



SC4-H NEWS

From the 4-H Staff-

December 2024/ January 2025

Hi everyone! Hope you are all doing well. Please be sure to check out this newsletter for important updates and plans for upcoming programs and events. If you still need to enroll in 4-H, please hop online to v2.4honline.com. If you have any questions, please let us know!

The 2024- 2025 handbooks should be in our office tentatively sometime in February. We will also add the electronic file to our website when it's finalized. The theme this year is, "***Sea the Opportunities of 4-H***" The Junior Leaders did a great job coming up with several options for the upcoming year. So way to go Junior Leaders for selecting such a neat theme for this next year!



Beyond Ready

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our 4-H Advisory Council for organizing a fantastic 4-H Open House! During this event, six different clubs were present to welcome new members. We showcased numerous 4-H projects for families to enjoy, along with a cookie decorating station, a craft activity, SNOWIE, and an information booth staffed by 4-H personnel. Thank you to everyone who helped with this event—it's always a highlight for us!

With the holidays coming up, the Extension Office will be closed on the following days:

Christmas—December 24-25, 2024. Will return on December 26, 2024.

New Year's Holiday—December 31, 2024 & January 1, 2025. Will return on January 2, 2025.

MLK Day—January 20, 2025. Will return on January 21, 2025.

We hope everyone enjoys their time over the holidays spent with family and friends.

Happy Holidays!





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News You Need to Know:

All 4-H Families-

- **Enrollment for Shelby County 4-H is open at <https://v2.4honline.com>.** Please remember that your enrollment is **NOT** complete until you have paid the program fee. Payments made online by credit card can be activated by our office. The procedure for check or cash payments is much different. Your enrollment can not be made active until the payment is first received and processed in our office. We will then notify the state 4-H office that payment has been received. Only then will the state office activate your enrollment. This procedure may take several days or, as we get closer to the January 15 target enrollment date, a couple of weeks. **If you choose to pay by cash or check, it is strongly suggested that you bring or mail your payment to our office as soon as you have finished with the online enrollment.** Checks must be made payable to Purdue CES.
- **ALL Mini (K-2nd grade), regular 4-H members (3-12), and Adult Volunteers must re-enroll each year.**
- **Do you have an interest in 4-H Shooting Sports?** An Orientation meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 7p.m. in the Brinson Building at the Shelby County Fairgrounds. This is an informational meeting for anyone interested in the Shooting Sports program.
- **The Drop/Add date** for all projects is May 15.
- **Be sure to check exhibit requirements for your 2025 projects!** A few changes have occurred, including new manuals and exhibit requirements in some projects, so look before you start!



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Life Lessons

Some Topics Include:

- Budgeting/Finances ●
- Home Care ●
- Self Care ●
- Auto Care ●

SAVE THE DATE

- TUESDAYS JANUARY 14-MARCH 4
- 7-8 P.M. ET/6-7 P.M. CT
- ZOOM AND GOOGLE CLASSROOM
- HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Register via 4-H Online! Opens end of November.
Questions? Contact local Purdue Extension office.
Purdue University is an equal access/equal opportunity university.

• Are you in your last 2 years of 4-H eligibility?

If so, you are invited to join the Legacy Group, an elite philanthropic group of Shelby County 4-H members dedicated to improving their community. Please be on the look out for a letter with more information, coming in December. First meeting for Legacy Group will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Cassidy Shop (2539 E 700 S, Waldron, IN 46182).

Life Lessons—This is a weekly hour long session on life lesson to prepare youth for adulthood. Signups will be through 4-H Online, stay tuned for more details!



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News You Might Like to Know-

- **College bound members, be sure to check out the Shelby County Ag Promotion Scholarship.** You must complete the form and essay and return it by February 15, 2025. This scholarship is available in our office and on our website.
- **Shelby County Pork Producers Scholarship is due Friday, May 30, 2025.** This scholarship is available in our office and on our website.
- **Workshops, trips, 4-H Band, 4-H Chorus** information and more is available at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/>
 - ⇒ 4-H Band: June 21-23, 2025
 - ⇒ 4-H Chorus: June 21-24, 2025
- **Beef ID & Weigh In Day** will be on **Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 8-10 a.m.** If you are showing cattle, make plans to have your animals at the fairgrounds. The snow make up date is March 29 from 8-10 a.m.
- **ID Day for Sheep, Goats and Feeder Calves** will be **May 3, 2025 from 8-10 a.m.**, at the livestock barns. The rain make up date is May 10, 2025 from 8-10 a.m.
- **All steers, commercial heifers and registered heifers and Dairy MUST have RFID tags by May 15 to exhibit at the Shelby County Fair.**
- **Animal enrollments, livestock auction forms, pen reservation forms, lease forms, etc. are all due by May 15!**
- **Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (IQLC) and YQCA certificates are due to the Shelby County Extension Office by May 21!**
- **A Couple of VERY Important Animal Notes:**
 1. Most 4-H animals must be "ENROLLED" in 4-H, just as our human members are. Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Horses, Llamas, Sheep and Swine must all be enrolled through v2.4honline.com website by May 15. This enrollment allows the animal to be identified as an official 4-H animal that can exhibit at our county show, 4-H fun shows, area shows and the Indiana State Fair. Animal enrollment is done through the same log in you used to enroll yourself in 4-H.
 2. From May 1 to May 21, you will "ENTER" your animal in classes for the Shelby County Fair by going to <https://faireentry.com> and selecting your animal from the enrollment you created earlier for it in <https://v2.4honline.com>. You will then enter it in the appropriate classes.
 3. Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (IQLC) or YQCA training needs to be completed by May 21st for beef, dairy cattle, goats, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine exhibitors.
 4. Cats, Dogs, Poultry, and Rabbits, due to limited ID requirements, will be enrolled as 4-H animals when they sign up for their county fair classes through Fair Entry.
 5. Cats, Dogs, and Horses must have 2025 vaccination forms completed before attending any 4-H events, including practices and workshops. Forms are now available at the Shelby County Extension Office or on our website.

I know this sounds a bit confusing. Just think of it this way: Both you and your animal(s) will **enroll in 4-H through v2.4honline.com. You will then **enter that animal in classes for the fair using the faireentry.com**. The only paperwork you need to turn in is your paid auction form, lease forms if applicable, YQCA / IQLC certificate, and a pen reservation form (if appropriate to your species). Small animals will simply use the FairEntry website to identify their animals and enter the fair classes. Questions? Call us at the extension office and we will be glad to help!*



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4-H Adult Volunteers-

- **The 2025 4-H Adult Volunteer packets were mailed in middle November.** A big thank you to those of you who have submitted your <https://v2.4honline.com> 2025 enrollment! If you have not completed this, please do so **NOW!** **Your 2025 Adult Volunteer enrollment MUST be completed before you meet with the youth in 2025!**

- **Each 4-H Adult Volunteer must complete the required annual training(s) each year.** It will be done through the v2.4honline.com site as you complete your annual enrollment. Enrollment status will NOT be complete until all trainings and screenings are complete.

THANK YOU
Volunteers 

⇒ *Note- You cannot skip through the slides, you must go through each one as it follows to receive credit. Also, if prompted to select NEXT or CONTINUE at the end of each slide, do so until it takes you back to 4-H Online.

Mini 4-H-

- **The Mini 4-H Handbooks will be ready after the first of the year!** You will be able to download those from our website or stop by the office for your copy! More details to come!

- **Mini 4-H is for children in Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade.** Mini 4-H workshops will be a time for Mini 4-H members to participate in group activities, mixers, socialize with children their age, and also learn how to work together. At the time of the workshops, parents will be able to ask questions as well as learn how to help their child with the projects that interest them. Some topics that will be covered include; projects available for Mini 4-H members, project deadlines, Mini 4-H Camp, what to expect throughout the year, and other opportunities Shelby County has to offer. Each Mini workshop will have a corresponding theme. All activities, games and learning material will correspond with the theme chosen for each workshop. **Workshops for this year will be held:**

- ⇒ February 6, 2025 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Family Arts Building at the Shelby County Fairgrounds
- ⇒ March 6, 2025 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Family Arts Building at the Shelby County Fairgrounds
- ⇒ April 10, 2025 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Family Arts Building at the Shelby County Fairgrounds



RT2: Read, Taste, & Touch-

- **Next meeting is December 3, 2024 at 5:30p.m.,** we will be reading '*The Littlest Reindeer*', making a winter craft and enjoying some applesauce. Youth in K-2rd are encouraged to attend this FREE event!
- The primary purpose of RT2 is to promote reading, good nutrition, and agriculture awareness among preschool and early elementary aged children.
- Upcoming meetings for the year are:
 - ⇒ February 11, 2025 from 5:30-6:15p.m. at the Extension Office
 - ⇒ April 8, 2025 from 5:30-6:15p.m. at the Extension Office



Youth attending this program will take home a copy of each book!

Scan to Register



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Club Leaders-

- If you wish to host club meetings utilizing the buildings on the fairgrounds, you must call Jennifer Thopy to schedule your meetings.
- If you would like for the office to send out an informative letter with meeting dates and times to your club members, please reach out to the office.

How to find a club & where to find club information-

- When completing enrollment with 4-H Online, you will be prompted to select a club. But when selecting a club as a new member or joining another club as a returning member—here are some tips.
 - ⇒ Finding a club that fits your family is what's most important. Some things to consider—meeting dates, locations, and times. Choose a club that fits into your schedule.
 - ⇒ What's the difference in a '4-H Club' vs 'Special Clubs': A traditional 4-H club will meet at least once a month (typically beginning in January) and have more formal/ business meetings. A Special Club is a 4-H club who still meets at least once a month, but have more workshop based meetings.
 - ⇒ Updated Club information details can be found on the Calendar posted on the website.
- More up to date information regarding club meetings can be found on our website (<https://bit.ly/ShelbyCo4-H>), scroll down to the heading '4-H Clubs & Leaders. Each Shelby County 4-H Club has its own tab, so just select the club you belong to or are interested in and see their information listed!
- If you (Parent/ Guardian) would be interested in assisting your 4-H member's club, please contact the office! There are many types and variations of Adult Volunteers! Shelby County 4-H is always looking for more volunteers!
- Finding a club can be a bit overwhelming as a new family— if you have questions, please reach out the club leader or our office!



4-H Scholarships—

- In partnership with the Indiana 4-H Foundation, the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program annually awards more than \$150,000.00 in scholarships to 4-H members to pursue post-secondary education. Scholarships are awarded to recognize youth participating in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program on their achievements and life skill development resulting from their participation in a variety of 4-H experiences.
 - ⇒ 4-H Accomplishment Resume Scholarship due January 25, 2025 (10-12th grade)
 - ⇒ 4-H Club Scholarship due January 25, 2025 (12th grade or who is currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution and will be transferring to Purdue University in the fall semester)
 - ⇒ 4-H Senior Year Scholarship due January 25, 2025
- Scan the QR code the right to watch a helpful video on getting started with 4-H scholarships! More information can be found (<https://bit.ly/IN4-HScholarships>).





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The Following is a *PARTIAL* List of Changes for 2024-2025-

- The 2025 Fair Dates are June 9-14, 2025!
- There will be some changes made to the Horse and Pony & Llama and Alpaca schedules!
- NEW PROJECTS & Changes
 - ⇒ Myotonic Class to Meat Goats
 - ⇒ Utility Goats
 - ⇒ Mini 4-H Photography
 - ⇒ Foods Recipe Card has changed again
 - ⇒ 4-Her and/or representative must be present to put their animal on the truck. There will be a set time for loading. After the truck leaves, animals left behind will be going home with 4-Her.
 - ⇒ Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pen and Poultry Meat Pen were added to the Auction.
 - ⇒ See full list of changes in the 2025 Shelby County 4-H Handbook.

***This is not a complete list. Please consult your 2025 Shelby County handbook for complete exhibit requirements, scheduling and details.**

Shelby County 4-H Fun Fact!

- Do you know what all the 4-H Advisory Council helps with? They help support our program greatly! Just to name a few items: they help with-providing livestock tags, promotional materials, volunteer appreciation gifts, awards and much more! Please be sure to thank them whenever you see our members! We greatly appreciate all they do! Also be sure to promote and help with any of their fundraisers (spring flowers, poinsettias, shirts, etc.)-the money they raise goes right back to support our 4-H members!

Project Materials—

- Did you know our office has supplies on hand (year-round) for many of your 4-H project needs? We have posters, sleeves, electric kits, cake decorating boards, and select styrofoam cake dummies. **NEW** this year are the salon print mount, for the photography project!
- Most projects have manuals to assist or correspond with said project, feel free to swing by the office to claim those!

PRICE LIST	
POSTERS	
POSTER (22" X 28")	\$4.00
SALON MOUNT (16" X 20")	\$3.50
SLEEVES	
POSTER SLEEVE (22" X 28")	\$0.50
SALON SLEEVE (16" X 20")	\$0.50
MINI 4-H SLEEVE (14" X 22")	\$0.50



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Junior Leaders-

- See the image to the right for a list of meeting dates for the 2025 program year.
- Junior Leaders is a fun, interactive group of young adults ranging in grades 7-12th who strive to make a difference in their community, and guide younger members through their time in 4-H.
- Junior Leaders is both a club and a project. For a member to complete the project they must be signed up for the 'Junior Leaders' project in 4-H Online.
- There are many opportunities to assist with 4-H events as a Junior Leader!
 - ⇒ Mini 4-H Workshop | February 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
 - ⇒ Mini 4-H Workshop | March 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
 - ⇒ Mini 4-H Workshop | April 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
 - ⇒ 4-H Camp
 - ⇒ Family Appreciation Night | June 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
 - ⇒ Mini 4-H Camp | June 10-11, 2025



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Junior Leaders

JAN 15	Ramsey Farms Ag Enterprises 6:30PM, FARM EQUIPMENT PRESENTATION
FEB 12	Extension Office Education Room 6:30PM, REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12	Shelbyville Walmart 6:30PM, SHOPPING FOR HYGIENE DRIVE
APRIL 16	Extension Office Education Room 6:30PM, COURT HOUSE & TUNNEL TOUR
MAY 14	Extension Office Education Room 6:30PM, REGULAR MEETING & FAIR SIGN UPS

JUNIOR LEADER

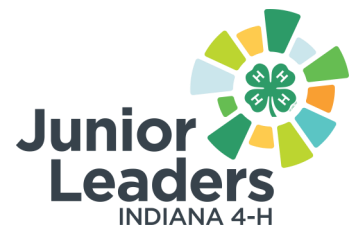
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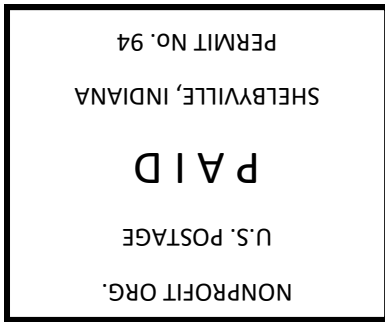
Friday, December 13, 2024
6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.
Extension Office Education Room

Bring a white elephant gift (\$5 or less)!

Click the link here to sign up to bring a side dish, main course will be provided.

<https://bit.ly/JLHolidayParty2024>





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2025 Shelby County Fair: June 9th - 14th



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