

# Purdue Extension-Harrison County

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## EXTENSION BOARD ANNUAL MEETING



Harrison County Extension would like to thank our community sponsors, partner organizations, volunteers, Extension Board members, advisory committees, 4-H Council, extension-based organizations, county officials, and the community at-large for the continued support, hard work, and dedication to Purdue Extension's mission. The ongoing contributions and efforts of these individuals and organizations make all of our high-impact, research-based educational opportunities possible.

The Annual Meeting had a full house of over 50 attendees! Thank you all for coming!



### SPONSORSHIP OF THE MEAL

Thank you to Blackman Farms for sponsoring the meal and beverages!

Guests got to enjoy an Italian fare of lasagna, alfredo, green beans, garlic bread, salads, and many types of dessert.





## Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator Report

ANR Educator, Ariel Camm-Wilson

Direct County and Area Impacts with Harrison County ANR Involved:

- Adult Direct Contacts-1,245
- Youth Direct Contacts- 552
- Indirect Contacts- 280
- Learner Minutes Total- 9,780
- Client Consultations- 201

Programs reported on where Family Ag Day, Beef Cattle Programs, and Extension Master Gardener Training Course.

## HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EDUCATOR REPORT

HHS/CD Educator, Tara Beckman

Direct County and Area Impacts with Harrison County HHS/CD Involved:

- Adult Direct Contacts- 933
- Youth Direct Contacts- 34
- Indirect Contacts- 174
- Learner Minutes Total - 8207

Reported programs included the May Community Wellness Challenge, initiatives supporting older adults, and Building Stronger Boards.



## 4-H & Youth Development

We are looking for a 4-H & Youth Development Educator. Apply for Harrison County 4-H Youth Development Educator position here:

[https://careers.purdue.edu/.../Extension.../40355-en\\_US/](https://careers.purdue.edu/.../Extension.../40355-en_US/)

Impact Report:

Mini 4-H Enrollments: 91

Traditional 4-H Enrollments: 285

4-H Volunteers: 131

County Exhibit Hall Projects 2025: 620

County Livestock Projects 2025: 696

State Exhibit Hall Projects 2025: 102

**We're Hiring**

**Apply Now**

**Extension Educator  
4-H Youth Development**

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## NUTRITION EDUCATION REPORT

NEPA Cindy Finerfrock serves 3 counties: Harrison, Floyd & Clark

In 2025 the Purdue Nutrition Education Program Evaluation and Reporting System tracked her impact:

- Direct Ed Reach at 419
- Indirect Ed Reach at 1188
- Completed Survey Responses at 494
- 12 of her 29 Program Activities served Harrison County Community Partners
- 50% of her Indirect Activities served Harrison County
- 100% of programs in Harrison County were delivered in person.



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## ANR AND HHS PRESENTATION

Ariel and Tara had an educational presentation on “Farm to Label Buzzwords.” This activity highlighted how cross-program areas, such as ANR and HHS, can collaborate to showcase impactful programing. During the session, participants were presented with statements commonly seen on food labels, such as “cage-free” and “USDA organic” and asked to determine whether each statement was “fact” or “fiction.” The discussion helped clarify what these terms truly mean and how they can influence consumer perceptions. Ariel provided insight from the agriculture perspective, while Tara contributed from the health and wellness standpoint, offering a well-rounded explanation of how food labeling connects to farming practices, nutrition, and consumer choices.



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## 4-H PRESENTATION

4-H members Lily Kintner, Paige Schmelz, Waylon Jones, Lucas Jones, Samuel Wiseman, and Issac Uhl gave a presentation on experiences that they have had in the 4-H program to show connection between how skills and programs that are learned in 4-H can be used in their everyday lives. Members discussed programs such as showing animals and exhibit hall projects and where they were able to gain valuable insights to take their knowledge even further.



## ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD

The Above and Beyond Award recognizes someone who volunteers their time towards Purdue Extension Harrison County, participates and gives back in a variety of ways, and simply, goes Above and Beyond to make a positive impact in our community.

Lisa Uhl has been a volunteer in multiple capacities within Purdue Extension since 1981. She has been an Extension Board member for over 20 years and a 4-H volunteer for 46 years. She is currently the leader of the Tic Tac and Sew 4-H club, 4-H Junior Leaders, 4-H Foods Superintendent, member of the Finance Committee, and Secretary for the 4-H Council and Extension Board. Thank you Lisa for going above and beyond for Harrison County!



## OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

This award recognizes an individual in our community that go above and beyond the call of duty at large for the impact of our community. This person may or may not be directly involved in Extension.

Mike Kruz currently serves as the Emergency Management Director for Harrison County. He serves as chairman of the board for 434 ministries which operates the Macy House in Corydon. He has strengthened the EMA program in the county by updating emergency plans and procedures as well as working with local government agencies. Mike and his wife Misty have fostered 30 children over their years of marriage while raising 6 of their own children and 2 adopted. Thank you Mike for all that you do to not only Purdue Extension, but all of Harrison County!



## FRIEND OF EXTENSION AWARD

The Friend of Extension Award recognizes someone in our community that has a long-standing, deeply-devoted, relationship with Purdue Extension Harrison County and its many initiatives.

Kristen Garwood resides in Mauckport on the last dairy farm in Harrison County. Her son Samuel is currently a 5<sup>th</sup> year 4-H member. She has spent 20 years as a 4-H volunteer, 15 years as dairy goat superintendent, and President of the livestock committee for 14 years. Kristen has helped over 100 kids show every type of dairy animal possible at the fair. Thank you Kristen for being a Friend of Harrison County Purdue Extension!





## Thank you to all of our Award Recipients!

Congratulations to our evening's award recipients (left to right):

- Outstanding Service- Mike Kurz
- Friend of Extension- Kristen Garwood
- Above & Beyond- Lisa Uhl

*Congratulations*

## With Appreciation

A very special thank you to our Extension Board— pictured to the right are those who were able to attend.

We also thank our County Officials in attendance: Nelson Stepro, Annisa Kellum, Brad Wiseman, Kyle Nix, and Jake Blackman.



## EXTENSION BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Each County Extension Program in Indiana is supported by the work of a County Extension Board, which provides guidance on the overall direction of programming and also advocacy for the work of Extension within the community.

We'd like to recognize and congratulate our new Extension Board members for Harrison County Purdue Extension.

- Allison Lewis
- Wanda Phillips



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A special thank you to everyone who supports Purdue Extension and our mission as Indiana's educational partner for life— your support truly makes everything we do possible.