



# October 2025 Newsletter

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Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**THURSDAY  
NOV 13**  
6:00 - 8:00 PM

**JENNINGS COUNTY 4-H CHILI SUPPER  
& EXTENSION ANNUAL MEETING**

## JENNINGS COUNTY 4-H CHILI SUPPER & EXTENSION ANNUAL MEETING

We are excited to host our Annual Jennings Purdue Extension meeting while bringing our community together for a chili supper to benefit Jennings County 4-H!



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH**

**CHILI SUPPER 6:00-8:00PM**

**SILENT AUCTION 6:00- 7:30PM**

**JENNINGS COMMUNITY BUILDING**



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The Chili Supper ticket sales will go towards Jennings 4-H improvement projects including remaining funds needed to support the new Rabbit & Poultry Barns. Pre-sale tickets will be available SOON!

The Silent Auction will benefit the Jennings Co. 4-H Endowment Fund that supports our annual 4-H Academic Scholarships, 4-H Camp and other State 4-H Event fees.

If you are interested in sponsoring this event or providing other donations (monetary, supplies or silent auction items) please contact our office for more information or [dwagster@purdue.edu](mailto:dwagster@purdue.edu).

4-H Families, more details on how you can help arriving in your inbox soon !

# October 4-H Newsletter

# Jennings County 4-H

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## Dear 4-H Families & Volunteers,

4-H enrollment officially opens October 1st!!! This year's theme is...

### Jennings County 4-H Is Out Of This World!

Hop online and be sure to enroll as soon as possible to get involved in 4-H Activities!



All the best,  
Rebekah Cartwright  
4-H Youth Development Educator



FOLLOW OUR  
FACEBOOK PAGE FOR  
MORE UPCOMING  
IMPORTANT DATES!

## 4-H Chili Supper and Extension Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars! On Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00PM, Jennings County 4-H will be hosting a Chili Supper to bring our community together in support of our local youth. Proceeds from ticket sales will go directly towards fairgrounds improvements and expanding 4-H programming right here in Jennings County. Our Silent Auction will benefit the Jennings County 4-H Endowment Fund, which provides annual 4-H Academic Scholarships, 4-H Camp Support, and support for other exciting 4-H youth trips! Pre-sale tickets will be available soon.



4-H Families: Keep an eye on your inbox for details on how you can pitch in and be a part of this special event.

Come hungry, leave inspired, and help us continue to grow the future of 4-H in Jennings County!

## Junior Leaders Call-Out Celebration



Join us for our Junior Leaders Call Out Meeting on October 7th at 6:00 pm at the Jennings County Government Center. Although you may have gotten familiar with Junior Leaders at their food stand during fair, being a Junior Leader is so much more than that! The Junior Leaders club is for 7th - 12th graders who are leaders or aspiring leaders in our community. Junior Leaders is a fun, engaging, and active club in Jennings County. Not only will being a Junior Leader help you stand out on your college and job applications, but it is also a whole lot of fun to be a part of! Junior Leaders take fun trips, provide community service, run Mini 4-H Camp, and this year will provide static project workshops! If this sounds like something you may be interested in, please add the meeting to your calendar and plan on joining us! In Junior Leaders, you will create friends for a lifetime! Our October 7th Meeting will have games, snacks, drinks, fun, and fellowship! I hope to see a lot of you there!

## National 4-H Week - Go Green Day!

To help celebrate national 4-H Week, October 6<sup>th</sup> will be "Go Green Day." Wear green and send our office a picture of yourself wearing green by emailing [bargerr@purdue.edu](mailto:bargerr@purdue.edu). Or post a picture of yourself wearing green and tag National 4-H and Indiana 4-H with hashtags #National4HWeek and #4HBeyondReady

## Important Dates October

- 1 4-H ENROLLMENT BEGINS
- 6 Dog Club Meeting 6:30 pm
- 7 Junior Livestock Committee Meeting 5:00 PM
- 7 Junior Leader Call-Out Meeting 6:00 pm
- 10 Area 1 Teen Leadership Conference
- 13 Columbus Day - Office Closed
- 20 4-H Council 5 pm
- 20 Livestock Committee Meeting 6pm
- 31 Sweet Street - Happy Halloween!

# Jennings County 4-H

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## Club Meetings & Events

- Junior Leaders
  - October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Government Center at 6 pm
- Junior Livestock Committee
  - October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Government Center at 5pm
- 4-H Council
  - October 20th at the Government Center at 5 pm
- Livestock Committee
  - October 20th at the Government Center at 6 pm
- Dog Club
  - October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm
  - October 20th at the Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm



## Southeastern Indiana REMC Enrollment Fee Reimbursement

Southeastern Indiana REMC is reimbursing 4-H Enrollment fees for children of SEI REMC members again this year! If your child is enrolled or enrolling in the 2025-2026 4-H Program, you may qualify for a reimbursement of up to \$20 per participant. Applications will be accepted from October 1, 2025 to July 31, 2026!

Apply here: [www.seiremc.com/4h](http://www.seiremc.com/4h)



## Life Skills Survey

If you are a 4-H member or a parent of a 4-H Member, please fill out the survey linked below. Here in Jennings County, we want our youth to be ready to tackle adulthood when that time comes. We would like to provide a series of Life Skills Workshops in the upcoming program year to help prepare our youth for success!

Survey Link:

[https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2fUeZViAKLQPTme](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2fUeZViAKLQPTme)

Or Scan the QR Code



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## Volunteer Enrollment

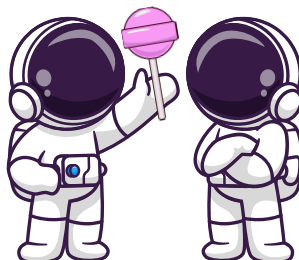


Volunteers, it is extremely important that you get enrolled as a volunteer as soon as possible to be able to assume your volunteer duties. You cannot attend meetings, events, or vote on committees until you have your volunteer enrollment complete. You can begin enrolling now. If you have any questions or are not sure which volunteer role you should select, please call the extension office or email [bargerr@purdue.edu](mailto:bargerr@purdue.edu) for guidance.

## Sweet Street



Jennings County 4-H will be at Sweet Street again this year! Our Junior Leaders will be representing! Sweet Street will take place on October 31st on Madison Avenue from 5:30pm-7:30pm. This year to match our enrollment theme, we will be handing out little astronauts along with candy to get the community engaged with 4-H!





# Beyond Ready For Leadership

**October 10, 2025 9-30 am - 3:30 pm**

Join 4-H members in Grades 7-12 on Friday, October 10, 2025 at Hanover College for a one day summit of Junior Leaders, Club Officers and any 4-H members looking to take on leadership roles in Southeastern Indiana.



Take on the Hanover College Outdoor Wilderness Leadership (OWL) Challenge Course for a team building experience.

Explore the Hanover College Campus with us and enjoy lunch in the dining hall on us.



End the day working as a team with your fellow 4-H members to develop a program or project to bring back to your county or club.

This program is open to all youth in Southeastern Indiana in Grades 7-12. There is no cost to participate but registration is required on 4-H Online Events. Contact Purdue Extension Jefferson County at (812) 265 8919 with questions or assistance registering.

**Register by October 3, 2025 on 4-H online Events or at  
[beyondreadyforleadership.4honline.com](https://beyondreadyforleadership.4honline.com)**



Extension - Jefferson County

Purdue Extension is an equal access/equal opportunity institution. If you need accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this program contact [copelanb@purdue.edu](mailto:copelanb@purdue.edu) by September 26, 2025



# Ag & Natural Resources

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## 4th Grade Ag Day

Purdue Extension hosted Ag Day for Jennings County 4th graders at the fairgrounds. Partnering with Jennings County FFA, Farm Bureau, Soil and Water Conservation District, the 4-H Dog Club, and Rose Acres, students rotated through hands-on stations covering livestock, soils, crops, and the farm-to-table connection. The event gave youth an engaging look at agriculture's role in their daily lives.



### Coming Up in ANR

- Apple Crunch is getting ready to take place in the schools in Jennings County Schools. Check back in next month for the final numbers and pictures to see the crunch that takes place.



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## Farm Week

During Ag Week, the ANR Educator visited Graham Creek Elementary 1st graders to teach where milk comes from and the importance of dairy cattle. Students made butter by shaking cream in jars and enjoyed tasting their creation while learning about dairy.



## Materials Available

Stop by our office or check the display in the hall outside to see the materials available. If you are interested, feel free to come in and pick some up, or call ahead to ask about what we have on hand.



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## Upcoming PARPs and Events

- October 29<sup>th</sup> Ripley County PARP 1-3pm
- November 6<sup>th</sup> Scott County Area PARP 6-8 pm
- December 16<sup>th</sup> Jennings County Last Chance PARP 1-3pm



Check out the Purdue On The Farm YouTube for a bi-weekly crop and weather update:

<https://www.youtube.com/@PurdueOnTheFarm>

Visit -

<https://ag.purdue.edu/departments/hla/extension/publications-and-newsletters.html> or search HORTICULTURE EXTENSION NEWSLETTERS to get signed up for topics such as gardening, fruit, lawncare, flowers, weeds, and insects, and much more. Most newsletters are a simple weekly or bi-weekly email that discusses what growers are seeing across Indiana at the current time. This helps growers of all sorts know and identify any issues they are having in their own landscape. If you are having trouble getting signed up, reach out to our ANR Educator for help.



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# Health & Human Sciences

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## Get Walk IN

Fall is a great time to walk more! Whether you need additional motivation or need motivation to get started, Purdue Extension has a free email based program to help you. We have our next Get WalkIN' starting on October 13. Contact the office to join at 812-352-3033 or email Deidre at [dwagster@purdue.edu](mailto:dwagster@purdue.edu).



## PURDUE EXTENSION **GET WALKIN'** PROGRAM

## Reading Made Fun- Volunteers Needed for 2025-2026!!!

### Reading Made Fun Volunteer Training

November 10<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 PM  
Extension Office

We are reading in all JCSC, St. Mary's, and CC-NV Kindergarten classes and are needing to increase our reading volunteer pool to support our efforts! If you are interested in reading during the months of December to May, please contact Deidre for more info or plan to attend our volunteer training on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

## ServSafe Food Manager



### *\*Upcoming Training\**

**Monday, November 17, 2025**  
**Purdue Extension Office**  
**Registration 8:15 AM**  
**Training begins at 8:30 AM**  
**Exam immediately following**

**FINAL 2025 Training**  
**November 17, 2025**  
**2026 dates will be released**  
**in November!**

Registration link: <https://cvent.me/gDMAyN>



## Market2GO: Boys & Girls Club of Jennings Co.

We had our final 2025 Market2Go programs this month with CSL and NVE clubs kids from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Jennings County. About 140 youth shopped the market for farm fresh eggs, sausage, sweet corn, potatoes, sweet potatoes, butternut squash, onions, white radishes, tomatoes, plums and apples.

The CSL club kids made a simple roasted veggie medley of onions, potatoes, butternut squash, sweet potatoes and the radishes (yes, roasted radishes are delish). It was a hit! Each youth took a new recipe packet home to try with items from the market.

Special thanks to the North Vernon Elementary and B&GC Club staff and volunteers for making this happen!

This program was possible thanks to an Indiana Department of Health Health Issues and Challenges grant.



## Thank You to our September Market2Go Local Partners!!

Armand's Harper Valley Farm  
Brad Armand Family  
Doll's Orchard  
Gary Speer Family  
Gatrell Family  
McCowan's Market

Jerry & Linda Hendrix  
Pollert's Produce  
Ray Spicer  
Redmond Produce  
Vojkufka Greenhouse