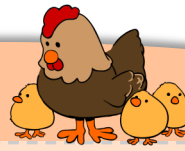




January & February 2024



EXTENSION CONNECTION

Purdue University—Huntington County



Huntington County Fairgrounds
Benefit Auction

February 10, 2024

Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall

More details coming soon!

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The Extension Office will be closed Monday, January, 15, 2024 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Extension - Huntington County



Last date for submission of information for the March & April 2024 newsletter is February 16, 2024

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2023-2024 4-H Enrollment is open through January 15, 2024

- Just two more weeks to sign up for the 2023-2024 4-H year! Any current and new 4-H members need to enroll for 2024! Members need to reenroll every year. The website is located at: **V2.4honline.com**
- Please DO NOT select “I need to set up a profile” if you were enrolled in 2023, even for Mini 4-H. If you have trouble logging in to your profile, please contact the office.
- For 4-H members in regular 4-H, there is a \$15 State Program Fee. You may pay by credit card (preferred), cash or check.
- Families with more than 3 children participating in the 4-H program will only have to pay a maximum of \$45. Thank you for wrapping up the enrollment process by promptly paying. You can pay in person, by mail or use the after hours drop box located outside the office door. The office can not accept cards.
- The program fees cover annual accident/medical insurance for 4-H members and volunteers and provide quality programming materials. Therefore, members that are not paid will not be able to participate in meetings or events. When paying online with the 4HOnline system, each youth enrolled in the 4-H Program will be active upon review of the enrollment. Enrollment and fees are due by **JANUARY 15th!**
- **It’s important to be signed up by JANUARY 15th since so many activities start right after that. If you are not enrolled, you may miss important information or opportunities regarding a project you are interested in taking. Don’t miss out!!**
 - **The drop/add deadline for 4-H projects is May 15!**

**4-H Projects & Activities**

- **Shooting Sports** - Disciplines offered include Archery, Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun. There is a fee per discipline, in addition to the \$15.00 State 4-H program fee. The discipline registration fee CANNOT be paid on-line and is paid separate from the 4-H program enrollment fee. You MUST be signed up and PAID on 4honline to participate in Shooting Sports. A detailed letter will be mailed mid January for anyone enrolled in the Shooting Sports project.
- **Rifle** - Grades 4 - 12 Fee is \$30.00. Learn how to safely handle a rifle and to improve marksmanship. The course will be presented in eight, two-hour classes involving classroom training and firing of both air and .22 caliber rifles. **Classes start February 18, 2024** from 2 - 4 pm at the Parkview Huntington Hospital Family Living Building.
- **Pistol** - Grades 6 - 12. Fee is \$30.00. Safe and Responsible Pistol Handling, with different Pistols, along with Marksmanship development. **Classes TBA**
- **Archery** - Grades 3 - 12. Fee is \$20.00. **Classes start February 5, 2024** at 6 pm, First Federal Savings Community Building
- **Shotgun** - Grades 4 - 12. Fee is \$30.00 **Classes start March 6, 2024** from 6 - 8 pm at Parkview Huntington Hospital Family Living Building
- **Tractor and Lawn & Garden** — County 4-H Tractor Project meetings begin in late February and continue on Monday evenings into March from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at various locations around the county. Complete details will be mailed to youth enrolled in the project in early February.





Highlights of 2024 4-H Project & Rule Changes

Check the 2024 Rule book for changes in the following projects: Tentatively, Project Books for 2024 will be available in January. Thank you to Don and Bev Morgan along with First Farmers Bank & Trust for your sponsorship in our printed Project Book.

Non-Animal Projects with changes: Aerospace, Aquatic Science, Crops (All Categories), Communications, Electric, Photography, Sports & Performing Arts, Strawberry and Woodworking

Animal Projects with changes: Beef/Starter Beef, Sheep, Swine

Project Additions: Mini 4-H Dairy Cow, Mini 4-H Horse & Pony

It is **important** that you read the rule book and the materials for the project given out by your club leader.

Please visit: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington/docs/4h/huntington4h.html> for our digital Project Book.

Community Calendar

January

- 8 4-H Leader Meeting 7 pm, Annex
- 12 Junior Leaders Meeting: 7pm
Fairgrounds
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, County
Offices Closed
- 16 Fair Board, 7 pm, Parkview Huntington
Hospital Family Living Building

February

- 12 4-H Leaders, 7 pm, Annex
- 20 Fair Board, 7 pm, Parkview Huntington
Hospital Family Living Building

Future Dates...

- March 11, 4-H Leaders, 7:00 pm, Annex
- March 19 4-H Fair Board, 7:00 pm, Parkview
Huntington Hospital Family Living Building
- March 16 Beef Preview Show, Huntington County
Fairgrounds
- March 19 Ag Day for 3rd graders,
- July 19 - 25 Hun-
tington County 4-H **MINI 4-H....** If you are in

Mini 4-H please select your club as Huntington County Mini 4-H when enrolling if you do not have another club you would like to attend. You may attend regular 4-H club meetings if you'd like. You may enrolled in up to 2 livestock and/or 2 non-livestock projects. Watch your email and US Mail to keep updated on information.



Find us on Facebook! Like our page:

Purdue Extension-Huntington County

Look for updates on events and meetings throughout the county on our page! Visit our website for 4-H and other Extension information and events throughout the year at:

www.extension.purdue.edu/huntington

4-H Mission: The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who positively impact their community and world.

4-H Vision: Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.



- The next 4-H Leader's meeting will be Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, Annex, 7 pm.
- Distributing achievement pins and the 2024 materials.
- Discussing Workshops and 4-H Camp support and the 2024 4-H Year

4-H Leader Information

**Next Meeting....Thursday, January 11 @ 7 p.m.
Parkview Huntington Hospital Family Living Bldg**

JUNIOR LEADER NEWS

All 4-H Jr Leader members are encouraged not to miss our first meeting of 2024!

It's not too late to sign up or add 4-H Jr Leaders to your enrollment in 4honline. Select Jr Leaders for your club and Jr Leaders for the project.

Don't wait until January 15 to enroll or you will miss our first meeting!!!

State 4-H Scholarships

ALL State 4-H Scholarship applications are due in 4honline on or before **January 25**,

2024. Scholarship application forms and information is available at extension.purdue.edu

Reminder....you **MUST** be enrolled and your fee paid before you submit your application. Please do not wait until the last minute! Paying the fee by card ensures immediate active status. Available scholarships include:

- ♦ **4-H Foundation Scholarship:** 4-H members who are Seniors in High School may apply for this one-time award to use for any post high school study or training.
- ♦ **Indiana 4-H Accomplishment:** 4-H members who are in Grade 10 through the year following the final year of 4-H eligibility. The different categories with sub-categories are: Animal Science; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering & Technological Science; Healthy Living; Food & Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; Plant & Environmental Science. A minimum of 30 \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to youth based on their life skills developments in the different categories.
- ♦ **4-H Club Scholarship:** 4-H members who are Seniors in High School and have participated in 4-H at least 4 years. Persons must enroll in the College of Agriculture or specific majors in the College of Health ad Human Sciences at Purdue University, West Lafayette and have on file your FAFSA application by March 1. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of (1) scholastic ability; (2) financial need; (3) achievement in 4-H club work. Scholarships are renewable and good for eight (8) semesters, as long as requirements are satisfactorily fulfilled.



4-H Camp Counselors Needed

Interested in serving as a 4-H Camp Counselor at 4-H Camp? Be thinking about it now if you will be in grade 9 or above as of February 1, 2024. Eighth graders will considered if we run short on high school counselors. 4-H Camp will be June 5-7. The counselors arrive the night of Tuesday, June 4. Applications are available in the Extension Office. Selection of counselors is made in February. 4-H Camp Counselors are expected to attend trainings. Those dates will be March 12, April 12, & May 9, all at the Whitley County Fairgrounds from 5:30 pm - 8 pm. If you are interested in serving as a 4-H camp counselor or have any questions, please call the Extension Office.



Award Sponsorships Needed

We have several awards that need sponsors. Contact Liz at the office to see what is available. Awards range from \$15.00 to \$32.00.



ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION PROCESS IN 2024

The 4-H livestock animal identification process will be completed online again for all Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse & Pony, Rabbits, Sheep, Dairy Beef, and Swine animals. Animals will be identified online at: V2.4honline.com. Each 4-H family is to complete the online identification by **May 15 for ALL animals** (except poultry). This is the same website which youth were enrolled on this year. Detailed steps on how to identify your livestock are available on 4honline. Devices are available in the Extension Office for families to utilize if help is needed when identifying their animals online. 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 877-747-3038 or on the web at www.in.gov/boah/. The Extension Office does not keep premise ID numbers on file. You must contact IBOAH if you have misplaced your number.

YQCA requirements for 2024: In 2024 Purdue and Indiana 4-H is offering the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (4-H QLC). The 4-H QLC will ONLY be offered in-person and will replace the in-person YQCA sessions. **If you plan to show any livestock outside of the 4-H Fair or State Fair, we recommend completing the YQCA online ONLY option.** ALL youth planning on exhibiting livestock in 4-H must participate in either in-person 4-H QLC (\$3) or online YQCA (\$12). **You must have one of these completed by June 30 or you WILL NOT be able to exhibit your animals at the fair.**

*****Your Completion date must state the program was completed on or before June 30th.*****

4-H QLC Classes from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall. Additional trainings may be scheduled. Cost for 4-H QLC is \$3.00 per member. The first Huntington County opportunities are:

- Wednesday, March 20
- Tuesday, April 23
- Thursday, May 16



There is a **multiple year online certification** available for youth who are age 12 and age 15 by Jan. 1. You can take a multiple year “test out”. You will still pay \$12 for each year you test out of. You only pay if you pass the test. You only have one opportunity to take the test. Cost for age 12 is \$36 (3 years). Cost for age 15 is \$48 (4 years). Test out is ONLY available online.

Huntington County Beef Preview Show...

The 2024 Preview Show will be Saturday, March 16. Promotional flyers are available at the Extension Office.

Beef and Starter Calf ID Day...Saturday morning, April 13 at the cattle barns, Fairgrounds. Information about ID day will be mailed to those enrolled members in early April.

Goat & Sheep ID Day...Mark your calendars for Saturday morning, May 4 for ID Day of all market lambs and goats, along with non-registered ewe lambs. Information will be mailed mid-April to all 4-H sheep and goat members.



Upcoming Events

Fort Wayne Farm Show – January 16 - 18, 2024

The farm show features both a trade show and educational sessions. Private pesticide applicator recertification credits will be available a session (2 p.m. on Jan. 16). Contact Ed Farris (emfarris@purdue.edu) for more info or stop by the Extension office for a flyer.

Ag Women Engage Conference (Fort Wayne, IN) – February 22, 2024

Purdue Extension is proud to announce the upcoming Ag Women Engage Conference, a dynamic event aimed at celebrating women in the agricultural sector. The conference will take place at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The AWE conference is designed to bring women together involved in various aspects of agriculture, including farmers, researchers, educators, and industry professionals. Attendees will have the opportunity to network, share experiences, and gain valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities facing women in the agricultural field.

Participants will have the option to participate in four breakout sessions throughout the day which focus on the various areas of risk management. Keynote speaker Amanda Radke, fifth generation rancher and author, will discuss navigating dynamics of multi-generational family agricultural businesses.

Two pre-conference sessions, “Farm Accounting Workshop with Quicken” and “Transferring Your Farm’s Legacy”, will also be offered on February 21 before the Ag Women Engage Conference. When registering for the Ag Women Engage Conference, you will have the option to register for a pre-conference session. The pre-conference sessions are open to individuals not registered for the conference.

Registration is now open and available until February 13th. To register and learn more about the Ag Women Engage Conference please visit <https://purdue.link/AWE2024>.

2024 Purdue Master Gardener Basic Training

If you want to sharpen your gardening skills and you have an interest in sharing your knowledge with others, Purdue University has the ideal program for you. Participants will be exposed to a wide range of subjects including soil and plant science, diagnosis of plant problems, pesticide safety, and culture of vegetable, flower, landscape, and fruit plants. If you'd like an application to join our league of volunteers or have questions about the program, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, at 260-358-4826 or by e-mail at emfarris@purdue.edu.

Purdue Extension Master Gardener Basic Training for Huntington, Miami, and Wabash Counties in 2024 will be on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - March 7 through May 30. The location of the sessions will alternate between counties. The deadline for submitting applications is February 7. Note that class size may be limited depending on the number of applications that are received. Materials and expenses for the series of classes cost \$175 per participant.



Carla's Corner



Ladies ,

I want to express my thanks to all of you and your clubs. We, along with donations from the general public, were able to collect 704 items to be donated to Riley Hospital!



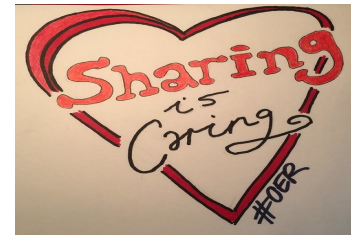
What a great sharing of love and the Christmas Spirit to the patients being treated at Riley Hospital.

Thank you!

Carla Rice

President

Huntington County Extension Homemakers



*Thank
You*

Happy New Year

20th Annual Homemakers Christmas Cookie, Candy and Craft Sale 2023

The Homemaker's Christmas Cookie, Candy and Craft sale was held December 2, 2023. The sale was well received by the public, taking in over \$800. Additionally, two clubs, Amicitia and Piecemakers Quilt Club, offered handmade gifts for sale. We offered a nice variety of both cookies and candy to the public. Members of the committee were available on Friday for set up and the receiving of the cookies and candies. We had sales of thirteen pre-ordered cookie trays this year.

Many thanks to all who helped make this sale a success. We did have some extra cookies, at the end of the sale, which were made into assorted trays and delivered to our local police and fire departments. A special thanks to the Ways and Means Committee for their efforts in setting up and helping orchestrate the sale: Earlyynn Worster, Pam Will, Collene Pflieger, Valerie Birkhold, Ann Emily, Teresia Beatty and Stephanie Jerabek. Rita McCabe and Carla Rice offered additional support for this activity and we are grateful for your help. We thank all of those members who baked and to those who donated money. We hope that more members will participate next year as this is our one and only fundraiser for the year and our programming depends on these funds.

A special collection was taken for United with Love and a donation of over \$200 was made to the food pantry. The special collection of coloring books, crayons, Play-Doh and small toys for Riley Children's Hospital was wrapped up at this time with over 700 pieces being donated.

Thanks, again, for a successful sale.

Stephanie Jerabek, Ways and Means Committee Chair



Education Committee



Mark your calendars for May 15th for the Spring County Lessons. Carol Holmes and Pam Fausz will present a lesson on making “Charcuterie Boards”. They will show us how to make a pretty board of meat, cheeses, crackers, etc. for our next party. The second lesson will be on “Edible Flowers” presented by Caroline Everidge. She will make a lavender lemonade for us to taste with our meat and cheeses. Should be a fun lesson night. The committee will meet in the new year to decide on the price, time, etc. Just keep in mind that with this type of lesson, the price will be higher due to the cost of meat, cheese, crackers, fruits and nuts. Hope to have all the details finalized by the March Council Meeting.

Rita McCabe



Achievement Day

Monday, April 22, 2024 is the date for our Achievement Day to be held at the Evangelical United Methodist Church. Since we are still without a vice-president, Carla Rice and Rita McCabe will be co-chairmen. The committee will meet soon to determine a theme and programs for the day. Last year we changed our day to begin in the morning and end in the afternoon. If you did not like this format, express your thoughts to your president or a committee member. We heard many positive comments by moving it earlier in the day. Once again we ask for your help in providing us with a list of your new members, 25 year members and 50 year members. Also if you have lost a club member, please give us that info also. Plan now to attend!

Rita McCabe

