

# ROOTED AND RESILIENT:

## Homesteading Conference

GATHERING HOMESTEAD SKILLS FOR FAMILIES



### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024

COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER  
401 E DIAMOND STREET, KENDALLVILLE, INDIANA

TIME & LOCATION	Multi-Purpose Room A	Multi-Purpose Room B	Shop Room 106	Noble County Fairgrounds - 1 mile away 580 Fair St, Kendallville, IN 46755
9:30 am	Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements, Multi-Purpose Room A			
10:00-10:50 am	1A: Spicing Up the Kitchen: Cooking with Herbs and Spices <i>Lydia Hall, RDN, LD, Parkview Health</i>	1B: Maple Magic: A Dive into Syrup Production <i>Jim Carr</i>	1C (2-Hours): Nature's Palette: Discover the Magic of Natural Dye and Fibers LIMIT 20 <i>Janel Franks, Purdue Extension</i>	1D (2-Hours): Mastering Poultry Processing: Methods for Success <i>Jeff &amp; Tammy Hochstetler, Hochstetler's Haven</i>
11:00-11:50 am	2A: Petals on Your Plate: The Art and Taste of Edible Flowers <i>Elysia Rodgers, Purdue Extension</i>	2B: Branch Out: Skills for Identifying and Pruning Trees <i>John Woodmansee, Purdue Extension</i>		
12:00-12:50 pm	Lunch and Informal Networking to Broaden and Strengthen the Homesteading Community, Multi-Purpose Room A			
1:00-1:50 pm	3A (4-Hours): Don't Blow Your Lid: Mastering Pressure Canning Techniques LIMIT 16 1-2:50 pm Pressure Canning Chicken 3-4:50 pm Making Bone Broth <i>Abigail Creigh &amp; Molly Hoag, Purdue Extension</i>	3B: From Aches to Ease: Ergonomic Tools for the Modern Homesteader <i>Ed Sheldon, AgrAbility</i>	3C: What's the Scoop? A Guide to Types of Manure and Their Benefits	3D: Healthy Herds and Quality Milk: Practices for Dairy Goat Husbandry <i>Stacy Hanaway, Hanaway Haven</i>
2:00-2:50 pm		4B (2-Hours): From Tractors to Tails: Ensuring Safety in Farm Machinery and Livestock Handling (a portion of this session will involve self-transport to the Noble County Fairgrounds, 1 mile away, for live animal activities) <i>Ed Sheldon, AgrAbility &amp; Cora Reinbolt, Purdue Extension</i>	4C (2-Hours): What's the Buzz? Introduction to Beekeeping <i>Chet Gilbert, APIS Enterprises</i>	4D (2-Hours): Cutting with Confidence: Chainsaw Safety and Tree Felling <i>Duane McCoy, Indiana DNR</i>
3:00-3:50 pm				
4:00-4:50 pm				
5:00 pm	Conclude			

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### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

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TIME & LOCATION	Multi-Purpose Room A	Reception Room	Multi-Purpose Room B	Shop Room 106	Sewing Room	Classroom 205 - Kidsteader Sessions
8:00-8:50 am	Welcome, Announcements, and Featured Keynote Speaker, Auditorium					
9:00-9:50 am	6A: Crust & Crumbs: A Joyful Journey into Homemade Pies <i>LouAnne Pillars, Retired Teacher</i>	6B: First Steps to Farm Life: Introductory Topics for Homestead Success <i>Elysia Rodgers, Purdue Extension</i>	6C: Cover Your Coop: Navigating Insurance for your Homestead <i>Jerrold Ramer, Black and Ramer Insurance</i>	6D: The Great Invasion: How to Manage & Control Invasive Species on your Land <i>Geoff Schortgen, Purdue Extension</i>		K1: Dissecting the Mysteries: A Guide to Animal Anatomy
10:00-10:50 am	7A (2-Hours): Sour Power: Unlocking the Secrets of Sourdough <i>Abigail Creigh, Purdue Extension &amp; Sharon Cripe, Noble County Extension Homemaker</i>	7B: Boots on the Ground: Veteran Farmers' Insights and Strategies <i>Tami Mosier (panel moderator), John Mihalec, Mike Mosier, Jamie Perry, &amp; Joe Ricker</i>	7C: Farm to Table Talk: Understanding Consumer Perception of Agriculture <i>Dr. Ariana Torres, Purdue University Horticulture Economics</i>	7D: Elevate Your Garden: Getting Started with Raised Beds <i>Keri Salb-Mertz, Purdue Extension</i>	7E: Upcycled Denim, please bring your own denim; some sewing machine knowledge necessary LIMIT 10 <i>Janel Franks, Purdue Extension</i>	K2: Garden of Colors: Making Art with Natural Dyes
11:00-11:50 am		8B: Small Ruminant Secrets: Strategies for Thriving Herds <i>Dr. Kyle Yarde, Yarde Veterinary Services</i>	8C: What Lies Beneath? The Science of Soil & Garden Health <i>Ann Kline, Purdue Extension</i>	8D: Market Makers: Elevating your Farmers Market Presence with Value-Added Products <i>James Wolff, Purdue Extension</i>		K3: Udder Fun: Crafting Homemade Butter and Dairy Treats
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1:00-1:50 pm	9A (2-Hours): Lock in the Goodness: Fun with Food Dehydrating <i>Molly Hoag, Purdue Extension</i>	9B: Label Me Organic: Understanding Organic Standards & Labeling <i>Ann Kline, Purdue Extension &amp; Mark Seeley, OnMark Certification Services</i>	9C: The Diagnosis Detective: Livestock Necropsy for Better Health Management <i>Purdue Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory</i>	9D: From Scraps to Soil: Mastering Composting and Organic Production <i>Ashley Adair, Purdue Extension</i>	K4: The Meat Journey: Discovering how Livestock Becomes Dinner
2:00-2:50 pm		10B: Digging In: The Fundamentals of Gardening <i>Tim Deal, Purdue Extension Master Gardener &amp; Ed Farris, Purdue Extension</i>	10C: Bringing Home the Bacon: A Guide to Swine Management <i>Dr. Brian Richert, Purdue University Animal Sciences</i>	10D: Hay There! Harvesting & Buying Quality Forages <i>Arthur Franke, USDA-NRCS</i>	K5: Bullseye Quest: Getting Started with Archery Skills
3:00-3:50 pm	11A: Moo-ving Forward: Best Practices in Large Ruminant Livestock Care <i>Emily Kresca, Purdue Extension</i>	11B: Fields of Opportunity: NRCS Assistance for Beginning Farmers & Veterans <i>Jamie Perry, USDA-NRCS</i>	11C: Counting Sheep: Tracking Your Homestead Finances <i>Beth Vansickle, Purdue Extension</i>	11D: Vertical Veggies: Tips and Tricks for Tower Gardening <i>Tim Maine, 50 East Garden Center</i>	K6: Barnyard Buddies: Learning to Care for Livestock
4:00-4:50 pm	12A: Field of Dreams: Expert Insights on Agricultural Zoning & Planning <i>Jeff Burbrink (panel moderator), Purdue Extension</i>	12B: Berry Bountiful: Strategies for Successful Small Fruit Production <i>Erica Cordes, Cordes Berry Farm</i>	12C: Eggs-cellent Poultry Practices: Raising Happy, Healthy Birds <i>JP Pietrowski, Purdue Extension</i>	12D: Fortify the Farm: Strategies to Prepare for Homestead Security <i>Mike Mosier, Fourth Mission Farm &amp; John Geyer</i>	K7: Cool Creations: An Ice Cream Making Adventure
5:00 pm	Conclude				