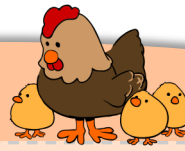




September & October 2024



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We are so incredibly thankful for our wonderful volunteers. Merriam—Webster dictionary defines a volunteer as *a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service.* Your dedication and willingness to donate your time “To Make the Best Better” does not go unnoticed!!



**The Extension Office will be closed Monday,
September 2nd for Labor Day.**



Extension - Huntington County



Last date for submission of information for the
November & December 2024 newsletter is October 25, 2024

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

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2025 4-H Enrollment Time Frame

It is almost 4-H Enrollment Time! Mark your calendars for
October 1, 2024 - January 15, 2025.

Enrollment will be available through your 4Honline account.
PLEASE use the same profile you signed up with in 2023/2024.
Even for Mini! **DO NOT** create a new one. Please pay attention to your years in 4-H.

***Payment (for grades 3 - 12) is due by January 25, 2025. You are NOT a 4-H member until you have paid the State Program Fee. Paying on line with a valid credit/debit card is the quickest and easiest way to become active. Otherwise, cash or check payments are due in the office by January 25, 2025. We are unable to take card payments over the phone.**



State 4-H Project Info

If you are looking ahead to possible projects to enroll in next year, check out the 4-H website for project info: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington/index.html>

Updates/changes for the 2025 4-H project requirements will not be listed until mid November, but you could review information prior to the release of the 2025 Huntington County 4-H Fair book.



4-H Projects and Awards still in the Extension Office . . .

The Extension Office still has projects, awards and certificates of 4-H members not picked up from the County & State Fairs. We would appreciate your efforts to get these items picked up as soon as possible. Items still in the office after **October 31st** will be disposed of in an appropriate manner.

Shooting Sports Awards

Levi Adams
Brayden Clabaugh
Isaac Gruss
Reece Haisley
Aiden Lemons
Manden March
Ezekel Mendez
Braeden Snyder
Korbin Snyder

Mini 4-H

Cora Blair
Ryker Goss

10 year Member award

Evan Rice
Brooke Wall

County Fair Items

Arellano Family
Mark Jones
Kenleigh Kratzer
Gracie & Kendall Lauer
Joseph Sorg
Bryleigh Stoffel

State Fair Items/Envelopes

Mason Brewer
Caeden Crider
Addison Douglas
Silas Endsley
Adalae Hoffman
Madison Houser
Aiden & Mia Kline
Kinlee Landrum
Lilian Radosevich
Claire Richardson
Shaylyn Suchcicki
Thomas Wall



- Hopefully every 4-H member has taken the time to thank those individuals who have provided their time, dedication, financial support, and energy to making the Huntington County 4-H program a success!
- **4-Hers – It's not too late to say "Thank You"** to those who believe in your life skill development that comes through 4-H. **It's so important to send your thank you** notes to award sponsors, auction buyers, 4-H leaders, and others who believe in 4-H and **you** as a 4-H member! If you need a mailing address contact the office.
- Without your efforts as a member to share your "Thanks" to our donors and supporters, we lose financial support. Please don't let that happen!

The following are addresses of additional 4-H Fair sponsors:

Clean-Up Day T-Shirts

First Farmers Bank & Trust

Mark Wolf
PO Box 188
Huntington IN 46750



IF YOU HAVE NOT
PICKED UP YOUR
SHIRT PLEASE
DO SO AT YOUR
EARLIEST
CONVENIENCE!



4-H CHAMPION T-Shirts

Bippus State Bank

Ryan Warner, President
PO Box 1148
Huntington IN 46750

Bowers Brewer Garrett & Wiley

Joe Wiley
310 Warren Street
Huntington IN 46750

Parkview Huntington Hospital

Sonya Foraker
2001 Stults Road
Huntington IN 46750

Trophy Center Plus

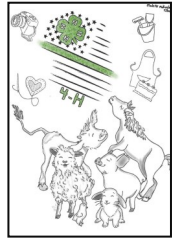
Joe Santa
44 Washington Street
Huntington IN 46750



Stock-the-Trailer

The Junior Leaders were able to raise over 3600 pounds of food during the fair that was donated to United With Love of Huntington.

Thank you to everyone who donated and supported the Junior Leaders!



Attention 4-H Members.... Enter the Huntington County 4-H THEME -DESIGN Contest

Entries must be submitted in person, US Mail or email to the County Extension Office by
Friday, October 4, 2024 by 4 pm

Contest Rules:

- ◇ Open to any Huntington County 4-H Member. Previous winners are eligible to enter again.
- ◇ Members are eligible to submit more than one entry.
- ◇ Entries must be submitted digitally or with ink. Must contain 4-H and/or the official clover (the office can email to you). Clip art or free hand is recommended. Logo's from the internet are not suggested. Remember the logo will often be printed in a small area. Please make your design simple as to fit.
- ◇ The winning entry in the 4-H Theme/Design contest will be used on 4-H promotional materials during the 2025 4-H Year. (*4-H Fairbook, Mini 4-H recruitment materials, etc.*)

Office Address: 1340 S Jefferson, Huntington IN 46750.

Email: ebrundig@purdue.edu

- ◇ Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entries.
- ◇ The 4-H club of the 1st place winner will also receive a \$40 gift certificate for a pizza party.

The following information must be submitted with each entry form for the 4-H Theme/Design contests:

Name ☒ Grade ☒ Address ☒ Club ☒ Email ☒ Phone ☒

4-H Auction Appraisal Checks . . . If you have not yet cashed your appraisal check (market value) of your animal sold in the 4-H Fair Auction, do so immediately. Our banks must finalize these accounts as soon as possible: Beef, Goat, Rabbit, Sheep & Swine (*Huntington Co 4-H Fair Auction Account*)

As for premium value checks, it is the 4-H members' responsibility to contact the buyer of your auction animal to secure that money. DO NOT assume the business, organization or individual will automatically mail the premium money to you. Your personal "thank you" *in addition to a written note* is very important to the continuing support of many buyers and donors to our 4-H program.



The Huntington County 4-H Shooting Sports project continues to grow in numbers. If you are interested and have some extra time to commit to teaching our youth safe shooting sports practices, please consider becoming a volunteer leader for our archery, rifle, pistol or shotgun classes. For more information on the requirements and time commitment contact Shooting Sports Coordinator Steve Hull @ 260.519.3707 (leave message) or the Extension Office @ 260.358.4826



2024-25 Career Development Events for more information call the Extension Office!

- ◇ **Milk Quality and Products**
- ◇ **Meat Evaluation**
- ◇ **Livestock Skillathon**
- ◇ **Horticulture**
- ◇ **Soil Evaluation**
- ◇ **Crops, Entomology, Forestry**
- ◇ **Livestock**
- ◇ **Dairy**

The 2025 Huntington County 4-H Fair dates will be decided at the 4-H Fair Board meeting on September 17th. A post will be made on the Huntington County 4-H Facebook page announcing the dates.



2025 Indiana State Fair
Will be Announced this Fall



2025 4-H LEADERSHIP SUMMIT— YOUTH & ADULTS



COME JOIN THE FUN & GET
NEW IDEAS

4-H Members in grades 6-12 and adult volunteers are encouraged to attend this program. There will be speakers, lots of great ideas on how to improve your 4-H Clubs and your leadership skills. 4-H Achievement Scholarship winners will be recognized. 4-H Volunteers will also be recognized for their years of service. This is a great opportunity for both youth and adults! If you are interested in this event, please contact the Extension Office at 260-358-4826 for more information.

PURDUE EXTENSION

Upcoming 4-H & Extension Meetings

September

- 2 Rule Changes are due to the Extension Office
- 9 4-H Leaders, 7 pm, Annex
- 12 4-H Jr. Leaders, 7 pm, First Federal Community Building
- 17 4-H Fair Board Annual Meeting, 7 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall

October

- 1 4honline opens for 2024-2025 Enrollment
- 4 **Theme contest entries are due!**
- 10 4-H Jr. Leaders, 7 pm, First Federal Community Building
- 14 4-H Leaders Meeting, 7 p.m. Annex
- 21 Extension Board, 7pm, Annex



2024 4-H Project Rule Changes

All 4-H project proposals &/or rule changes must be submitted to the Huntington County

Extension office by
September 2, 2024

Rule changes must be submitted through the 4-H Leader Organization, 4-H Fair Board or animal specie groups. These groups will be meeting in September and October to discuss possible rule changes. Final decision of proposals will be determined by the 4-H Rules Committee. This process is detailed in the 4-H Fair book, page 9. rule # 17.



Huntington Co. Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale

Agriculture News

Forks of the Wabash Pavilion – Saturday Sept. 7 from 8 a.m. -11 a.m. Perennials are often planted in the fall because they have a good chance of getting acclimated to a new home with proper care. All are welcome to stop and see the selection of plants available as well as to learn more about fall planting.



2024 Farmland Values and Cash Rents Survey Report Available

The Purdue Agricultural Economics Department recently released the 2024 Indiana Farmland Values and Cash Rents Survey. State-wide farmland prices once again hit a new record in 2024, according to the recent Purdue Farmland Value and Cash Rent Survey. The average price of top-quality farmland is \$14,392, up 4.8% from June 2023. For the Northeastern counties of IN, the 2024 results ranged from \$9,300 for poor farmland, \$11,727 for average farmland and \$14,386 for top farmland.

The most notable difference between 2024 and the two preceding years is the number of market forces putting downward pressure on farmland prices. Similar to previous years, higher interest rates are putting the strongest downward pressure on farmland prices, and respondents suggest that the influence of the high interest rate environment is increasing relative to previous years. As of June 2024, farmland prices are also being negatively impacted by farm incomes, crop prices, the return to alternative investments, and exports. Both inflation and agricultural policy place modest negative pressure on farmland prices, as well. In addition, the respondents suggest that the positive influences like growth in returns and farmers' liquidity are less impactful than in previous years.

Statewide, cash rents exhibited little change from 2023 to 2024. Indiana per acre cash rent for top quality land increased by 2.3% to \$313, and per acre cash rent for average quality land increased by less than one percent to \$260. For the Northeastern IN counties, cash rents remained essentially unchanged from 2023 to 2024 ranging from \$188 to \$289 per acre based on land quality.

The Purdue Farmland Value and Cash Rent Survey is conducted each June. The survey is possible through the cooperation and contribution of numerous professionals knowledgeable of Indiana's farmland market. These professionals include farm managers, rural appraisers, land brokers, agricultural loan officers, farmers, and Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office directors.

A full report of this survey report is available on the Center for Commercial Ag website:

<https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag/home/farmland-values/>





Rita's Ramblings

We thought summer was over, but I'm sitting here listening to the weather forecast this week and it is going to be in the mid 90's! Hope everyone had a place to stay cool. At least during the 4-H Fair, the weather wasn't too bad. I would also like to thank all those ladies who served as hostesses in Heritage Hall. A BIG thank you goes out to Carla Rice and her committee for setting up our Open Class Exhibit. With the exhibit in a new building, I thought it looked very nice. Many of the Open Class winners were on display in the Huntington City-County Library. People enjoy looking at our exhibits.

Now it is time to focus on our new year!! The lessons will be on September 16th. I hope you have signed up. There will be a sew day on September 17th. We can always use more helping hands and you don't have to sew. Homemakers Camp is September 11-13. I hope you signed up for this fun experience. We'll see all the club presidents, or a representative, at the September 23rd Council meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Extension Office Meeting room.

Rita McCabe, County President
Huntington County Extension Homemakers



Let's Discover the Magic of IEHA!

Bylaws

The bylaw committee met and have suggested several changes to our bylaws since they have not been revised since June 2006. All the club presidents received a copy and hopefully have shared the info with their club members. We are going to vote on the bylaws at our September 23rd council meeting. It is very important to have your club president or a representative present at this meeting.



District Meeting

The District meeting will be held at Sweetwater Sound in Ft. Wayne on October 17th. Registration is at 9:15 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. The cost of the day is \$20.00. Lunch will include prime rib, broccoli rice casserole, dinner roll, dessert and beverage. The theme for the meeting is "Just One More Chapter". Gloria Doty, local Christian author, will be the guest speaker. Each attendee is asked to bring a new children's book to donate to Kate's Kart. Reservations (with payment) need to be sent to **Stephanie Jerabek by September 21.**

State Project

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. I will have more details at the Council Meeting. I just hope that every club will participate in this very worthwhile project.



Open Class Exhibits - Thank You

Thanks to all who placed exhibits in the Open Class this year. We had a wonderful array of exhibits.

A big ***Thank You*** to all the ladies who helped with set-up, displaying, judging, and tear down. You ladies are awesome!

Carla Rice

Chairman, Open Class Exhibits

Paper Artisans - CROP

Please join the Paper Artisans on Saturday, November 9, 2024 for our Fall CROP. Our location is Huntington First Church of the Nazarene (HNAZ), 1555 Flaxmill Road. Only \$25.00 per person. Lunch will be on your own. The fun and fellowship will begin at 9:00 a.m., and ends at 5:00 p.m.

Fliers will be available in the Extension Office soon or at our upcoming Council Meeting. We hope to see you there!

Sharon McCoart, Paper Artisans Club President



County Lesson

The lesson will be on September 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office meeting room. Our first speaker at 6:00 p.m. will be Mike McElhaney Funeral Home, Roanoke Chapel, and the McElhaney Hart Funeral Home in Huntington. Some may not think the topic is enjoyable but something we will all have to think about some time. It is a time when you can ask any questions you may be wondering about. Example: Do you have to pay when you pre-plan; can you change funeral homes after you pre-plan; what is required by law regarding burials. You probably have many more questions.

After a short break and refreshments, at 7:00 p.m.. We will be doing a craft with the help of the Paper Artisan Club.

Reservations are due September 9th along with your \$5.00 fee to Stephanie Jereabek. Hope to see you on September 16th for some good fellowship. The lesson is open to anyone, so invite a friend.

Joan Scher, Chairman Education Committee