



SC4-H NEWS

From the Educator-

June - July 2025

Hi everyone!

I am excited to spend my first Shelby County Fair with all of you! This newsletter contains essential information about Project Judging and Fair Week, so please read it thoroughly. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office.



I have some exciting news: Each year, Shelby County is allocated 30 spots for campers during our four-day camp at Shakamak State Park in Jasonville, IN. Unfortunately, this year, we had only 5 campers participate, which is significantly lower than last year. The 4-H Camp is such a fun experience! If this opportunity interests you, I encourage you to talk with club members who have attended camp.

I want to extend my gratitude to our 2025 camp counselors: Pipar Hodge, Ryan Goodwin, Farah Coen, Clara Cruea, and Caleb McDonald. Thank you for your leadership! I also want to thank our volunteers for their support—without you, we couldn't have made this happen! I look forward to seeing all of you at the fair.

Happy Fair Season!
Erin

2025 Shelby County 4-H Summer Staff!



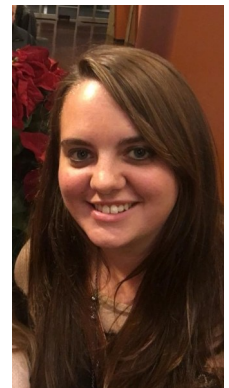
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Jessika Thomas



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We would like to extend a special thank you to our 2025 Summer Staff! Each of these ladies has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that all 4-H needs are met for everyone this summer. If you see them out and about, please take a moment to express your gratitude for their hard work!



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News You Need to Know:

All 4-H Families-

*****Project Judging Week*****

- **Now is the time to carefully check the project judging schedule pages (76-77) of your 2025 4-H Handbook!** Please make sure you have marked the day (s) your project (s) will be judged!
- **All 4-H members grades 3-12 should have received an envelope** containing an important letter, general project tags (if you entered your projects in FairEntry) and project list (please check for accuracy!), and one (per family) Shelby County Fair pass. **If you have not received this envelope by May 29, 2025 please contact the Extension Office.**
- If you **DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR PRE-PRINTED PROJECT TAGS** in the mail, that means that you did not complete FairEntry (second website letting us know what projects you are bringing to the fair). At project check in, we will have a table set up with laptops for you to enter your projects there and get a slip to take to the judge letting them know you are in fact entered in the project and should be added to their judging books. Make sure you arrive at project judging early enough to allow time for this. **This includes livestock.**
- **Green Record Books** are due **NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM, Wednesday, June 4** (this is before the county fair)! You may also bring your Green Record Book with you to judging on Monday, June 2 or Tuesday, June 3 and turn it in at that time. Missing books and/or record sheets will result in the loss of premiums. Remember, you need to complete a record sheet for EACH project! (front & back)
 - ⇒ ***My Record of 4-H Achievement*** instructions and help can be found on page 222-223 of the 2025 Handbook.

*****At the Fair*****

- See page 50 of the 2025 Shelby County 4-H Handbook for a calendar of events
- 'Like' our Facebook page, ***Shelby County, IN 4-H*** to follow along for updates in real time
- **4-H Advisory Council Election**-Voting will be held during the fair. Ballots will be at the 4-H building. Each 4-H Family will have one vote (4-H Families defined as those having at least one child, grades 3-12, enrolled in 2025 Shelby County 4-H or having a family member who is a 2025 approved Shelby County 4-H Adult Volunteer). Further information on voting will be available at the fairgrounds. Vote and make your voice heard!
- **4-H Foods Auction Night:** Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 5:00 PM, Livestock Arena. If you are a foods or microwave exhibitor & wish to participate, you **MUST** sign up at foods check in!
 - ⇒ **4-H Foods and Microwave project members putting food in the auction:** if your exhibit calls for a specific number of food items to be presented at judging (such as 6 pieces of fudge, three cookies, three muffins, etc.) you should bring "extras" to add to your auction plate. The plate your items are on/ sold in the Foods Auction will not be returned. Remember, the judge will most likely consume at least one of your items in the judging process and your food auction buyer would appreciate a full plate.



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- **Shelby County Royal Showmanship Competition**– Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 7:30 PM
- **4-H Hot Dog Feed and Awards Program**– Thursday, June 12, 2025. Food from 4:00-5:00 PM Awards presented at 4:30 PM, both activities will be at the Livestock Barns area. No Hot Dog Feed tickets are required. 4-H Exhibitors will be asked to check in at the podium so we can give proper recognition to grand/reserve grand champion winners. Exhibitors not checked in will not be announced.
 - ⇒ We are excited to announce that this year we will be hosting a separate Volunteer Recognition Night in the Fall. On October 25, 2025, we will hold an evening dedicated to thanking and supporting the volunteers in our program. This event will include dinner, recognition, and awards for our volunteers. Additional information about this event will be shared in the Fall.

****After the Fair****

- **4-H Project, Green Record Book and Premium Money Pick Up**- Monday, June 16, 2025, 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds.
 - ⇒ You may arrange for someone else to pick up and sign for your money, book and project.
 - ⇒ A second (*FINAL*) opportunity to pick up projects will be on Monday, August 18, 2025 from 5:00-7:00 PM. There will be **NO PREMIUMS AVAILABLE**
- **If you received a special award at the fair, "Congratulations"!** Along with your award you received a Thank You note to be sent to the award sponsor. Our sponsors are very important! Make sure you write a personal message of thanks and put the card in the mail.
- **4-H Program Evaluation Meeting:** August 20, 2025 at 6:30 PM in Brinson Hall
 - ⇒ A **Rule Change and Suggestion Form** is now available. Please read the form carefully. We value your ideas for improving our program and we want your suggestions for implementing those ideas. The due date for the Program Evaluation/ Rule Change Suggestion form is Friday, August 15, 2025 at 4:00 PM.
- **The Shelby County Extension Office will be closed on Thursday, June 19** in recognition of Juneteenth, and on **Friday, July 4** for Independence Day.

Congratulations!

- Congratulations to our 10 year 4-H members! Our office has enjoyed watching this group grow from 3rd graders into fine young men and women. We wish all of them a fantastic future.

Aurora Belton	Brooklyn Blankenship	Terra Decker	Parker Douglas	Lilli Dove	Charlie Graham
Morgan Justus	Brock Kelley	Samantha Smith	Libby Weinanz	Jacob Hawk	Shelby Higdon

- **2025 Farm Bureau Tenure Award Winners** are **Lilli Dove and Libby Weinantz!** Congratulations on 10 years of hard work in 4-H!
- **Congratulations to our Top Flower Salesmen!**
 1. Liam Rund
 2. Lucy Jackson
 3. Ryan Goodwin





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- **Congratulations to our 2025 Tenured Volunteers!** These volunteers have reached a significant milestone in their service. Each volunteer has dedicated countless hours to assist with various programs in Shelby County 4-H.
 - Darrin Linville, 20 years
 - Keith Meltzer, 30 years
 - Brenda Nortrup, 25 years
 - Kenny Ramsey, 30 years

Mini 4-H -

- **All Mini 4-H members exhibiting animals must a signed liability release form prior to showing any animals.** This form is available in your Mini 4-H Handbook, on our website, and in our office.
- **Mini 4-H Dates To Remember!** Please check the inside page of your 2025 Mini 4-H Handbook for your project day schedule. The week prior to and during the fair will be very busy and we don't want you to be left out of the fun!
 - ⇒ **Mini 4-H Fashion Revue** will be on Wednesday, June 4. Judging will be at 10:30 AM and the Fashion Show at 7:00 PM at Lewis Creek Baptist Church.
 - ⇒ **Mini 4-H General Project** judging will be on Saturday, June 7 from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM on the Stage behind the Brinson Building on the Shelby County Fairgrounds.
 - ⇒ **Mini 4-H Cat Show** will be on Thursday, June 12 at 9:00 AM in Brinson Hall.
 - ⇒ **Mini 4-H Swine Exhibitors are invited to the Swine workshop** on Sunday, June 8 at 4:00 PM
 - ⇒ **Mini 4-H Goat, Sheep and Swine** will be on Monday, June 9 at 1:00 PM in Livestock Barn.
 - ⇒ **Mini 4-H Rabbit Show** will be Thursday, June 12 beginning at 10:00 AM at the livestock barns.
 - ⇒ **Mini 4-H Project Pick Up** will be on Monday, June 16 from 5:00 -7:00 PM at the 4-H Building. No premiums are paid on Mini projects, but ribbons will be sent home with the projects.
 - ⇒ **Mini 4-H Day Camp!** July 10-11 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Shelby County Fairgrounds. Mini Camp applications and Camp Health Forms are in the Mini 4-H Handbook and available on the website.

Junior Leaders-

- **Get ready for the Junior Leader Achievement Trip!** The group decided on Rascals Fun Zone, Whiteland, IN. More details on this event will be shared with Junior Leaders soon.
- Junior Leader Record Books are due to the Shelby County Purdue Extension Office by Thursday, June 18, 2025 at 4:00 PM. If you have not picked yours up, stop by the Extension Office.

RT2: Read, Taste, & Touch at the Fair

- **Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 9:30 AM** in the Brinson Building on the Shelby County Fairgrounds
- **Kindergarten-2nd grade**, join us for a hands on learning opportunity, activity, healthy snack, and Storytime with guest reader!
- **Let us know if you will be at RT2 by completing this quick form!**
 - ⇒ <https://bit.ly/rt22025>



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Adult Volunteers-

- **Volunteers Needed!** We rely upon volunteers to make the fair run smoothly. The buildings can't be open to the public, and judging lines will be longer without your help! Please sign up for Building Monitoring or Judges Helper.
 - ⇒ **Judges Helper:** <https://bit.ly/2025judgeshelper> (Please do not sign up to help with a project in which you or a family member is exhibiting).
 - ⇒ **4-H Building and Brinson Building:** <https://bit.ly/2025bldgsignup>

4-H Livestock/Animal Exhibitors-

- **4-H Dairy Workshop:** Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 3:00 PM in the Livestock Pavilion
- **4-H Swine Workshop:** Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 4:00 PM in the Livestock Pavilion
- **4-H Beef Workshop:** Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 5:00 PM in the Livestock Pavilion
- Please make sure with livestock/animals that you are arriving within the **check-in** window time as stated in the 2025 Handbook. Refer to pages 174-175 of the 2025 Shelby County Handbook or this link: <https://bit.ly/2025livestockschedule>
- **Exhibition**– All exhibits must be entered into FairEntry, including livestock (May 1st—May 21st). Youth must identify the classes they will be showing their animals in (this step is to be completed with FairEntry). Those missing the deadline will complete FairEntry with a computer provided at check in prior to the animal unloaded from the trailer.
- Poultry Pen set up will be Friday, June 6, 2025 at 5:00 PM in the Poultry Barn.
- **ANIMAL RELEASE FOR LIVESTOCK** is scheduled from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM on June 12th with pens being cleaned out by 12:00 PM on June 12th. If you are exhibiting livestock alongside cats and /or rabbits, please get in touch with your species superintendent & livestock superintendent to work out a reasonable time to clean your pen. If an animal is going on the sale or out truck, the 4-Her or a representative will need to be present for it to go on the truck at **7:00 AM on Thursday, June 12, 2025.**



Livestock Auction-

- **NEW AUCTION**– If you plan to sell an animal at the auction, please pick up Auction Buyer Invitations to personally deliver to last year's buyers and to local businesses that your family frequently visits in our community and surrounding areas. We need your help to attract more buyers! Your efforts can make a significant difference in drawing more people to our auction.
- The 4-Her and/or representative **must** be present to put their animal on the truck. Animals will be loaded on the out truck on Thursday June 12, 2025 at 7:00 AM. After the truck leaves, the animals will be going home with the 4-H'er.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- **There is to be no outside animals inside any of the livestock barns during the week of fair. The only animals permitted to enter the livestock barns are those entered in 4-HOnline and FairEntry.**



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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!

4-H State Opportunities

- This year Shelby County has two 4-H members, Caleb McDonald and Ryan Goodwin that are attending **4-H Academy!**
 - ⇒ 4-H Academy at Purdue is a program held at Purdue University specifically designed to offer hands-on, exciting opportunities to learn about a diverse selection of subjects and careers.

4-H Members Doing Great Things

- 4-H Youth Educator, Erin Padgett sent out an email to our volunteers at the beginning of April explaining a new system to **recognize the hard work and good things the youth in our program are doing** (inside and outside of 4-H). Erin has created a google form for parents, leaders, teachers, and volunteers to submit the great things that the Shelby County 4-H members are accomplishing! Information submitted will be used by 4-H Youth Educator, Erin Padgett, to praise and encourage members for their hard work, service, etc.
- Examples: making honor roll at school, extracurricular achievements (club officer, awards, etc), sports (awards, mental attitude, etc.), community service/volunteering, etc.
- Access the form with this link: <https://bit.ly/4iFY1My>

Family Appreciation Night!

- Join us on Sunday, June 8, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the area surrounding the 4-H Building and Brinson Building as we celebrate all things 4-H and kick off fair week. This event is a fantastic opportunity for 4-H members, their families, and Mini 4-H families to preview their exhibits!
- Food and beverages will be provided in the Cattlemen's Building.
- We would like to extend our gratitude to the Shelby County Ag Promotion, Shelby County Farm Bureau, and the Shelby County 4-H Advisory Council for sponsoring this event!

Crunch for a Cause

- Our Shelby County 4-H Junior Leaders are partnering with S.A.S.S. to collect cereal in order to provide breakfast for the first week back to school for all children receiving school supplies from the 5th Annual S.A.S.S. Back to School distribution.
- The first 250 people who bring **2 boxes of breakfast cereal to the office in the 4-H Building from 5:00 to 9:00 PM during the Shelby County Fair will receive one (1) FREE Indiana State Fair admission ticket.** Indiana State Fair tickets are donated by the FAIRs Care Program.





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Program Evaluation/ Rule Change Suggestion Form (2024-2025)

(Due by 4:00 PM on Aug 15, 2025)

4-H Program Evaluation Meeting Purpose

Please submit or present a plan of action alongside this form to implement your suggestion. The 4-H Program Evaluation Meeting will be held on August 20, 2025 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Brinson Building on the Shelby County Fairgrounds. The 4-H Program Evaluation Meeting is a time where you (4-H members, parents, leaders, etc.) can attend, voice your concern or idea and propose a plan moving forward. ALL suggestions submitted will be given to the appropriate committee/ board for consideration. **Attendees will be expected to engage in conversation and break-outs during the meeting. This is an interactive meeting.**

You must complete and submit a Rule Changes and Suggestions Form before you present your ideas.

Person Submitting Request: _____

Relationship to 4-H: ☐ 4-H'er ☐ Project Leader/Superintendent

☐ Parent ☐ Club Leaders ☐ 4-H Council Member

Feel free to use additional paper to further explain your suggestions and ideas.

Are there any projects you would like to see added? If so, please list and explain.

Do you have any suggestion on rule changes/ and or additions?

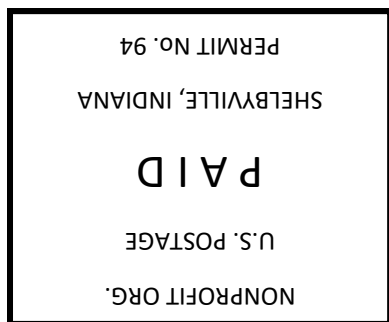
Are there any programs you would like to see offered?

Suggestions for fair activities.

Suggestions for other 4-H activities:

Please be prepared to submit or present a plan of action to implement your suggestion. (Use Additional Paper If Needed)

To submit a digital form, use this link: **<https://bit.ly/2425ProgramEvaluation>**



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