

November/December
2024



BOONE COUNTY
EXTENSION
HOMEMAKERS

The KALEIDOSCOPE



Some of our members who assisted with the Fall Sewing Day.

MONTHLY QUOTE

“
It's not how
much we give,
but how much
LOVE we put
into giving.

- Mother Teresa

Judi Wilson attended
IEHA State Focus Day
in October.

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Important Dates



November

- 5 General Election Day **
- 7 Holiday Workshop, Aud—7:00 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day **
- 23 Holiday Bazaar 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Witham Health Services Pavilion,
Centennial Hall 1 & Centennial Hall 2
- 28–29 Thanksgiving **

December

HAPPY HOLIDAY!

- 14 Wreaths Across America – Wreath Hanging
- 24 Washington's Birthday **
- 25 Christmas **
- 31 New Year's Eve **

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More Important Dates

January 2025

- 1 New Year's Day **
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day **
- 27 E. H. Council Meeting - DR
Refreshments at 6:00 p.m.
(Sugar Creek)
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.)

February

- 17 Presidents Day **

March

- 11 Education Lesson—DR
11:00 a.m.— Cooking with Herbs & Spices, and Benefits of Each
Noon—Saving Money with Freezer Meals
- 15 Homesteading— AUD, DR, Kitchen
- 18 Sewing Day—Annex—9:00 a.m.
- 24 E. H. Council Meeting - DR
Refreshments at 6:00 p.m.
(Home & Garden)
(Meeting at 6:30 p.m.)

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Let the vibrant colors of Fall inspire you! This is a wonderful time of year to sit back and think about all of the things we have to be thankful for. Take time to enjoy the cooler temperatures and the beautiful outdoors- bonfires, S'Mores, walking through the leaves.

Fall Bucket List

- 1) Buy a pumpkin to carve with your neighbors or family.*
- 2) Get a caramel apple at the pumpkin patch.*
- 3) Make your own delicious Pumpkin Spice Latte at home. Share with friends.*
- 4) Paint your nails a nice Fall shade.*
- 5) Get lost in a corn maze*
- 6) Watch a spooky movie, better with friends*
- 7) Bake pumpkin bread, pumpkin cookies, pumpkin pie*
- 8) Hang a decorative wreath on your front door, and on your back door*
- 9) Jump into a pile of leaves....okay maybe just kick the pile of leaves*
- 10) Make warm apple cider to enjoy on a Sunday afternoon*

There were 8 Boone County Homemakers in attendance at the Indianapolis District Day. Several of us were showing off the new BCEH shirts, they are so light weight & comfortable to wear. We might still be able to order more, if you are interested let Judi know.

The Fall Homesteading event was cancelled for lack of participation. It might be possible to incorporate one the topics into the First Tuesday events. Do you have any craft/idea that you would like to do? Always open to suggestions.

In recognition of IEHA Week-Oct 21-26 and Make A Difference Day-Oct 26, several Homemakers met at the fairgrounds and assembled 200 Boxes of Care, this is the Indiana State Extension Homemakers project. Each participant got to take several of the Boxes to share in the community. The rest will be distributed to schools, food pantries, Senior Services, church mission groups, etc. If you know of a group who would like to have some Boxes of Care, let Judi know soon.

As you are doing your holiday grocery shopping, add a few more items to your cart, for a Birthday Box. Your completed Birthday Box can be delivered to the Caring Center or I can deliver to the Isaiah 117 House for the foster children. This will be a surprise for that special child.

To assemble a Birthday Box you will need...

square disposable cake pan boxed cake mix canned frosting can of Sprite, instead of eggs & oil spoon to mix everything a few paper plates some disposable cups birthday candle(s) small toy/gift gift bag or box, big enough for all of the items Put a post-it note on the outside, labeling it boy, girl, or gender neutral You are encouraged to add a card with a message, no signature needed



BCEH will have an information table at the 4-H Project Fair on Sunday, Nov. 3rd from 2pm-4pm. This will be an opportunity to share the news of BCEH with the 4-H parents and young adults. Have you made your reservation for the Put a Spin on the Holidays workshop? I am excited to see what crafts are being demonstrated.

To finish off our busy year, BCEH will host the Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov 23rd in the Witham Pavilion. Over 180 vendors will be there with craft items, homemade noodles (they will sell out fast), toys, books, clothing, home decor, wood items, holiday food items, wreaths, etc. On the Go Catering will be serving chicken & noodles and chicken salad in 2 locations this year (hopefully the food lines will not be too long). The Refuge Coffee (Teen Challenge) will be there with delicious varieties of coffee and hot drinks. And it wouldn't be the Holiday Bazaar without Mrs. Claus & Santa again this year.

12 Steps to Light Up the Season Bruce Raskin figure/November December 2006

- 1) Giggle away the night, watch a Holiday movie with family
 - 2) Stretch away stress
 - 3) Take a walk- window shopping
 - 4) Sleep well-go to bed earlier, take a warm bath
 - 5) Make a dress plan- open your closet & choose your Holiday outfits before the event
 - 6) Get your fluids-drink plenty of water...stay refreshed, hydrated, and energized
 - 7) Jettison the marshmallows- scrape the topping off the already sweet potatoes. Instead, enjoy the once-a-year cookies
 - 8) Supplement your health- fight off colds & the flu
 - 9) Take a time-out..you need to make 'you' the priority
 - 10) Pare down the list- be honest, who do you really need to buy a gift for?
 - 11) Wash, wash, wash away-regular handwashing will scrub away health-sapping organisms
 - 12) Take it one day at a time-don't punish yourself if you overindulge. Enjoy the holiday season
- Sincerely,

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Judi Wilson
765-894-0468

Trust	Endearing	Achievements	Mission
Belong	Community	Education	Helpful

Happy
Holidays



Dear Extension Homemakers,

I just have a hard time wrapping my head around the fact that I'm already planning for Christmas...wasn't the fair just last month? Well the best thing (work wise) about it getting closer to several holidays is that I get to be a part of the many events you all have been working on. The Holiday Workshop is my favorite event to attend, closely followed by the Holiday Bazaar, which only comes in second because it is a day of impulse buying for me. 😊 It is always neat to hear the behind the scenes planning for upcoming events and I know that our groups working on these two events have been busy.

While I want to only be thinking about all the fun stuff I have planned for the rest of the year, this is the time of year is when I really focus on my work goals for the coming year. One goal I have is to bring *The Family Dinner Project* to Boone County in 2025. *The Family Dinner Project* is a nonprofit initiative started in 2010, championing family dinner as an opportunity for family members to connect with each other through food, fun and conversation about things that matter. More than 20 years of scientific research shows "why" family mealtimes are so important. *The Family Dinner Project* provides the "how" for today's busy families. Purdue University Center for Families has created a partnership with Purdue Extension, Indiana Consumer and Family Science teachers, and the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association to bring the educational materials of this program to each county. I participated in a training just a few days ago and I really think there are lots of great resources to share with families in Boone County in a variety of different ways. If you would like to learn more about *The Family Dinner Project* you can check out the website: <https://thefamilydinnerproject.org/>. I hope you will help me in marketing upcoming programs and attend if you can.

I hope to see each of you in the coming weeks at the variety of Extension Homemaker events, but just incase our paths don't cross I do want to wish you the happiest of holidays.

Sincerely,

Pandora

Your official Extension Homemakers' Cheerleader



TREASURER REPORT

It was another successful fair this year! THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to be a cashier at the Bee Hive and who worked in the kitchen! We can't do it without all the volunteers!

We also had a wonderful Open Show bake auction. Thanks to everyone who made the delicious exhibits that were sold at the auction, to Tom Dull and Chuck Hunt for being the auctioneers, and to Debbie Ottinger for emceeing the auction! A big thank you as well to all of the bidders who support the BCEH baked goods auction!! We have quite a few bidders who come every year and support BCEH!

I am also happy to report that we have been migrating to a new computer and software system that will hopefully help ease budget tracking, processing payments, and preparing tax returns. As part of this transition, I have set up a new email address to contact the County Treasurer. The new email to get a hold of me is: bcehtreasurer@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at the new email or on my cell phone (317-319-3149).

Dione Finney, Treasurer



VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SUPPORT REPORT

Mark your calendars for March 18, 2025 for our next SEWING DAY. It will be from 9 am-3 pm in the Annex at the Fairgrounds. You do not need to know how to sew to participate.

We continue to collect shawls for the Threads of Compassion program.

Shawl patterns are available on the Boone County Extension Homemakers website

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/boone/hhs/bceh.html>

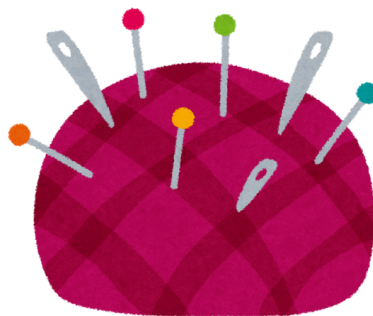
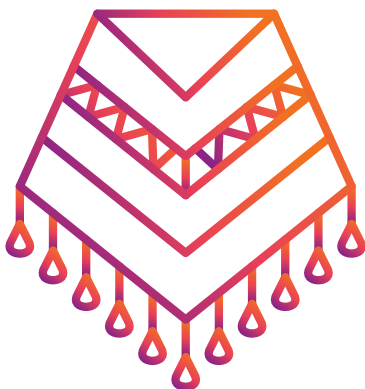
or at the Office. You may use your own pattern as well. They ask only that the dimensions be 24-34 inches wide x 65-70 inches in length, not including fringe. Fringe is optional. BCEH will reimburse you for your yarn. Just turn in your receipt when you turn in your shawl at the office. We will send you a check.

The Caring Center is looking for Volunteers. The Volunteer opportunities and job descriptions are available on their website . thecaringcenter.net Please consider doing a food drive within your clubs for the Caring Center over the holiday season and all year long.

They are always in need of food and volunteers.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!

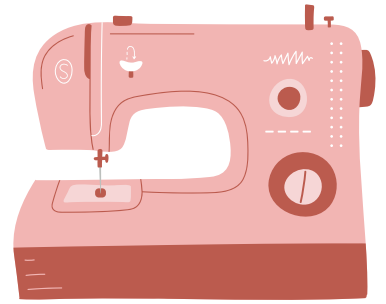
Linda Fahrenbach





FALL SEWING DAY

OCTOBER 23, 2024



We had a fun and successful Sewing Day! Ten women participated through out the day. We made 5 fleece blankets, 5 pillowcases and over 11 rice bags and 12 rice bag covers. Some women are finishing items at home. A full count will be given when I take the items to the charities. A big thank you to all who came. It was a good day!



IEHA BOX OF CARE

Box of Care' is a state-wide service project for IEHA and was created by State President Linda Carunchia . Boone County made up 200 boxes in October. Some of the Council members took some to distribute. Others will be provided to Boone County Food Pantries in December. If you would like to learn more reach out to Judi Wilson.



Wreaths Across America



*This is a new service project for the Boone County Extension Homemakers and the **FIRST TIME** Wreaths Across America (WAA) is being brought to Boone County. WAA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. 2024 is the 18th year WAA the nonprofit has existed, and in that time, it has grown to include more than 4,700 participating locations and more than 7,000 sponsorship groups nationwide.*

Each \$17 sponsorship supports WAA's yearlong program and places a live balsam veteran's wreath on the headstone of an American hero. We endeavor to honor all veterans laid to rest on Saturday, December 14, 2024, as part of National Wreaths Across America Day. "Every sponsorship is a meaningful gift from a grateful American who knows what it means to serve and sacrifice for the freedoms we all enjoy," said Karen Worcester, executive director of Wreaths Across America. "We are so grateful to the good people of this great nation for participating in our mission to Remember, Honor, Teach." On the next page is a QR Code that you can scan or you can [click here](#) to sponsor a wreath that will be laid on the headstone of an American Hero in Boone County.

The goal for Boone County Extension Homemakers is to be able to raise funds and be able to put out 100 wreathes in Boone County cemeteries on December 14th.

How can you help?

- Purchase a wreath to be laid on the headstone of an American hero
- Purchase bottled water (\$1) from the Meri Mixers booth at the Holiday Bazaar November 23. All proceeds go to purchase wreathes.
- Volunteer on December 14th to help lay wreathes. Contact Judi Wilson to sign up. 765-894-0468 or jaw_ltw@yahoo.com

Do you have a military family member laid to rest in Boone County?

While BCEH is not able to take requests through the online donation website to have a wreath laid on a specific veteran (Grave Specific request), if you (BCEH member) reach out to Staci Starcher at waa.heartsforheroes@gmail.com with the name of the veteran, branch of service they were in and cemetery name, then BCEH will make sure a wreath is laid for that veteran this year.

Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ **December 14, 2024** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day

**Help Boone County Extension
Homemakers honor local heroes!**

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a
veteran's grave this December at Rosston
Cemetery.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or
visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/IN0211



***Deadline to sponsor a
wreath is December 1.***

#LiveWithPurpose

EDUCATION REPORT

We had a good response for the teacher grants. This year we opened it up to High School also. We are giving out 5 to elementary and 2 to High School which will take us through January.

We will be reading to Head Start which is now located in the Witham YMCA.

Submitted by:
Joan Mohr
BCEH Education Chair



BREAKING NEWS...

Boone County Extension Homemakers Receive Grant to Fund the 2024-25 First Books for Kids Program.

We were excited to learn just this week (October 28th) that the Community Foundation of Boone County was awarded us a grant that was completed by Judi Wilson and Pandora Taylor in September.

First Books for Kids is a IEHA program that is done with Head Start in Boone County (located at the Witham Family YMCA each month during the school year.

We are now looking for a school teacher with a Scholastic membership that can assist us in ordering the books for our program. If you know of a teacher please reach out to Judi Wilson and provide her with contact info.



Homemakers Helping Teachers Grant RECAP

2023-2024 School Year

Grandville Wells Elementary Ms. Reed's Life Skills class

Ms. Reed was able to purchase new Barbies and accessories as well as sensory boxes for her special education classroom. These items help teach students to play well with others and work on fine motor skills.



Harney Elementary Ms. Johnson's 3rd grade class

Ms. Johnson's funding request was for a subscription to Education.com. The subscription helps her monitor students understanding of what she is teaching and provides her with teaching lessons and materials.



Grandville Wells Elementary Mrs. Burgin's Art Class

Students used the new crayons purchased through the grant for a variety of projects, including learning about the famous Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh to create their own "Starry Night" works of art, creating a 3D Vincent Van Gogh "Sunflowers" work of art, and creating a work of art called an "Agamograph" which was inspired by the famous Israeli artist named Yacov Agam.



Central Elementary Mrs. Anderson's 2nd Grade Class

Mrs. Anderson purchased books that supplement their curriculum. "The students very much enjoy exploring these books and making connections to topics learned in class. These books are often used as an optional activity after students finish their work, and many of the students are eager to get their work done to explore the books together. Mrs. Anderson and her students are so appreciative of the generous donation."





MARKETING REPORT

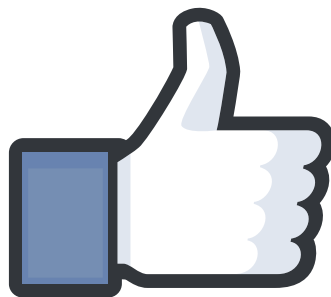
Reaching our community and surrounding areas is something your Facebook Admins work very hard to do each day. With the help of members it makes our job easier and FUNNIER if that was a word. LOL!

Your admin team has been working hard to keep your messages reaching the community and when you send us images, stories and what your club is working hard doing the community is listening.

In the month of August our page reached 10,900 with engagement of posts 272. The top post in the month of August was our reminder post about First Tuesday for Sept events. The one post reached 3,477 with an engagement of 81.

In the month of September our page reached 13,614 with engagement of posts 886. This is the exciting part! In just a few days left in the month of September our Fall Homesteading posts in total reached 4,405 with 129 engagement. This is exciting because it shows how many of our BCEH followers and members are sharing the messages we post on Facebook. The more you share, the more our community and surrounding areas learn about the Boone Co. Extension Homemakers.

Thank you to those clubs that send our admins images and stories to share on our Facebook page. Can't wait to see what your clubs have in store for the holidays. If you have something to share please send Katie or our Facebook page a message.



HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

PUT A SPIN ON THE HOLIDAYS

The annual Holiday Workshop will be on November 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.

Each visitor will receive something to spin and/or decorate: a gourd. See below.

There will be a \$3.00 fee for admission to help cover costs of the printed manual and refreshments. The manual will include instructions for the four crafts that will be demonstrated as well as the 12 cookie recipes that will be served.

There will be four stations for craft demonstrations, and participants will rotate among these at 20-minute intervals. This is intended to make it easier to see and hear the presentations. These will not be make-it-take-it sessions.

The demonstrations will be:

Making Gift Bags from Wrapping Paper

Clay Pot Decorations

Candy Bar Snowman

Grow Your Own Jewelry - and Christmas Ornaments (spinner and egg gourds)

The Holiday Workshop is being organized by the Sugar Creek and Home and Garden clubs.



Holiday Bazaar

We are all looking forward to our Extension Homemakers Holiday Bazaar which will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2024. Mark your calendars for some fun and interesting shopping! Our event will start at 9am and run until 4:00pm.

This special annual event is held in the Witham Pavilion and both Centennial Halls and we have a lot of vendors with many unique things to sell. We have some booths with similar items for sale, but they each present their own personal touch to make them special for your shopping experience.

Mrs. Claus will be joining us as usual and Santa, himself, will be joining us again this year. He may even have a few fun-loving elves along with him. Bring your camera along since little kids and “grown-up kids” can even sit on his lap for a photo!

Our caterer, On The Go Catering, is coming again this year. He will be serving from two locations for the convenience of both vendors and customers. He will be in the Beehive and in the Connector between the two Halls. He will be serving his yummy food items from about 10:30 until 1:00—or maybe longer.

Shopping and lunch—what could be more fun than that?! Spread the news to your family and friends and come and do some serious Christmas shopping.

This is a big event for our group and we would appreciate any help with set up and vendor check in on Friday afternoon and evening or vendor check in and greeting customers during the day on Saturday. We can arrange a 2-hour shift, a 3-hour shift or whatever works for you. We do hear that those who have helped really enjoyed the day and they usually come back the following year! Try it, you might love it! If you are interested in helping, you can call Jennifer (765-894-0122) to volunteer or Judy (765-680-3062) for general information.

JUDY BOLINGER
HOLIDAY BAZAAR COMMITTEE



2024

FAIRs Cares Food Drive

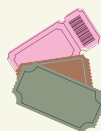


5 Boone County Food Pantries Participated

- Ruth Newby Nazarene Church
- AFD2-Advance Food Distribution
- 5 Loaves and 2 Fish
- The Caring Center
- Life's Journey Recovery Center



**1,607 pounds of
food donated**



**Raised \$1,092 from
Indiana State Fair
ticket sales**

Each Pantry received a
check for \$218.40



**42% increase in
donations from 2023**

**Thank you to all who contributed to helping this incredible
cause for our Boone County Community.**



Quick Tips for Thanksgiving Food Safety

Article written by Cindy Brison, MS, RDN (cbrison1@unl.edu)
Extension Educator in Douglas-Sarpy County

Thanksgiving is a time for families to gather and enjoy each other - not suffer from food poisoning! Here are a few quick tips to keep your family healthy:

- The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommends thawing the turkey in the refrigerator. It takes 24 hours for every 4-5 pounds of turkey, not including the day you cook it. A 20-24 pound turkey would take about 5-6 days to thaw.
- For optimum food safety, do not stuff your turkey. Place stuffing in a separate baking dish or pan to cook.
- USDA recommends an oven temperature no lower than 325°F for cooking a turkey along with using a food thermometer to make sure the thickest part of the turkey reads 165°F. A 20-24 pound turkey may take about 5 hours to cook.
- Avoid cross-contamination by using separate cutting boards, plates, and utensils when handling raw turkey. Wash items that have touched raw meat with warm soap and water, or place them in a dishwasher.
- Refrigerate leftovers within two hours to prevent bacteria from growing on the food. Eat leftovers in the refrigerator within 3-4 days. Use the freezer to store leftovers for longer periods.
- Do not overfill your refrigerator, as it causes it to work too hard and may not keep foods at 40°F or below.



For more information check out Family Fun on the Run at: <http://go.unl.edu/familyfun>

Healthy Holiday Safety Tips

- Clean out your refrigerator the week before an event to make room for thawing items and storing leftovers. Use a refrigerator thermometer to check that your refrigerator is 40°F or below.
- Frequently wash your hands with water and soap for 20 seconds.
- Simplify the day by preparing foods the day before. Do not prepare food when you are ill.
- Use a calibrated food thermometer for cooking.
- Store leftovers in shallow containers to decrease cooling time. This prevents food from spending too much time at unsafe temperatures.
- Keep leftovers in a cooler with ice or frozen gel packs if the food is traveling home with a guest who lives more than two hours away.

Sources:

1. Thanksgiving Food Preparation and Food Safety Tips, Nebraska Extension: <https://go.unl.edu/hmvg>
2. Turkey, Foodsafety.gov: <https://go.unl.edu/fsvr>
3. Thanksgiving, Foodsafety.gov: <https://go.unl.edu/zpac>

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Using Portable Generators Safely

One of the most common causes of death associated with weather disasters is carbon monoxide poisoning due to the improper use of portable generators. A significant ice storm, tornado, or major winter storm can result in power being lost for days or weeks, and means that many people will rely on portable generators to operate home furnaces, air conditioners, and appliances.

Portable generators are internal combustion engines used to generate electricity. They are useful when temporary or remote power is needed, and are commonly used during cleanup and recovery efforts following disasters such as ice storms, tornadoes, etc. This article was adapted from OSHA FactSheet #3286 and discusses specific hazards inherent with the use of generators and also provides helpful information to ensure that users of portable generators (and others nearby) remain safe.

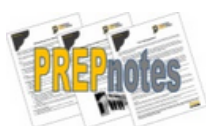
Hazards Associated with Generators

- Shocks and electrocution from improper use of power or accidentally energizing other electrical systems.
- Carbon monoxide from a generator's exhaust.
- Fires from improperly refueling a generator or inappropriately storing the fuel for a generator.
- Noise and vibration hazards.

Shock and Electrocution

The electricity created by generators has the same hazards as normal utility-supplied electricity. It also has some additional hazards because generator users often bypass the safety devices (such as circuit breakers) that are built into electrical systems. The following precautions are provided to reduce shock and electrocution hazards:

- Never attach a generator directly to the electrical system of a structure (home, office, trailer, etc.) unless a qualified electrician has properly installed the generator with a transfer switch. Attaching a generator directly to a building electrical system without a properly installed transfer switch can energize wiring systems for great distances. This creates a risk of electrocution for utility workers and others in the area.
- Always plug electrical appliances directly into the generator using the manufacturer's supplied cords or extension cords that are grounded (3-pronged). Inspect the cords to make sure they are fully intact and not damaged, cut or abraded. Never use frayed or damaged extension cords. Ensure the cords are appropriately rated in watts or amps for the intended use. Do not use underrated cords—replace them with appropriately rated cords that use heavier gauge wires. Do not overload a generator; this can lead to overheating which can create a fire hazard.
- Use ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs), especially where electrical equipment is used in or around wet or damp locations. GFCIs shut off power when an electrical current is detected outside normal paths. GFCIs and extension cords with built-in GFCI protection can be purchased at hardware stores, do-it-yourself centers, and other locations that sell electrical equipment. Regardless of GFCI use, electrical equipment used in wet and damp locations must be listed and approved for those conditions.



PREPnotes are adapted from the "Disaster Handbook for Extension Agents".. Reviewed and updated February 2021. Additional sources cited as appropriate.

- Make sure a generator is properly grounded and the grounding connections are tight. Consult the manufacturer's instructions for proper grounding methods.
- Keep a generator dry; do not use it in the rain or wet conditions. If needed, protect a generator with a canopy. Never manipulate a generator's electrical components if you are wet or standing in water.
- Do not use electrical equipment that has been submerged in water. Equipment must be thoroughly dried out and properly evaluated before using. Power off and do not use any electrical equipment that has strange odors or begins smoking.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, toxic gas. Many people have died from CO poisoning because their generator was not adequately ventilated.

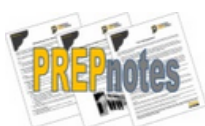
- Never use a generator indoors or in enclosed spaces such as garages, crawl spaces, and basements. NOTE: Open windows and doors may NOT prevent CO from building up when a generator is located in an enclosed space.
- Make sure a generator has 3 to 4 feet of clear space on all sides and above it to ensure adequate ventilation.
- Do not use a generator outdoors if its placement near doors, windows, and vents could allow CO to enter and build up in occupied spaces.
- If you or others show symptoms of CO poisoning—dizziness, headaches, nausea, tiredness—get to fresh air immediately and seek medical attention. Do not re-enter the area until it is determined to be safe by trained and properly equipped personnel.

Fire Hazards

- Generators become hot while running and remain hot for long periods after they are stopped. Generator fuels (gasoline, kerosene, etc.) can ignite when spilled on hot engine parts.
- Before refueling, shut down the generator and allow it to cool.
- Gasoline and other generator fuels should be stored and transported in approved containers that are properly designed and marked for their contents, and vented.
- Keep fuel containers away from flame producing and heat generating devices (such as the generator itself, water heaters, cigarettes, lighters, and matches). Do not smoke around fuel containers. Escaping vapors or vapors from spilled materials can travel long distances to ignition sources.
- Do not store generator fuels in your home. Store fuels away from living areas.

Noise and Vibration Hazards

- Generator engines vibrate and create noise. Excessive noise and vibration could cause hearing loss and fatigue that may affect job performance.
- Keep portable generators as far away as possible from work areas and gathering spaces.
- Wear hearing protection if this is not possible.



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**SAVE
THE DATE**

Upcoming Classes Boone County Fairgrounds

SAVE THE DATE

ANNIE'S PROJECT FOR CUT FLOWER GROWERS

**MONDAY EVENINGS
6-9PM EST (5-8 CT)
JAN 20 - FEB 24**

Program sites are available across Indiana. Select the location that works best for you:
Morgan/Johnson, Lake/Porter, Clark, Hancock, Warrick, Montgomery, Boone, Allen, Steuben, Virtual

Registration information coming soon!



ANNIE'S PROJECT
EMPOWERING WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE



PURDUE EXTENSION-BOONE COUNTY

MASTER GARDENER TRAINING CLASS

SAVE THE DATE!!

TUESDAYS, FEB. 4-MAY 6 | 12:30-3:30

**Become a Master Gardener Volunteer!
Spring Master Gardener Basic Training Class**

FOR MORE INFO OR TO BE ADDED TO OUR MAILING LIST
CONTACT: PURDUE EXTENSION-BOONE COUNTY OFFICE AT
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2025 Newsletter Deadlines

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