given to Riley Children's Hospital, and any other organization that you donated money to or volunteered your help. This information will be in our report to the state organization.
- 2) **Member recognition information for Achievement Day.** 25 or 50 year members and deceased members (active or inactive). **Please have someone from your club in attendance at the Council Meeting.**

*Rita McCabe, County President
Huntington County Extension Homemakers*



Spring CROP

Please join the Paper Artisans on **March 15, 2025** for our Spring CROP. The location is the Huntington First Church of the Nazarene, (HNAZ) 1555 Flaxmill Road, Huntington. The cost for the day is \$25.00 and will include a lunch of various soups.

The day will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. Flyers will be available at the Extension Office, and our upcoming Council Meeting. We would love to see you there.

Sharon McCoart, Paper Artisans Club President

Fort Wayne District - Spring Meeting Monday, April 14, 2025 Steuben County

Registration at 9:15 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. A light breakfast will be available. Lunch will be a Spaghetti Casserole or Chicken Tetrazzini, salad, breadstick, dessert and drink. Their program will be on "Lake Life". **Registration cost is \$18.00.** Club presidents will get your registration form at the Council Meeting. **All reservations need to be sent to Stephanie Jerabek by March 19th with payment.** For more details, please contact Rita McCabe. Come join the fun at a district meeting!

Rita McCabe, County President



Huntington County Extension Homemakers Achievement Day - April 28, 2025

“Be a Book Worm”

The committee has been working hard to come up with a great program for you. Once again, our Achievement Day will be held at the Evangelical United Methodist Church on Flaxmill Road, Huntington. Our first speaker will be Krista Layman, founder of Kates’s Kart. She distributes children’s books around to area hospitals to put smiles on the faces of children. Our second speaker will be Doris Rapp, a local author. The afternoon program will be presented by Eva Webb, who has a great drum program.

The day will begin with registration and entering your Cultural Arts projects at 10:00 a.m. The state project is a place mat (no larger than 14x20 inches). Also don’t forget to bring your quilts, crocheted items, diamond art, needlepoint, craft projects, etc. that you have been working on all winter. Everyone will vote on the projects with the winning projects going to the state conference. **The cost for the day will be \$15.00**, which includes a soup and salad luncheon. For our community service project we will collect children’s books to help Krista keep her carts filled. Please bring several books to donate. **Please have reservations turned into Stephanie Jerabek by April 18th.**

Rita McCabe, County President

Scholarships Available Through IEHA

The Indiana Extension Homemakers Association is a state organization with focus on continual education, leadership development and volunteer community support. This organization offers annual scholarship opportunities for all ages and in a variety of fields of education. Scholarship offerings for the 2025-2026 school year;

Career Advancement Scholarship offers eight \$500 scholarships to Indiana individuals, twenty-five years of age or older. These scholarships are to be used to complete education or to upgrade vocational skills. One must be admitted to, or cleared for admission, to an academic or vocational school, which is licensed or accredited. Preference will be given to a person studying at an undergraduate level. Scholarships will be awarded with regard to financial need and former winners may reapply. **Deadline to send completed application to Peg Peter, 3411 E.8th St., Anderson, IN 46012, is March 15.**

Steps to Success Scholarship is offered to students graduating from high school and going on to an accredited college/university or accredited vocational/technical school. The amount of this scholarship is \$500. **Deadline to send completed application to Peg Peter, 3411 E.8th St., Anderson, IN 46012 is May 1.**

Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship (deadline has passed) This Country Women’s Council USA memorial scholarship of \$500 is offered for the purpose of fostering educational development of women. **Please go to www.ieha-families.org for more details.**

***Applications for any of these scholarships may be obtained from the
Huntington County Extension Office at 1430 South Jefferson, Huntington,
or www.ieha-families.org.***

IEHA offers two other awards open to members: The First Timer award (deadline has passed) and the “I Want to Go Again” award. **The “I Want to Go Again”** opportunity is offered by the IEHA Past Presidents. This award is for any member who has not been able to attend conference for at least three years and would like to return but needs financial assistance. Details and application forms are available on the IEHA website or through the County Extension office. **Deadline for completed application is March 15.**