

March 2024 Newsletter

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JENNINGS COUNTY

April 5-8, 2024

Our office has been supporting the efforts with the eclipse planning committee and are beyond excited for this once in a lifetime event! Please join in on the fun at the community events planned for North Vernon and Vernon all weekend leading up to the eclipse on April 8th!



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

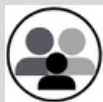


Eclipse Featured Event:

CHASE the DARK GOOSE CHASE

more details to come!

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March 4-H Newsletter

Jennings County 4-H

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Dear 4-H Families & Volunteers,

The 4-H enrollment window is still open and we strongly encourage families to sign up for 4-H as soon as possible to ensure that you receive all important future 4-H mailings and livestock animal ID information.

Current and new members and volunteers may enroll in the Jennings County 4-H program at the 4HOnline website at <http://v2.4honline.com>.

Please contact the Extension office at 812-352-3033 if you need assistance with enrollment. The enrollment fee is \$5.00 for Mini 4-H members in grades K-2 and \$20.00 for regular members in grades 3-12. If you are paying your 4-H program fees with a check or cash, please try to submit your payment to the Extension Office within 2 weeks of your enrollment date.

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



2024 Handbooks Are Ready!

New 4-H Members and volunteers may pick up a complete handbook. Returning 4-H Members and volunteers may pick up handbook revisions from the Extension Office. Handbooks and Revisions will be given out **one** per family

Stay Informed!

Please stay informed with updates and information by following the Purdue Extension Jennings County Facebook page. Many meetings and events will be posted there. Please frequently check your 4HOnline email account, read your monthly newsletter, and check for special mailings for updates regarding any 4-H or Fair-related events.

10 Year Members and Seniors

A separate mailing was sent out to each of you regarding our local scholarships and other senior/10-year member information. If you did not receive that mailing, please contact the extension office immediately!

SE 4-H Camp

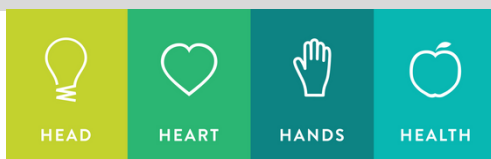
Junior Staff Trainings:

- 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 3-7 GRADERS!!!

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

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Important Dates

March -

4 Barefoot Bandits 6 pm

5 Dog Club Kick Off 6 pm

6 Beef Club 6 pm

7 Tractor Club 6 pm

11 4-H Council 5 pm

11 Livestock Committee 6 pm

12 JC Riders 6 pm

12 Dog Club 6 pm

13 IQLC 6 pm

14 Zenas Livewires /Zenas Plowboys 6:30 pm

14 Llama Club 6 pm

25 Junior Leaders 6 pm

26 Dog Club 6 pm



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Club Meetings & Events

- Barefoot Bandits Meeting - 6:00 PM, March 4th, Jennings County Public Library
- Beef Club Meeting - 6:00 PM, March 6th, Jennings County Public Library
- Tractor Club Meeting - 6:00 PM, March 7th, home of Dave and Jenny Vogel
- Shining Stars Meeting - None
- Muscatatuck Mudpuppies Meeting - None
- 4-H Council Meeting - 5:00 PM, March 11th, Jennings County Public Library
- Livestock Committee Meeting - 6:00 PM, March 11th, Jennings County Public Library
- Zenas Livewires and Plowboys - 6:30 PM, March 14th, Zenas Baptist Church
- JC Riders Meeting - 6:00 PM, March 12th, Goins Family Farm
- Junior Leaders - 6:00 PM, March 25th, Extension Office
- Llama Club - 6:00 PM, March 14th, Jennings County Public Library
- Dog Club - 6:00 PM, March 5th, Jennings County Public Library, Conference Room 3
6:00 PM, March 12th, Livestock Arena
6:00 PM, March 26th, Livestock Arena

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

Wednesday, March 13th, 6 PM

Saturday, April 13th, 10 AM

Monday, April 15th, 6 PM

Training Locations

Jennings County Public Library

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.

Time to Order 2024 T-Shirts

ORDER YOUR 2024 4-H T-SHIRT NOW!

Orders must be placed by Sunday, March 31st

Orders can be placed using this link or by scanning the QR Code:

https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bjV39xbVoNbWgMS



Congratulations to Joseph
Vojkufka on his winning
design!



SCAN ME 

We're Hiring For Summer Assistants

Contact the Extension Office at 812-352-3033 or email lane155@purdue.edu to request an application. Applications should be submitted to Rebekah Cartwright at bargerr@purdue.edu no later than March 15th!



Ag & Natural Resources

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Chicks in the Classroom at Graham Creek and Scipio

This month ANR Educator, Emily Peterson, and 4-H educator, Rebekah Cartwright, are teaching second-grade students about chicken embryology. In this hands-on experience, students get to learn and hatch their very own chicks. In the pictures below they are candling the eggs to be able to see the baby chicks grow. The students are very excited as they start to hatch the first week of March. Be on the lookout for future posts on Facebook and in the newsletters as the chicks hatch and as we start in other schools!

Thank you to Rose Acres and Jennings County Farm Bureau for donating to the Chicks in the Class program to provide brand-new supplies!



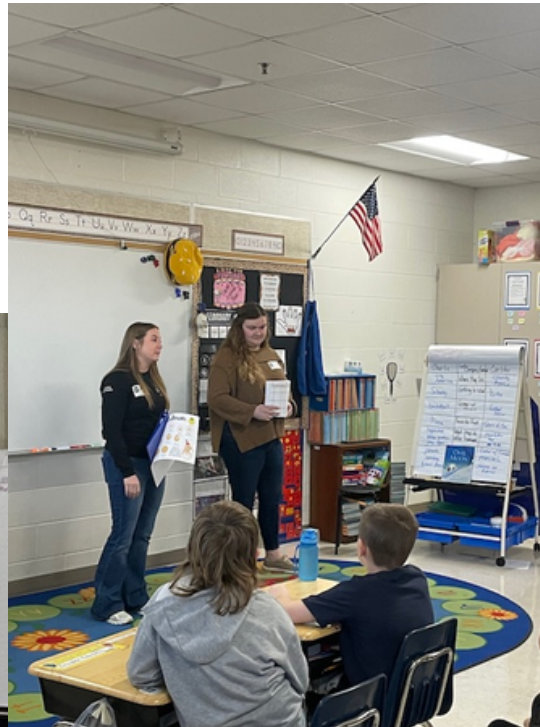
Important Dates:

March:

- Ripley Co. No-Till Training- March 7 @SEPAC
- Learn N Burn- March 9th @SEPAC

April:

- SEPA Cover Crop Field Day- April 3rd



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!

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Upcoming PARPs and Events

- 03/07/2024 Ripley County Notill- Southeast District
9 am- 11:15 am @ Hopewell Baptist Church



LEARN-N-BURN WOODLAND RX FIRE WORKSHOP

MARCH 9TH, 9 AM - 2 PM

SOUTHEAST PURDUE AG. CENTER,
4425 CO RD 350 N, BUTLERVILLE, IN 47223

\$25
REGISTRATION
(LUNCH PROVIDED)

WOODLAND PRESCRIBED FIRE

Join Forestry and Wildlife professionals for an introduction to prescribed fire in woodlands. The workshop will cover the benefits of prescribed fire for forest regeneration and wildlife, safety considerations when using prescribed fire, prescribed fire equipment, and technical and cost-share opportunities for private landowners. There will also be a woodland prescribed fire demonstration (weather permitting).

FIELD DAY PARTNERS



Contact Jarred Brooke with questions:
jmbrooke@purdue.edu

REGISTER HERE



learnburnmar92024.eventbrite.com

LEARN-N-BURN GRASSLAND RX FIRE WORKSHOP

APRIL 6TH, 9 AM - 2 PM (CDT)

RENSSELAER LIBRARY
208 W SUSAN ST, RENSSELAER, IN 47978

\$25
REGISTRATION
(LUNCH PROVIDED)

GRASSLAND PRESCRIBED FIRE

Do you have CRP fields or other native warm-season grass stands on your property? Interested in learning about prescribed fire and other grassland management tools? This workshop will cover CRP and Mid-Contract Management options, including herbicide, interseeding, and disking, as well as prescribed fire planning, safety, equipment and a demonstration burn (weather permitting).

FIELD DAY PARTNERS



Contact Jarred Brooke with questions:
jmbrooke@purdue.edu

REGISTER HERE



learnburnapr62024.eventbrite.com

For more details on each event check out the link below.

<https://ag.purdue.edu/departement/extension/ppp/private-applicators/recertification-parp/parp-events/parp-events-southeast.html>

Health & Human Sciences

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ServSafe Food Manager

Upcoming Training

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Purdue Extension Office

Registration 8:15 AM

Training begins at 8:30 AM

Exam immediately following

Register online by March 15th.



2024 Training & Exam Dates

Tuesday, March 26

Tuesday, May 7

Tuesday, July 16

Tuesday, September 10

Tuesday, November 19

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

National Nutrition Month: March 2024

During the month of March, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits.

This year's theme is "Beyond the Table," which addresses the farm-to-fork aspect of nutrition, from food production and distribution to navigating grocery stores and farmers markets – and even home food safety and storage practices.

Follow our Facebook page the month of March for resources at @Purdue Extension-Jennings County



Let's Get Cookin'!: April Lunch & Learn Series

Mark your calendars for this FREE and tasty Lunch & Learn series focused on healthy cooking! Cooking demonstrations at each event!

Tuesdays, April 16th, 23rd, & 30th 11am-Noon

- Cooking Under Pressure: Features, Benefits, & Safety of Electric Cookers
- Air Fryer 101: Cooking Secrets Revealed
- Healthy Snacks: Tips for Making Snacks at Home

Register by April 9 by calling 812-352-3033 or emailing dwagster@purdue.edu



Community Wellness Coordinator

Hi all!

As we head into March – this is the time of year that dietitians and other health professionals celebrate National Nutrition Month. It's also a great time to talk about this year's theme "Beyond the Table" with your family and friends. Here are some thoughts on questions to bring up: What are in our community makes Jennings County an easy place to eat healthy? How can we support farmers that grow produce in our area? Could we grow a garden this year?

For a quick update of what has been happening and what's coming up with the Nutrition Education Program in Jennings County, keep reading!

1. We're currently working with the North Vernon Parks & Rec department to plan classes that introduce middle and high school-aged youth about physically active hobbies. If you are involved in a hobby or activity that gets you moving – reach out to me at the information below if you'd be interested in sharing what you know with youth and are able to pass a background check.
2. March's Walk with a Doc will be held on Friday, March 15th at 4pm at the Vernon Gym. Come join Dr. Jen Stanley and Dr. Dashrath Gautam 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 the cold!
3. The Jennings County Food Security Coalition met on January 18th! We recently completed distributing blessing boxes, heard from a member of First UMC about setting up a new summer food delivery program for families in need, and we were also fortunate to be able to distribute funds to local organizations doing the work to prevent people from going hungry in Jennings County!
4. 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 March 6th. 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 4 out of 5 classes.

The class dates and times are as follows:

Lesson 1: Wednesday, March 6th, 3-4pm at Jennings County Public Library

Lesson 2: Wednesday, April 3rd, 3-4pm at Jennings County Public Library

Lesson 3: Wednesday, May 1st, 3-4pm at Jennings County Public Library

Lesson 4: Wednesday, June 5th, 3-4pm at Jennings County Public Library

Lesson 5: Wednesday, July 3rd, 3-4pm at Jennings County Public Library



Emily Georgi: egeorgi@purdue.edu

Goodness, Gracious! Great Globes of Gluten!

Deidre will be venturing to JCHS Culinary Principle classes this March to demonstrate the gluten production in different types of flours used in baking. If you are interested in learning more about different programs for your group or organization, give me a shout at dwagster@purdue.edu or call 812-352-3033!



**For more information on Purdue Extension's
Food, Family, Money & Health programs
visit: <https://www.purdue.edu/hhs/extension>**