



March & April 2024







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Purdue University—Huntington County

The annual 4-H Leaders Organization Geranium Fundraiser will take place again this year. Plants are \$1.75 each. Colors are Red, White, Pink, Coral and Violet/Fuchsia. Orders must be placed with a 4-H club leader or by calling the office by APRIL 15th. Delivery date is April 29 or 30 at the Hoosier Real Estate Show Arena.

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- :) Huntington County 4-H
- :) Huntington County 4-H Tractor
- :) Huntington County 4-H Royalty

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

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The Extension Office will be closed Friday, March 30, 2024 in observance of Good Friday.



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Last date for submission of information for the May & June 2024 newsletter is April 19, 2024

Extension - Huntington County

IMPORTANT: We have several 4-H members who have not yet paid the \$15.00 enrollment fee or have incomplete enrollments. There have been weekly email reminders of this. If your credit card was declined please return to the enrollment and try again. Please pay ASAP so that we may get the enrollment



process wrapped up. You are not considered fully enrolled and are not allowed to participate in club meetings for insurance reasons.

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

Each scholarship must be submitted in it's own sealed envelope with the name of the scholarship on the envelope.

- Janell Marie Saunders Nursing/Health Profession (\$1,000)
- Ray Vanderspool Memorial (\$1,000)

4-H Scholarship Information

- 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)



For applications please contact the Extension Office or go to: https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington/docs/4h/scholarships4h.html

Materials and Project Supplies Available for 4-H projects:



The Extension Office has a limited number of Division 2 shake light kits for the Electric project available for purchase. Cost is \$15.00. Divisions 1 and 3 supplies can be purchased at http://www.eeinabox.com/

Poster sleeves are available in the Extension Office at a cost of \$2.00 for 22"x28" and \$.50 for 16"x20" salon print size. <u>AND</u>, the "22 x 28" foam board for posters available to purchase. Cost is \$4.00 each.

JUST AS A REMINDER, THE EXTENSION OFFICE ONLY ACCEPTS CASH OR CHECKS



4-H Livestock News...

Animal ID: 4-H members must identify all Beef Cattle, Dairy Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Horses, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine in 4HOnline by the state deadline **May 15, 2024.** Animals that are required to be tagged with a 5-digit county tag or attend the county tagging/weigh-in should attend the county event before entering the Animal ID information in 4HOnline.

Animals will be identified online at: v2.4honline.com. This is the same website which youth were enrolled. Each 4-H family is to complete the online identification by May 15 for ALL animals (except Poultry). 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 317-544-2381 or on the web at www.in.gov/boah/. When enrolling online, 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 on-line. The volunteers assisting with weigh in at the fair in July will need confirmation of the breeder.

Beef...ID Day will be Saturday, April 13, 9-noon at the cattle barns, Fairgrounds. All 4-H members planning to exhibit MUST bring their commercial breeding heifers, beef or dairy beef steers to be identified by ear tags and weighed on this date. Animal identification must be completed online by May 15 at v2.4honline.com. All 4-H steers and heifers that are exhibited at the Indiana State Fair must have a DNA hair sample submitted to the Extension office in provided envelopes by May 15, 2024.



▶ Dairy...An RFID tag for each dairy animal along with registration information and/or identifying tag must be entered by May 15. Animals exhibited a the Indiana State Fair must have a DNA hair sample submitted to the Extension office in provided envelopes by May 15, 2024.



Goat...ID Day for 4-H market goats will be Saturday, May 4th 7:30 - 10 am, in the ForeFront Ag Solutions Goat Pavilion, Fairgrounds. More information will be US mailed mid-April. A tattoo or microchip animal identification is needed when enrolling. Animal identification must be completed online by May 15. All meat goats must have an RFID tag and DNA hair sample by ID deadline to be eligible for state fair.



Horse & Pony...You will need to go online to complete and submit your ID form and include a color photo of your horse, showing all four feet and the face. If needed, a computer is available in the Extension Office for 4-H Horse & Pony members to identify their animal(s) online. Animal identification must be completed online by May 15th. Don't forget about the vaccination requirements for Horse & Pony animals!



Poultry... Poultry does NOT have to enter in 4honline but MUST sign up to Exhibit in FairEntry June 1-30.

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Rabbit...Rabbits are to be entered in 4honline by May 15. Roaster, Stewer, Fryer and Meat Pens go under the Market Class tab. Breeding rabbits need to know if your rabbit breed is a four or a six class rabbit.

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4-H Livestock News Continued...

Sheep...ID Day is Saturday, May 4th from 7:30 - 10 am, Fairgrounds, cattle 👺 barn area. Complete details will be US mailed mid-April. Animal identification must be completed online by May 15. All sheep must have RFID tag and DNA hair sample by ID deadline to be eligible for state fair.



Swine...Ear notching will remain the enrollment ID for swine. Additionally, **all** swine showing at the 2024 Huntington County 4-H Fair must have an 840-RFID tag (Indiana Board of Animal Health requirement). Note that the Huntington Co. Swine Boosters have agreed to furnish a maximum of 4 tags per 4-H member, which will be available by mid-April at the Extension office (additional tags must be located and purchased at the expense of the 4-H member's family). Swine arriving on the fairgrounds at the July 19 check-in will be identified with an 840-RFID tag, if they do not already have one of these tags.

State Fair Swine Exhibitors: DNA hair samples will be required by May 15 for all swine (barrows & gilts) to be eligible for the Indiana State Fair. envelopes are available in the Extension Office along with collection instructions. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to have an adequate sample turned into the office by May 15. 840-RFID tags will once again be required to be in all swine prior to entering the state fairgrounds.

4-H members must have their 840-RFID tags when identifying their swine online at v2.4honline.com. Identification of your animals is to be completed by the 4-H member by May 15th (State Fair Entries only).

INDIANA STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS REMINDER.....It is the 4-H member's responsibility to complete ALL fields in 4honline if the animal is showing at State Fair. Not the Extension Office!

The Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (QLC) Program is a replacement for inperson YQCA Classes. All 4-H youth enrolled in a LIVESTOCK PROJECT (Beef, Dairy Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine) must be QLC certified or have a YQCA online completion certificate by June 30th. If you complete the training AFTER JUNE 30th YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SHOW!

If you choose to complete the YQCA option, you will register for the online course at https://ygcaprogram.org/. The cost of the online YQCA course is \$12. After completing the course, you must email the 4-H Educator with your certification to receive credit. This option is recommended for anyone showing at shows other than county and state fair.

If you prefer to take the QLC in person (instructor-led) course, the cost is \$3 per child, **PAYABLE AT THE CLASS** at the following times/locations:

- ⇒ March 5, We Raise Em' Best 4-H Club, Warren, 6:30 pm
- ⇒ March 10, Barnyard Brigade 4-H Club, Stephans, 5 pm
- ⇒ March 20, April 23, and May 16, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall, 6 pm

Register through the link at the top of the Huntington County 4-H Facebook page





Next meeting...

4-H LEADER NEWS

Monday, March 11, 2024, 7 p.m. at the Annex

Future Dates:

- Monday, April 8 7 p.m. at the Annex
- Monday, May 13 7 p.m. at the Annex
- Monday, June 10 7 p.m. at the Annex

Officers for 2023-2024
President - Machelle Suchcicki
Vice President - Brett Stephan
Secretary - Jennifer McCoy
Treasurer - Anita Hughes



JUNIOR LEADER NEWS

Meeting Dates:

March 14, April 11, May 9-monthly meeting, 7 pm, First Federal Savings Community Bldg

Tuesday, June 11 Mini 4-H Workshop (this takes place during the day at Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall) 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.

Fair Book (Rule Book) now available.....

Through the generous donations from Don & Bev Morgan and Fist Farmers
Bank & Trust, each family will receive a hard copy of the rule book. One copy is
available to each family and can be picked up from your 4-H leader. These
books will NOT be available to pick up in the Extension Office. You may also view the book on
line at our website https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington/index.html

PROJECT BOOKS: It is important to remember if you drop a project that you return the book to your leader or the Extension Office. This will help the rising cost of manuals down. Remember to check inside the cover of your books for all of your record sheets and skills cards. Livestock resource books available upon request. One per family.



As a reminder....<u>Use of the 4-H</u> Name & Emblem

Any group, organization, club or individual wishing to use the 4-H name & emblem in any aspect of printing must submit a drawing or design showing the proposed use of the 4-H Clover to the Purdue Extension-Huntington County Office. If accepted, a letter will be sent to the requesting person giving approval for the use of the 4-H name & emblem. Contact the office if you need the official 4-H clover.

4-H Royalty Contest Entry Due: May 15, 2024

The Royalty Committee is hosting a Call Out Meeting for all 4-H members interested in participating in the Royalty Pageant on April 17, 2024, 7 pm in the Annex. The Royalty program focuses on interview skills, public relations, and confidence in each participant. You must be a 4-H member, 16 years old by August 2024, and not previously selected as a Royalty Champion to be eligible to compete.

Entry Forms Available at the Extension Office or the 4-H Web page

Community Calendar

March

- 11 4-H Leaders 7 pm, Annex
- 14 Jr. Leaders, 7pm, First Federal Savings Community Bldg
- 16 Beef Preview Show, Fairgrounds,
- Horse & Pony Tack Sale, 10 am, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 19 Fair Board, 7 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 20 QLC 6 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 30 County Offices Closed Good Friday

<u>April</u>

- 3 4-H Leaders 7pm, Annex
- Jr. Leaders 7 pm, First Federal Savings Community Bldg
- 13 Beef/ Diary Beef ID Day, 9-12 pm, Fairgrounds
- 15 Geranium Orders DUE
- 16 Fair Board, 7 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 17 Royalty Meeting, 7 pm, Annex
- 23 QLC 6 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 29or30 Geranium Delivery, Show Arena

Future Dates...

<u>May</u>

- 4 Goat & Sheep ID Day, Fairgrounds
- 7 County Offices Closed, Primary Election Day
- 9 Jr. Leaders, 7 pm, First Federal Savings Community Bldg
- 15 Livestock Identification DUE, v2.4honline.com
- 15 Drop/Add date for 4-H projects
- 16 QLC 6 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 4-H Fair Board, 7 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
- 27 Memorial Day, County Offices Closed

July 19-25, 2024 Huntington County 4-H Fair August 2 - 20, 2024 Indiana State Fair



Attention Mini 4-H Members...

There will be a Mini 4-H Fun Day Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall. Info will be mailed out in May! Also, a meeting for Mini 4-H members will be March 14, 2024 at the Evangelical United Methodist Church, 5:30 pm - 7 pm.

Huntington County Beef Preview Show...

The 2024 Preview Show is set for Saturday,
March 16, 2024.
Promotional flyers are available at the Extension
Office.

4-H Trips & Opportunities

It's time to think about 2024 4-H Trips and Events! **Applications are available on 4honline** or stop by the Extension Office for a copy.

INFORMATION: Please pay special attention to ages, dates, costs and other restrictions that may apply. We encourage you to participate in several trips throughout your years in the 4-H program.

You may attend each trip as many times as you would like within the given age/grade ranges, with the exception of Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress, and National Dairy Conference. Please note that 4-H trips are funded based on available funds. If funds are limited for a particular trip, we will let you know prior to official registration. Please see each trip for the total cost of the trip and what funding assistance is available. If you are selected for a trip, 4-H Leaders/ Fair Board funds are disbursed, and you fail to attend, you will be responsible for reimbursing the 4-H Leaders/ Fair Board the full amount of your trip(s). If there are other 4-H trips you wish to attend that pop up during the year, not listed here, let the Extension Office know.

At the conclusion of your trip, we invite you to attend the 4-H Leaders Meeting/Fair Board to present and informal presentation of your trip experience and tell us about what you learned, the friends you made, and what you enjoyed most about the trip.

Please note that the prices, dates, and location maybe subject to change

Application form type	Educational Trip	Grades	Date	Your Cost \$
Registrations are due May 1 on a separate registration camp form	4-H Camp: 4-H Camp will be at Epworth Forest in North Webster, Indiana! Registrations are open March 1 and due May 1 on a separate registration form. In addition to large group games, cabin activities, and recreation, all campers will attend classes to gain experiences in various and diverse subject areas. Campers will have the opportunity to take part in boating, swimming, crafts, fun with science, nature exploration, outdoor sports, and the famous GIANT swing! Camp costs \$190, but you only pay \$45! The Huntington 4-H Leaders Association covers the other half! Registration forms are available in the Extension Office or via the event registration portal at v2.4honline.com.	3-6	June 4-7	\$45
Register through 4-HOnline and is due May 15 th	4-H Academy @ Purdue: 4-H Academy @ Purdue is available to all youth in grades 9-12, regardless of 4-H participation. Youth will dive deep into a subject of choice and spend time with university faculty and staff. It's true hands-on learning in a college environment. The family total cost for this trip is \$65.00 with transportation included. The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association will help cover some of the trip cost. Some Workshop Offerings: Animal Science, Healthy Living, Natural Resources, Plant Sciences, Finance, Sustainable Agriculture, STEM, Engineering, and Aviation.	9-12	June 12-14	\$65
Register through 4-HOnline and is due May 15 th	State 4-H Junior Leader Conference: SJLC is held on the DePauw campus. Youth will be able to meet peers from around the state and explore their leadership abilities. Participants will attend skill sessions that will help improve leadership skills, and many fun activities are planned. You can even run for a council position in which you will help plan the following conference, which is a great honor and a ton of fun. The total cost for this trip is \$200.00. The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association will help cover some of the trip cost. You will be responsible for transportation to/from DePauw University.	9-12	TBD Call Exten- sion Office	TBD Call Exten- sion Office

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4-H Trips & Opportunities (Continued)								
Application	Educational Trip	Grades	Date	Your Cost \$				
Register through 4-HOnline and is due May 1 st	State 4-H Band: Musically talented attendees will experience immersive musical workshops and conduct an instrumental performance for 4-H Round-up delegates at Purdue. The total cost for this trip is \$250.00. The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association will help cover some of the trip cost, so you will only be responsible for transportation and some meals.	9-12	June 22-24	\$65				
Register through 4-HOnline and is due May 1 st	State 4-H Chorus: Dynamic, talented youth will experience concentrated and inspiring musical workshops focused on singing, dance, and performance. Attendees will perform for 4-H Round-up delegates at Purdue. The total cost for this trip is \$250.00. The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association will help cover some of the trip cost, so you will only be responsible for transportation and some meals.	9-12	June 22-27	\$65				
Register through 4-HOnline and is due June 1st	4-H Round-Up: Will you have completed 7th, 8th, or 9th grade by this summer? Then get ready, because you are eligible to attend one of the best 4-H trips ever—Round-Up! It is held at Purdue University, and is jam-packed with fun! You will have three days to explore career options through active learning, develop leadership abilities, meet other 4-H'ers from all over the state of Indiana, and get a taste of college life. The total cost for this trip is \$200.00 The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association will help cover some of the trip cost, with transportation included.	7-9	June 24-26	\$65				
Register through 4-HOnline and is due March 15 th	Citizenship Washington Focus: Have you ever wanted to travel to Washington, D.C.? Each delegate will take part in workshops on contemporary issues, learn about government, and meet youth from across the US as they learn more about the true meaning of civic engagement. The cost of the trip is \$1,600.00. The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association covers half of the cost. You will be responsible for transportation to and from Purdue University. From there a charter bus will then take you to D.C.!	Age 15+	Contact Extension Office	\$400				
Contact Extension Office for de- tails.	National 4-H Dairy Conference: Youth will gather in Madison, WI to learn about production, processing, marketing, and use of dairy products, as well as careers in the Dairy industry. The cost is \$600 for the trip, but the Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association will help cover some of the trip cost. You will be responsible for transportation to and from Purdue University, where a bus will take you to Madison, WI.	9-12	Sept.29– Oct. 3	\$175				
Register through 4-HOnline and is due May 1 st	National 4-H Congress: This premier trip is held in Atlanta, GA. Youth will participate in educational workshops focusing on diversity, cultural experiences, leadership, and team development. Only 9 Indiana 4-H members will be selected to attend! Your expenses will include spending money. The total cost for this trip is \$600.00 The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association will cover the trip cost	9-12	Nov. 29- Dec. 3	NO COST				
Register through 4-HOnline and is due Dec. 1 st	National 4-H Conference: Attend the annual premier national civic engagement opportunity for 4-H members. Delegates will have the opportunity choose an important societal topic, and prepare a briefing. During the conference, groups present their briefing to federal officials around the Washington, D.C. area. One to four delegates will represent Indiana. You will be responsible for transportation to and from Purdue University, where a charter bus will then take you to D.C.! The total cost for this trip is \$600.00 The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Association will cover the trip cost.	9-12	April 19-24	NO COST But plan on about \$100 in incidentals.				



Upcoming Events Extension Ag & Natural Resources





Master Gardener Public Forum – Wednesday March 6

The Huntington County Master Gardeners will hold a public forum on Wednesday March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in 1st Federal Savings Bank Community Building at the Huntington County Fairgrounds located at 631 E Taylor St., Huntington. The topic will be "Growing Fruit Trees". Phil Foster, a local farmer, has raised apples and other fruits for many years. Foster will discuss grafting, pruning, pest control, and other management practices essential for fruit production.

Please RSVP by calling

Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office – 1340 South Jefferson St. at 260-358-4826.

Program to Help Managers and Business Owners Become an 'Employer of Choice'

In addition to the daily responsibilities of keeping a business running, managers also have to become human resource specialists in their quest to find and retain the best employees.

To help develop those skills, Purdue Extension in Huntington and Whitley Counties will offer the **Becoming the Employer of Choice** program on April 2, 3, and 4, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Whitley County 4-H Center, 680 West Squawbuck Road, Columbia City, IN. The program is a series, so participants would need to plan on attending all three sessions. The popular program, developed by the University of Wisconsin Extension, is designed to improve human resource skills through hands-on activities and interactive sessions.

"An issue identified across the board for businesses is the tight labor market and lack of skilled labor currently available," said John Woodmansee, Purdue Extension educator in Whitley County. "You have to objectively ask yourself what your strengths and weaknesses are as a manager, and if your farm or business is the kind of place where people want to work." Content will apply to managers of any size business, helping firms become employers of choice who can more effectively compete for the best available employees.

Attendees will gain effective and practical approaches to managing human resource challenges. The program consists of seven modules, addressing topics such as different leadership styles, developing skills to provide effective feedback, and learning ways to address and work through conflict.

The registration deadline is March 28, 2024. The registration form can be downloaded from the Purdue Extension - Whitley County website www.extension.purdue.edu/whitley or by contacting jwoodman@purdue.edu or 260-244-7615. The cost is \$45 for the first registrant and \$10 per person for additional attendees from the same business or farm operation. The fee includes handouts, program resources, and snacks. If you have questions about this event, contact Ed Farris in Huntington County at emfarris@purdue.edu, (260) 358-4826.

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I hope you have enjoyed the sunshine these last few days after the cold days of January. I want to thank you again for your contributions to Riley Hospital. They sent a letter thanking us for the 704 items. We have the opportunity to make fleece blankets for Riley Hospital on February 27th and March 12th. We meet at 9:00 a.m. and stop around 3:00 p.m. Everyone brings something to share for a potluck lunch.

Ladies, please keep these dates open...Achievement Day is April 22, 2024. We have a Council Meeting on March 11, 2024. Presidents, please bring your Volunteer Community Support hours to the Council Meeting.

Enjoy your Easter and Spring!

Carla Rice







Education Committee

Mark your calendars for May 15th for the Spring County Lessons beginning at 6 pm. 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 your 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. This will be a fun lesson night!

Make sure you have a club member at the March Council meeting to get all the final details.

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 our Achievement Day falls on Earth Day, our theme will be "Saving Our Planet". The committee decided to begin the day at 10 am with registration. Morning speakers will include Caroline Everidge ("Plastic Free Kitchen") and Carla Rice and Kathy Zeissig (Other Uses for our Waste Products"). After lunch, we will have some entertainment. Once again, we ask for your help in providing us with a list of your new members, 25 year members and 50 plus year members. Also if you have lost a club member, please give us that information.

More details will be given at the March 11th Council Meeting. Plan now to attend!

Carla and Rita

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