

#### 2025 Miami County 4-H Grand Champions



Garrett McManus

**Animal Education** Rylan Schipper

Aquatic Science Micah Cunningham

**ATV Safety Education** Lucas Easterday

> Barbecue Kailanni Roush

Blacksmithing Dave Richardson

Child Development Addyson Thomas

Collections Garrett Starkey

Computer Parker Weaver

Construction & Architectural Replica Gavin Yoder

> Consumer Clothing Kailanni Roush

Cookie Decorating Zoie Whited

Creative Writing Hannah Boyer

Crops: Wheat Hannah Boyer

Crops: Corn Chloe Jordan

Crops: Alfalfa Wyatt Smith

Crops: Soybeans

Adler Deardorff

**Cupcake Decorating** Addelyn Wright

> Dairy Foods Hannah Early

Demonstration Janessa Hierholzei

Dollar Deal Design Emma Hughes

> Dollhouse Chloe Carter

Electric Samuel Overman

> Entomology Adilynn See

Farm Scene Dave Richardson Fashion Revue (Consumer)

Fashion Revue (Sewing) Lilah Million

> Fine Arts Leah Miller

Fire Safety Elizabeth Boyer

Floriculture Addison Tinney

Foods (Baked) Chase Washburn

Foods (Preserved) Levi Merritt

Forestry Addison Tinney

Garden Collection Eleanor Martin

> Genealogy Rylan Schipper

Geology Emma Hughes

Gift Wrap Briana Cody

Health Emma Hughes

Home Environment Chloe Carter

> Legos (with Kit) Lilah Million

Legos (no Kit) Luke Sutton

Model **Hudson Sites** 

Needle Craft Cassandra Blong

People in my World Leah Miller

> Photography Jenna Hughes

**Recycled Articles** Michael Miser

> Scrapbook Zoe Wylam

Scrapbook (Digital) Emma Hughes

Seasonal Decorations Ruby Fruth

Sewing (Non Wearable) Delilah Hollarman

> Sewing (Wearable) **Bristol Yoder**

**Shooting Sports** Tyler Tacheny

**Small Engines** Logan Hunt Soil and Water Emma Hughes

Sportfishing Jacob Bowman

Sports Kailanni Roush

Veterinary Science Rylan Schopper

Weather & Climate Emma Hughes

Welding Dave Richardson

Wildlife Emma Hughes

Woodworking Gavin Yoder

Zero Turn Safety Poster Lucas Easterday

> Bicycle Dean Haynes

Ag Tractor Operator Skills Junior- Alden Hopper Senior-Lane Hunt

Lawn and Garden Operator Skills Junior- Chase Peterson Senior- Adam Cannon

> Zero Turn Operator Skills Junior-Rylan Schipper Senior-Hudson Sites

Eggs (Poultry) Carly Barker

Poultry Delight Pier

Alyssa Peterson

Swine Gilt Levi Merritt

Swine Barrow Hannah Early

Guinea Pig Lennie Owings

Claire Bailey

Hannah Early

Market Lamb Calie France

Dairy Feeder Sam Jones

Dairy Steer Calie France

Dairy Beef Cross Feeder Rylan Schipper

Dairy Beef Cross Steer Alex Weaver

> Beef Feeder Karasyn Kuhn

Steer Jenna Hughes

Heifer Alden Hopper

Meat Type Doe Wyatt Smith

Meat Type Wether & Wether Dam Alyssa Peterson

Best Junior & Senior Doe in Show Hannah Early Dairy Type Market Wether

Cole Specht Supreme Champion (Dairy) Alex Weaver

> Best in Show (Rabbit) Jacoby Bowman

Meat Pen Rabbits **Brady Schanlaub** 

Fryer Rabbit Kaidyn Schanlaub

Halter Horse Karasyn Kuhn

# Mianni County Extension Nevysletter August-November 2025

#### From the Educator's Desk



Courtney Schmidt, ANR HHS schmi163@purdue.edu

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 or calling the Extension office.





Ag & Natural Resources **Health & Human Sciences** Programming in & around Miami County

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

#### **4-H Extension Educator**



**Heather Smith** 

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 4-H Youth Development Educator

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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1-17<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> year members, record keeping awards, herdsmen, 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

#### 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

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

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# 4-H Youth Development







Enrollment for 2026 Opens on October 1st.

Visit www.4-honline.com to register





















Miami County 4-Hers, Parents, Fairboard, Council, Club Leaders, Superintendents, and all 4-H

Volunteers for a successful 2025







#### Extension - Nutrition Education Program

Learn, Grow, Eat & Go! — Growing Healthy Habits at the YMCA At the YMCA, learning goes far beyond the classroom—right into the garden! Through the Learn, Grow, Eat & Go! program, students are gaining hands-on experience in gardening, nutrition, and healthy living.

Rachel Taylor Nutrition Education Program

On Tuesdays, our youngest learners—Kindergarten through 3rd grade—gather to explore the magic of growing food. Each week, they dive into books about seeds, plant life, and garden care, then bring those lessons to life by watering and tending to 12 raised garden beds. With enthusiasm and teamwork, these young gardeners have already harvested sugar snap peas, cucumbers, lettuce, spinach, and tomatoes.

Every week, they try a new vegetable, building their curiosity and willingness to try healthy foods they've helped grow themselves.

On Thursdays, our upper elementary students take their garden experience one step further—into the kitchen! After learning how to grow and harvest their vegetables, they roll up their sleeves and prepare healthy recipes using the produce from their own raised beds. A recent favorite? A delicious garden skillet featuring tomatoes, zucchini, and onions—all grown by the students themselves.

In addition to cooking and gardening, these students are learning about healthy eating habits and the importance of physical activity, reinforcing the idea that good health starts with daily choices and active living. Through every seed planted, veggie tasted, and meal made, our YMCA students are not just growing plants they're growing lifelong skills for health, wellness, and confidence.

Pictured: Mindy Duckett - CWC Purdue Extension, Jamie Carter - Program Assistant Purdue Extension, Rachel



"Can I have another one??"



Seed starting



Raspberry tasting



Up Down and Around



Yuck!



Planting pea seeds

#### NORTH CENTRAL INDIANA FIELD DAY

Agronomy Updates and Ag Outlook







Extension - Agriculture





Agenda: 8:30-9 am: Registration-Coffee and Donuts 9-9:50 am: Corn Conversion w/ Dr. Dan Quinn

Weeds w/ Dr. Tommy Butts

RICHARD FARMS

10360 S. WHEELING PIKE

**LUNCH INCLUDED** 

10-10:50 am: Tar Spot Update and Anhydrous Safety

UAVs w/ Adam Shanks

11-11:30 am: Lunch

11:30-12:30 pm: Ag Outlook w/ Dr. Langemeier 12:30-1pm: OISC Regulatory Topic w/ Jessica Thurman

PARP, CCH, CEUs points available (\$10 for CCH/CEUS Cats 1 and 11) Free Event

Please RSVP by July 24th

n-Grant Co. Ext 765-651-2413 or jthurman

PURDUE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/EQUAL ACCESS UNIVERSITY. IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF ACCOMODATIONS OR DIETARY NEEDS TO ATTEND THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT JESSICA THURMAN PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT 765-651-2413 OR JTHURMAN24@PURDUE.EDU F YOU NEED AN INTERPRETER OR TRANSLATOR, PLEASE CONTACT JESSICA THURMAN PRIOR TO THE



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Your Guide to Better Results

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August 18th 10:00am-11:30am

**Advanced Master Gardner Training** 

Open to homeowners and lawn owners

Sign up Here: https://forms.gle/pKhYi5kepUZVYdR88 or Email Geoff Schortgen Wabash ANR: gschortg@purdue.edu

Location: 808 Manchester Ave Wabash, IN 46992

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**Contact Information** 

**Email:** gschortg@purdue.edu

Phone: 260-563-0661 ext. 1408















#### **DAVIS PURDUE AG CENTER FIELD DAY**

AUGUST 26, 2025

7:30 am Check In Program 8:00am to 1:00 pm 6230 IN-1, Farmland, IN 47340

**Speakers and Topics** 

Tar Spot Update - Darcy Telenko

Biological Residue Breakdown of Cornstalks - Brittanee Bertram & Jessica Thurman

Grain Bin Entrapment - Travis Nicholson Weed Management - Tommy Butts Combine Technology - Adam Shanks OISC Regulatory Update - Leo Reed



**CCA Credits Available Nutrient Management 0.5** Integrated Pest Management 1 Professional Development 1 Sustainabilty 0.5

PARP Credits - 1

To Register Call Purdue Extension Randolph County Office 765-584-2271 or email aalka@purdue.edu.

Last day to register Friday, August 15, 2025

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# **PURDUE EXTENSION** MONTHLY



**SEASON 6** 

12:00 - 1:00 PM EST

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**  20 NOV

#### **Turf ID & Fertilization**

**Dr. Cale Bigelow Professor of Horticulture** 

18 SEP

#### **Tick Update**

Sara McBride Medical Entomologist, Indiana Dept. of Health

18 DEC

#### **Local Food Systems**

Sarah Hanson **Food Systems Coordinator** 

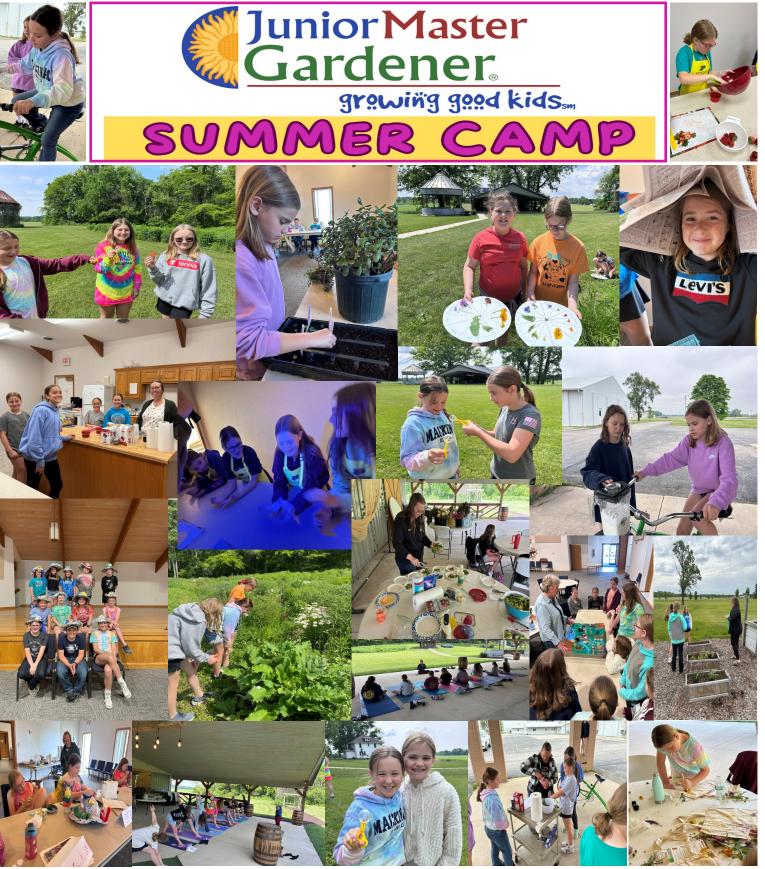
**Each month join a Purdue Extension Professional or** Partner through this free, live, virtual program as they discuss their research and hot topics in their area of expertise.



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.



#### GOODFOOD RX



R FOOD IS MEDICINE

Beginning Aug 27th

Community Building

RSVP REQUIRED:

MIAMI CO EXT OFFICE

FREE PROGRAM

MIAMICES@PURDUE.EDU

health first

1029 W. 200 N

765-472-1921

FUNDING

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MIAMI COUNTY

Peru, IN 46970

Miami Co 4-H Fairgrounds

WHEN?

WHERE?

Wednesdays

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,

#### Program includes:

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

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For special dietary needs contact schmi163@purdue.edu by Aug. 13th

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

Program is FREE made possible by funding from:



RSVP REQUIRED BY OCT. 15TH:

**MIAMI CO EXT OFFICE** 

765-472-1921 OR

## **DISCOVER THE**

Seven Simple Steps: Practical guidelines to make the Mediterranean diet approachable and

-Delectable Recipes: Cooking demos each of the 4 weeks and access to an array of delicious and nutritious Mediterranean-inspired recipes that are easy to prepare at home.

Health Benefits: Learn about the proven health benefits, including improved heart health, weight management and increased longevity.

 Community and Support: Share experiences. challenges and successes.

- 4 Weeks of Classes+Produce boxes; Add'l 4 Weeks of Produce boxes only
- Enrollment in the email-based walking program. Get WalkIN

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**Extension - Agriculture** and Natural Resources



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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!

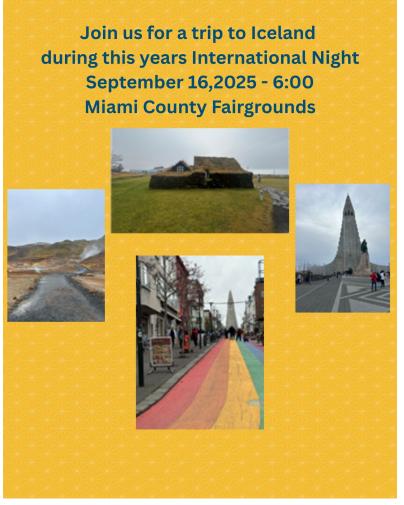
We have a new project coming out from the state this year. It is the new cultural arts project which is a children's book. I'm sure we'll be getting more information about that.

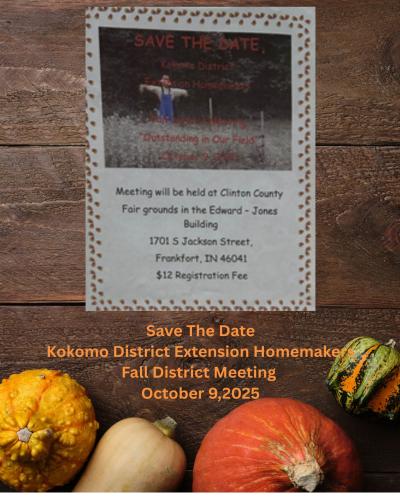
Our upcoming events, include presidents meeting, August 24th, September council meeting, International Night, September 16th "Iceland" & Fall District meeting.

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

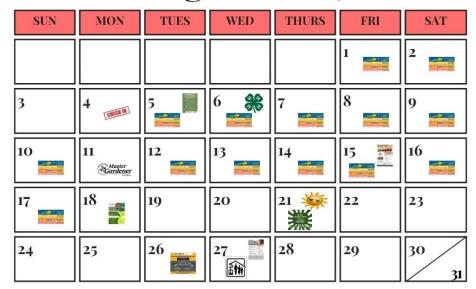
Thank-You!

Bonnie Burns, Pres.





#### August 2025



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** 8/6 Fairboard Meeting 7:00pm

& Master Gardener Meeting 6:30pm

8/15 Planting to Pantry 8:30am-3:00pm

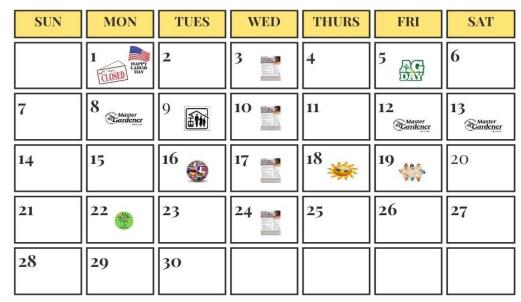
8/18 A Simple Procedure for Fertilizing your Lawn workshop Wabash 10:00-11:30am

🧩 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

## September 2025



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

Standard 9/8 Master Gardener Meeting 6:30pm

🗿 9/9 Extension Homemakers Council Meeting 10:00am

置 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

59/18 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

### October 2025

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10/1 Area Soils CDE

🕺 10/1 Food is Medicine - Miami County Fairgrounds 4:30-6:00pm

22 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

10/15 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

\*\* 11/21 Extension Board Meeting 12:00pm

11/27 Extension Office Closed Thanksgiving

11/28 Extension Office Closed Thanksgiving

🚳 11/24 4-H Council Meeting 7:00pm

## 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