

March 2025 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Now that the snow has given us a respite it feels like we are jumping into 4-H season with both feet. Thank you to everyone who came out to New to 4-H Night! We had a great time at this beneficial orientation event. We also had a great time taking a Junior Leader Delegation to Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse this month. The office is working towards making sure the March 8th Volunteer Conference and



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March 29th Beyond Ready to Show Livestock Workshop are big hits this year. We would love to see you at either event. In ANR news we have a PARP opportunity on March 10th and we are preparing for another round of Junior Master Gardener Programming at Lydia Middleton Elementary this month. In HHS news Capitan Cash is planning to set sail to a few elementary schools once our educator gets her sea legs. A very cool opportunity for Farmers Market Merchants in being supported through extension in our county soon as well. A reminder that The 2025 Jefferson County 4-H Handbook complete with Fair Schedule and Important dates is available on our website: extension.purdue.edu/county/jefferson/ and in print at the extension office.



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The next fair board meeting will be March 6th at 7 pm in the Community building. The next extension board meeting will be March 17th at 6 pm in the Community Building.

Sincerely,

Britt Copeland, Extension Educator

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Or Free 4-H Advertising Month as we call it.

We're Hiring! - Summer Program Assistant

Purdue Extension- Jefferson County is hiring an summer intern/assistant to help with the busy fair season. This position is perfect for former 4-H members returning home from college for the summer. Applications and more information about the position is available in the extension office or by emailing the office manager, Kasie Bachmann, at kbachman@purdue.edu.

Agriculture & Natural Resources



2025 Annual Tobacco GAP Training & Private Applicator Recertification Program (PARP)

March 10, 2025 at 6 pm
Jefferson County Extension
Office Conference Room

Tobacco Growers:
Register on GAP Connections:
shop.gapconnections.com/meetings

Private Applicators:
RSVP to Jefferson County Extension Office
(812) 265-8919, copelanb@purdue.edu

Tobacco Farmers and Private Applicators are invited to the Jefferson County 4-H Community Building on March 10, 2025 at 6 pm for our Tobacco GAP and PARP program.

The agenda will include an update on the Tobacco Industry as well as regulatory topics needed for pesticide application and Tobacco production.

RSVPs to the office are appreciated. PARP credits are \$10, cash or check to "Purdue University" will be accepted. Please bring your applicator card or alternate form of ID. For questions or to call ahead please use the contacts below.

Purdue Extension Jefferson County (812) 265-8919 or email: copelanb@purdue.edu

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The Pollinator Action Groups annual plant sale is now open! If you are looking to improve your habitats or flower beds with native plants that will make you a hit with the birds and bees pick up an order form from the SWCD in the same building

as the extension office to see what's available for purchase. All forms and monies are due by March 20, 2025. Call the Soil and Water Office with any questions at 812-265-7609.

ROOTS OF THE FUTURE: A SUCCESSION PLANNING PROGRAM FOR SUSTAINABLE LAND STEWARDSHIP



MARCH 24 WHY PLAN & GOALS OF PLANNING	MARCH 31 MANAGING FAMILY DYNAMICS
APRIL 7 FAMILY MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATION	APRIL 14 LEGAL AND ESTATE ISSUES

Have you thought about passing on your land to the next generation?

This 4-session webinar series will discuss the steps to get you started with your family in the succession planning process.

PRESENTED BY PURDUE EXTENSION EDUCATORS
Renee Wiatt, Maria Marshall, Phil Woolery, Kyle Weaver, Veronica Bullock, Jenna Nees, Liz Jackson

ALL SESSIONS
7:00-8:30 PM EDT
VIA ZOOM

REGISTER BY MARCH 21
<https://Purduesuccession2025.eventbrite.com>
Fee \$25 per family

Purdue University is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access University. If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Liz Jackson at 765-496-5013 or jackson@purdue.edu by March 19. If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact Liz Jackson at 765-496-5013 or jackson@purdue.edu by March 19.



Clean Water Indiana Grant AVAILABLE

The Jefferson, Clark and Scott County SWCD's have been awarded a 2025 Clean Water Indiana Grant. This grant is for \$130,000 for up to a three year period for three county area or until the money is all allocated. This project will strive to promote soil health on pasture/hay land, and improve water quality. Conservation practices will be installed that help to: improve pasture and hay quality; reduce soil erosion and compaction; reduce excessive nutrients and sediments in surface and ground water; and improve inadequate feed, forage, and water. Cover crops are included as they reduce erosion and diminish sediment entering our water, and they can be grazed as part of a pasture management plan.



Interested parties need to complete an application and a ranking form for cost-share assistance.

- Property must be located in Jefferson, Clark or Scott County, Indiana.
- Receipts, seed tags and other documents need to be submitted for payment as soon as the practices are completed.
- All practices must be completed within 12 months of application approval. Except for the year 2027 and all practices have to be complete and receipts submitted for payment by November 30, 2027.

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4-H Youth Development



4-H Enrollment Continues- Office is here to help

4-H Clubs have started their meetings and the Community Building Calendar is full of events! If you aren't connected with your club to see when meetings are happening let the office help. There is no longer a general enrollment deadline for 4-H so if someone wants to join the fun point them towards 4-H online or the extension office. The deadline for Animal ID on 4-H online for livestock exhibitors continues to be May 15th.

Visit 4-H online at v2.4honline.com to reenroll or sign up for the many events happening in our area. As always, let the office know if you have any questions, would like to help with upcoming events or have ideas for new programming. Our Office is open M-F 8-4 pm and our phone is (812) 265- 8919.

There is still time to Join Us at the Area 1 4-H Volunteer Conference on March 8th!

Educators have been busy buying 4-H Swag to give away, prepping meeting resources and lining up fellow leaders to be presenters at the conference this year. Registration is free and includes a catered lunch. The conference is held just up the road at Hopewell Baptist Church in Ripley County. I would love to have another great representation from Jefferson County again this year. To register go to the events tab on 4-H online and search for Area 1 4-H Volunteer Conference or use this direct link: 25area1volunteerconference.4honline.com. We hope to see you there!

7TH - 11TH GRADERS, JOIN US!

4-H NEXT CHAPTER

MONDAYS @ 7:00 PM ET, 6:00 PM CT

VIRTUAL

MAR 24 **MY PERSONAL AND CAREER GOALS**
WHO do YOU want to be in your future? **VISION BOARD**

DISCOVERING CAREERS FOR ME
Check out hot careers including some you have never imagined!
GUEST SPEAKER **MAR 31**

APR 7 **NETWORKING SKILLS**
Like they say, it's who you know! **GUEST SPEAKER**

SERVICE LEARNING **PLAN AN IN PERSON PROJECT** **APR 14**
Serving others and building employability skills.

REGISTER: <https://Chapter1.4honline.com>

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Virtual Club Officer Training from Purdue Collegiate 4-H on March 11th

Hey 4-H'ers! Get ready for an exciting virtual leadership event led by Purdue Collegiate 4-H—a group of former 4-H'ers who know exactly what it takes to be a great club officer! Join us on March 11th at 6:00 PM EST (5:00 PM CST) to grow your skills, build confidence, and lead like a pro!

3rd-12th Grade 4-H members can sign up for FREE at officertraining.4honline.com !

Don't miss this chance to grow as a leader, connect with others, and have fun! See you on Zoom!

PURDUE COLLEGIATE 4-H
PRESENTS A VIRTUAL
4-H CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

4-H

OPEN TO ALL INDIANA 4-H MEMBERS!

MARCH 11TH, 6:00 PM EST

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4-H Youth Development



Livestock Exhibitor To Do List

To exhibit an animal in 4-H there are a couple extra steps you need to take to be ready for the showing. This year we are hosting a workshop to help you become *beyond ready* to show. Here are a few reminders to keep you up to date.

Tag your Livestock

Beef Tagging—April 5, 2025, 7 –10 am on the Fairgrounds

Any youth planning to show a beef steer, heifer, and or dairy steer at the 4-H County Fair must bring their animals to the Fairgrounds for tagging/identification. Dairy Females and previously shown heifers with appropriate identification information do not need to attend.

Sheep, Goat, Swine Tagging—April 26, 2025, 7 –10 am on the Fairgrounds

Any youth planning to show sheep, goats, or swine must bring their animals to the Fairgrounds for tagging/identification. Previously shown females that have the proper ID do not need to attend.

Complete a required Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training

In person QLC trainings are required for exhibition of all livestock projects. If you are unable to make any of the dates you can complete YQCA training online at yqcaprogram.org and email proof of completion to the extension office. You only need to take this training once a year and it counts for all species you might show. Trainings cost \$3 and registration is collected on 4-H online events.

1st Training Opportunity at Area 1 Beyond Ready to Show Livestock Workshop—March 29 on the Fairgrounds. This training is free if registered for the workshop.

2nd Training and 4-H Online Animal ID Help Night— May 15 @ 6 pm in the Community Bldg.

3rd Training Opportunity – June 24th @ Noon in the Community Bldg.

Enter your Show Classes on Fair Entry

Fair entry is the last step before your enter the show ring. Fair Entry will open June 1 and close June 24.

Enroll your Animals on 4-H Online by May 15th

Just like leaders and 4-H members Animals must be registered on 4-H online to show. Our office will enroll the animals for you if you stop at the office on your way out of tagging days. All animals except rabbits, chickens, dogs & cats must be enrolled on 4HOnline.

Attend a Livestock Workshop & skip the record sheets!

Livestock record sheets are required to receive premium money after showing at the fair. If you attend an educational workshop on your species you do not have to complete any record sheets at all! You can complete any counties program, any time. Our Beyond Ready Livestock Workshop has us excited. Two past Jefferson County 4-H Judges will be presenting and the workshop offers a QLC training so it's a one stop shop!

Area 1 4-H *Beyond Ready to Show Livestock*

March 29, 2025 10:00am - 3:00pm

Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds 3767 W SR 256 Madison, IN 47250

Want to perfect your showmanship skills with advice from Livestock Judges? Need to get your Quality Care training done for fair? If so, we invite you out for a day long Animal Science and Showmanship Workshop! The event will be separated into 2 age-appropriate travelling groups.

- \$10 Registration Includes
- Catered Lunch
 - Door Prizes
 - Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Registration
 - Educational Resources

Agenda

	Junior 4-H Members	Senior & Int. 4-H Members
10:00	Animal Nutrition Learning Laboratory	
10:40	Beef Showmanship	Swine Showmanship
11:20	Swine Showmanship	Beef Showmanship
Noon	Lunch	
12:40	Goat Showmanship	Sheep Showmanship
1:20	Sheep Showmanship	Goat Showmanship
2:00	Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care Training	

- Presenters will include **Livestock Judges**, 4-H Volunteers and Extension Educators.
- Demonstration animals on sight for each species.
- Opportunity to complete required **IN 4-H Quality Livestock Care** Training at no extra cost.

Registration Required on 4-H Online Events by March 21st

Register at: <https://beyondreadytoshowlivestock.4honline.com>

Event costs \$10. Families encourage to stay on fairgrounds with members, hospitality room will be available.

Contact Purdue Extension Jefferson County with questions at (812) 265-8919





4-H Youth Development



Jefferson County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet March 25th

The next Junior Leader Meeting will be **March 25th at 6:00 pm** at Hinkles Downtown. Members should bring milkshake money and walking shoes for an activity downtown.

Thank you for all your help with New to 4-H Night! Junior Leaders did an excellent job sharing projects with new families at the event!



Artificial Intelligence Teens as Teachers April 5th

Weather prevented us from going on this trip in January and now the state office scheduled the make up event during Beef tagging so the Extension Office will not be able to provide chaperones and transportation. If you would still like to attend with your parents we have members interested in forming a team so let the office know and we will connect you. See below for general details.

Artificial Intelligence is no longer something that might happen in the future; it is here!!!! To ensure that the young people in Indiana can understand and apply skills that will help them in the future, we are creating an Artificial Intelligence Teens as Teachers Statewide Club. You will spend a day on campus at Purdue University learning the ins and outs of AI and how to teach these concepts to younger kids in your community. You will have the opportunity to learn a little about LLMs, or large language models like

- ChatGPT and Gemini
- Teachable Machine machine learning
- Notebook LM
- How all of these models work together
- How to share what you've learned

This event happens April 5th at the NSWC Crane K-12 STEM Lab in Oden, IN from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm EST. To register, go to

<https://AI-IN.4honline.com>



Those wishing to Join Junior Leaders should sign up for the Junior Leaders Project on 4-H Online so we know to keep you informed of our upcoming events! We also have a Facebook page and a Remind Text Group. We will continue to send emails, post in the Facebook group and put reminders in the newsletter.

4-H Graduation Tassels Available for Seniors in the Extension Office!

Graduation is approaching, which means hundreds of outstanding 4-H'ers across the state are nearing the culmination of their 4-H experience! We want to hear what 4-H has meant to you.

Please complete this survey at bit.ly/IN4Hgrad by April 1st, and you'll receive a commemorative 4-H graduate tassel that can be picked up at your local Extension Office.



4-H Graduation Information Needed from Seniors

While your sharing graduation parties and photos celebrating your accomplishments this spring drop us one so we can celebrate our graduating seniors during fair! Upload a high quality photo to <https://bit.ly/25senior> and brief bio on a word document that includes your future plans and favorite 4-H memory. Please complete by May 15th so we can have awards ordered by fair.



4-H Youth Development



Southeastern Indiana 4-H Camp Registration Closes May 1st

This year's Southeastern Indiana 4-H Camp will be held at Camp Higher Ground in West Harrison, IN on **June 2-6 for Members in Grades 3-12**. We invite you to join Jefferson County Campers and over 250 campers from surround counties for a week of fun in the sun.

This year's camp theme, "Wonderful World of 4-H," was announced in a video from our 2025 Camp Junior Directors on the [Southeastern Indiana 4-H Camp Facebook page](#) last month. We promise this will be a magical experience without the threat from any Disney Villains.

4-H Camp is discounted to \$120 for Jefferson County Campers from \$230. Additional needs based scholarships for camp are available to Jefferson County Campers. Please inquire directly with the County 4-H educators if you are interested in that opportunity. Payment for camp is not due until May 1st but we encourage you to register for camp asap! Go to the events tab on your 4-H online profile and select Southeastern Indiana 4-H Camp or use this direct link: <https://25SEI4HCamp.4honline.com>



Junior Staff Training on April 12th at Jefferson County 4-H Community Building

Our next all Staff Training for all Junior Staff (Grades 8-12) will be on April 12th from 10-3 pm at the Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds. This training agenda is packed full so you won't want to miss it. Lunch and snacks will be provided. If you have signed up to be a Junior Staff member on 4-H Online and are not able to attend the training you will need to contact the camp director, Britt Copeland, to

schedule a make up training. It's important we are ready for anything camp throws at us.

Summer 4-H Save the Dates!



Jefferson County 4-H Horse and Pony Camp

4-H Horse & Pony Camp June 13-14

More information to come from Horse and Pony Superintendents on our third Horse and Pony Camp. Registration is required on 4-H Online.



Fashion Review June 24

4-H Sewing and Consumer clothing members should jot down this date on their calendars. Register on 4-H online at <https://25JeffersonFashion.4honline.com>



Mini 4-H Camp June 21

Mini 4-H members are invited to a day of fun with Animal Project Demos, Crafts and more. Register at <https://25minidaycamp.4honline.com>



Jefferson County 4-H Fair will be July 7-12th

4-H Fair Events will run July 1st-12th but commercial events such as the Midway and Grandstand events will be the 7th-12th. Register on Fair Entry in June.

Health & Human Sciences

Extension Homemaker Updates:

Upcoming Smyrna Club Meetings:

- March 19th at Wirt Baptist Church
*Pitch-in lunch at 12:00pm, meeting at 1:00pm

Upcoming Homemaker Events:

- Madison Spring District Day
"Hoppin' on the IEHA Trail"
Tuesday March 25, 2025
St. Mary's Catholic Church – Door 7
1331 East Hunter Robbins Way
Greensburg, IN 47240
Meeting begins at 10am
Cost to attend is \$16



JEFFERSON COUNTY EXTENSION
HOMEMAKERS

Quilt Show

May 9th & 10th
10:00AM-5:00PM

JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS
COMMUNITY BUILDING
3852 W STATE RD 256, MADISON, IN. 47250

LUNCH, VENDOR CRAFTS AND MORE
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

PROCEEDS FROM THE SHOW GO TO THE JEFFERSON
COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO ENTER QUILTS FOR
THE SHOW! QUILTS ARE TO BE ENTERED ON
THURSDAY, May 8TH FROM 3PM-6PM.

PLEASE CONTACT THE PURDUE
EXTENSION JEFFERSON CO. OFFICE
AT (812)265-8919 FOR MORE INFO

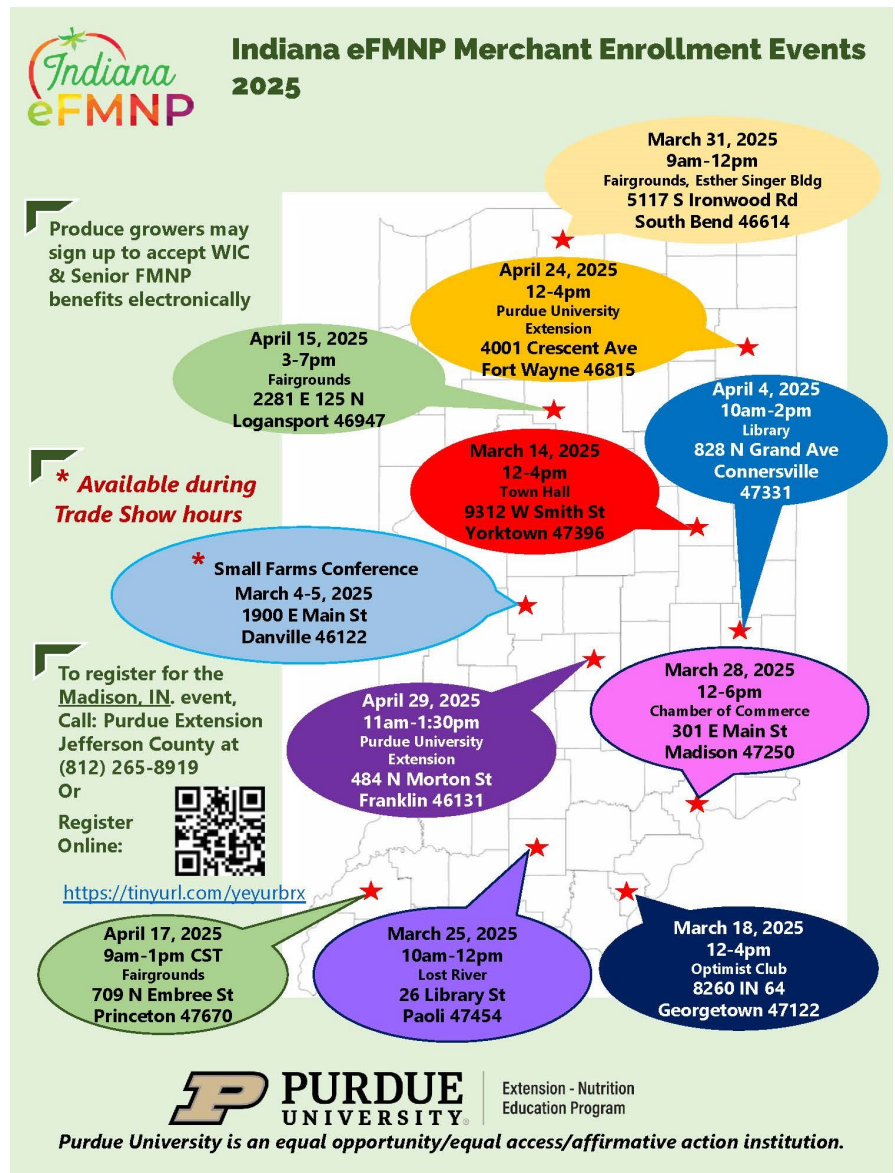
Admission \$5



Celebrate
**National
Nutrition
Month**
in March!
#NationalNutritionMonth

**Food
ConnectsUs**
2025 NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH
A Campaign by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

This March, create connections to your food and your community during #NationalNutritionMonth! Use this QR Code to learn more about ways to promote healthful habits!


Indiana eFMNP

Indiana eFMNP Merchant Enrollment Events 2025

Produce growers may sign up to accept WIC & Senior FMNP benefits electronically

* Available during Trade Show hours

* Small Farms Conference

To register for the Madison, IN event, Call: Purdue Extension Jefferson County at (812) 265-8919 Or Register Online:  <https://tinyurl.com/yeyurbx>

- March 31, 2025
9am-12pm
Fairgrounds, Esther Singer Bldg
5117 S Ironwood Rd
South Bend 46614
- April 24, 2025
12-4pm
Purdue University Extension
4001 Crescent Ave
Fort Wayne 46815
- April 15, 2025
3-7pm
Fairgrounds
2281 E 125 N
Logansport 46947
- March 14, 2025
12-4pm
Town Hall
9312 W Smith St
Yorktown 47396
- April 4, 2025
10am-2pm
Library
828 N Grand Ave
Connersville 47331
- March 4-5, 2025
1900 E Main St
Danville 46122
- April 29, 2025
11am-1:30pm
Purdue University Extension
484 N Morton St
Franklin 46131
- March 28, 2025
12-6pm
Chamber of Commerce
301 E Main St
Madison 47250
- April 17, 2025
9am-1pm CST
Fairgrounds
709 N Embree St
Princeton 47670
- March 25, 2025
10am-12pm
Lost River
26 Library St
Paoli 47454
- March 18, 2025
12-4pm
Optimist Club
8260 IN 64
Georgetown 47122

PURDUE UNIVERSITY Extension - Nutrition Education Program
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Upcoming Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
March 8	4-H Volunteer Conference	Holton, IN	10:00 a.m.
March 10	PARP Training	Community Building	6:00 p.m.
March 11	4-H Horse and Pony Call Out Mtg.	Community Building	6:00 p.m.
March 20	Pollinator Plant Sale Deadline	SWCD	
March 25	Junior Leaders Meeting	Downtown	6:00 p.m.
March 29	Beyond Ready to Show Livestock	Fairgrounds	10:00 a.m.
April 5	Beef Tagging	Fairgrounds	7:00-10:00 a.m.
April 5	A.I. Teens as Teachers	Oden, IN	
April 12	Camp Jr. Staff Training	Jefferson County	10 a.m.– 3 p.m.
April 26	Goat, Sheep & Swine Tagging	Fairgrounds	7:00-10:00 a.m.
May 9-10	Extension Homemaker Quilt Show	Community Building	10 a.m.– 5 p.m.
May 15	Quality Livestock Care Training	Community Building	6:00 p.m.
June 2-6	4-H Camp	Camp Higher Ground	

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