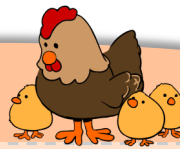




July & August 2025



## EXTENSION CONNECTION

Purdue University—Huntington County

### 95<sup>th</sup> Annual HUNTINGTON COUNTY 4-H FAIR July 18 – 24, 2025



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*The Extension Office will be closed Friday, July 4, 2025 in observance of Independence Day.*



Extension - Huntington County



*Ed Lantz*

*JL Pickett*

*Last date for submission of information for the  
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## It's 4-H Fair Time . . .

The 95th Annual Huntington County 4-H Fair is upon us! We all need to remember what 4-H is about - it's more than just winning ribbons, placing first or receiving the Champion Award. 4-H is Indiana's premier youth development program and involves the largest number of youth. The 4-H program focuses on helping others, learning new skills, sharing friendships, and growing in leadership and citizenship.....developing life skills that will make our youth more capable, caring and competent as they enter into adulthood.

### EARLY 4-H FAIR ACTIVITIES & PROJECT INFORMATION

There are some changes to where non-livestock project judging will be taking place. Please read carefully to see the locations of where projects are judged.

#### ♦ Non-Animal Project Entry & Judging Reminders

- **Sewing and Fashion Revue** - Judging is Tuesday, July 15 at Beacon Credit Heritage Hall with Senior division judging starting at 9:00 am and Junior division judging to follow. Info was mailed to all enrolled in the sewing project.
- **Consumer Clothing** - All notebooks must be entered at Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall between 9:00-9:30 am on Tuesday, July 16. Contestant interviews and modeling with the judge will begin at 11:00 a.m. for Advanced & Intermediate division members, followed by Beginners. Info was mailed to all enrolled in the project.

#### 4-H Project Check-in process

**For Thursday: projects must be checked into the building between 9 am and 12 pm.**

**Judging begins at 9:00 am and ends at 12 pm for all projects.**

**Junior Leader Helpers project judging is between 8:30 am - 9 am.**

- **4-H Project Judging - Thursday, July 17 at Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall** - Aerospace, Animal Posters (except Rabbit), Arts & Crafts (Basic, Fine Arts, Needlecraft, Models, Construction Replica), Cake Decorating, Child Development, Collections, Communications, Entomology, Forestry, Genealogy, Geology, Giftwrapping, Health, My 4-H Resume, Patio Cooking, Photography, Reading, Scrapbooking, Shooting Sports Education, Sportfishing, Sports & Performing Arts, Wildlife. Projects may be entered early on Wednesday, July 16 from 4-6 pm.
- **4-H Project Judging - Thursday, July 17 at First Federal Savings Community Building:** Foods (ALL categories), Homemade Ice Cream, Patio Cooking, Weather & Climate. Projects may be entered early on Wednesday, July 16 from 4-6 pm.

**For Friday: projects must be checked into the building between 9 am and 11 am.**

**Judging begins at 9:00 am and ends at 11 am for all projects.**

**Junior Leader Helpers project judging is between 8:30 am - 9 am.**

- **Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall 4-H Judging** on Friday, July 18 - Aquatic Science, Home Environment, Electric, Floriculture, Small Animals, Small Engines, Tractor Education Poster, Soil & Water, Veterinary Science, and Woodworking. Projects may be entered early on Thursday, July 17 from 4-6 pm.
- **First Federal Savings Community Building 4-H Judging** on Friday, July 18 - Beekeeping, Crops, Garden (ALL categories), Jumbo Garden, Recycling. Projects may be entered early on Thursday, July 17 from 4-6 pm.

## 4-H PROJECT INFORMATION - continued

\*\*\* Every 4-H member must have completed FairEntry of their 4-H Fair projects for judging. This applies to ALL animal and non-animal projects. Members who did not complete FairEntry WILL NOT receive a placing higher than a blue or receive premium money. \*\*\*

Preserved food exhibits need to be brought in their own small cooler/ice chest, if frozen. Mark your cooler clearly and pick up at the end of preserved foods judging. Canned foods need to have rings left on for safety during transport to fair.

No food or drink is allowed in the building except for 4-H Foods projects.

- ♦ **Project Cards** - Every non-animal project must have a 3 x 5 project card **securely** attached to the project! **These are printed from FairEntry. Check with your leader regarding pick up after July 7.**
- ♦ **Arts & Crafts, Cake Decorating, Electric, Floriculture, Home Environment, Models, Recycling, Scrapbooking, Sewing & Woodworking Exhibit Cards** - Members must include an exhibit card with the category/description of the project marked for judging. These cards were distributed with 4-H record sheets/project manuals earlier this spring.

**NOTE: There will be a station inside Heritage Hall where you can attach project cards to your projects during judging.**

- ♦ **All posters must be 22" x 28" in size** (*unless otherwise noted in the 4-H project manual*), have a 1/4" hard backing. **The project card is to be OUTSIDE of the plastic covering the poster.** Any poster not meeting these requirements will be lowered one grade level at judging. See your 4-H project book. **Project pick up is Thursday, July 24, 12 pm - 3 pm**

Leaders/Jr Leaders who are helping with judging, please be at the fairgrounds by 8:00 am

## Thank You Notes . . .

Every 4-H member should spend a few moments to write thank you notes to the sponsor of your award, the buyer of your animal in the auction, or to your 4-H club leader during or after the 4-H Fair. Without your efforts to say "thank you," we lose donors, sponsors and community support for our 4-H program. Use the 4-H Thank You card provided with each award or use another appropriate method to thank the donors and volunteers who give so much to make our program a success!

Our sponsors need to know their support is appreciated!





**Next Meeting** - Monday, July 7, 7 pm, Annex. Final 4-H Fair planning and discussion

of important details! It's important to have a representative from EACH 4-H CLUB.

**Leaders, Your Help is Needed . . .**

- ♦ **Wednesday, July 16** - Set-up for the 4-H project exhibit areas in Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall and First Federal Savings Community Building at the fairgrounds.
- ♦ **Project judging at the fairgrounds.** Even if it's only 1-2 hours, extra hands & help are important!
- ♦ **All 4-H volunteer leaders** (club leaders, superintendents and robotics) **will be introduced and recognized during the Monday evening program, July 21 at 6:00 pm** on Heartland REMC Outdoor Stage. The 2025 Outstanding 4-H leader will also be announced by Rotary Club #300.
- ♦ **Information booth at the fairgrounds.** Please consider spending 1 –2 hours in the info booth. It's nice to have a friendly face to help answer questions. There are several one hour spots to fill.
- ♦ **"Patrol" to keep projects safe in Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall** - The schedule will be posted in the Fair Office at the fairgrounds. You can also have fun interacting with Kids Corner too!
- ♦ **Thursday, July 24 - starting at 12 pm for project release** and tear-down/clean-up in the First Federal Savings Community Building and Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall.

## 4-H Leader Information

## PURDUE EXTENSION

- ♦ 4-H Parents can volunteer as well!
- ♦ Every leader needs to assist with these 4-H Fair responsibilities. With everyone's help, the tasks are easier, more fun and take less time . . . We are expecting you!
- ♦ And after the Fair ... Leader Books are due by Wed. August 6th. Please help us in the Extension Office and keep to this date to get members club activities recorded by the time 4honline closes on September 1st.



**More help is needed with 4-H Fair responsibilities:**

- Project Judging on Thursday, July 17 and Friday, July 18 , Fairgrounds
- The Auction Committee is asking for Jr Leaders to help with the Livestock Auction on Thursday, July 24, along with 4-H Royalty participants. Here's a great chance to interact with our marvelous community support for 4-H!

Next Jr Leader Meeting Thursday, July 10, 7 - 8 p.m. at First Federal Savings Community Building.

## JUNIOR LEADER NEWS

### Shooting Sports 2025.....

A huge "THANK YOU " to all of the shooting sports instructors and volunteers. Without you we would not be able to offer the caliber of program that we do. There were 101 kids completed in the 4 disciplines. This is an increase from 2024!

I also want to make a plea once again for additional volunteers who would be willing to go through the Shooting Sports 4-H training for archery, pistol, and rifle disciplines. If anyone is interested, please feel free to contact the Extension Office.

*Steve Hull, Shooting Sports Coordinator.*





## STATE FAIR Non-Animal Exhibit Information

- ♦ **State Fair Entry of non-animal, non-perishable will be Monday July 28th.** The Extension Office will collect and pack up these state fair projects the morning of July 24th during the Auction. If you need to remake or make adjustments to your project (i.e. Floriculture, Arts & Crafts) please let us know on Thursday morning.

NOTE: If we cannot transport your project to state fair you will receive a letter ahead of time with more detailed information.

- ♦ 4-H members with eligible champion exhibits will receive specific information at the 4-H Parade of Champions on Wednesday, July 23rd.
- ♦ **State Fair Entry of perishable Champion Exhibits (Foods: Baked, Preserved, and ALL Garden Exhibits) will be Monday, August 4th.** These exhibits must be brought to the Extension Office **Monday morning on August 4th between 8-9:00 a.m.**, if you prefer to have the Extension Office staff take the entry to the state fairgrounds.
- ♦ **4-H Garden Exhibits ... Any 4-H Garden member may exhibit vegetables at the state fair,** regardless of placing at the county fair. **Members must notify the Extension Office no later than Wednesday, July 23 at noon with the type of vegetables so entry forms may be completed in advance.** If you wish, you may take your own garden exhibits. Garden exhibits must be entered between 9 am & 3 pm on Monday, August 4th.
- ♦ **Policy for State Fair Complimentary Tickets ...** The Indiana State Fair allots one complimentary State Fair ticket for each 4-H volunteer, and each 4-H member with a non-animal 4-H project exhibited at the Indiana State Fair. 4-H members with State Fair eligible Champion exhibits will receive their ticket in an envelope during Parade of 4-H Champions on Wednesday, July 23 . 4-H volunteers may pick-up their ticket at the 4-H Fair Office or at the Extension Office. State Fair tickets are **NOT** sold in the Extension Office. Discounted admission tickets may be purchased at ISF website. 4-H Members can view the results of their State Fair exhibits at this website: [extension.purdue.edu](http://extension.purdue.edu)



### Project Cards & Premium Money

Project / Exhibit cards are printed from FairEntry. Check with your leader regarding where to pick your cards up.

**Premium money MUST be picked up on Thursday, July 24th from 9:30 am to 4 pm in the fair office at the fairgrounds. If you or someone you know cannot pick up during that time you forfeit your premium money for 2025. If you did not complete FairEntry by June 30, 2025 you are not eligible to collect your premium money!**



## 4-H AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### 10 Year & Graduating 4-H Members Recognition Program

**Forty-Three** 10-year members and two “graduating” youth with over 6 years of 4-H membership will be honored Monday, July 21st, 6 pm at the Heartland REMC Outdoor Stage. Please come support these wonderful talented youth!

**Farm Bureau Tenure Award...**Huntington County Farm Bureau Inc. selects the top two 10 year 4-H members who have completed and exhibited the most projects.

**Friend of Extension Award...**Award based on participation, leadership, or cooperation with Extension activities.

**County 4-H Project Awards . . .**Throughout the 4-H Fair, a number of 4-H youth will be recognized with certificates for their 4-H project work. Recipients are selected by completing 10 years in a project.



### 4-H Awards Program, Wednesday, July 23, 6 pm, Show Arena.

Awards presented during this program include:

- **4-H Scholarship Winners** (Ray Vanderspool Memorial, Janell Marie Saunders Memorial, Huntington County 4-H, Huntington County Master Gardeners, Indiana 4-H Foundation, and Indiana Farm Bureau Scholarships)
- **Wayne Keller Leadership Award** - Recognizes an outstanding 4-H Junior Leader for their efforts in leadership, involvement with local and county 4-H activities, commitment to the 4-H program and providing support to the 4-H program.
- **Parade of 4-H Champions.** Members with 4-H Champions will receive a Huntington County 4-H Champion T-shirt (sponsored by Bippus State Bank, Trophy Center Plus, Parkview Huntington Hospital and Bowers, Brewer, Garrett and Wiley Law Firm) during the 4-H Parade of Champions.

**Spirit Night is Wednesday evening, July 23 . . .** Sign-up will take place at the 4-H Fair Office from Saturday, July 19 until Tuesday, July 22 at 5 pm. You must be a current 4-H member and **valid parent signatures are required to participate.** Six (6) 4-H members per team (sorry, no Mini 4-H youth). NO LATE FORMS ACCEPTED. Spirit Night is sponsored by Bippus State Bank.



### **MINI 4-H INFO**

Project drop off....Thursday, July 17, 4 pm - 6 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall. If you are unable to pick up your project and ribbon on Thursday, July 24 from 12 - 3 pm, PLEASE arrange for someone else to pick it up. Thank you!

### **4-H FAIRGROUNDS SET-UP & CLEAN-UP**

#### **Fairgrounds Set-up . . .**

Come and join the fun, excitement and cooperation needed to transform the fairgrounds for Fair Week - **Wednesday, July 16!** Beginning at 8:30 am all 4-H members, leaders, parents, Fair Board members and friends are needed.

#### **Fairgrounds Clean-Up . . .**

The excitement may be over but lots of help is needed as we store equipment and clean up the fairgrounds on **Friday, July 25** - beginning at 8:30 am. **YOUR HELP IS ESSENTIAL!** Special Thanks to our Clean-Up sponsor: First Farmers Bank & Trust.

### **CLOTHING ATTIRE FOR 4-H ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

Every 4-H member must wear appropriate clothing when exhibiting 4-H projects, auctioning livestock or involved in any 4-H event or activity. Please refer to the 4-H project book for complete rules. You are representing 4-H to the community!

### **ROYALTY CONTEST**

**Congratulations to each of our 4-H'ers who are participating in the Royalty Contest.**

Come and cheer on these terrific 4-Hers during the Royalty Contest, Friday evening, July 11, 2025, 7 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall.

*Aubrey Carroll, Samantha Carroll, Nicole Cave, Chloe Couch, Alivia Inks, Kirah Klepper, Marissa LeMar, Nora McDaniel, Jonathan McMillan, Izabella Miller, Caden Moore, Elise Neher, Kylee Nevius, Hailey Pursifull, Colton Reffitt, Marissa Trout*

***Royalty Contest sponsored by First Federal Savings Bank***



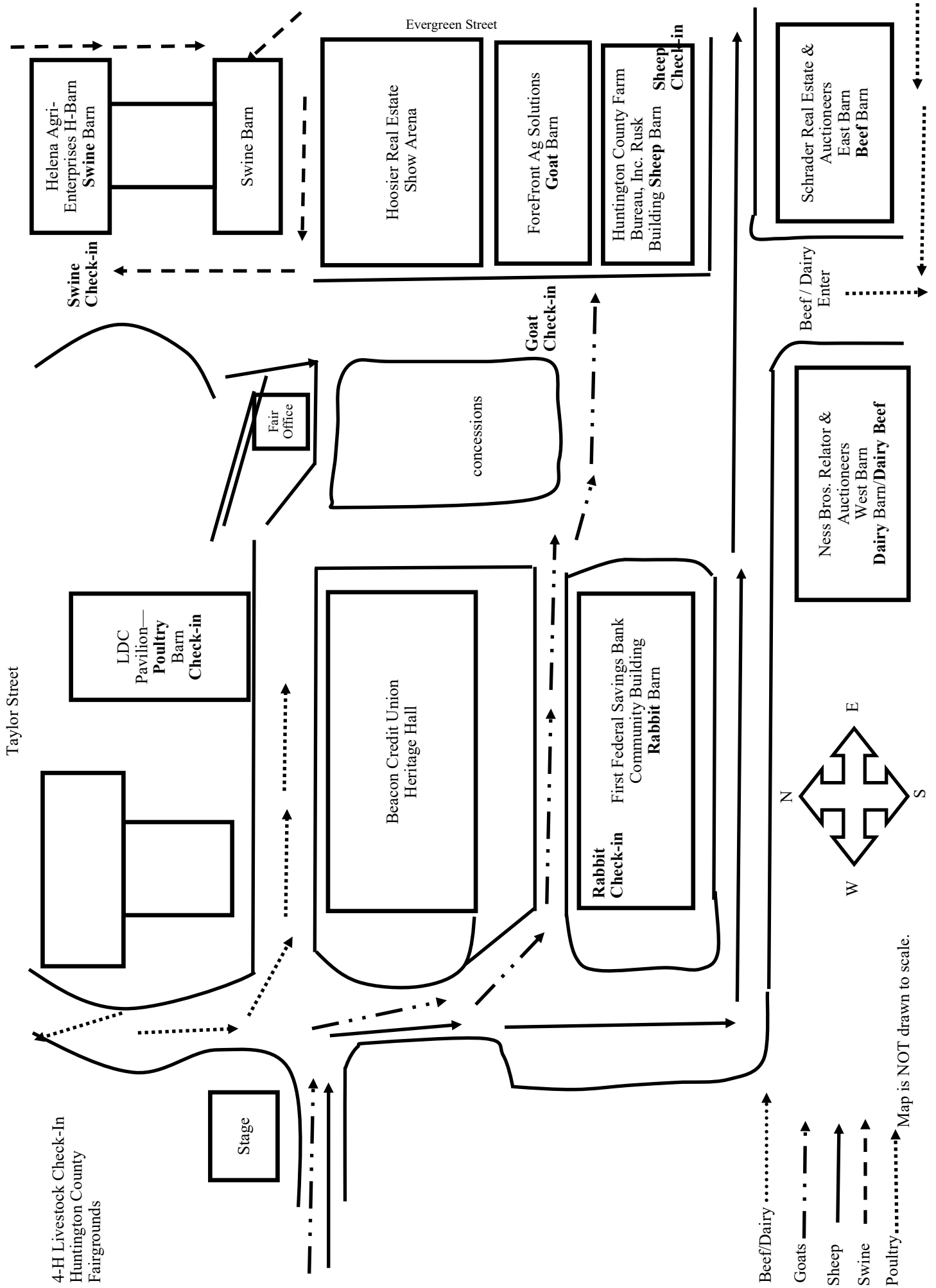


## Other Important Information

- ♦ **Available parking areas for 4-H Fair participants and attendees** include the lot north of the fairgrounds -across Taylor Street, the lot south of the cattle barns and the area west of Garfield Street-south of the ball diamond.
- ♦ Handicapped parking will be available on the property East of the fairgrounds along Evergreen Rd. If the handicapped sticker is not visible, the vehicle will be fined or towed.
- ♦ **Livestock Entry Times . . . All animals will be unloaded and processed through the check-in procedure no later than the posted deadline.** Note the entry time as follows:  
 Friday, July 18, 5 - 9 pm - Beef, Dairy Beef, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Dairy Heifers  
 Friday, July 18, 5 - 10 pm - Swine  
 Saturday, July 19, 6 am-9 am - Dairy Milking Cows
- ♦ **Swine Members . . .** Remember **ALL** swine will require an RFID button tag. Tagging will be done at weigh-in for those that have not already tagged their swine.
- ♦ **Rabbit Members...**Roasters and Stewers may **ONLY** be shown in Meat classes, NOT the Breeding classes.
- ♦ **Poultry Members...**Entry Friday, July 18, 5- 9 pm, Poultry Show Saturday, July 19, 12pm
- ♦ **Disposal of Shavings Bags at the 4-H Fair. . .** Please do not place your empty shavings bags into the trash barrels. Place these bags in locations near your barn so they may be recycled. Your help is important with this clean-up!
- ♦ **Animal Release Times . . .** All animals not to be sold at the 4-H Auction will be released Wednesday, July 23 from 9 pm to midnight and Thursday, July 24 from 5 to 8 am. No early release of animals is allowed. State Fair bound animals may be released during these hours on the day they are shown.
- ♦ **4-H Auction Information . . .**
  1. Every member selling an animal in the 4-H Fair Auction must be present and on time to sell their animal. If a member is not present, the lot will not be sold in the auction. It is the responsibility of the member to be present! **See Fair Book about substitutes.**
  2. A 4-H member may go through the Auction Ring a maximum of **2** times.
  3. Checks for the appraisal (market) value will be mailed to 4-H members and should arrive about 2–3 weeks after the auction.
  4. 4-H members are responsible to contact the buyer of the animal for their premium money.
  5. “Check-off” funds will be withheld from the appraisal (market) value check of beef, sheep and swine.
  6. Buyers may add-on to the purchase price of an animal, which sells at the 4-H auction. Forms will be available during the auction. Add-on funds will be mailed directly to the 4-H member.

**The 4-H Fair Board does not support the actions of 4-H members and/or families soliciting potential buyers/bids for the personal gain of a 4-H member.** However, 4-H members may encourage individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to participate in the 4-H Livestock Auction to benefit **ALL** members selling in the auction.







## Upcoming Community Development and Ag & Natural Resources Programs

### **Huntington Co. Community Leadership Program**

The Huntington County Purdue Extension Office is excited to offer the 2025-2026 Huntington County Leadership Program. A local advisory group of community leaders is working together with Purdue Extension to plan this renewed program that will help develop the community leadership skills of area business, non-profit and county leaders.

Purdue Extension's Community Leadership Program is a leadership development course for adults who want to make a difference in their communities. Through this series of interactive modules, participants develop their own leadership capacity and learn about the people, organizations and institutions that make up their communities and how they can engage in serving their communities more deeply.

The Leadership Program is comprised of nine sessions that meet monthly from September 2025 through May of 2026. Cost is \$400 per person – a limited number of scholarships will be available through the Community Foundation of Huntington County.

Applications will be open for the 2025-2026 program through July 11. Payment for approved participants will be due August 15, 2025. Apply online at [www.huntingtonccf.org/leadership](http://www.huntingtonccf.org/leadership)

Program and Lunch Sponsorships are available. Please contact Matt Ditzler, Executive Director, Community Foundation of Huntington County at [matt@huntingtonccf.org](mailto:matt@huntingtonccf.org) for details.

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For more information or if you are in need of accommodations, an interpreter/translator, or have special dietary requests, to attend this program, please contact Ed Farris, by July 11, 2025 at 260-358-4826 or email; [emfarris@purdue.edu](mailto:emfarris@purdue.edu).

### **NEPAC Field Day – Wednesday, September 10**

The Northeast area Extension Ag Educators are hosting a field day on Wednesday September 10th at the Northeast Purdue Agricultural Center (NEPAC) located near Columbia City, IN. Private pesticide applicators will be able to receive credits for attending this program. For those who wish to obtain PARP credits, the \$10 fee will be paid by IN Corn Marketing Council and Soybean Alliance at this program. Commercial Category One, Registered Technician, and Certified Crop Advisor credits will also be applied for.

Registration is at 8:00 a.m. The day's events will begin at 8:30 a.m. There is no charge for this event due to the generous support of sponsors. Please contact the Whitley County Extension Office at 260-244-7615 or at <https://purdue.link/NEPAC2025> by Sept. 3 to register for this event. Area agribusinesses, IN Soybean Alliance, and IN Corn Marketing Council are lunch sponsors.





## *Rita's Ramblings*

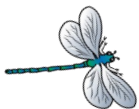
What can you say about this weather except for HOT, HOT, HOT! Let's hope it cools off some before the 4-H Fair. It's not too late to enter a project in the Open Class Exhibit. Entry deadline is Monday, July 7th. I want to thank the Education Committee for the lessons on May 12th. Now we all know how to refresh our silk flowers. Also, thanks to the Paper Artisans for teaching us how to make beautiful cards. Now let us gear up for our summer activities. The fair is quickly approaching. Check your new book as to when your club is hosting Heritage Hall. We have made recipe cards for you to hand out to the ladies as they walk through the building. Homemakers Camp is September 10-12. Registration deadline is August 1st. Fliers/Registration forms are available in the Purdue Extension office. SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!

*Rita McCabe, County President  
Huntington County Extension Homemakers*



## *Home and Family Conference*

Five Huntington County Ladies attended the conference - Stephanie Jerabek, Carol Holmes, Pharaba Campbell, Pam Will and Rita McCabe. When we arrived on Monday, several crafts were available for us to do. That evening, we had an Open Mic Night/Talent Show. There were several brave homemakers who showed us their talent. During the day we could visit the Cultural Arts Displays, Silent Auction items, and buy some Logo items. There were also a lot of vendors lining the hallways. Tuesday morning was our annual business meeting followed by lunch and a keynote speaker who portrayed himself as Barney Fife. Many interesting educational lessons were presented in the afternoon. That evening we enjoyed the Melody Makers Concert. On Wednesday, we had installation of our State and District Officers. Stephanie Jerabek was installed for her second term as our District Representative. If you have never gone to conference, there is a First Timers Award you can sign up for to help with expenses.



## *Local Trip*



On June 18th, 22 ladies, husbands, and guests toured the Drummond Museum. In a big warehouse, many old stores have been recreated; a gas station, bike shop, soda shop, and several others. They are also installing a theater with the seats from the old Huntington Theater. On display were a couple hundred Corvettes, Indy Pace Cars and lots of Indianapolis 500 memorabilia. Everywhere you looked you could find something from your past. After the tour, several of us went to Applebee's for a delicious dessert.

## *Open Class Adult Exhibits Registration Deadline is Monday, July 7th*

Run, don't walk, to get registered today  
We have brochures and entry forms available at the Extension Office or online at:  
[https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington/\\_docs/hhs/huntingtonhhs.html](https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington/_docs/hhs/huntingtonhhs.html)

We look forward to seeing everyone during the Huntington County 4-H Fair!

*Carla Rice, Chairman*

**All Ages Welcome!**

**Must be a Huntington County Resident or  
Member of a Huntington County 4-H Club**

## OPEN CLASS

*Free Event*

### Huntington County Master Gardeners 2025 Horticulture Show

**Sunday, July 20, 2025**

**Drop off from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
Judging begins at 4:00 pm in the  
Poultry Tent**

**Huntington County Fairgrounds  
631 E. Taylor St., Huntington**



#### **5 Main Categories:**

- 1. Succulent or Succulent Garden**
- 2. Planters (indoors or outdoors)**
- 3. Wreaths (dried or living)**
- 4. Fresh Cut Bouquet**
- 5. Fairy Garden**

**For Registration Forms and Rules, go to:**

**[https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington/\\_docs/anr/huntingtonanr.html](https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington/_docs/anr/huntingtonanr.html)**

**Deadline 7/14/2025**