

# May 2024 Newsletter

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## State Road 3 - Closure Update

Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc Project Manager, Jon Wick, provided us another State Road 3 update:

State Road 3 will be closed first thing in the morning on Monday, May 6th. We expect the barricades to be in place by 7:00 am or earlier on Monday morning. Please plan your Monday morning commute accordingly. The areas of work will be: Pavement Replacement near the Sand Creek Bridge in Jennings County, Pipe Replacement near 1300 South in Decatur County and Pipe Replacement near 700 West.

Traffic will not be able to cross the Sand Creek Bridge. If you live north of Sand Creek Bridge you use CR 675N or CR 800N to go south.

If you live south of the Sand Creek Bridge, you will be able to come through the staggered barricades at CR 500N. Once the pavement replacement has been completed, the staggered barricades will become a hard closure and you will access you homes as those who live north of the Sand Creek Bridge.

The first pipe to be replaced will be just south of CR1300 South. Once it is completed the crew will move north to the pipe located just north of CR 700W.

Milling will start on Wednesday May 15th just north of the Sand Creek bridge and head north in the north bound lane.

HMA Patching will occur starting on or after May 20th. The patching locations are yet to be determined.

# May 4-H Newsletter

# Jennings County 4-H

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## Dear 4-H Families & Volunteers,

We are one month out from the Jennings County Fair! Can you believe that it is almost here already? Be sure to watch your email and upcoming due dates as many items need completed this month! As always, if you ever have any questions send us an email or give us a call!

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.

## 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!

## IQLC & YQCA

**If you did not attend one of the IQLC sessions, you must complete the online YQCA Program and provide your certificate to the Extension Office by May 24th, 2024.**

## FairEntry

**Fair Entry will open May 16th and will close on May 24th.** All 4-H members and Mini 4-H Members should complete FairEntry by May 24th. A mailing with specific instructions on how to complete FairEntry will be sent to 4-H Families by May 16th.

## 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.

## Important Dates

### May

- 2 Tractor Club Practice 6 pm
- 2 Goat and Swine Animal ID Day 5-7pm
- 6 Barefoot Bandits Club Meeting 6 pm
- 7 Horse and Pony Animal ID 6 pm
- 8 Beef Club 6 pm
- 9 Poultry and Rabbit Animal ID Day
- 13 4-H Council Meeting 5 pm
- 13 Livestock Committee Meeting 6 pm
- 14 Dog Club 6pm
- 16 Tractor Club 6 pm
- 16 Zenas Livewires and Plowboys
- 18 Clean-Up Day 9:00 am
- 21 Dog Club 6:00 pm
- 28 Dog Club 6:00pm
- 29 Mini 4-H Day Camp 9am-2pm
- 30 Tractor Club 6 pm
- 30 Shining Stars 6pm

# Jennings County 4-H

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## Club Meetings & Events

- Tractor Club Practice
  - 6:00 PM May 2nd at Dave and Jenny Vogel's Place
  - 6:00 pm May 16th at Dave and Jenny's Place
  - 6:00 pm May 30th at Dave and Jenny's Place
- Goat and Swine Animal ID Day - 5:00-7:00 PM May 2nd at Sand Creek Elementary
- Barefoot Bandits Meeting - 6:00 pm May 6th at the Muscatatuck Park
- Horse and Pony Animal ID - 6:00 pm May 7th at the Goins Family Farm
- Beef Club Meeting - 6:00 pm May 8th at the Jennings County Public Library
- Poultry and Rabbit Animal ID Day - 6:00-8:00 pm May 9th at Sand Creek Elementary
- 4-H Council - 5:00 pm May 13th at the JC Public Library Conference Room 1
- Livestock Committee - 6:00 pm May 13th at the JC Public Library Conference Room 1
- Dog Club
  - 6:00 pm May 14th at the JC Public Library Parking Lot
  - 6:00 pm May 21st at Stellar Park
  - 6:00 pm May 28th at Tripton Park
- Zenas Livewires and Plowboys - May 16th (Check with your club leader for more information)
- **Clean-Up Day - May 18th at 9:00 AM**
- Mini 4-H Day Camp - 9:00 AM - 2:00PM May 29th at the JC Community Building
- Shining Stars - 6:00 pm May 30 at JC Public Library

FOLLOW OUR  
FACEBOOK PAGE FOR  
MORE UPCOMING  
IMPORTANT DATES!



## Animal ID and Tagging

4-H Members enrolled in livestock projects should've received a mailing with more information about Animal ID Day and requirements. If you did not receive the mailing 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](mailto: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.

## Clean-Up Day

Be sure to mark your calendars for Clean-Up Day on May 18th. We will need all hands on deck to move all static display items back to the open showcase building. Adult Volunteers with a flatbed trailer, we could utilize your truck and trailer to make it easier to move some of the large items.

## Static Project Schedule

Friday, June 7th:

- 3:00 pm - BBQ Project Set-Up @ the Pavilion
- 5:00 pm - BBQ Project Judging
- 5:00 pm-7:00 pm - Mini 4-H & Early Project Check-in @ The Community Building
- 6:00 pm - Cat Show Registration @ Livestock Show Arena
- 6:30 pm - Cat Show @ Livestock Show Arena

Saturday, June 8th:

- 9:30 am-10:00 am - Junior Leaders Project Open Judging @ Community Building
- 10:00 am - 12:00pm - Open Project Judging @ Community Building

Livestock Members: Refer to your Livestock Schedule for specific Check-In Times

## 2024 Indiana State Fair

The 2024 Indiana State Fair will be held August 2-18. The livestock show schedule has been updated online and can be found by following the link below:



INDIANA  
**STATE FAIR**

<https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/livestock/livestock-show-schedule>

## Local Summer Events

- Spring Floriculture Workshop - May 8th
- Mini 4-H Camp @ the Fairgrounds - May 29th
- Southeastern Indiana 4-H Camp June 4-7th
  - Junior Staff June 3-7th
- Area 1 Horse and Pony Show June 8-9
- Area 1 Tractor Contest July 27th

## 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 812-353-3033 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](mailto:bargerr@purdue.edu) by May 24th, 2024  
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## Spring Floriculture Workshop



Extension - Jennings County

Jennings County 4-H presents

# Spring Floriculture Workshop



**May 8th, 2024**

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Jennings County Extension Office  
200 E. Brown St.  
Vernon, IN 47282

**Only 10 Spots  
Available!**

Learn the ins and outs of flower arrangement with our Spring Floriculture Workshop. Attendees will get to make their very own arranged bouquet to take home with them to share with someone special just in time for Mother's Day! The cost of the program is \$5.00 and can be paid by cash or check at the Jennings County Extension Office. Registration is required and can be completed at <https://jencoflowers2024.4honline.com>

If you need any accommodations to attend this workshop please contact Rebekah at [bargerr@purdue.edu](mailto:bargerr@purdue.edu) or call the Extension Office at 812-352-3033

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



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH



## Graham Creek Field Day

Purdue Extension and Jennings County Farm Bureau partnered to put on a Field Day for Kindergarten Students at Graham Creek. This field trip took place at Muscatatuck Park where students learned about livestock in the goat station, nature, nutrition with snack mix, the blender bike, and recreation. This field trip allowed students to learn about nature and agriculture that is going on right in Jennings County.



### Important Dates:

#### May:

- 7th Purdue on the Farm Weather and Crop Update on Youtube
- 15th @5 FAMACHA Training @ Jefferson County Fairgrounds- Registration Below
- 21st Purdue on the Farm Weather and Crop Update on Youtube

#### August:

- 27th @ 4 SEPAC Field Day @ SEPAC



## 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](mailto: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.

Check out the Purdue On The Farm YouTube for a bi-weekly crop and weather update:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@PurdueOnTheFarm>



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:copelanb@purdue.edu).





# Health & Human Sciences

MAY  
2024

## Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental Health Awareness Month is every May to increase awareness about the vital role mental health plays in our overall health and well-being while providing resources and information to support individuals and communities.



**Join in on the weekly highlights for the 2024 campaign on our Facebook page @Purdue Extension -Jennings County the entire month of May.**

**Week 1:** How to support the unique mental health needs of older adults

**Week 2:** Resources to help children and teens build resilience, self-care strategies, and skills for managing life stressors in healthy ways

**Week 3:** Recognizing the importance of maternal mental health among pregnant and postpartum people

**Week 4:** Unique challenges, strengths, and contexts that affect mental health in people from racial and ethnic minority groups

**Week 5:** Inclusive families, schools, and societies can support mental health



## Fentanyl Awareness Day

Presented by  
Jennings  
County Drug  
and Alcohol  
Task Force  
and 180 RCO

Tuesday May 7  
at 6:00 p.m.



Jennings Co. Public Library 2375  
IN-3 North Vernon, IN 47265

Community Panel Discussion on  
Fentanyl Awareness

Free Narcan and Education

Learn about the dangers of Fentanyl  
and what we can do about it

Recommended for Ages 12-20 and their  
families but all are welcome!

For more information contact  
Carla Wright @ [Seeitsmecarla@icloud.com](mailto:Seeitsmecarla@icloud.com)

## Fentanyl Awareness Day

If you are looking for a way to educate yourself or your youth on the dangers of fentanyl, please consider attending this awareness event hosted by the Jennings County Drug and Alcohol Task Force and 180 RCO.

This event will be held on May 7th at 6 PM at the Jennings County Public Library and is recommended for ages 12-20 and their families.

For more information, please contact Carla Wright at [seeitsmecarla@icloud.com](mailto:seeitsmecarla@icloud.com)

**988** SUICIDE & CRISIS  
LIFELINE

If you or someone you know is  
struggling or in crisis, help is available.  
Call or text 988 or chat [988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org)

## Food As Medicine

Thanks to Health First Indiana funds from the Jennings County Health Department, we are excited to announce a second year of Food As Meds! We're looking for adults interested in learning more about how to manage their overall health through their food choices in this eight week health series.

Participants will receive education on nutrition and wellness, food demos and weekly meal kits to practice at home, and Q&A time with local health providers.

The series will begin in mid-July. If you are interested in this program, please scan the QR code below to complete the interest survey!



## Reading Made Fun



We are heading into our last month of reading in all Kindergarten classes and OVO Headstart for the 2023-2024 school year! We would like to take a moment to thank our April and May book sponsors that helped our young readers build their home libraries. Thank you!

**RLM Engineering- Rich & Kathy Morin  
Eye Care Group-Dr. Maggie Lisle  
Tanner & Amanda Resch**

## ServSafe Food Manager

### 2024 Training & Exam Dates

**Tuesday, July 16  
Tuesday, September 10  
Tuesday, November 19**



**\*Upcoming Training\*  
Tuesday, July 16, 2024  
Purdue Extension Office  
Registration 8:15 AM  
Training begins at 8:30 AM  
Exam immediately following**

**Registration link:  
<https://cvent.me/XRoGy9>**



## Community Wellness Coordinator

Hi all!

It's hard to believe that we're already in the heart of planting season! Home vegetable gardens are a tried and true way of getting kids to try more fruits and vegetables. They're also a great way to save money in your food budget. I encourage you to check the Purdue Extension Gardening Bulletins to learn about growing a garden online here:

<https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/yardandgarden/gardening-bulletins/>

- 1. The Spring Tonic 5K Walk & Run was held Saturday, April 27th!** Thank you to everyone who participated in the event and to all the sponsors. We now have enough funds to use as match for grants could cover the cost of the project.
- 2. The Jennings County Food Security Coalition will meet on Thursday, May 16th at 1pm (location TBD)!** The Food Security Coalition met in March and decided to host a community event to raise awareness about food insecurity later this year! We're currently planning that and working towards incorporating as a non-profit organization. Please call the office or email me if you are interested in being involved with the event or the Coalition.
- 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](mailto:egeorgi@purdue.edu) to schedule classes!
- 4. May's Walk with a Doc will be held on Friday, May 24th at 4pm at Tripton Park.** Come join Dr. Jen Stanley to hear about the health topic of the month and enjoy a walk with others. This will be our first walk planned outdoors as we look forward to warmer weather!

If you're interested by this work, contact our office or email me at [jeffwalker@purdue.edu](mailto: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 am continuing my nutrition education classes with the Jennings County Coordinating Council food pantry on May 1st. These lessons will be at the **Jennings County 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:

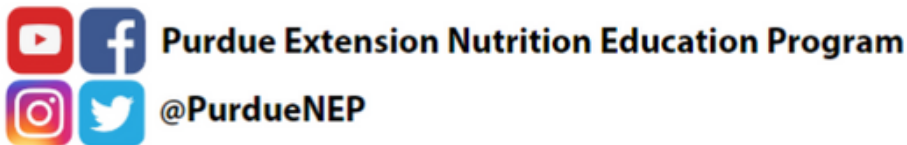
**Lesson 1: Wednesday, May 1st - MyPlate**

**Lesson 2: Wednesday, June 5th - Shop for Value, Check the Facts**

**Lesson 3: Wednesday, July 3rd - Choosing to Move More Throughout the Day**

**Lesson 4: Wednesday, August 7th - Choosing a Healthier you For Life**

Don't see a topic you like? That's okay! Reach out to me via email or call the office at (812) 352-3033. I offer a wide range of class lessons, including ways to get your picky eaters to eat, how to better afford groceries, or how to make smart choices when eating fast food. If you are unsure of your eligibility for SNAP (formerly food stamps), I can help you find out if you are or aren't eligible. I would love to set up a one-on-one class for you or your family!





## Safe Sitter Program 2024

The goal of the Safe Sitter program is to teach safe babysitting and life skills to children entering grades 6-8. Instructors provide tips to make sitters more confident caregivers. They teach safety and security precautions, such as what to do if a stranger comes to the door, and when and how to call for help. They give information on child development and suggest age-appropriate activities to entertain children and keep them safe. The program gives students hands-on practice in basic life-saving techniques so sitters are prepared to act in a crisis. This course also teaches life and business skills including screening jobs, setting fees, and greeting future employers.

Topics instructed include:

- Safety Skills
  - indoor safety
  - outdoor safety
  - online safety
  - personal safety
- First Aid Skills
  - injury prevention
  - injury management
  - choking rescue
- Child Care Skills
  - child development
  - child care routines
  - behavior management

This program is instructed by Schneck healthcare professionals specially trained for this program.

If you have any questions, please call 812-523-4773 or 812-524-4244.

### Safe Sitter Program

- One-day training program
- 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

#### *Who can attend?*

Children entering grades 6-8

#### *When is it?*

Offered in 4 locations

Jackson County:

June 7, 8, 14, 21, 22, 28

July 12, 13, 20

Scott County: June 15

Jennings County: June 1, July 19

Washington County: June 29

**Class size is limited.**

Register online at

[SchneckMed.org/events](https://SchneckMed.org/events)



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