



Purdue University– Huntington County

EXTENSION CONNECTION

September & October 2023



We are so incredibly thankful for our wonderful volunteers. Merriam–Webster dictionary defines a volunteer as *a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service.* Your dedication and willingness to donate your time “To Make the Best Better” does not go unnoticed!!

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**The Extension Office will be closed Monday,
September 4th for Labor Day.**



Extension - Huntington County



Last date for submission of information for the
November & December 2023 newsletter is October 27, 2023

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2024 4-H Enrollment Time Frame



It is almost 4-H Enrollment Time! Mark your calendars for
October 1, 2023 - January 15, 2024.

Enrollment will be available through your 4honline account.

PLEASE use the same profile you signed up with in 2022/2023. Even for Mini! **DO NOT** create a new one. Please pay attention to your years in 4-H.

*Payment (for grades 3 - 12) is due by January 25, 2024. You are **NOT** a 4-H member until you have paid the State Program Fee. Paying on line with a valid credit/debit card is the quickest and easiest way to become active. Otherwise, cash or check payments are due in the office by January 25, 2024. We are unable to take card payments over the phone.

State 4-H Project Info

If you are looking ahead to possible projects to enroll in next year, check out the 4-H website for project info: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington/index.html>

Updates/changes for the 2024 4-H project requirements will not be listed until mid November, but you could review information prior to the release of the 2024 Huntington County 4-H Fair book.

4-H Projects and Awards still in the Extension Office . . .

The Extension Office still has projects, awards and certificates of 4-H members not picked up from the County & State Fairs. We would appreciate your efforts to get these items picked up as soon as possible. Items still in the office after **October 31st** will be disposed of in an appropriate manner.

Shooting Sports Awards

Franceus/Hodge Family
Rhett Buzzard
Michael Foutz
Hayden Goodyear
Adelynn LaMontagne
Mason Paxon
Grace Reust
Colt Sharpe

Mini 4-H

Everett Johnson
Ryder Hacker
Braxton Mayo
Addison Pelsinski
Kyptin Richardson
Mason & Reed Shafer

10 year Member award

Nathaniel Elliott
Gabe Watkins

County Fair Items

Franceus/Hodge Family
Addison & Jace Funk
Gracie & Kendall Lauer
Nora McDaniel
Kayla Meyer

State Fair Items/Envelopes

Franceus/Hodge Family
Mara Hendryx
Allison Herstad
Madison Houser
Valerie Hughes
Tucker Jones
Kinlee Landrum
Gracie & Kendall Lauer
Andrew Sorg
Colton Young





- Hopefully every 4-H member has taken the time to thank those individuals who have provided their time, dedication, financial support, and energy to making the Huntington County 4-H program a success!
- **4-Hers – It’s not too late to say “Thank You”** to those who believe in your life skill development that comes through 4-H. **It’s so important to send your thank you** notes to award sponsors, auction buyers, 4-H leaders, and others who believe in 4-H and **you** as a 4-H member! If you need a mailing address contact the office.
- Without your efforts as a member to share your “Thanks” to our donors and supporters, we lose financial support. Please don’t let that happen!

The following are addresses of additional 4-H Fair sponsors:

Clean-Up Day T-Shirts

First Bank of Berne
 Jayde Ketring
 404 N Main Street
 Bluffton IN 46714



IF YOU HAVE NOT PICKED UP YOUR SHIRT PLEASE DO SO AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE!



4-H CHAMPION T-Shirts

Bippus State Bank
 Ryan Warner, President
 PO Box 1148
 Huntington IN 46750

Parkview Huntington Hospital
 Sonya Foraker
 2001 Stults Road
 Huntington IN 46750

Bowers Brewer Garrett & Wiley
 Joe Wiley
 310 Warren Street
 Huntington IN 46750

Coach’s Connection
 Jim Schroeder
 41 E Park Drive
 Huntington IN 46750

***This is the 26th year of these generous businesses sponsoring the Champion Shirts!
 Please thank them for their continued support!***



Stock-the-Trailer

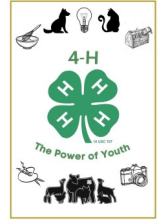
The Junior Leaders were able to raise over 2200 pounds of food during the fair that was donated to United With Love of Huntington. Clubs that donated the most were:

- 1st Place - Future Leaders
- 2nd Place - Canine Capers
- 3rd Place - 4-Leaf Clovers

Thank you to everyone who donated and supported the Junior Leaders!



**Attention 4-H Members....
Enter the Huntington County 4-H THEME -DESIGN Contest**



4-H Youth Development

Entries must be submitted in person, US Mail or email to the County Extension Office by Friday, October 6, 2023 by 4 pm

Contest Rules:

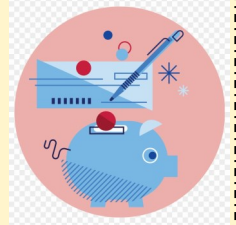
- ◇ Open to any Huntington County 4-H Member. Previous winners are eligible to enter again.
- ◇ Members are eligible to submit more than one entry.
- ◇ **Entries must be submitted digitally or with ink. Must contain 4-H and/or the official clover (the office can email to you). Clip art or free hand is recommended. Logo's from the internet are not suggested. Remember the logo will often be printed in a small area. Please make your design simple as to fit.**
- ◇ The winning entry in the 4-H Theme/Design contest will be used on 4-H promotional materials during the 2024 4-H Year. *(4-H Fairbook, Mini 4-H recruitment materials, etc.)*

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Email: ebrundig@purdue.edu

- ◇ Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entries.
- ◇ The 4-H club of the 1st place winner will also receive a \$40 gift certificate for a pizza party.

The following information must be submitted with each entry form for the 4-H Theme/Design contests:
Name Grade Address Club Email Phone

4-H Auction Appraisal Checks . . . If you have not yet cashed your appraisal check (market value) of your animal sold in the 4-H Fair Auction, do so immediately. Our banks must finalize these accounts as soon as possible: Beef, Goat, Rabbit, Sheep & Swine *(Huntington Co 4-H Fair Auction Account)*



As for premium value checks, it is the 4-H members' responsibility to contact the buyer of your auction animal to secure that money. DO NOT assume the business, organization or individual will automatically mail the premium money to you. Your personal "thank you" *in addition to a written note* is very important to the continuing support of many buyers and donors to our 4-H program.



The Huntington County 4-H Shooting Sports project continues to grow in numbers. If you are interested and have some extra time to commit to teaching our youth safe shooting sports practices, please consider becoming a volunteer leader for our archery, rifle, pistol or shotgun classes. For more information on the requirements and time commitment contact Shooting Sports Coordinator Steve Hull @ 260.519.3707 (leave message) or the Extension Office @ 260.358.4826



2023-24 Career Development Events for more information call the Extension Office!

- ◇ Milk Quality and Products
- ◇ Meat Evaluation
- ◇ Livestock Skillathon
- ◇ Horticulture
- ◇ Soil Evaluation
- ◇ Crops, Entomology, Forestry
- ◇ Livestock
- ◇ Dairy

The 2024 Huntington County 4-H Fair dates will be decided at the 4-H Fair Board meeting on September 19th. A post will be made on the Huntington County 4-H Facebook page announcing the dates.



2024 Indiana State Fair Will be Announced this Fall



2023 4-H LEADERSHIP SUMMIT— YOUTH & ADULTS



COME JOIN THE FUN & GET NEW IDEAS

4-H Members in grades 6-12 and adult volunteers are encouraged to attend this program. There will be speakers, lots of great ideas on how to improve your 4-H Clubs and your leadership skills. 4-H Achievement Scholarship winners will be recognized. 4-H Volunteers will also be recognized for their years of service. This is a great opportunity for both youth and adults! If you are interested in this event, please contact the Extension Office at 260-358-4826 for more information.

Upcoming 4-H & Extension Meetings

September

- 14 4-H Jr. Leaders, 7 pm, Parkview
Huntington Hospital Family Living Building
- 18 4-H Leaders, 7 pm, Annex
- 19 4-H Fair Board Annual Meeting, 7 pm,
Parkview Huntington Family Living Building

October

- 1 4honline opens for 2022-2023 Enrollment
- 2 Extension Board, 7pm, Annex
- 6 **Theme contest entries are due!**
- 6 **Rule Change suggestions due to the Extension Office.**
- 9 4-H Leaders Meeting 7 p.m. Annex
- 12 4-H Jr. Leaders, 7 pm, Parkview
Huntington Hospital Family Living Building



2024 4-H Project Rule Changes

All 4-H project proposals &/or rule changes must be submitted to the Huntington County Extension office by **October 6, 2023**

Rule changes must be submitted through the 4-H Leader Organization, 4-H Fair Board or animal specie groups. These groups will be meeting in September and October to discuss possible rule changes. Final decision of proposals will be determined by the 4-H Rules Committee. This process is detailed in the 4-H Fair book, page 9. rule # 20.



Huntington Co. Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale

Forks of the Wabash Pavilion – Saturday Sept. 9 from 8 a.m. -11 a.m. Perennials are often planted in the fall because they have a good chance of getting acclimated to a new home with proper care. All are welcome to stop and see the selection of plants available as well as to learn more about fall planting.

NEPAC Field Day – Wednesday, September 13

Purdue Extension in northeast Indiana will host a field day on September 13 for farmers and agribusiness professionals highlighting current agronomic research. The field day will be held at Northeast Purdue Agricultural Center (NEPAC), 4821 E. 400 S, Columbia City, IN.

The program begins with a series of morning workshops led by Purdue Extension experts. Workshop topics and presenters include:

- * Update on Weeds in Field Crops, by Bill Johnson and/or Marcelo Zimmer, Purdue Extension weed science specialists
- * Field Applications with UAVs (Spray & Cover Crops), by Mark Carter, Purdue Extension Educator and state UAV program coordinator
- * Capturing Manure Nutrients Through Application to Growing Crops, by Glen Arnold, Assoc. Professor, Field Specialist, Manure Nutrient Management, The Ohio State University
- * Update on Field Crops Diseases, by Darcy Telenko, Purdue Extension field crops pathologist

An optional afternoon demonstration session will be available on semi D.O.T. inspections, by state trooper, Jason Ward.

Participants can receive private applicator recertification program credit. Indiana Corn Marketing Council and Indiana Soybean Alliance will be sponsoring the individual \$10 fee. Commercial applicator CCHs and Certified Crop Adviser CEUs are anticipated to be available.

Registration, refreshments and vendor visits will take place from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. The program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., with lunch provided through the generous support of agribusiness sponsors. The optional afternoon session will be from 1:15-2:30 p.m. Admission is free, but registration is required by Sept. 6 to receive a meal. To register, contact the Whitley County Extension Office at 260-244-7615. Alternatively, you may register online at www.tinyurl.com/NEPAC2023

2023 Farmland Values and Cash Rents Survey Report Available

The Purdue Agricultural Economics Department recently released the 2023 Indiana Farmland Values and Cash Rents Survey. Indiana farmland prices once again hit record highs in 2023. Statewide, the average price of top-quality farmland averaged \$13,739 per acre, up 7.3% from June 2022. Average- and poor-quality farmland increased 5.8% and 0.7% to \$11,210 and \$8,689 per acre, respectively.

Per-acre cash rental rates for top-, average- and poor-quality land exceeded the previous highs set in 2013, 2014 and 2021. Indiana per-acre cash rent for top-quality land increased by 1.99% to \$306. Cash rental rates for average- and poor-quality land increased by 2.09% and 2.50% to \$257 and \$212, respectively.

A full report of this survey report along with a recorded webinar/podcast is available on the Center for Commercial Ag website: <https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag/>



*Huntington County
Master Gardeners*

*Present Their
Annual Fall Plant Sale*

*Forks of the Wabash
Saturday, September 9, 2023*

8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

** Perennials*

** Lots of other odds & ends*



PURDUE EXTENSION
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM





Carla's Corner...

Here it is almost the first of September already. This year is going by fast. These last few days of August sure have been warm. I want to give a shout out to all who entered the Open Class Show. We certainly have a lot of talent in Huntington County.

We have a lot going on in September:

- September 6th: Lessons on what to do about a car emergency and edible seeds. 6 pm, Extension Office.
- September 11th: District Meeting in Auburn for those who have registered.
- September 12th: Pre-Council Meeting for the Officers at 1 pm, Extension Office.
- September 13th: September 13th - 15th is Camp for those who have registered.
- September 26th: Council Meeting at 6:30 pm, Extension Office.
(Please note the change of date from Sept. 25th to the 26th, that occurred after the Year Book was printed.)
- September 27th: Fall trip to Beef & Boards to see Grumpy Old Men for those who have registered.

Read on for even more details of these, and other, upcoming events.

I know many of you are busy canning and freezing the produce from your gardens. So, I'm including a bit of trivia in honor of all your hard work.

Did you know that:

- 1 bushel of beets = 40 pint jars
- 100 ears of corn = 14 pint jars
- 1 bushel of peaches = 22 quart jars
- 1 bushel of peas = 14 pint jars
- 1 bushel of green beans = 17 to 20 quart jars
- 1 bushel of tomatoes = 16 to 20 quart jars

Have a great Fall!

Carla

County Lessons...

The Fall Educational Lessons for Huntington County will be held on Wednesday, September 6th in the Extension Office meeting room starting at 6 pm. Mary Ann Ripperger will present a lesson on "Car Maintenance". We will learn how to keep our car running smoothly. The second lesson will be given by Caroline Everidge on "Edible Seeds". Refreshments will be served between lessons. The cost of the evening will be \$4.00.

******If you forgot to sign up for the lesson, it's not too late!
Call Rita McCabe (260-341-3278) immediately and let her know.******



Fall District Meeting...

The Fall District Meeting will be held in DeKalb County on Monday, September 11th in the 4-H Fair Exhibit Hall at 708 South Union Street, Auburn. We hope see you there for a fun day of fellowship, food and interesting topics and conversations.

Northeast Indiana Homemakers Camp...

The Northeast Indiana Homemaker's Camp will be held September 13, 14, and 15 at Camp Shiloh near Marion. We hope you are registered and we look forward to seeing you there! There will be lots of fun, friends and yummy foods along with interesting educational lessons, cute craft projects, musical entertainment, screamo, and other games.



Fall Trip...



Let American Heritage Trails do the driving, so you can just sit back and enjoy the day. We will be going to Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre in Indianapolis on Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

Please see the attached flyer for all of the details. Contact Ann Emely for any registration concerns or details.

Ann Emely

Paper Artisans CROP...

The Paper Artisans Extension Homemakers Club will be hosting a Fall CROP on Saturday, October 21st at the First Church of the Nazarene beginning at 9 am. So if you are interested in working on your scrapbooks or making cards, please join us. Cost of the day will be \$20.00 and include breakfast drinks and donuts and afternoon snacks.

We will not serve lunch this time. You can bring your own lunch or go out and get something at a nearby restaurant. Information will be available soon in the Extension Office. Contact Jennifer Minick or Rita McCabe for more info.

Registration deadline is Friday, October 6, 2023.

Rita McCabe





Organized transportation by the Huntington County Extension Homemakers:

NEIGHBORS MAX AND JOHN HAVE BEEN FEUDING FOR MOST OF THEIR LIVES. INVIGORATED BY THEIR SHARED AFFECTION FOR THEIR NEW NEIGHBOR, THEY FACE OFF AS ROMANTIC RIVALS UNTIL THEIR HILARIOUS SHENANIGANS FINALLY BRING ABOUT A RESOLUTION TO THEIR LONGSTANDING DIFFERENCES.

*This event and transportation is open to the public. We only have a limited amount of seats reserved for our group.

Wednesday, September 27

\$99

 **INDIANAPOLIS, IN
BEEF & BOARDS DINNER THEATRE**

TRIP INCLUDES:

BUFFET LUNCHEON
MATINEE PERFORMANCE
LUXURY MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION
BOTTLE OF WATER
LIGHT SNACK

TRAVEL TIMES:

PICK UP AT VILLAGE OF COVENTRY BY KROGER:
8:30 AM
APPROXIMATE TIME HOME:
6 PM

REGISTER NOW

Call American Heritage Trails to book your trip:
260-637-0719 ext 71



For more information or to book online:
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