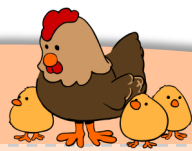




May & June 2025



## EXTENSION CONNECTION

Purdue University—Huntington County

**There are many IMPORTANT 4-H deadlines in the month of May and June. PLEASE read this newsletter carefully and mark your calendar, put reminders in your phone, check on your family and friends to make sure you don't miss meeting these important deadlines.**



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*The Extension Office will be closed Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.*



Extension - Huntington County



*Ed Lamb*

*JL Pickett*

*Last date for submission of information for the July & August 2025 newsletter is June 20, 2025*



## 4-H Youth Development

## Projects to be judged:

- \*\*\*\*\*

**THURSDAY, JULY 17, 9 am – 12 pm, Fairgrounds**

Junior Leaders helping with judging will have check-in and judging from 8:30-9 am.

**Thursday July 17, Mini 4-H Project check in from 4 pm-6 pm**

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**Friday, July 18, 9 am - 11 am, Fairgrounds**

Friday judging will work in the same format as Thursday judging. Junior Leaders helping with judging will have check-in and judging from 8:30-9am. **All other members will have from 9am-11am** to check-in their projects.

**Projects to be judged:** Aquatic Science, Beekeeping, Crops (ALL Categories), Home Environment, Electric, Floriculture, Gardening, Recycling, Soil & Water, Small Animals, Small Engines, Tractor Poster, Veterinary Science, Woodworking

**NOTE:** If you cannot attend the judging times for Friday as stated above, you may drop off your projects Thursday evening from 4 pm-6 pm

State Fair possible/ honor selections for project judging will be held until ALL judging of the respective projects are completed. **Any projects not in the building for judging by the end of judging will be considered late.**



# 4-H skills last a lifetime!

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

### 4-H Scholarship Information

- 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 (up to 3 at \$500.00 each)
- 4-H STEAM Project Scholarship (up to 9 at \$50 each)



For applications please contact the Extension Office or go to: [https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington/\\_docs/4h/scholarships4h.html](https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington/_docs/4h/scholarships4h.html)

**Congratulations to Chloe Couch for being awarded a \$500.00 Indiana 4-H Foundation Scholarship. Thank you to the 4-H Leaders Organization for your sponsorship of this scholarship! *Scholarship applications turned in to the Extension Office go unopened directly to the respective Scholarship Committees. It is important to seal each application in an envelope labeled with your name and the scholarship inside the envelope.***



### Required to Exhibit at the 4-H Fair



**You MUST also sign up to EXHIBIT your projects in FairEntry between June 1 and June 30\*. Log in with your 4honline login and password. Make sure you select the Huntington County Fair. Sign up for ALL projects/classes you plan to exhibit in. You can drop entries but not add them. You can make animal changes at a later date, but you MUST be signed up for the classes. See page 10, rule #22, of the 2025 fair book. Failure to do so will result in not being eligible of placing higher than a blue award.**

*\*Due to the Dog Show being on June 28 and Tractor Driving contest on June 29th, Fair Entry MUST be done by June 27th for members in those projects that intend to participate.*

**Information will be sent on by US Mail on May 29th! It will be brightly colored papers so you can't miss it!!!**

*Record Sheets are due to your club leader by the date announced for your club. All record sheets MUST be to leaders by June 30 to complete the 4-H project. You MUST turn in the appropriate record sheet to exhibit your project.*



## 4-H Livestock News

Reminder.....All Beef, Dairy Beef, Rabbit, Goat, Dairy, Horse & Pony, Sheep, Swine **MUST** be enrolled

online by 11:59 pm, May 15, 2025. **If you DO NOT have your animals entered online by the deadline you will only be eligible for participation and NOT able to sell your animal at the fair.** Information on how to ID these animals was mailed April 4, 2025.

- **Animals will be identified online at: v2.4honline.com. This is the same website which youth were enrolled for 2025. Each 4-H family is to complete the online identification by May 15 for all animals listed above.**
- When identifying your animals 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 online. The volunteers assisting with weigh-in at the fair in July will need confirmation of the breeder.
- **Devices are available in the Extension Office for families to utilize if help is needed when identifying their animals online. If you need assistance after 4:30 pm, please call for an appointment.**
- **Poultry . . .** Hatch dates: Broilers - May 18 - 24, 2025. Pullets - Jan 1 - May 30, 2025. There are NO requirements in 4honline to ID your Poultry project. You **MUST** enter them in FairEntry (open June 1 - June 30).
- **Rabbit Meat Pens . . .** 4-H members must have meat pen does in their possession no later than May 1st. Breeding dates for does - during the week of April 15. With a gestation period of 30 days, meat pen litters must be under 70 days of age (10 weeks) at fair time. Members need to have meat pen rabbits from “6 class” breeds. The following breeds are preferred for meat pens: New Zealand, Californian, Champagne D'argent, Creme D'argent, American Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Palomino, Argent Brun and Satin.

**\*\*\*Tattooing for rabbits will be July 2 and July 9 at the First Federal Saving Community Building at 7 pm. There is no charge for this service\*\*\***

### 4-H QLC / YQCA Requirement

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals or Quality Livestock Care is required to exhibit at the Huntington County 4-H Fair if you are showing Rabbits, Poultry, Goats, Sheep, Beef, Swine, Dairy, or Dairy Beef. Even if you are showing a “pet” in any of these species - you **MUST complete** the QLC or YQCA Training **by June 30 to be allowed to show.** There are two trainings remaining in Huntington County on May 20 and June 19, 6 pm, in the Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall. Other options to complete this requirement. Mini members DO NOT need to take the class.

**Option 1: Attend a Workshop in another county.**

**Option 2: Take the training online through YQCA.**



*More livestock news.....***4-H Beef, Dairy Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep & Swine participants**

The Indiana Board of Animal Health (BOAH) would like to remind families that do not have a Premises ID to take care of that requirement soon. Species requiring premises ID include cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. Equine and poultry sites may be registered on a voluntary basis.

For those showing livestock and needing a federal Premises ID, please go to BOAH's website to fill out those requests online.

If someone has forgotten their Premises ID they can email BOAH and ask to look it up for them. BOAH will need the name, full address, and what species of animals they have on their farm to look up their information.

Email: [animalid@boah.in.gov](mailto:animalid@boah.in.gov)

Premises ID: <https://www.in.gov/boah/traceability-and-premise-id/>

BOAH is open from 8AM until 4:30PM and can only guarantee we can get individuals their information during that time. No one should wait until after 4:30PM and expect to get their information before midnight on the 15th.

**Important Information on 840-RFID Tags**

- ♦ All beef and dairy animals must have an 840-RFID tag entered online by May 15.
- ♦ Swine showing at the state fair must have an 840-RFID tag entered online by May 15. These tags are also available at the Extension office (The first 4 tags are free. There is a \$3.00 per tag charge if more than 4 tags are needed for a 4-H member). Swine arriving at the July 18 check-in will be identified with an 840-RFID tag, if they do not already have one.
- ♦ All meat goat wethers, market goat does, market lambs, and commercial/registered ewes showing at the state fair must have an 840-RFID tag entered online by May 15. The sheep and goat 840-RFID tags are Shearwell tags available at the Extension office. Taggers are available to use with a \$20.00 deposit. Return the tagger - get your deposit back!

**Indiana State Fair Entries**

**INDIANA STATE FAIR ANIMAL ENTRIES & HANDBOOK** -The 2025 Indiana State Fair 4-H & FFA Handbook and 4-H Animal Entry Forms are available online at: <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests>

**INDIANA STATE FAIR RULES FOR DNA HAIR SAMPLES**

DNA hair samples are required for **all beef steers/heifers, dairy cattle, meat goat wethers, boer goat females, market goat does, market lambs, commercial/registered ewes, and swine** to be eligible for the 2025 Indiana State Fair. Collection instructions are available for each species at the following website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/animal-id.aspx>. A printed copy of collection instructions may also be picked up at the Extension Office.

The hair samples need to be placed in a specific envelope provided by the Extension Office. It is the **4-H member's responsibility to collect an adequate sample and turn in the Huntington County Extension Office by Monday, May 15. DO NOT place in the after hours drop box. The DNA hair samples are only required for any of the aforementioned species that may show at the Indiana State Fair.**



**Friend of Extension Award Nominations...**

If you know someone who has exhibited strong participation, leadership, or cooperation with Extension activities and would like to nominate them for the Friend of Extension Award, please contact the office or visit our website to obtain a nomination form. Nominations are due July 1, 2025.



### 4-H Royalty Contest

#### Entry Due: May 15, 2025

Royalty Contest, Sponsored by First Federal Savings Bank, will be held Friday, July 11, 2025 at 7 PM in the Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall. Entry forms available at the Extension Office or at [extension.purdue.edu/huntington](http://extension.purdue.edu/huntington)

Each contestant must be a current 4-H member. Youth who have participated in the 4-H Royalty contest previously and NOT selected Royalty Champion are eligible to compete again. Participants must be at least 16 years old by August 21, 2025.

The Huntington County 4-H Royalty Contest Score Card will be used in judging the contest. Criteria will include: 1-2 minute speech, personal interview, impromptu question, business and formal wear, and poise.

**The 4-H Royalty Contest is FUN!!!**

- ◆ It is a great way to meet kids your own age from different clubs.
- ◆ You have the opportunity to practice skills that will help you in the future.
- ◆ You have the opportunity to win scholarships!

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**
- :) **Huntington County Fairgrounds**



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

**“My 4-H Record of Achievement”**

You are responsible for collecting and keeping information on your 4-H achievements. What office you held in your club? What projects you entered at the Fair and what ribbon you won? Any other special awards? **Forms are available to assist you.**

Why do I need it?

For award applications and scholarships - usually grades 10 - 12.

The Extension Office has limited information recorded about your 4-H career. **If you want detailed records - you need to keep them.**



**A few reminders.....**

- ♦ Office Hours are Monday ~ Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm, We are closed on Holidays. There is a drop box outside the office door to use after hours. NO DNA envelopes are to be deposited in the drop box.
- ♦ The office can only accept cash or checks. NO credit/debit cards. Sorry :(
- ♦ 22" x 28" poster boards are \$5.00 & sleeves are \$2.00. 16" x 20" Salon print Boards are \$2.00 and sleeves are \$1.00. We no longer sell any electric kits. They can be ordered online at [eeinabox.com](http://eeinabox.com).



**2025 Fair book.** This is available on our web page. Every family was provided a printed copy available through your 4-H Club leader.



**2025 4-H Fair Campers & Tents**

**ASSIGNMENTS:** 4-H Fair Association officials will be making assignments on Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the Hoosier Real Estate Show Arena

at the Huntington County Fairgrounds. After the 9 a.m. Assignment deadline on June 14, please visit the Extension Office during normal business hours to complete the registration form, make payment, and receive your lot assignment(s). Please do not call the office and ask for a photo of the map!!!!



**Mini 4-H Information**

Mini 4-H Fun Day will be held Tuesday, June 10, 2025 from 10 am - 3 pm at Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall, Fairgrounds. Cost \$12.00. This fun workshop will give the Mini 4-Hers an opportunity to learn more about traveling through America and to have fun with crafts and games. Lunch is included.

Information will be US mailed the first week of May to those members approved in 4honline as of May 1st. **Deadline to sign up is May 28th.**

- ♦ Pick up manuals at the Extension Office or request by email to [ebrundig@purdue.edu](mailto:ebrundig@purdue.edu).
- ♦ **Project Drop off...Thursday, July 17, 4 - 6 pm, Fairgrounds**

**Next meeting...**

- ♦ Monday, June 9, 2025, 7 p.m. location: TBD

**Future Date:**

- ♦ Monday, July 7, 2025 - 7 p.m. Location TBD



**4-H Leader  
Information**

**Meeting Dates:**

**May 8**-monthly meeting, 7 pm, First Federal Community Building

**June 9** – 7 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall, Preparation for Mini 4-H Fun Day

**Tuesday, June 10 Mini 4-H Workshop** (this takes place during the day) 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.

**JUNIOR LEADER NEWS****May**

- 3 Goat & Sheep ID Day, Fairgrounds
- 8 Jr. Leaders, 7 pm, First Federal Savings Community Bldg
- 15 **Livestock Identification DUE, v2.4honline.com**
- 15 **Drop/Add date for 4-H projects**
- 15 **Royalty Contest Entries Due**
- 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
- 28 Royalty Workshop, 6 pm, Annex
- 31 **County 4-H Scholarships Due**

**June**

- 1 **Fair Entry Opens**
- 4 Royalty Workshop, 6 pm, Annex
- 10 Mini 4-H Fun Day
- 11 Royalty Workshop, 6 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 14 Fair Camping sign up, 8 am - 9 am, Hoosier Real Estate Show Arena
- 17 4-H Fair Board, 7 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 19 QLC 6 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 25 Royalty Workshop, 6 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 30 **Fair Entry Closes**

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



### August 1 - 17, 2025 Indiana State Fair



Remember these pre-fair events to attend and show your support!

- ⇒ Saturday, June 28th, 4-H Dog Show, 10 AM, First Federal Savings Community Building
- ⇒ Sunday, June 29th, 4-H Tractor Driving Contest, 1 pm, Fairgrounds
- ⇒ Saturday July 12, 9 am & Sunday July 13, 10 am, 4-H Horse & Pony Show, Chief Lafontaine Saddle club



# 4-H Online vs. FairEntry



When do we need to use them?  
Why do we use them both?

## 4-H Online

### Who?

- Parents/ Families
- ALL 4-H Members
- ALL Program Volunteers
- Specialty Groups

### What?

- Animal Identification
- Selecting project areas to explore.
- 4-H Trips and other events
- 4-H Scholarships Application
- Club rosters for 4-H Leaders

### When?

From start to end of the program year; October through September.

### Where?

<https://v2.4honline.com/>

### Why?

- To express interest in the 4-H Program
- Improved communication between County and State and 4-H Families

## FairEntry

### Who?

- 4-H Fair Exhibitors
- Superintendents
- Fair Judges
- Check-in Volunteers
- Media Outlets for Fair Results

### What?

- Preparation for county fair
- County Fair Project Labels
- State Fair Qualifying Entries
- Livestock Show Bills
- Organization of Fair Results

### When?

Fair Season: Typically May through August

### Where?

Direct link provided by county office  
or  
<https://fairentury.com/Public/FindYourFair>

### Why?

- Prepare for county and state fair
- Get accurate numbers for project display purposes, and stall assignments



***Master Gardener Public Forum on Container Gardening – Wednesday, June 4***

The Huntington County Master Gardeners will hold a public forum on Wednesday June 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall at the Huntington County Fairgrounds located at 631 E. Taylor Street. Master Gardener volunteers will be presenting on “Container Gardening”. The presenters will share information on selecting plants, choosing containers, and caring for plants for the four seasons. Many types of plants may be raised in containers to create lasting enjoyment for home gardeners.

Please RSVP by calling the Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office - 1340 South Jefferson St. at 260-358-4826. Volunteers would like to have sufficient supplies available for participants to take plants home.

Mark your calendars for the  
Huntington County Master Gardeners Annual Spring Plant Sale  
Saturday, May 10th!  
See page 12 of this newsletter for details.  
We hope to see you there and thanks in advance for your support!

***Summer NEPAC Training Dates Set***

The Northeast Purdue Agricultural Center (NEPAC) in Whitley County will be hosting training in the summer of 2025 with the assistance of Purdue Agriculture Extension Educators. Mark your calendars for these upcoming workshops:

***Crop Diagnostic Workshop – Tuesday, June 24 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)***

This program will offer updates on field crop management. Commercial Category 1, 11, & 14 Credits (CCHs), PARP, and Crop Advisor Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) will be available. The agenda includes Anhydrous Ammonia Safety; Corn Early-Season Development, N Inhibitor Research, and Diagnostics; Early season crop diseases/disease management updates; IN State Chemist Updates; Sprayer Clean Out & Maintenance; Spray Drones – Capabilities and Challenges Discussion, Demo to compare spray patterns; and Research demo at NEPAC biological activity on crop residue breakdown. Registration is due by June 17 online at <https://event.me/G1vAAX>. The cost to attend the workshop is \$80 per person. Lunch is provided.

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

Presentations at this in-person annual event will feature Purdue specialists. Private pesticide applicators, commercial applicators, and crop advisors will be able to receive credits for attending this program. Lunch is provided through the generous support of agribusiness sponsors. More information will be available once an agenda is finalized.

***Farm Management Tools***

“2025 Indiana Farm Custom Rates” is available at the Purdue Center for Commercial Ag Website: <https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag/home/>

The farm custom rates summary is one of the most widely accessed publications on the Center’s web site. Given changes in fuel, operator labor, and machinery ownership costs, custom rates continue to evolve. We encourage custom operators who extensively engage in custom work to estimate the full ownership and operating costs of their services before agreeing to work for the “going rate” in their area.



## *Rita's Ramblings*

Wow! What a wonderful Achievement Day we had! I would like to thank our committee for all of their planning and organizing efforts and also, Anita Pape who made the nametags, programs and our cute bookmarks. If you are ever in the Extension Office tell Anita "thank you" for all she does for Extension Homemakers. Coming events are the County Lessons, which we hope you have signed up for. Open Class Adult Exhibits brochures are ready and available in the Extension Office or online. I hope you are making something to exhibit at the fair. Home and Family Conference is June 2-4. It is not too late to register! Lots of good lessons, speakers, entertainment and fun!

*Rita McCabe, County President  
Huntington County Extension Homemakers*

### *Achievement Day*

We had a wonderful Achievement Day on April 28th at EMU Church. Our theme was "Be a Book Worm". Our first speaker of the morning was Krista Laymon from Kate's Kart. They collect books and give them to hospitalized children in northeast Indiana. What a wonderful ministry! Our ladies donated approximately 90 books plus monetary donations.

Our second speaker was Doris Rapp. Doris is a local author and highlighted many of her books about real life experiences. We honored several of our members: Jeanne Keiser, Amicitia Club, as a new member; Carilyn Dearduff, Amicitia Club, a 50 year member; Edie Fulton and Alice Roth both 60 year members of the Nite 'N Gales, Barb Mills, Amicitia Club, a 70 year member. We also honored two clubs: Nite 'N Gales for being organized for 60 years and Union Thrifty for being organized for 90 years! A delicious lunch of soup and salad was served to 34 ladies.

The afternoon entertainment was presented by Eva Webb on "Drumming". Each member played a drum or some kind of musical instrument. She taught us how to stay with the beat and by the end of her program we were all very relaxed. Ruth Reed won the Cultural Arts Project and Stephanie Jerabek won the Place Mat Cultural Arts Project. Both, Ruth and Stephanie, have been chosen for the State Cultural Arts Project Conference! We closed the day with our Club Collect.

*Rita McCabe, County President*

### *County Lesson*

The spring county lesson will be held on May 12th at the Extension Office conference room. The first lesson at 6:00 p.m. is by Angie Pearson on "Freshening Up Our Tired Looking Floral Arrangements". Starting at 7:00 p.m., after a short break and refreshments, we will have crafting fun under the direction of the Paper Artisan Club.

Reservations and fee of \$5.00 is due to Stephanie by May 1st. If you are not signed up but wish to go, please call Stephanie ASAP and pay that night. We would love to have you.

*Joan Scher, Education Committee Chairman*

### *Open Class Adult Exhibits*

Fair is approaching fast! Please tell your friends and family that Open Class Adult Exhibits registration has begun! We have brochures and entry forms available at the Extension Office or online at:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington/docs/hhs/huntingtonhhs.html>

Sign up today and share your projects and talent during the Huntington County 4-H Fair!

*Carla Rice, Chairman*

# ***Huntington County Master Gardeners Annual Spring Plant Sale***



**May 10, 2025  
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**



## **Huntington County Fair Grounds**

**(631 East Taylor St., Huntington)**

## **1st Federal Savings Bank Community Building**

**("rabbit" building)**



***Herbs***



***Trees***



***Shrubs***

***Natives***

***Annals***

***Perennials***

***Vegetables***

