



2021-2022 *Year in Review*

PROGRAM AREAS



Agriculture & Natural Resources

Agriculture and Natural Resource Extension Educators serve as research based, unbiased information source for county and state constituents on a variety of topics including: crops, ag business, livestock, natural resources, horticulture, small farms, urban ag, pesticide use, and land conservation.



Community Development

Our mission is to strengthen the capacity of local leaders, residents, businesses, and organizations to build resilient, inclusive and sustainable communities through research-based resources and processes.



Health & Human Sciences

Purdue Extension Health and Human Sciences provides education to individuals and communities in each of Indiana's diverse counties. We bring university information to the local level – both in person and online – to help people strengthen relationships, eat smart, improve health, and achieve financial wellness.



Nutrition Education Program

The Purdue Extension Nutrition Education Program works to make the healthy choice the easy choice where limited-resource Hoosiers live, eat, work, play and shop.



4-H Youth Development

4-H prepares young people to be leaders in their community and around the world through hands-on experiences alongside their peers and caring adults. 4-H delivers research-based programming around positive youth development.



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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Master Gardeners

Trains volunteers to assist in home horticulture education.

44 active Boone County Master Gardeners

Master Gardener activities include Community, Demonstration and Youth Learning Gardens, a Junior Master Gardener program, Gardenfest, library programs, booths at Farmer's Markets, landscaping for Habitat for Humanity homes, Boone County Invasive Species working group, helping staff booths at both the Indiana State Fair and the Indiana Flower & Patio show, and providing gardening-related grants to local groups.



acquired over 400 hours of continuing education



3400 hours of volunteer service, valued at \$92,107.

6,000+

contacts reached



Donated over 10,000 pounds of food from multiple community, demonstration and youth learning gardens to local food pantries



Andrea Hatfield,
County Extension Director
Extension Educator
Ag & Natural Resources
Community Development
(started May 2022)

Homeowner Phone Calls or Visits

66 educational consultations in the areas of home horticulture, gardening, lawn care, insect or pest control, and tree care

Pesticide Applicator Recertification Program (PARP)

Commercial and private pesticide applicators must undergo continuing education to ensure the safe application of pesticides

10 Commercial applicators

48 Private applicators

PARTNER WITH ME IN 2023

- Master Gardener training classes
- Invasive Species Management
- Rainscaping
- Get Growing – gardening series for homeowners
- DIY Lawn Care
- Real Colors – improves communication, teamwork and understanding of others around you
- Digital Ready Business – help small businesses with their online presence
- Becoming the Employer of Choice
- Conservation Demonstration & Education Area



HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM



Taught Captain Cash to all
3rd grade students at Perry
Worth Elementary: 69 youth



Partnered with Boone County
Extension Homemakers on 7
events, meetings, or programs

14

Participants at a Zionsville Chamber of
Commerce presentation on workforce
development



Started working with following community groups
or organizations:

- Zionsville Chamber of Commerce
- Boone Co Health Coalition
- Lebanon Manor Senior Living



Pandora Taylor,
Extension Educator
Health & Human Sciences
(started April 2022)

\$1,500

Funding received for three
donation gardens (Youth
Learning Garden, Production
Garden, and Caring Center)
from the Growing Together
grant to grow produce to
donate to those in need in
Boone County.

\$27,338

Additional funds leveraged
from other partners

4,677

Pounds of produce donated to
10 agencies (food pantries and
other organizations) via
Growing Together grant.

1,335

Hours donated to
community donation
gardens in 2022



Cristiana Verissimo

Purdue Extension Nutrition Education Program
Community Wellness Coordinator
(started September 2022)

PARTNER WITH ME IN 2023

- Looking for 3rd grade classrooms to which I come teach the Captain Cash program (financial literacy)
- Looking for groups or companies to whom I could teach programs in the areas of Health, Nutrition, Human Development and Financial Wellness.
- Join the Boone County Food Pantry Coalition Re-Launch! If you are a local food pantry or a company or organization that supports our local food pantries, join us!
- Financially support Purdue Extension HHS programming. We always need sponsorships for free programs and activities provided to Boone County residents.
- Looking for community partners to work with to promote active living in the community, anything from trails, sidewalks, walking story book trails, crosswalks, bike racks, playgrounds, and more.
- Looking for schools and workplaces to partner with to promote wellness initiatives, and the sky is the limit on what this could look like! Examples include playgrounds, painting activities on the ground (e.g., hopscotch and 4-square) to increase physical activity, food share tables, food drives, ideas of energizer brain-breaks in classrooms, and more.
- Come volunteer with us in the gardens or food pantries and help spread the word!



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

914

4-H Members

158

Mini 4-H Membership

63

NEW 4-H Members



70

Graduating seniors

201

Educational workshops
offered

\$13,500

Amount of 4-H Scholarship dollars
awarded to Boone County 4-H
members

181

4-H Volunteers

Youth Leadership

121

4-H Jr Leaders

9

4-H Camp
Counselors



Betsy Lairson

Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development
(started February 2023)



PARTNER WITH ME IN 2023

- New Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program will train youth to treat livestock with the utmost care, ensure exhibitors are contributing to a safe, wholesome food supply, and prepare them to be ambassadors for animal agriculture.
- Looking for local high schools to partner in workforce training programs to prepare students for life after graduation.
- Work with school corporation officials to assist seniors meet the new graduation requirements in employability skills.