

April 2024 Newsletter

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ECLIPSE

JENNINGS COUNTY

April 5-8, 2024



Check out the schedule of events at
www.eclipsejenningscounty.com
or scan here



Eclipse Featured Event:

CHASE the DARK

GOOSE CHASE

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Purdue has a new tool to empower Hoosiers. Your input is crucial for securing funding for broadband expansion. Learn more and access the new tool here:

<https:puext.in/49X1hQi>

April 4-H Newsletter

Jennings County 4-H

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Dear 4-H Families & Volunteers,

Thank you to those that have enrolled in 4-H! The Jennings County fair will be here before we know it! The countdown is on and we have lots to get done in the next couple of months! The newsletter contains all sorts of important information regarding fair and other summer events. I wanted to give everyone a friendly reminder that May 15th is around the corner. There are lots of items needed by that deadline, so please be aware of this approaching date! Don't forget that handbooks are ready and in the office awaiting pick up!

All the best,
Rebekah Cartwright
4-H Youth Development Educator



What needs to be completed by May 15th?

- **All project changes should be made in 4-H Online no later than May 15th. You may add/drop projects from what you originally decided until then.**
- **Animal ID information MUST be entered into 4-H Online, excluding poultry.**
- **If you plan to exhibit livestock at the Indiana State Fair, DNA envelopes must be returned to the extension office by 4:00pm on May 15th**
- **Horse and Pony Vaccination Forms are due. Upload these into 4-H Online and submit a copy to the extension office or JC Riders Club Leaders.**
- **Seniors: Plain Dealer questionnaire and 4-H Scholarships are due to the extension office by May 15th.**

Tractor Contest Date

The Tractor Contest will take place at 6:00 PM on June 21st at Dave and Jenny Vogel's home.

Highway 3 Construction During The Fair

As some of you may be aware there will be construction on Highway 3 causing it to be closed during our 2024 Fair. We are aware of this and will provide updates as we receive them. Until then we recommend checking in with Indiana Department of Transportation: Southeast for updates.

SE 4-H Camp

Junior Staff Trainings:

- April 20th 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. at Jefferson County 4-H Community Building for **all Junior Staff**

CAMP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR ALL 3rd-7th GRADERS!!!

- **Camp Applications are due by May 1st**
- **Camp cost is only \$56.25 for Jennings County 4-Hers**

Important Dates

April

- 1 Muscatatuck Mudpuppies 6 pm
- 1 Barefoot Bandits 6 pm
- 2 Dog Club 6 pm
- 9 Dog Club 6 pm
- 10 Beef Club 6 pm
- 11 Livestock Committee 6 pm
- 13 Zenas Livewires and Plowboys Spring Cleaning
- 13 IQLC 10 am
- 15 IQLC 6 pm
- 16 Dog Club 6 pm
- 18 Tractor Club 6 pm
- 20 Llama Club 9:30 AM
- 22 4-H Council Meeting
- 22 Livestock Committee Meeting (Pending)
- 23 Dog Club 6 pm
- 23 Junior Leaders 6pm
- 25 Tractor Club 6 pm
- 27 Goat & Sheep Tagging 9-11 am
- 30 Dog Club 6pm

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Club Meetings & Events

- Barefoot Bandits Meeting - 6:00 PM, April 1st, JC Public Library
- Muscatatuck Mudpuppies Meeting - 6:00 PM, April 1st, New Bethel Methodist Church
- Dog Club
 - Meeting - 6:00 PM, April 2nd, Muscatatuck Park: Playground Parking Lot
 - Meeting - 6:00 PM, April 9th, JC Library Parking Lot
 - Meeting - 6:00 PM, April 16th, Vernon Courthouse Lawn
 - Meeting - 6:00 PM, April 23rd, Stellar Park
 - Meeting - 6:00 PM, April 30th, Tripton Park
- Beef Club Meeting - 6:00 PM, April 10th, JC Public Library
- Zenas Livewires & Plowboys Spring Cleaning - April 13th
- IQLC - 10:00 AM, April 13th, Jennings County Government Center
- IQLC - 6:00 PM, April 15th, JC Public Library
- Tractor Club Meeting and Practice - 6:00PM, April 18th, Dave and Jenny's Home
- Llama Club Meeting - 9:30 AM, April 20th, JC Public Library
- 4-H Council Meeting - 5:00 PM, April 22nd, JC Government Center
- Livestock Committee Meeting - 6:00 PM, April 22nd, JC Government Center PENDING
- Junior Leaders
 - Meeting - 6:00 PM, April 23rd, Extension Office.
 - Solar Eclipse Concessions - 12:00 - 4:00 PM, April 6th, Vernon
 - Solar Eclipse Concessions - 1:00 - 5:00 PM April 7th, Vernon
- Tractor Club Meeting and Practice - 6:00 PM, April 25th, Dave and Jenny's Home
- Goat and Sheep Tagging - 9:00-11:00 AM, April 27th, Sand Creek Elementary

FOLLOW OUR
FACEBOOK PAGE FOR
MORE UPCOMING
IMPORTANT DATES!



Attention Livestock Exhibitors

To exhibit **Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, Poultry**, and/or **Rabbits**, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (IQLC) training **OR** the web-based Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. This certification must be completed on an annual basis. The IQLC program will be offered as an in-person training in Jennings County on three dates prior to the 2024 Jennings County Fair. Members must register on 4-H Online for the training before attending.

IQLC Training Dates

Saturday, April 13th, 10 AM

Monday, April 15th, 6 PM

Training Locations

Jennings County Government Center (Meeting Room 101)

Jennings County Public Library

There is \$3.00 fee per member that may be paid by cash or check at the event. Please bring exact change if possible.

Link to register for IQLC: <https://v2.4honline.com>

Those planning to certify through the web-based YQCA program will need to provide a copy of their YQCA certificate to the Extension Office no later than May 24th, 2024. The fee for YQCA is \$12.00.

Link for YQCA: www.yqcaprogram.org

If you need to request special accommodations, please contact the Extension Office in advance.

Animal ID and Tagging

4-H Members enrolled in livestock projects will receive a mailing with more information about Animal ID Day and requirements. If you do not receive the mailing a week before Animal ID Day, please contact the Extension Office. Refer to your livestock schedule for upcoming Animal ID dates.

Premise ID

Registering your premises may be done online, at no charge, and takes only about 5 minutes. Visit the Indiana State Board of Animal Health's (BOAH) website: <http://www.in.gov/boah/2642.htm>. Please get your Premise ID number before the tagging day! **To verify your premises ID, contact BOAH at email animalid@boah.in.gov.** All Indiana premises associated with the purchase, sale, and/or exhibition of cattle, swine, sheep, goats, and farmed cervids must be registered by state law.

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Mini 4-H Camp

MINI 4-H CAMP

GRADES K-2

\$5.00

PLAY GAMES, DABBLE IN STEM, MAKE CRAFTS, AND MORE
PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED BY MAY 24, 2024

JENNINGS CO
COMMUNITY BUILDING

ALREADY ENROLLED IN 4-H?
FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW TO SIGN UP:
[HTTPS://2024JENNINGSMINIDAY.4HONLINE.COM](https://2024jenningsminiday.4honline.com)

LUNCH PROVIDED

NOT ENROLLED IN 4-H?
NO PROBLEM! CONTACT THE JENNINGS COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE AT 812-352-3033 FOR
INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO REGISTER!

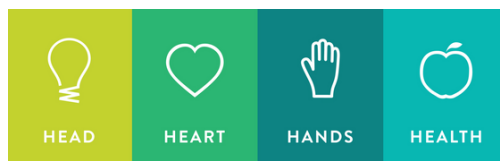
MAY 29TH
9AM-2PM

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program or have special dietary needs, please contact Rebekah Cartwright at 812-352-3033 or bargerr@purdue.edu by May 24th, 2024
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Call Ahead Before Visiting The Extension Office

We are reaching our busiest time of the year. Many of the educators will be in and out of the office with programming and other events. Please call ahead before visiting to ensure someone will be available to assist you. Calling ahead will also allow us time to gather the materials that may be the reason for your visit to the office. We appreciate your patience and always look forward to seeing you!

Can you find the four H's hidden in the 4-H newsletter?



Ag & Natural Resources

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Ag Day

Purdue Extension partnered with the Jennings County FFA program to put on the 2024 Jennings County Ag Day! On Wednesday, March 27th 360 4th grade students from every school in Jennings County attended Ag Day at the fairgrounds.

During Ag Day students were able to learn about Crops, Sheep, Goats, Farm-to-Pizza, Rose Acre Farms, Dairy, Soil and Water, Rabbits, Beef, Swine, and Horses. FFA members presented to the 4th graders on specific ag topics as well as the importance of agriculture and the fun programs to join, such as 4-H and FFA.

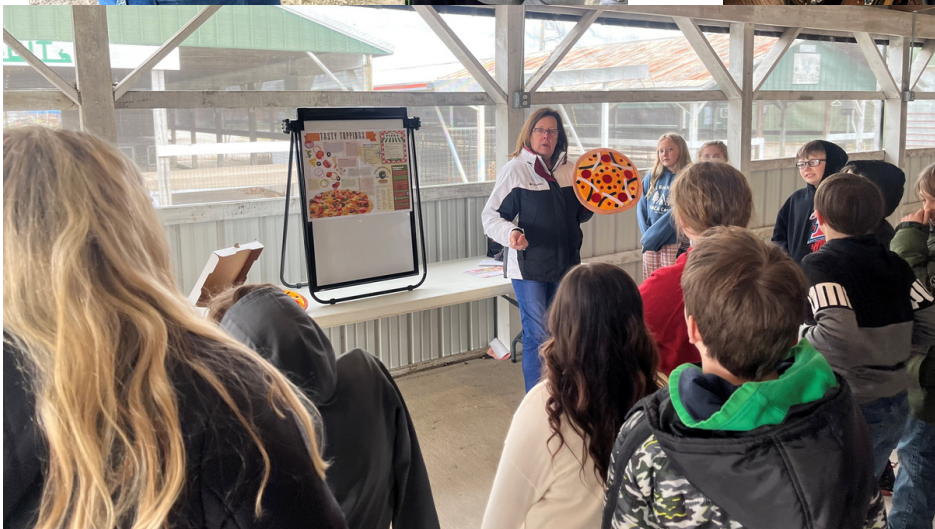
Thank you to all who helped make this event possible!



Important Dates:

April:

- SEPAC Cover Crop Field Day- April 3rd
- Pollinator Day @ Purdue Technology Center in New Albany, IN- April 27th



Jennings ANR Services

Soil Sample and Testing:

The Jennings County Extension Office offers soil sample bags and test forms for sample submission. We have a soil probe available to borrow. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm.

Plant and Bug Identification:

If you need a plant, weed, or bug identified, bring it to our office and Emily Peterson, our ANR Educator, will assist you. Please call ahead at 812-352-3033 to make sure Emily is in the office and available. You may also email photos of the specimen to Emily at epeterson@purdue.edu for ID.



Jennings County Extension now offers

FECAL EGG COUNTS



WHAT IS A FECAL EGG COUNT?

- A quantitative assessment and identification of the number of parasite eggs an animal is shedding at the time of sample collection

WHY SHOULD I GET A FECAL EGG COUNT ON MY LIVESTOCK?

- Fecal Egg Counts assess your livestock's parasite burden and target the parasite your livestock might be suffering from at the time of collection.

SAMPLE COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

- Use gloves to collect a fresh sample of feces from your livestock. The sample should still be both moist and soft. It should be collected and turned into the office no more than 6 hours from the time of defecation
- Collect at least 1/2 cup or 4oz. of feces and place in a clean ziplock bag.
- Label the bag with the species of livestock that the sample came from and the animal's identification.

Cost: \$10

LET'S REDUCE ANTIPARASITIC RESISTANCE!

Upcoming PARPs and Events

There are no upcoming PARP events at this time in Southern Indiana, please reach out to Emily if you are in need of receiving credit during this time. There will be more PARP events in the future so be on the lookout. If you need to receive your Pesticide Applicators Licenses reach out to Emily to receive information on the process.



PURDUE EXTENSION

FAMACHA CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

**SMALL RUMINANT PRODUCERS & FOR 4-H MEMBERS AGE 13 AND UP
May 15, 2024 at the Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds**

FAMACHA® is a diagnostic test to help small ruminant producers identify animals that require anthelmintic treatment and those which do not require deworming. The tool is a card that matches lower eyelid color to anemia levels, an indicator of clinical barber pole worm infection.

This training is open to 4-H members and the general public. The event will be followed by a Indiana Quality Livestock Care Training (the required training for Indiana 4-H Livestock Exhibitors) so 4-H Families can get the most out of their evening. **Participants must be 13 years of age to receive the certification.**

Registration is required to attend and space is limited.

Register at
FAMACHA.4honline.com
before May 6, 2024



FAMACHA Training Cost is \$35 per participant.



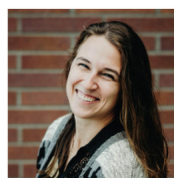
Enrolled and Approved Jefferson County
4-H Members may participate *at no cost!*
Email copelanb@purdue.edu for a *coupon code before registering!*

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training Cost is \$3 per participant. 4-H Participants from any county 4-H program are welcome.



Agenda

5:00 pm	Check In
5:30- 6:30 pm	FAMACHA Training
6:30- 6:50 pm	Hands On Practice
6:50 pm	Break- General Public Released
7:00- 8:00 pm	Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training



FAMACHA Trainer Cora Reinbolt

Ag and Natural Resources Educator
Purdue Small Ruminant Team

Questions can be directed to the Purdue Extension Jefferson County Office. Call (812) 265-8919 or email copelanb@purdue.edu.



Health & Human Sciences

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America Saves Week: April 8-12, 2024

Purdue Extension-Jennings Co is a proud partner of America Saves Week, an annual national campaign that encourages and empowers individuals, families, employers, and communities to check-in on their finances.



The campaign focuses on several important topics that make up your financial landscape with a realistic economic approach, including saving for emergencies and unexpected expenses, leveraging automatic savings, retirement, and reducing debt; as well as more niche topics like talking to your family about money, understanding your employer's financial wellbeing benefits, and the mental and emotional effects of financial stress.

Stay tuned on our Facebook page the week of April 8th-12th as we share the 2024 campaign "Saving for What Matters Most." Learn more at americasaves.org

Market2GO Growers Meeting: April 17, 2024 10:00 AM Purdue Extension Office



It is time to start planning for the 2024 Market2Go events with the Boys & Girls Club of Jennings County! We are looking for local growers and producers that are interested in participating in the 2024 events. The meeting on April 17th will be held at 10am at the Purdue Extension Office to discuss product availability, event dates, and to negotiate pricing of goods from all growers/producers wishing to participate.

For those new to the program, grant funds awarded from the IDOH will be used to purchase locally sourced fruits, veggies and proteins for special events with the Boys & Girls Club. Events will be held May-September 2024. A budget of approximately \$2500 per event will be used to purchase locally sourced fruits, veggies and proteins prior to each event. Over \$60K will go to our local growers and producers between 2023-2025!!

Get WalkIN'



PURDUE EXTENSION
GET WALKIN'
PROGRAM

Spring is a great time to get outdoors and walk more! Purdue Extension has a free email based program to help motivate you to start or keep walkin'! We have our next Get WalkIN' starting on April 15. Contact the office to join at 812-352-3033 or email Deidre at dwagster@purdue.edu.



Community Wellness Coordinator

Hi all!

The weather is its typical unpredictable self, but spring has certainly sprung in Jennings County. The earliest bluebells in Calli Nature Preserve (1200 Private Rd 40 E, North Vernon, IN 47265) are beginning to blossom so if you're looking for a hike the next few weeks that should be a great place to enjoy getting moving.

1. The Spring Tonic 5K Walk & Run is coming up on Saturday, April 27th! We're almost there - if you'd like to get moving during Sassafras Festival weekend, come join folks in the Town of Vernon for a fundraiser 5K to improve the Vernon Gym. You can sign up for the event here: <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Vernon/SpringTonic5K>
2. The Jennings County Food Security Coalition will meet on April 29th! The Food Security Coalition met in March and decided to host a community event to raise awareness about food insecurity later this year! We'll be meeting to plan on April 29th @1 pm (location TBD). Please call the office or email me if you are interested in being involved with event or the Coalition as a whole.
3. Emily Georgi is ready to bring nutrition education to your organization! The Jennings County Nutrition Education Program Advisor (NEPA), Emily Georgi, has begun offering nutrition classes to SNAP-eligible individuals and families. Contact her at egeorgi@purdue.edu to schedule classes!
4. April's Walk with a Doc will be held on Friday, April 12th at 4pm at the Vernon Gym. Come join Dr. Jen Stanley to hear about the health topic of the month and enjoy a walk with others. We'll be indoors at the Vernon Gym to avoid any spring showers!
5. Breastfeeding supports at community events! As part of the Health Issues & Challenges grant - Kala Moore, a Community Health Worker with Healthy Communities Initiative, has a tent and equipment to set up a comfortable space for breastfeeding moms. You may have seen her at Christmas in the City! Let Kala know if you'd like to have her come to an event by emailing kmoore2@crh.org.

If you're interested by this work, contact our office or email me at jeffwalker@purdue.edu. Many groups in our community are working on these efforts and I'd be happy to connect you!

Healthfully yours,
Jeff Walker



Nutrition Education Program Advisor

Hi everyone!

I will be delivering nutrition education classes with the Jennings County Coordinating Council food pantry starting on April 3rd. This lesson will be at the public library from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. If you are interested in learning how to eat smart and move more throughout the day, come to my class! Each of the lessons will be geared toward a different topic regarding nutrition, but to gain the most knowledge, strive to attend all four classes.

The class dates and times are as follows:

- Lesson 1: Wednesday, April 3rd, 3-4pm at Jennings County Public Library**
- Lesson 2: Wednesday, May 1st, 3-4pm at Jennings County Public Library**
- Lesson 3: Wednesday, June 5th, 3-4pm at Jennings County Public Library**
- Lesson 4: Wednesday, July 3rd, 3-4pm at Jennings County Public Library**



In addition to the adult classes, I have been delivering classes in coordination with the Boys and Girls Club. These classes are for children in grades 3, 4, and 5. We have discussed the importance of exercise, how to eat healthier at fast food restaurants, and how to get the most out of fruits and vegetables.

Emily Georgi: egeorgi@purdue.edu

ServSafe Food Manager

Upcoming Training

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Purdue Extension Office

Registration 8:15 AM

Training begins at 8:30 AM

Exam immediately following

Register online by April 29th.



2024 Training & Exam Dates

Tuesday, May 7

Tuesday, July 16

Tuesday, September 10

Tuesday, November 19