



2022-2023

Year in Review

PROGRAM AREAS

Agriculture & Natural Resources

Agriculture and Natural Resource Extension Educators serve as a 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.

45 active Boone County Master Gardeners

11 newly trained Boone County Master Gardeners

Master Gardener activities include Community, and Demonstration Gardens, a Junior Master Gardener program, Gardenfest, library programs, booths at Farmer's Markets, plant sale, landscaping for Habitat for Humanity homes, Boone County Invasive Cooperative, 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 600 hours of continuing education



4,151 hours of volunteer service, valued at \$92,107.

3500+

contacts reached



Andrea Hatfield,
County Extension Director
Extension Educator
Ag & Natural Resources
Community Development

12,700+

Pounds of food donated from multiple community and demonstration gardens to local food pantries



Rural Road Safety Training

170 workers at local construction site educated on safety around farm equipment and school buses on rural roads.

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

21 Commercial applicators

77 Private applicators

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- Master Gardener Volunteers
- Invasive Species Education
- Farm Stress & Mental Health Awareness
- Team Building and Communication
- Agriculture Producer Recertifications
- Homeowner Lawn & Garden Classes
- Small Business Tools and Trainings
- Cover Crops and Soil Health
- Digital Literacy & Education
- Community Leadership
- Workforce Development



HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM

132



Youth participated in Captain Cash programs at two local elementary schools

123

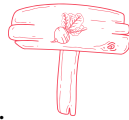


Boone County Extension Homemakers partner with Purdue Extension. They focus on education, leadership development & community service.

\$15,000

Funding secured in conjunction with Watch Us Farm to expand their production, some of which is donated to those in need in this community. Watch Us Farm is a Boone County non-profit dedicated to providing agricultural job training for adults with special needs.

Provided vegetable signs for community gardens with ideas for how to serve them.



30

Healthy recipes designed and provided to the Boone County Community Gardens, which they distributed with fresh product to those in need in our community.

1,388.2

Pounds of food collected during the Boone County Fair's Care Food Drive. This drive also collected \$1,275 in cash which was donated to six local food pantries. This community contribution almost doubled the goal!

3,951

Viewers of a nine-week series on social media series titled Holiday Health Tips.



Partnered with the following groups, totaling 149 participants:

- Lebanon Manor Residence
- LHS Seniors
- Extension Homemakers
- Area 6 HHS Wellness Book Club
- Witham YMCA
- Special Olympics of Boone County

New partnerships with Hattie B. Stokes Elementary, Special Olympics of Boone County, The Arc of Boone County, Aspire Health Navigator, Witham YMCA, ILADD Inc.



Pandora Taylor,
Extension Educator
Health & Human Sciences

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- Third grader teachers, bring **Captain Cash** (financial literacy) to your classroom!
- If your business is looking for health-related programs that can count toward insurance wellness incentive programs, contact Pandora for a list of topics.
- Early Childhood care providers, we provide programs that count towards your continuing education certification requirements.
- Parents of preschoolers, join the **Block Party** and learn how blocks are for more than just building!
- Hands-on youth cooking program **Chef University** is a great way to teach youth cooking basics, while enjoying tasty recipes.
- Looking to remain independent and reduce your chances of falling in your home? Check out our program **Matter of Balance**.
- Join the **Boone County Food Pantry Coalition!** If you are a local food pantry, business, or organization that supports our local food pantries, join us!
- If your company or group is looking for a 1-hour program in the areas of health/wellness, food/nutrition, family, or finances, contact Pandora discuss future partnerships.



Mindy Johnson
Purdue Extension
Nutrition Education Program Advisor



Cristiana Verissimo
Purdue Extension Nutrition Education Program
Community Wellness Coordinator



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

939

4-H Members

185

Mini 4-H Membership

49

NEW 4-H Members



58
Graduating seniors

207

Educational workshops offered

\$12,050

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

170

Adult 4-H Volunteers

Youth Leadership

117

4-H Jr Leaders

Junior Leaders develop skills in the areas of civic engagement, leadership, entrepreneurship, and more through a variety of hands-on experiences throughout the year.



Stephanie Gay

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



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- Looking for adult volunteers who enjoy working with youth on a variety of different topics
- Financially support Boone County 4-H through our Booster Club.
- Looking for collaboration on different community service opportunities for our 4-H club members to participate in.
- Always open to feedback on our county 4-H program to help align our program with the community's needs.
- Community partners can help raise awareness about our 4-H program through their networks and platforms.