



2025 Miami County 4-H Grand Champions

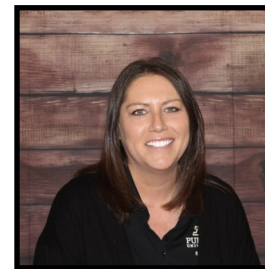


Aerospace Garrett McManus	Fashion Revue (Consumer) Lilah Million	Sewing (Non Wearable) Delilah Hollarman	Eggs (Poultry) Carly Barker
Animal Education Rylan Schipper	Fashion Revue (Sewing) Lilah Million	Sewing (Wearable) Bristol Yoder	Poultry Delight Pier
Aquatic Science Micah Cunningham	Fine Arts Leah Miller	Shooting Sports Tyler Tacheny	Dog Alyssa Peterson
ATV Safety Education Lucas Easterday	Fire Safety Elizabeth Boyer	Small Engines Logan Hunt	Swine Gilt Levi Merritt
Barbecue Kailanni Roush	Floriculture Addison Tinney	Soil and Water Emma Hughes	Swine Barrow Hannah Early
Blacksmithing Dave Richardson	Foods (Baked) Chase Washburn	Sportfishing Jacob Bowman	Guinea Pig Lennie Owings
Child Development Addyson Thomas	Foods (Preserved) Levi Merritt	Sports Kailanni Roush	Cat Claire Bailey
Collections Garrett Starkey	Forestry Addison Tinney	Veterinary Science Rylan Schopper	Ewe Hannah Early
Computer Parker Weaver	Garden Collection Eleanor Martin	Weather & Climate Emma Hughes	Market Lamb Calie France
Construction & Architectural Replica Gavin Yoder	Genealogy Rylan Schipper	Welding Dave Richardson	Dairy Feeder Sam Jones
Consumer Clothing Kailanni Roush	Geology Emma Hughes	Wildlife Emma Hughes	Dairy Steer Calie France
Cookie Decorating Zoie Whited	Gift Wrap Briana Cody	Woodworking Gavin Yoder	Dairy Beef Cross Feeder Rylan Schipper
Creative Writing Hannah Boyer	Health Emma Hughes	Zero Turn Safety Poster Lucas Easterday	Dairy Beef Cross Steer Alex Weaver
Crops: Wheat Hannah Boyer	Home Environment Chloe Carter		Beef Feeder Karasyn Kuhn
Crops: Corn Chloe Jordan	Legos (with Kit) Lilah Million		Steer Jenna Hughes
Crops: Alfalfa Wyatt Smith	Legos (no Kit) Luke Sutton		Heifer Alden Hopper
Crops: Soybeans Adler Deardorff	Model Hudson Sites	Bicycle Dean Haynes	Meat Type Doe Wyatt Smith
Cupcake Decorating Addelyn Wright	Needle Craft Cassandra Blong	Ag Tractor Operator Skills Junior- Alden Hopper Senior- Lane Hunt	Meat Type Wether & Wether Dam Alyssa Peterson
Dairy Foods Hannah Early	People in my World Leah Miller	Lawn and Garden Operator Skills Junior- Chase Peterson Senior- Adam Cannon	Best Junior & Senior Doe in Show Hannah Early
Demonstration Janessa Hierholzer	Photography Jenna Hughes	Zero Turn Operator Skills Junior- Rylan Schipper Senior- Hudson Sites	Dairy Type Market Wether Cole Specht
Dollar Deal Design Emma Hughes	Recycled Articles Michael Miser		Supreme Champion (Dairy) Alex Weaver
Dollhouse Chloe Carter	Scrapbook Zoe Wylam		Best in Show (Rabbit) Jacoby Bowman
Electric Samuel Overman	Scrapbook (Digital) Emma Hughes		Meat Pen Rabbits Brady Schanlaub
Entomology Adilynn See	Seasonal Decorations Ruby Fruth		Fryer Rabbit Kaidyn Schanlaub
Farm Scene Dave Richardson			Halter Horse Karasyn Kuhn

Miami County Extension Newsletter

August-November 2025

From the Educator's Desk



Courtney Schmidt, ANR HHS
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Learn to Grow and Preserve Your Own Food with our "From Planting to Pantry" Workshop

We have a fun, hands-on workshop planned on Friday, August 15th from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the Miami County Community Building and we'd love to see you there! Come dig into the world of home gardening and food preservation designed for adults interested in starting or improving

their home gardens and learning safe, practical food preservation techniques. A wide range of topics will be covered, including:

- Raised Bed Garden Tour, Seed Saving & Preservation
- Growing Tomatoes
- Common Garden Pest Management
- Herb Gardening

Food Preservation Workshop (including a live demo of two salsa recipes)

The workshop will be led by experienced Purdue Extension educators and specialists, including Home Horticulture Specialist Karen Mitchell, HHS Educator/Food Preservation Specialist Jessica Riffle and ANR Educator/Entomologist Tabby Flinn, along with Courtney Schmidt and Geoff Schortgen.

Registration is \$50, which includes a box lunch, and must be paid by cash or check (payable to Purdue CES Ed Fund). Participants are asked to register by August 11th by visiting [bit.ly/PlantingtoPantry](https://sites.google.com/view/miamicountyanrhhs) or calling the Extension office.



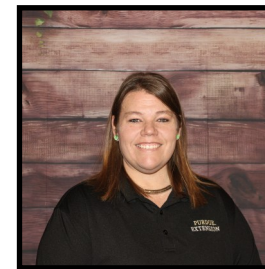
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UPDATED EVENTS & ACTIVITIES WEBSITE:
<https://sites.google.com/view/miamicountyanrhhs>

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4-H Extension Educator



Heather Smith
4-H Youth Development Educator

Wow, what a fantastic 4-H Fair Week Miami County! As I sit and reflect about all of the events that happen in such a short time, I am overwhelmed by the community support and all of the volunteers that work so hard to make this the Best 4-H Fair in the State! From project check-in, to working and maintaining the grandstands, working the livestock shows, and keeping me fed at the Patio, the list goes on. I am grateful for you and my amazing staff here in the office that help keep

everything together so our youth can have such a great 4-H experience.

4-H in Miami County is growing! Let's look at some numbers: Mini 4-H increased by 8 participants, Traditional 4-H increased by 6, and our 4-H volunteers increased by 16 for a total of 30 new individuals impacted by the 4-H program here in Miami County. We filled all of our camp slots plus some and had more counselors than the past couple of years. Let's keep the momentum going and recruit even more for the 2025-2026 year! According to the National 4-H Council, 4-H members are significantly more likely to contribute to their communities, pursue higher education, and feel confident in leadership roles.

On July 28th I will be checking in the State Fair building projects. If you have not already brought your state fair entries to the office, please do that by 8:30 am on July 28th. If you have the opportunity to visit the Indiana State Fair, it will be open from Aug 1-17th but CLOSED ON MONDAYS.

4-H Achievement night will be Thursday August 21st from 7-8 pm in the Community Building and you can also pick up State 4-H projects at that time. This will be our opportunity to celebrate all of the Champion static projects, 1st year members, record keeping awards, herdsman, and recognize volunteers for their years of service. Please plan to join us as we celebrate all of these accomplishments!

If you have any county project suggestions, or rule changes please email me at heathersmith856@purdue.edu before August 28th 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 that school will be here in no time and a new 4-H year will start October 1st. If you are interested in serving as a 4-H volunteer, lets talk (765)472-1921 or email me anytime. Please consider serving if you have a passion for youth development, community development, or service. Thank you all for a great 2025 County Fair.

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FROM PLANTING TO PANTRY:

Intro to Home Gardening & Food Preservation



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BOX LUNCH INCLUDED

Workshop Cost: \$50 (check or cash)

Payable to Purdue CES Ed Fund

Please register by August 11th

Register:
bit.ly/PlantingtoPantry



CONTACT FOR RSVP OR REASONABLE ACCOMODATIONS:
MIAMI EXT- 765-472-1921 OR SCHMI163@PURDUE.EDU

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MIAMI COUNTY COMMUNITY BUILDING

4-H FAIRGROUNDS
1029 W. 200 N.
PERU, INDIANA 46970

AUGUST 15TH, 2025 8:30AM - 3PM

Topics Include:

- *Raised Bed Garden Tour/Seed Saving & Preservation
- *Growing Tomatoes
- *Common Garden Pest Management
- *Herb Gardening
- *Food Preservation Workshop
- *Demo of 2 salsa recipes

Trainers:

- * Geoff Schortgen, ANR Educator
- * Courtney Schmidt, ANR/HHS Educator
- *Jessica Riffle, HHS Educator
- *Karen Mitchell, Home Hort Specialist
- *Tabby Flinn, ANR Educator

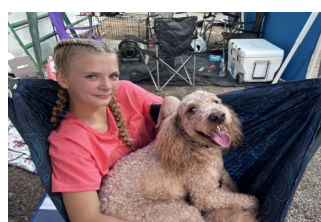


4-H Youth Development



Enrollment for 2026 Opens on October 1st.

Visit www.4-honline.com to register



Congratulations Calie France 2025 Royal Showman



Thank you



**Miami County 4-Hers, Parents,
Fairboard, Council, Club Leaders,
Superintendents, and all 4-H
Volunteers for a successful 2025**

PURDUE EXTENSION MONTHLY *Hot Topics*

12:00 - 1:00 PM EST



SEASON 6

17
JUL

**Purdue's Animal Disease
Diagnostic Lab**

Dr. Grant Burcham,
Veterinary Diagnostician

16
OCT

History of Extension

Dr. Fred Whitford,
Clinical Engagement Professor

21
AUG

Toxic Forages

Elysia Rodgers,
ANR Extension Educator

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NOV

Turf ID & Fertilization

Dr. Cale Bigelow
Professor of Horticulture

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SEP

Tick Update

Sara McBride
Medical Entomologist,
Indiana Dept. of Health

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DEC

Local Food Systems

Sarah Hanson
Food Systems Coordinator

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

REGISTER
HERE



<https://bit.ly/HotTopics2025>

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Thank you!

Northern Indiana Community Foundation, Miami County Fairboard, and Miami County 4-H Council

For making our Junior Master Gardener Summer Camp possible.



Are you diabetic or pre-diabetic but not sure how to adjust your diet? This program is for any adult 18+ that would like to learn more about managing through diet.

Learn about nutrition labels, healthier cooking oils, recipe substitution, the importance of recommended food servings, & much more.

- 8 classes with hands-on food demonstrations including Dining with Diabetes (\$40 value)
- Weekly food boxes valued at \$20 each-eligible for additional weeks of food boxes upon completion of the classes.
- End of program incentive gift valued at \$75.

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Courtney Schmidt prior to the meeting at schmi163@purdue.edu or 765-472-1921 by Aug. 13th.

If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact Courtney Schmidt prior to the meeting at 765-472-1921 or schmi163@purdue.edu by Aug. 13th.



Wednesdays
4:30-6pm
Beginning Aug 27th

Miami Co. 4-H Fairgrounds
Community Building
1029 W. 200 N
Peru, IN 46970

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STEPS TO A HEALTHY YOU



TUESDAYS, OCT 28TH - NOV 18TH, 10 AM - 12 PM
MIAMI CO 4-H FAIRGROUNDS, COMMUNITY BUILDING
1029 W. 200 N., PERU IN 46970



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Extension - Agriculture and Natural Resources



**QUESTIONS: MIAMI CO. EXT
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MIAMI AND WABASH COUNTIES SAVE THE DATE

UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (UAV) TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

NOV 5-6TH | 9 A - 4 P

Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds
1029 W. 200 N., Peru IN 46970

**This course will help prepare you for a
UAV Pilot Certification.
Cost \$200**



Extension Homemakers



Ohhh my, this year is flying by! We're well into it. We've had elections, Spring District Meeting, Home & Family Conference & the Miami County Fair. Congratulations to all the 4-Her's & to all those that entered the adult open classes & a huge thank-you to those of you that worked in the patio during fair!

We've had to change up a few things for the future but still concentrating on doing our community service in the county. Christie Sullivan is doing us a great service by staying on as Back-Pack program, coordinator. Thank-You! I've had a heavy heart thinking about the Reading Program & at the last council meeting Jody Bowsher & Ladena Jones stepped up to be co-coordinators for that of which I am ecstatic about. Thank-You girls! I do know we will have plenty of willing readers when you're ready. I've contacted Sheila Slack about the nurturing program & if it's a go Teresa Hierholzer has agreed to work with me on that. Also Thank-You to Diane Robison who did a great job getting the scholarship paperwork out to all of the schools this past spring. We had 2 very good recipients! She's agreed to be our coordinator for that again next spring which is also awesome!

We have a new project coming out from the state this year. It is the new cultural arts project which is a children's book. I'm sure we'll be getting more information about that.

Our upcoming events, include presidents meeting, August 24th, September council meeting, International Night, September 16th "Iceland" & Fall District meeting.

Looking forward to all these things & working together as Home Extension members!

Thank-You!

Bonnie Burns, Pres.

**Join us for a trip to Iceland
during this years International Night
September 16,2025 - 6:00
Miami County Fairgrounds**



Save The Date
Kokomo District Extension Homemakers
Fall District Meeting
October 9, 2025












August 2025

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-  8/1-8/17 Indiana State Fair (Closed Mondays)
-  8/4 State Fair Project Check In Garden, Herbs & Foods
-  8/5 Invasives Field Day - Mississinewa Lake 8:30am-3:00pm
-  8/6 Fairboard Meeting 7:00pm
-  8/11 Master Gardener Meeting 6:30pm
-  8/15 Planting to Pantry 8:30am-3:00pm
-  8/18 A Simple Procedure for Fertilizing your Lawn workshop
Wabash 10:00-11:30am
-  8/21 Hot Topics Webinar - Toxic Forages 12:00pm
-  8/21 Awards Night 7-8pm
-  8/26 Davis Purdue Ag Center Field Day - Farmland In 8:00am-1:00pm
-  8/27 Food is Medicine - Miami County Fairgrounds 4:30-6:00pm
-  8/27 Kokomo Extension Homemakers District Planning Meeting - Miami County

October 2025

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-  10/1 Area Soils CDE
-  10/1 Food is Medicine - Miami County Fairgrounds 4:30-6:00pm
-  10/1 Fairboard Meeting 7:00pm
-  10/8 Food is Medicine - Miami County Fairgrounds 4:30-6:00pm
-  10/9 Kokomo District Extension Homemakers meeting Clinton County 9:00am
-  10/13 Extension Office Closed Columbus Day
-  10/13 Master Gardener Meeting 6:30pm
-  10/15 Food is Medicine - Miami county Fairgrounds 4:30-6:00pm
-  10/16 Hot Topics Webinar - History of Extension 12:00pm
-  10/27 4-H Council Meeting 7:00pm
-  10/28 Steps to a Healthier You - Miami County Fairgrounds 10:00am













September 2025

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-  9/1 Extension office Closed Labor Day
-  9/3 Food is Medicine - Miami County Fairgrounds 4:30-6:00pm
-  9/5 4th Grade Ag Day
-  9/8 Master Gardener Meeting 6:30pm
-  9/9 Extension Homemakers Council Meeting 10:00am
-  9/10 Food is Medicine - Miami County Fairgrounds 4:30-6:00pm
-  9/12-9/13 Master Gardener State Conference
-  9/16 Extension Homemakers International Night 6:00pm
-  9/17 Food is Medicine - Miami County Fairgrounds 4:30-6:00pm
-  9/18 Hot Topics Webinar - Tick Update 12:00pm
-  9/19 Extension Board Meeting 12:00pm
-  9/22 4-H Council Meeting 7:00pm
-  9/24 Food is Medicine - Miami County Fairgrounds 4:30-6:00pm

November 2025

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-  11/4 Steps to a Healthier You - Miami County Fairgrounds 10:00am
-  11/5 Fairboard Meeting 7:00pm
-  11/5 & 11/6 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Technology Program -
Miami County Fairgrounds 9:00am-4:00pm
-  11/10 Master Gardener Meeting 6:00pm
-  11/11 Extension Office Closed Veterans Day
-  11/11 Steps to a Healthier You - Miami County Fairgrounds 10:00am
-  11/18 Steps to a Healthier You - Miami County Fairgrounds 10:00am
-  11/20 Hot Topics Webinar - Turf ID and Fertilization 12:00pm
-  11/21 Extension Board Meeting 12:00pm
-  11/24 4-H Council Meeting 7:00pm
-  11/27 Extension Office Closed Thanksgiving
-  11/28 Extension Office Closed Thanksgiving