



SC4-H NEWS

From the Educator-

February—March 2025

Hello Shelby County 4-H members and families!



I am Erin Padgett, the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator. I am thrilled to introduce myself to you and hope to meet you at one of our many upcoming events! I am a former 10 year 4-H member and Junior Leader hailing from Ripley County, where I grew up on my family's swine and row crop farm. I was also an FFA member and had the privilege of serving as an Indiana FFA State Officer. During my 4-H and FFA days, I was the co-owner and operator of Double M Farms with my younger sister, breeding and raising several livestock species (swine, beef cattle, rabbits, sheep and ducks). I am a Purdue grad (Boiler Up!) and always enjoy visits up north to black and gold country. I taught agriculture at South Ripley Jr-Sr High School, serving as the FFA advisor, before spending the last 2 years as the Indiana FFA Assistant Director of Youth Development. Despite my love for time at home reading a good book, my wanderer soul often finds me

on travel adventures. My husband, Eric, and I reside in Flat Rock and have been proud to call Shelby County home for nearly 3 years. Please stop me if you see me out and about, or if you stop by the office, and introduce yourself!

Now that you know a little about me, we should probably get down to business...

Have you enrolled in 4-H for this year? Or do you have any friends who would be interested in joining 4-H? Good news! You can still enroll in 4-H by enrolling on 4-H Online! If you have any questions, just let us know. We have a variety of upcoming opportunities for you this year!

Secondly, let's talk about the **Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program**. Youth in grades 3-12 showing Cattle, Poultry, Sheep, Goats, Swine, or Rabbits at the County Fair or the Indiana State Fair are required to complete this training for exhibition. This training will only be offered in person for a cost of \$3 (cash/check only). You will need to register for this program on your 4-H Online account. Alternatively, youth may be certified through yqcaprogram.org but **must** provide their certificate of completion to the Shelby County Purdue Extension Office by 4pm on May 21st.

Please be sure to check out the fundraiser forms included with the newsletter, as the money raised will go to benefit Shelby County 4-H in important ways. You do not have to be involved with 4-H in order to purchase from the fundraisers, so SHARE those forms with friends, family, and community members!

I know that was a long update and there is still more information loaded in this newsletter so PLEASE be sure to read it all!

4-H Grows Here!

-Erin



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News You Need to Know:

All 4-H Families-

- **The v.2 4-HOnline enrollment website is still accepting enrollments (includes Mini 4-H)!** If you have not yet enrolled for the 2024–2025 program year or you know someone who would like to be a new member please know that you are welcome and encouraged to log in and join in on the fun! Please contact our office if you have any difficulty. Two important tips:
 1. ***Do Not create a duplicate account*** for yourself or your family! *This will only cause one of the accounts to be deleted and will result in a delay of your enrollment.*
 2. ***Do Not use a prepaid credit card*** to pay online! *These cards have been the cause of multiple issues. You may pay online with a regular card or you may pay by mail by check or in our office by check or cash.*
- **Please keep in mind that if you enrolled and chose to pay by 'CHECK', your enrollment will NOT be marked complete until payment has been received and processed.** You may mail your check to us at 20 West Polk Street, Ste. 201, Shelbyville, IN 46176. Checks must be made payable to Purdue, CES. Please remember to include the 4-H member's name with your payment so we credit the correct account!
- **2025 Shelby County Handbooks will be in soon!** ***Mini 4-H Handbooks*** are also available now in the office. If you would like to pick up your project manuals and record sheets, **please call the office before coming in so we can have your books pulled in advance.**
- **The Drop/Add date for all projects is May 15. All Drop/Add must be completed online.**
- **The 2025 Shelby County Fair will run June 9th through June 14th.**
- **The Indiana 4-H Club Member's Record Book (Green Record Books) are due on or before 4 p.m., Wednesday, June 4, 2025.** They may be turned in to the extension office or during judging events that occur prior to this date. You can pick up your green record books now!
- **Trips and Awards Scholarship Application is due March 1, 2025.** Please see the attached insert for more information on events held at Purdue for 4-H members. All 4-H members are encouraged to apply for these opportunities. This scholarship is sponsored by the Shelby County 4-H Advisory Council for any 4-H member who wishes to attend any of these 4-H trips offered: 4-H Round Up, 4-H Academy, State 4-H Junior Leader Conference, 4-H Band & Chorus. See page 23 of the 2025 handbook for more information.
- **Scholarship Information** - If you will be in grades 10-12 in the 2024-2025 school year, make sure you, too, watch for your opportunity to apply for one or more of these valuable 4-H Scholarships! Contact our office or See your school counselor for more information. If you need assistance on Scholarships, please reach out to our office for assistance.
 - ⇒ Shelby County Ag Promotion (due February 15, 2025) <https://bit.ly/ShelbyAgPromotion>
 - ⇒ Shelby County Pork Producer (due May 30, 2025) <https://bit.ly/ShelbyPorkProducer>
 - ⇒ Other Indiana 4-H Scholarships <https://bit.ly/IN4-HScholarships>
- **Indiana 4-H has implemented a NEW foods recipe card (*different from 2024*).** These are available in our office for pickup as well as on our website. No other recipe cards will be accepted.
 - ⇒ <https://bit.ly/foodrecipecard>



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News You Might Like to Know:

- Kits and items for some 4-H projects are available for purchase at the extension office. Electric kits are available in our office depending on the level of your exhibit. Entomology pins and vials are for sale (not boxes) for \$5.50. We have some cake forms available for sale, prices and sizes vary.
- **The 4-H Advisory Council Spring Flower Sale has begun!** Be sure to check out the Flower Sale flyer in this newsletter. All profits from the sale stay with Shelby County 4-H to support our local 4-H program and clubs. Remember, when you sell, you raise money for our county 4-H program and your 4-H Club! Please see the inserted flower order form!



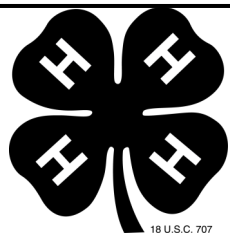
- **4-H Community Service Opportunity!** The Junior Leaders have partnered with the S.A.S.S Team (Shelby Accessing Social Supports) to collect donations for the annual hygiene drive here in Shelby County. The focus is on collecting dish soap, laundry detergent, and body wash. All donations must be dropped off to our office by March 31, 2025! All families are encouraged to donate to the hygiene drive.

PRICE LIST	
POSTERS	
POSTER (22" X 28")	\$4.00
SALON MOUNT (16" X 20")	\$3.50
SLEEVES	
POSTER SLEEVE (22" X 28")	\$0.50
SALON SLEEVE (16" X 20")	\$0.50
MINI 4-H SLEEVE (14" X 22")	\$0.50

4-H Adult Volunteers-

- **REMINDER! Club Financial Reports were due February 1. If your club has not submitted one, please do so immediately!** This report must be submitted annually with a copy kept on file in our office.
- **We also need your Volunteer Hours sheet for 2024.** This form is used to report to the state our work done in Shelby County.
- If you have **not** re-enrolled for the 2024-2025 4-H Program year, please note that until you complete the re-enrollment process and until your enrollment in 4-H Online has been approved by the Extension professional, you are **NOT** an approved 4-H Volunteer. This means you may **NOT** interact with 4-H youth on behalf of the 4-H Program, nor make decisions related to the 4-H Youth Development Program, until the individual has been approved as a 4-H Volunteer. If you need assistance with re-enrollment please contact Natalie or Cindy at the Extension Office.
- We are seeking a knowledgeable **adult**, such as a parent, friend, or teacher, with experience in **leather craft**. Our goal is to find someone willing to host workshops and teach youth how to work with leather.





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Required Animal ID per Species- The table below lists the different individual types of animals and their respective form of identification that is required to be eligible for 4-H animal shows at the county fair and the Indiana State Fair. These are the ID types that are required to be in Indiana 4-H Online by the respective deadline. Any of these IDs that are missing, incomplete or incorrect will result in state fair ineligibility.

Species	County Level Requirements	IN State Fair Requirements
Beef and dairy beef steers	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag and DNA Sample
Commercial & Market heifers & Dairy Feeder	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag and DNA Sample
Beef, Registered heifers	840-RFID tag and tattoo	840-RFID tag and tattoo and DNA Sample
Dairy cattle	840-RFID tag	840-RFID tag and animal's registered name & registration number (or dam's registration number) and DNA Hair Sample
Dairy goat females, registered	Breed Registry Tattoo	Breed Registry Tattoo
Dairy goat wethers	5-digit county tag or tattoo	5-digit county tag or tattoo
Meat goat wethers	5-digit county tag or Scrapies tag	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit county tag and DNA Hair Sample
Boer goat females	Breed Registry Tattoo	Breed Registry Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample
Market goat does	5-digit county tag	840 RFID Tag and 5-digit county tag and DNA Hair Sample
Pygmy goats-Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that matches registration papers	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that matches registration papers
Pygmy goats—Unregistered	Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Tattoo	Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo
Horse and pony	Color picture (highly encouraged)	Two Color pictures
Llama and alpaca	Color picture	Two Color pictures
Market lambs	5-digit county tag	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag and DNA Hair Sample
Commercial ewes	5-digit county tag or farm/flock tag	84-0-RFID Tag and 5-digit county tag/or official scrapies tag and DNA Hair Sample
Registered ewes	Tag from registration paper	840-RFID Tag and ID that matches registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample
Swine	840-RFID tag and ear notch	840-RFID tag and ear notch and DNA hair sample

- **All beef, dairy, swine, sheep and goats exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair must be RFID tagged and submit a DNA hair sample (family must pull sample).** Steers, registered heifers, commercial heifers and dairy feeder steers, swine, sheep and goats are due **May 15**. Collection envelopes are available in the office, and will be brought to our ID Days. It is the responsibility of the owner of the animal to see that it is properly tagged prior to the State Fair.
- **Beef ID and Weigh-In Day** will be on **Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 8-10 a.m.** If you are showing cattle, make plans to have your animals at the fairgrounds on March 1. The snow make up date is March 29.
- **Pen Reservation and Auction Forms** are now available in our office or on the website. These forms are due May 15th, NO Exceptions.
- **ID Day for Sheep, Goats and Feeder Calves** will be, **Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 8-10 a.m.** at the fairgrounds.
- **Cats, Dogs, Ferrets and Horses must have 2025 vaccination forms** completed before attending any 4-H events, including practices. These forms are now available in our office or on our website!



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4-H Livestock/Animal Exhibitors-

- The *Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (IQLC)* is the new format that Purdue began utilizing in 2023 in place of YQCA. Youth in grades 3-12 to exhibit **BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, POULTRY, and RABBITS**, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training OR the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA). Youth certified through yqcaprogram.org must provide their certificate of completion to the Shelby County Purdue Extension Office by 4pm on May 21st. YQCA will **not** be offered in person and will be a cost of \$12. IQLC Training will only be offered in person for a cost of \$3 (cash/check only).
 - ⇒ This certification must be done on an annual basis
 - ⇒ Members must be registered **BEFORE** attending the training
 - ⇒ Members may attend any training dates listed on this flyer
 - ⇒ OR a training in another county
 - ⇒ OR complete the online YQCA training
- **To register for IQLC trainings offered in Shelby County, visit: <https://shelbyIQLC.4honline.com>**
 - ⇒ Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office (*limit 20*)
 - ⇒ Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 1 p.m. at the Extension Office (*limit 20*)
 - ⇒ Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 9 a.m. in Brinson Hall, Shelby County Fairgrounds
 - ⇒ Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office (*limit 20*)
- **Have questions about your Premise ID?** You can email BOAH to verify or obtain your premise ID at animalid@boah.in.gov or you can call them. Premise IDs are confidential and required by state law on all sites where your production animals are housed.
- **Llamas for Lease-** If you are interested in leasing a llama for the 2025 show season, please reach out to Club Leader and Superintendent, Vanessa Benagh.



Auction & Out Truck-



- The 4-H'er and/or representative **must** be present to put their animal on the truck. There will be a set time for loading the animals. After the truck leaves, the animals will be going home with the 4-H'er.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Dog Project meeting: February 17, 2025
(NO DOGS) held at 6 p.m. in Brinson Hall.

Dog Workshops

March 3, 2025	April 28, 2025
March 10, 2025	May 5, 2025
March 17, 2025	May 12, 2025
March 24, 2025	May 19, 2025
March 31, 2025	May 26, 2025
April 14, 2025	June 2, 2025
April 21, 2025	

Workshops will begin at 6 p.m.
Workshops in March will be held in Brinson Hall on the Shelby County Fairgrounds. Workshops held in April and on will take place in the cattle barn.

*April 12, 2025 is Barn Set Up & Pitch in, more information to come.

Llama/Alpaca Workshops

Initial meeting: March 28, 2025 from 6-8 p.m. in Brinson Hall.

April 4, 2025	May 9, 2025
April 11, 2025	May 16, 2025
April 18, 2025	May 23, 2025
April 25, 2025	May 30, 2025
May 2, 2025	

Workshops will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the Livestock Arena on the Shelby County Fairgrounds.

Cat Workshops

February 19, 2025

May 7, 2025

Workshops will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at Brinson Hall on the Shelby County Fairgrounds.

Poultry Workshops

April 3, 2025

May 27, 2025

Workshops will be held from 5-7 p.m. at Brinson Hall on the Shelby County Fairgrounds.

Shooting Sports Workshops

There is a \$35 fee per discipline. This is to help cover the cost of ammunition.

February 1, 2025	April 12, 2025
February 15, 2025	April 26, 2025
March 1, 2025	May 10, 2025
March 15, 2025	May 24, 2025
March 29, 2025	

Workshops will be held at Jim Fischer's.

Pistol & Shotgun: 9-11 a.m.

Rifle & Archery: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.



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Mini 4-H -

Mini 4-H is for youth in kindergarten-2nd grade. Mini 4-H workshops will be a time for Mini 4-H members to participate in group activities, mixers, socialize with children their age, and also learn how to work together. At the time of the workshops, parents will be able to ask questions as well as learn how to help their child with the projects that interest them.

- ⇒ February 6, 2025 beginning at 6:00p.m. in the Family Arts Building at the Shelby County Fairgrounds
- ⇒ March 6, 2025 beginning at 6:00p.m. in the Family Arts Building at the Shelby County Fairgrounds
- ⇒ April 10, 2025 beginning at 6:00p.m. in the Family Arts Building at the Shelby County Fairgrounds



RT2: Read, Taste, & Touch -



- This *FREE* program welcomes all Mini 4-H members! The primary purpose of RT2 is to promote reading, good nutrition, and agriculture awareness among preschool and early elementary aged children. RT2 encourages parents and others to take time out of their busy day to enhance a child's learning experience.

- ⇒ Tuesday, February 11, 2025 from 5:30 - 6:15p.m.
- ⇒ Tuesday, April 8, 2025 from 5:30 - 6:15p.m.

- Register for this program here: <https://bit.ly/RT22025>

4-H Junior Leaders-

- All Shelby County Youth in grades 7-12th are invited to the next 4-H Junior Leader meeting on February 12th at 6:30 p.m., held at the Extension Office.
- **Junior Leaders are assisting the SASS Team again this year with their Hygiene Drive!** They have asked us to collect dish soap, laundry detergent and body wash but other items listed will be accepted. Please bring your donations to the Extension office by March 31st!
- Mark your calendars, Junior Leaders will meet on the dates listed to the right!
- **The Junior Leaders are now holding a fundraiser with Christian Kropf!** *NEW THIS YEAR: jams, jellies, salsas, tea concentrates and Amish made products!* Be sure to check out the Junior Leader sales flyer in this newsletter. All profits from the sale stay with Shelby County Junior Leaders. If you would like a specific Junior Leader to get credit for your order, please include their name on the order form. Please see the attached inserted order form!

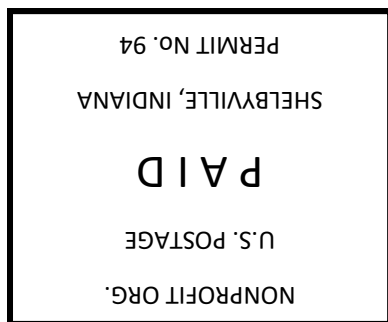


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Junior Leaders

JAN 15	📍 Ramsey Farms Ag Enterprises 6:30PM, FARM EQUIPMENT PRESENTATION
FEB 12	📍 Extension Office Education Room 6:30PM, REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12	📍 Shelbyville Walmart 6:30PM, SHOPPING FOR HYGIENE DRIVE
APRIL 16	📍 Extension Office Education Room 6:30PM, COURT HOUSE & TUNNEL TOUR
MAY 14	📍 Extension Office Education Room 6:30PM, REGULAR MEETING & FAIR SIGN UPS



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2025 Shelby County Fair: June 9th - 14th



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