PURDUE EXTENSION MONTHLY



12:00 - 1:00 PM EST

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Mark Carter,

18 **Pork Industry Consumer Researc**

Each month join a Purdue Extension Professional through this free, live, virtual program as they discuss their research and hot topics in their area of



https://bit.ly/HotTopics2024



SEASON 4

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MIAMI COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

COMMUNITY BUILDING

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How to get help for someone in crisis

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EXTENSION HOMEMAKER LEADER LESSONS

Fall 2024

Consumer Education Day



September 12th

10-11 am

• Investment Planning for Parents & Grandparents

11-12 pm

• Eat Midwest Fish RSVP by September 9th

Two Locations:

Carroll Co. Event & Ed Center 102 N. 4th St, Ste B., Flora IN RSVP: cpuckett@purdue.edu (574) 967-3538

Miami Co. Community Bldg 1029 W 200 N, Peru IN RSVP schmi163@purdue.edu 765-472-1921



FREE SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 10 AM - 12 PM **FASTERN TIME**



QUESTION, PERSUADE, REFER (OPR) **GATEKEEPER TRAINING**



PRESENTED BY

PURDUE UNIVERSITY. FORT WAYNE Behavioral Health and

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. SIGN UP: www.bit.ly/PurdueQPF



OUESTIONS? CONTACT:

► Alice Jordan - jordana@pfw.edu

This work is supported by the USDA National Institute of Food

Miami County Extension Newsletter

From the Educator's Desk



The USDA released the data from the latest US Census of Agriculture. While several areas of Indiana are showing a loss in farm land acres, Miami County increased theirs by 4% since the 2017 census. The number of farms did decrease by 3%, showing that our current farms are getting bigger. Ninety percent of our farms are still family -owned operations.

I think the most significant statistic coming out of

Miami County's ag data has been the increase in livestock production, especially hogs. From 2012 NASS data, Miami County had 110,251 hogs ranked 10th in the state. Then to the latest data from the US Census of Ag 2022, there were 228,750 head increasing our state rank to 7th. The county benefits from having most parts of the pork industry supply chain within its borders and neighboring counties. We have the strategic advantage of being located in the center of the northern Indiana agriculture and food corridor with US 24 and US 31 making distribution easy and accessible.

We are thankful for our Miami County farmers and all that they bring to our community. As always, I hope for a very safe and successful harvest this year.

> If you would like to receive the Newsletter digitally please email Amy at alexa244@purdue.edu





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Aq & Natural Resources Health & Human Sciences Programming in & around Miami County

UPDATED EVENTS & ACTIVITIES WEBSITE: https://sites.google.com/view/miamicountyanrhhs

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4-H Extension Educator



Thank you Miami County for another successful Fair! It takes many volunteers to organize, plan, and implement a community event like the 4-H Fair. I would like to thank Parents, Superintendents, Club Leaders, Fairboard, 4-H Council, Extension Homemakers, Master Gardeners, Extension Board, Junior Leaders, Extension Staff, Patio

Volunteers, and most importantly the 4-Her's for all of their efforts this year.

One vision I have is to grow and develop the

youth community in a positive meaningful way through 4-H projects and programing. This year Miami County 4-H had 396 approved 4-H members. In 2023 there were 370 approved 4-H members. This year the project building increased by 207 building projects and the animals barns were fuller than ever. Several of the judges complimented me for the quality of work from our 4-H members!

On July 29th I will be checking in the State Fair building projects so if you have not brought them into the office please do that today so we can get them all packed up and ready to go. If you have the opportunity to visit the Indiana State Fair it will be open from Aug 2nd – Aug 18th but CLOSED ON MONDAYS.

If you have any county project suggestions, or rule changes please email me at heathersmith856@purdue.edu before August 12th so I can get those recommendations to the committee. I am always looking for positive changes that will "Make the Best Better" here in Miami County.

It is hard to believe school will be in full swing shortly and I am looking forward to visiting classrooms, leading programs, and spreading the word about 4-H and Purdue Extension in our county school systems. If you are interested in serving as a 4-H volunteer, we are in need of superintendents. Please consider serving the 4-H youth.

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Are you in 4-H and want to learn how to participate in 4-H events throughout the year?

Interested in Livestock, Entomology, Forestry, Kitchen Skills, or Crops?

4-H offers Career Development Events (CDE's) throughout the year. Reach out to Heather at heathersmith856@purdue.edu or (765)472-1921 if you would like more information about when the contests take place and how to get a team together. It doesn't matter what school you go to, or even if you are homeschooled as long as you are in 4-H you can participate.







Junior Leaders we will be having a call out soon!

Be on the lookout for a text in Remind.

To Join the Remind group for communication updates, send a text to 81010 with this message: c7cbc2b.



Enrollment for 2025 Opens on October 1st.

Visit www.v2.4-honline.com to register

Indiana State Fair

August 2-18

Closed on Mondays

For a full list of State Fair events stop in the

Extension Office for a Brochure



We are in need of Project Superintendents for the following projects

If you would like to become a Project Superintendent contact Heather Smith at heathersmith856@purdue.edu

Aquatic Science, ATV Safety, Bicycle, Forestry, Geology, Soil & Water, Weather & Climate, and Wildlife

Send us your Fair photos to miamices@Purdue.edu





Extension Homemakers International Night Recipe

Dutch Apple Bread

Apple Bread Batter

- 1/2 cup softened butter
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1tsp baking powder
- 1 1/2 cups green apple diced & peeled
- 1/2 cup walnuts or pecans chopped

Dutch Crumb Topping

- 5 tbsp cold butter
- 1/3 cup flour
- 2 tbsp granulated sugar
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon

Vanilla Glaze

- 1 tbsp melted butter
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1tbsp milk
- 1/4 tsp vanilla extract

Instructions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line a bread pan with parchment paper or spray with non-stick baking spray.
- 2. Chop apples into small square pieces, set aside.
- 3. In a large mixing bowl, cream the butter and sugar together. Add in eggs, milk and vanilla extract and stir well to incorporate.
- 4. Mix in the flour, salt, and baking powder. Fold in apples and nuts.
- 5. Transfer the mixture to the prepared baking pan.
- 6. To make the Dutch topping. Combine the cold butter, brown and white sugars, flour and cinnamon. Mix with a fork or pastry blender until crumbly. Then, sprinkle the topping mixture over the batter in the pan.
- 7. Bake for 55-60 minutes, until toothpick inserted in bread comes out clean. (internal temperature of bread will be 200 degrees F when fully cooked.) Let cool before adding the glaze.
- 8. Whisk together the melted butter, powdered sugar and milk until smooth. Remove the bread from the pan and drizzle the glaze over the top. Slice and serve. Enjoy!



Extension Homemakers



The **Miami County Extension Homemakers** are proud to make an impact in our homes, schools and communities. We work to positively improve the futures of our area children through the *First Book for Kids* program, the *Weekend Meal Deal*, the Nurturing Parenting Program, the Sprout Club, the 4-H Program and by offering scholarships. We offer timely lessons for our members in our county clubs that will enhance our families and communities. We organize, participate, donate and volunteer in many area service areas such as the Open Class 4-H Projects, Helping Hands of Peru, Birthrights of Peru, Salvation Army, Riley's Children's Hospital, Dukes Memorial Hospital, Women's Shelters, Ronald McDonald House, C. C.'s Closet, and the *Purdue Cancer Endowment Fund*. We promote Leadership skills with our International Programs that strive to create better connection and cooperation with other countries. We also support and train people to pass on information and knowledge to keep us looking and planning for a bright future.

If our organization interests you at all, and you want to join our group, we invite you to contact the Miami County Extension Office at 765-472-1921 and they will put you in touch someone who will share more information with you about us. We would love to have you join us.

We recently elected a Presidential Team of three ladies for the next year of leading the Miami County Extension Homemakers. Barb Hodge, Bonnie Burns and Terry Finster will be working together to plan the next year. We will be sharing the state theme of "Discover the magic of IEHA". Our Achievement Night has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2024. We will open up the evening to our spouses, guests and any prospective new members of our Extension Homemakers. We will be having a delicious Buffet Dinner RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and need to be made by September 10th.



Join the Miami County **SPROUT CLUB**





FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES



SPROUT BUCKS FOR KIDS



FARMERS MARKET FUN

The Sprout Club helps kids make healthy choices as they learn about buying fresh fruits and

vegetables. Each Saturday June 8-Septemebr 28, 2024, kids ages 4 - 12 can visit our booth at the market in Peru to get Sprout Bucks worth \$3 to spend at farmers market vendors on fruits, veggies and edible plants.







A new project has recently started in Miami County called **The Sprout Club.** It is a training and teaching program that is geared to area children age 4 through 12 to teach them the importance of getting more fruits and vegetables into our diets through simple fun activities and games. The MCEH in conjunction with Melinda Duckett, our Community Wellness Coordinator and a few other area organizations are sponsoring a booth at the Peru Farmers Market each Saturday until the end of September. We invite you to come out and see us.



2024 INVASIVE SPECIES

August 23, 2024

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library Main Branch

220 N. Union St. Kokomo, IN 46901 9 AM - 4 PM Cost \$80 Registration: https://cvent.me/Pee7gO



Category 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 5, 6, 8, 7A, RT CCH Credits Available

The Invasive Species Signature Program will equip communities with interdisciplinary education and programming aimed to provide landowners and industry specialists with the knowledge to track, report, remove, and avoid invasive species across the state









Regenerative Growing

Practices

Learn all about cut flower farming!

Farmers' Marketing

Permaculture Gardens

Hands-on Activity:

Pumpkin Centerpiece

Cost \$15



made payable to Miami Co. Ed Fund.

Catey Heritage Farm

" Tuesday, Oct. 8th, 2024

2742 E. Wabash Rd, Peru

765-472-1921. Spots are limited. Checks

3 At 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Must RSVP by October 1st to schmi163@purdue.edu or

Intended for an 18+ audience

Extension - Miami County

MIAMI COUNTY - PURDUE EXTENSION HOSTS:

NEW TO MEDICARE?

JEFF HOWELL

STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Miami County Community Building, 4-H Fairgrounds 1029 W 200 N. Peru IN

Is Medicare in your near future? This program could help with your questions!

This is a FREE program.



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Navigating Medicare

RSVP/REASONABLE ACCOMODATIONS: MIAMI CO. EXT OFFICE-765-472-1921 OR SCHMI163@PURDUE.EDU

2024 Adult Open Class Results:

Foods

Preservation:

Maureen Cook, Blue

Maureen Cook, Blue

Diane Robison, Blue

Diane Robison, Blue

Jill Early, Blue, Reserve Champion

April Gearhart, Blue

Elaine Million, Blue, Champion, Reserve Grand Champion

Pastry:

Abby Slabaugh, Red

Bake with a Mix:

Diane Robison, Blue

Jeanette Merritt, Red Dustin Clark, Red

Bonnie Burns, Blue, Reserve Champion

Elaine Million, Blue

Cricket Brown, Blue, Champion, Grand Champion

Candy:

Maureen Cook, Blue, Champion

Cookies:

Diane Robison, Blue, Reserve Champion Maureen Cook, Blue, Champion

Cricket Brown, Red

Snacks:

Bonnie Burns, Red Cricket Brown, Blue, Champion

Gardening

Diane Robison, Blue Julie Spangler, Blue



Heritage

Article:

Greg Hunt, Blue, Champion

Mixed:

Pat Hardwick, Blue, Champion



Photography (Non Professional) Color Single Print:

Kelly Haupert, Blue, Champion Greg Hunt, Blue

Black and White Single Print:

Kelly Haupert, Blue, Champion

Color Salon:

Breona Hollarman, Blue Jill Early, Blue Amber Schipper, Blue, Champion Kelly Haupert, Blue

Black and White Salon:

Kortney Stroud, Blue Amber Schipper, Blue Philip Weaver, Blue Amy Weaver, Blue, Champion Kelly Haupert, Blue

Creative Salon:

Amber Schipper, Blue, Champion



Diversified Farming and Food Systems

Master Gardeners

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Thank you

Northern Indiana Community Foundation, Miami County Fairboard, Miami County 4-H Council For making our Junior Master Gardener Summer Camp possible.











SATURDAY

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6:00 PM

ANNUAL MEETING AND 4-H AWARDS NIGHT

WHO IS INVITED? ALL EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS. MASTER GARDENERS, FAIRBOARD, 4-H COUNCIL, EXTENSION BOARD, 4-H MEMBERS, AND FAMILIES

MIAMI COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - COMMUNITY BUILDING

WE WILL BE HIGHLIGHTING THE DIFFERENT PROGRAM AREAS IN MIAMI COUNTY PURDUE EXTENSION. ENJOY AN ICE CREAM BAR AND THEN CELEBRATE THE 4-H ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE YEAR. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR AUG. 24TH.

Come Celebrate the Year with us and enjoy desserts and great friends!!

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Crafts/Needlework/Woodworking Fine Art:

Teresa Hierholzer, Blue, Champion Christmas at the Fair:

Bonnie Burns, Blue, Champion

Scrapbook:

Amber Schipper, Blue, Champion

Club Crafts:

Theresa Alspaugh, Blue

Recycling:

Rita Murphy, Blue, Reserve Champion Traci Brown, Blue, Champion

Stained Glass:

Diane Robison, Blue Samantha Ward, Blue, Champion Kim Hopper, Blue, Reserve Champion

Other:

Teresa Hierholzer, Blue, Champion Abby Slabaugh, Blue Blain Richardson, Blue, Champion, Grand Champion Heather Smith, Blue, Reserve Champion Joy Weller, Blue

Wool Applique:

Connie Payne, Blue, Champion

Needlepoint:

Rita Murphy, Blue, Champion

Fashion Revue My Choice:

Cricket Brown, Blue

Dresses:

Cricket Brown, Blue, Champion

Sew for Others:

Maureen Cook, Blue Maureen Cook, Blue, Reserve Champion Maureen Cook, Blue

(Professional) Dress:

Lori Overman, Blue, Champion

Clothing/Construction/Quilts

Pillow:

Rita Murphy, Blue, Champion Machine Quilting:

Bed Size:

Pat Hardwick, Blue Julie Spangler. Blue

Doll Size:

Pat Hardwick, Blue Julie Spangler, Blue

Wall Hanging:

Pat Hardwick, Blue Julie Spangler, Blue Patty Pace, Blue

Crib/Lap Size:

Pat Hardwick, Blue Julie Spangler, Blue Karen Moser, Blue

Table Runner:

Julie Spangler, Blue Cricket Brown, Blue Connie Payne, Blue

Flower Show

(Sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance)

Flower Arrangement:

Rose Houk, Blue, Grand Champion **Wild Flower Arrangement:**

Rose Houk, Blue

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Do you love crafting? Cooking? Genealogy? Photography? Gardening?

Bring your projects to our ADULT fair competition next year! We want to see your beautiful work.

Adult Open Class information is available in the Extension Office.







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8/2-8/18 Indiana State Fair * Closed 8/5 & 8/12

8/8 Pollinator & Natural Resources Field Day & Workshop 8:30am-3:00pm

8/12 Master Gardener Meeting 6:30pm

8/16 Miami County Food Security Alliance Meeting 2:00pm

🧩 8/21 Hot Topics Webinar Drones & UAVs 12:00-1:00pm

8/20,21,22 Succession Planning Virtual Program

8/23 2024 Invasive Species Program Kokomo-Howard County Public Library Main Branch 9:00am-4:00pm

8/24 Annual meeting & 4-H Award Recognition 6:00pm

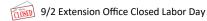
8/28 Extension Homemakers Fall District Planning Meeting 10:00am



***** SEPTEMBER *****



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9/4 Fairboard Meeting 7:00pm

9/6 4th Grade Ag Day

9/9 Master Gardener Meeting 6:30pm

9/10 Extension Homemakers Council Meeting 10:00am

9/12 Extension Homemakers Fall Consumer Education Day 10:00am

9/2 Area Skillathon



9/17 Extension Homemakers Achievement Night

🌞 9/18 Hot Topics Webinar Pork Industry Consumer Research 12:00-1:00pm

9/19 New to Medicare? Program 7:00pm

9/20 Miami County Food Security Alliance Meeting 2:00pm

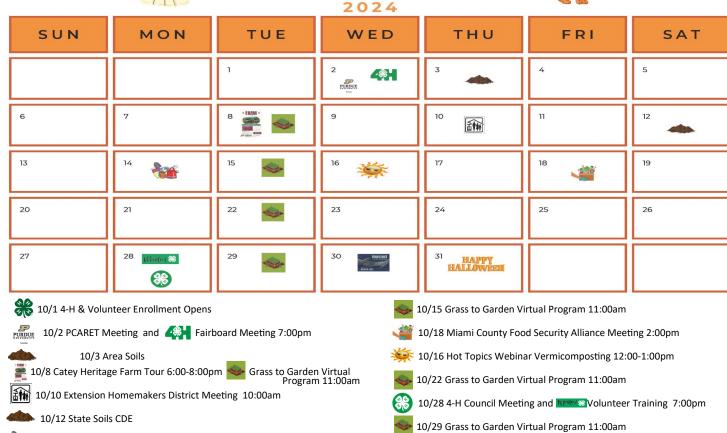
9/21 State Horticulture CDE





OCTOBER







10/14 Master Gardener Meeting 6:30pm

NOVEMBER



10/30 Free Suicide Prevention Training10:00am-12:00pm

2024 SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT Volunteer # CLOSED **√**₩ PURDUE 4-H OG 188 88 CLOSED CLOSED

11/5 Extension Office Closed Election Day

11/6 Fairboard Meeting and Wolunteer Training 7:00pm

11/11 Extension Office Closed Veterans Day

11/11 Master Gardener Achievement Night 6:30pm

PURDUE 11/14 Statewide PCARET Fall Meeting 11/15 Extension Board Meeting 12:00pm

11/15 Miami County Food Security Alliance Meeting 2:00pm

11/19 Crops, Forestry, Entomology CDE

11/20 Hot Topics Webinar Poultry 12:00-1:00pm

11/21 Club Leader Yearly Update and Wolunteer Training 7:00pm

11/25 4-H Council Meeting 7:00pm

11/28 Extension Office Closed Thanksgiving

11/29 Extension Office Closed Thanksgiving