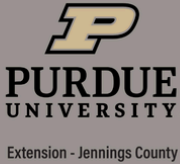


# September 2025 Newsletter

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**THURSDAY  
NOV 13**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

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



## SEPAC Field Day

The Southeast Purdue Agricultural Center Field Day on August 26th was a great success, offering farmers valuable updates on fertility, nitrogen management, disease, weed control, and grain safety. The evening ended with a meal and regulatory update, making it an informative and enjoyable event for all who attended.

We appreciate our presenters, sponsors, and participants for helping make the day such a strong learning opportunity. Be on the lookout for next year's SEPAC Field Day dates as it is around the same time every year.



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# September 4-H Newsletter

# Jennings County 4-H

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## Dear 4-H Families & Volunteers,

Fall is coming soon! There are many reasons why fall is my favorite season. I enjoy Halloween, Thanksgiving, cooler weather, camping, the leaves changing, but above all else: 4-H Enrollment! The 4-H Enrollment window will open on October 1st! It is very important to enroll in October because there are many different activities youth can get involved with before the fair! Jennings County has several great clubs to join where you can meet new friends and engage in community events. Enrolling will allow you to receive important updates about upcoming events within the 4-H Program!



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



FOLLOW OUR  
FACEBOOK PAGE FOR  
MORE UPCOMING  
IMPORTANT DATES!

## State Fair Projects



Please have all State Fair Projects picked up by **September 15<sup>th</sup>**. All County Projects should have already been picked up.

## Junior Leader Call Out - Save the Date



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!

## 4-H Livestock Auction Checks



You should have received your 4-H Auction check if you participated in 2025. **Please be sure to thank your auction buyer!** Do not forget to deposit/ cash your check by December 31<sup>st</sup>. If your check has not been deposited/ cashed by December 31<sup>st</sup>, it will be donated back to the Livestock Committee

## Important Dates September

- 2 Junior Leader Meeting 6 pm
- 8 4-H Council Meeting 5 pm
- 8 Livestock Committee Meeting 6 pm
- 8 Dog Club Meeting 6:30 pm
- 15 Last Day to pick up State Fair Projects
- 22 Dog Club Meeting 6:30 pm
- 23 Junior Leader Community Service Activity

## October

- 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

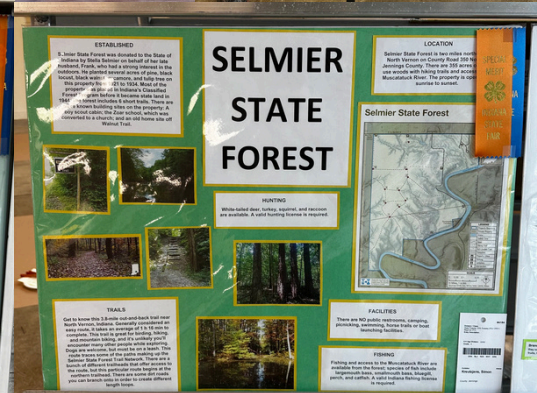
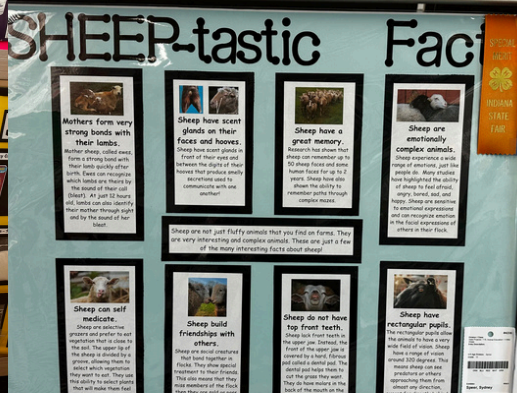
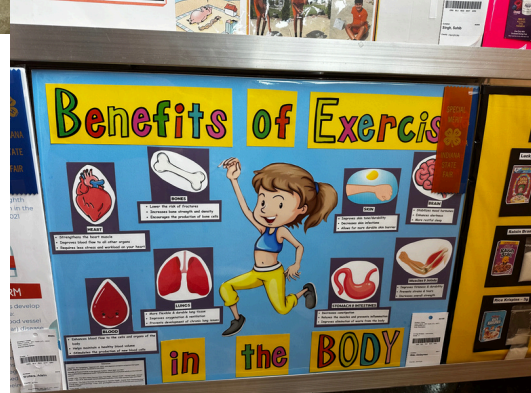
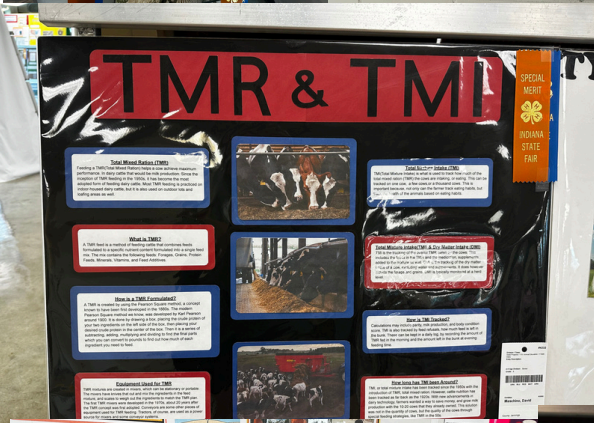
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## Club Meetings & Events

- Junior Leaders
  - September 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 pm at the Extension Office
  - September 23<sup>rd</sup> Community Service Activity as discussed in meeting
- 4-H Council
  - September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Government Center at 5 pm
- Livestock Committee
  - September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Government Center at 6 pm
- Dog Club
  - September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm
  - September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm



Congrats to our Indiana State Fair Merits!





## Purdue on the Farm



The Jennings County Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator is partnering with two local farmers to bring the Purdue On The Farm program to our community. Beginning in May and continuing through the fall, this initiative includes crop scouting, drone scouting, and on-farm research while building strong relationships with local producers. Together, we're working to strengthen agriculture and support informed decision-making in Jennings County.



### Coming Up in ANR

- Ag Day- Purdue Extension partners with FFA and local ag agencies to provide a fun and information-filled day for all Jennings County 4<sup>th</sup> Graders.
- ANR retreat- ANR Educator will attend a state-wide retreat to get more information and ideas about programs going on around the state for new ideas for the upcoming year.



# Ag & Natural Resources

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## AG Day

The Jennings County 4th Grade Ag Day will be held on September 9th at the Jennings County 4-H Fairgrounds. This event gives students a chance to learn about agriculture, conservation, and the importance of farming in our community. Homeschool 4th grade students in Jennings County are invited to attend—contact the Purdue Extension Office at 812-352-3033 for more information and to register.



## Jennings County 4th Grade Ag Day is inviting 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeschool Students to attend!

If you are in a homeschool organization in Jennings County and are in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, please reach out to the Purdue Extension Office for more information and to register your child or group. Contact Rebekah at: [bargerr@purdue.edu](mailto:bargerr@purdue.edu) or call the office 812-352-3033

Ag Day is September 9<sup>th</sup> at the  
Jennings County 4-H Fairgrounds



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# Ag & Natural Resources

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## Upcoming PARPs and Events

- September 11<sup>th</sup>, Scott County Invasive Species PARP 6-8 pm
- November 6<sup>th</sup>, Scott County Area PARP 6-8 pm



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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## Captain Cash Sets Sail in September & October

It is never too early for children to learn how to become eager earners, savvy savers, wise spenders, and careful borrowers. This financial literacy program engages children in money-smart activities and takes them down the road to financial fitness. Captain Cash set sails this September and October with St. Mary's, Scipio, Graham Creek and Brush Creek Elementary third grade students.

Each student will participate in four class sessions with take home parent newsletters given at the end of each lesson. Newsletters contain suggested at-home games and activities that focus on earning, saving, planned spending, and wise borrowing of money. Each session introduces money-related vocabulary words and teaches money concepts that are based on Indiana Academic Standards for Math and Social Studies.



## Purdue Fast Start

Purdue University is empowering students to direct their own futures through the free Purdue Fast Start Program, which makes higher education more affordable for all. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity for your high school aged student, please contact us today!

- Complete 5-10 free online courses & CLEP exams
- Secure assured admission to Purdue as a Klinsky Scholar
- Earn up to a year's worth of free Purdue credits



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

We are reading in all JCSC, St. Mary's, and CC-NV Kindergarten classes again this year!!! That's 16 classrooms each month and we 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 our office.



Background checks and minor safety training will be required.



# Health & Human Sciences

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## ServSafe Food Manager



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

**Register by September 8th**  
**by scanning QR Code or at:**  
**<https://cvent.me/ql4DBw>**

**FINAL 2025 Training &**  
**Exam Dates**  
**Monday, September 15, 2025**  
**Monday, November 17, 2025**

## National Recovery Month- September

With the right treatment, support, and resources, recovery is REAL (Restoring Every Aspect of Life) for everyone. During National Recovery Month, SAMHSA focuses on the four major dimensions of recovery: health, home, community, and purpose. These are the building blocks that all people need to live healthy, happy, independent lives and to reach their full potential. Join us on Facebook the month of September as we share weekly messages because together, we can make a difference in the lives of people in or seeking recovery from mental and substance use disorders .

**Week 1: Health-** Explore key aspects of well-being and roles in recovery.

**Week 2: Home-** Focuses on how safe, stable living environments aid recovery from mental health and substance use challenges

**Week 3: Community-** Highlights how a sense of belonging can help people on their recovery journey.

**Week 4: Purpose-** Focuses on how a sense of purpose drives positive change and fosters resilience.

**For more information, check out**  
**<https://www.samhsa.gov>**





## Boys & Girls Club Market2Go

Boys and Girls Club of Jennings County's Market2Go in August was set up at the CSL, Hayden and Graham Creek clubs and had over 100 youth participate! Youth tried a sausage and green bean casserole at the CSL club made with fresh, steamed green beans, mushrooms, cooked ground sausage, seasonings, cream cheese and splash of whipping cream that was topped with Colby jack cheese. They received a new recipe packet to try out at home with their goods from the market.

This program is made possible thanks to an Indiana Department of Health-Health Issues & Challenges grant to help address food insecurity and obesity in Jennings County.

Thanks again to our local growers and producers that participate. An extra thanks to the club and school staff for making this possible in the three clubs this month!



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

**Armand's Harper Valley Farm**  
**Armand Family Farm**  
**Gary Speer Family**  
**Gatrell Family**  
**McCowan's Market**

**NexGen**  
**Pollert's Produce**  
**Ray Spicer**  
**Redmond Produce**  
**Vojkufka Greenhouse**