

*In all things,
give Thanks*



Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, and Thanksgiving 2023 occurs on Thursday, November 23. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists from England and the Native American Wampanoag people shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies.

For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

Source: <https://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving>

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Fall Open House Recap

Our Fall Open House, held on October 18, provided an in-depth look at what our Educators provide to our community. The high-impact educational programs help transform the lives and livelihoods of individuals and communities in Indiana and the world.

Whether they were a repeat or first-time visitor, everyone discovered something new about the Purdue Extension at our Fall Open House!



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Thank you!

We wanted to take a moment to thank the following people and groups for their support. You all played a key role in the success of our Open House event, and we appreciate you very much.

- Mathias Ingle - Farm Stress Team
- Adam Shanks - Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Demonstration
- Paw Prints 4-H Club - Dog Exhibition
- Hare Raiser 4-H Club - Rabbit Exhibition
- Feathered Friends 4-H Club - Poultry Exhibition
- Tipton County Master Gardeners
- Tipton County Extension Homemakers

2024 AG WOMEN ENGAGE CONFERENCE INFORMATION



2023 Women in Agriculture Award Winners

Three Indiana women were recognized by the Purdue Women in Agriculture Team for their dedication and leadership during a ceremony at the Indiana State Fair on Aug. 3. “Each year, Purdue Extension has the honor of awarding three Indiana women who contribute to the success of agriculture in Indiana.

Kassidy Oliger received the 2023 Emerging Women in Agriculture Leadership Award on Aug. 3, 2023 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Kassidy Oliger, received the Emerging Women in Agriculture Leadership award, which recognizes the accomplishments of a high school or undergraduate student who has made a positive impact on agriculture.

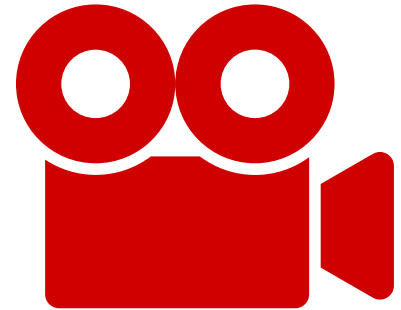
The Purdue Women in Agriculture Leadership Award recognizes a woman in an agribusiness or policymaking position who has actively influenced Indiana agriculture. Katrina Hall, Indiana Farm Bureau Senior Director of Policy Strategy and Advocacy, was honored with the 2023 award.

Bethany Gremel, Beck’s Hybrids director of culture and brand experience and a member of Beck’s leadership team, is the 2023 Women in Agriculture Achievement Award winner. This award recognizes women who are directly involved in a home farm operation.

Health & Human Sciences

Thank You's!

I'd like to thank the Family Resource Center and staff for allowing me to present programming for adults during their Creative Expressions activities. On October 16th I shared a program about social media etiquette, a topic which can apply to both adults and youth. The following are two videos which were shared.



[6 Social Media Mistakes YOU Are Making | And How To Avoid Them](#)

[Job Search Tips \(Part 20\): Do's and Don'ts of Social Media](#)



Another big “thank you” goes to Deb Kuhn, Steve Brown and the entire crew at Good Shepherd Food Pantry. On October 11th, our office had the honor to assist with food distribution. Over 100 families received assistance through this single-day of service!



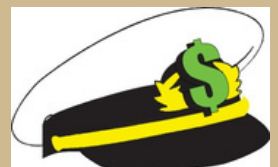
Last but not least, thank you to all of the Extension Homemakers that attended the Achievement Night on October 10th. We had a fantastic meal and speaker. Congratulations to Bonnie Sheldon for earning the Judge's Choice award for her knitted shawl.

Captain Cash



Eric Hillis

With a new school year upon us, we have the opportunity to educate our youngsters about basic money management skills. If you are a 3rd grade teacher and would like me to present Captain Cash to your students, please call me at 765-675-1177 or send me an email at jehillis@purdue.edu. [Click here](#) to learn more about the program.



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Community Outreach - Good Shepherd Food Pantry

On October 11, our team assisted with the food distribution at Good Shepherd Food Pantry in Tipton. Over 100 families received assistance in this single-day of service!



Do you have an outstanding 4-H member that you would like featured in our newsletter? Send us the information no later than the 25th of each month! We would love to feature them!

Or what's Up With Your Club? Would you like your Club featured in the next newsletter? Write up a short article telling us just how fun your club's event was and make sure to include a picture with the names of the members featured. Let's let the community know what great things are going on in 4-H! Please send any information to Mary Anne Cowan at Cowan13@purdue.edu.

Indiana Connectivity Program

What is the Indiana Connectivity Program

The Indiana Connectivity Program aims to connect residents and businesses that lack access to broadband internet service with service providers and assist in the expense of extending broadband to those locations



How the Program Works

Residential and business locations that are unserved or underserved (access to actual speeds less than 25Mbps download and 3Mbps upload) can apply for consideration by entering their information into the Next Level Connections portal to initiate their interest in receiving broadband internet service.

By registering to the Next Level Connections portal, Internet Service Providers will have the opportunity to review these locations and submit bids to the state on the cost of providing service to these locations. OCRA will evaluate these bids by the required documentation and make awards to the providers whose bid presents the lowest cost to the state for extension of the service.



*Inputting location information into the Next Level Connections portal does not guarantee extension of service.

*If a resident or business cannot access the online portal, the Indiana Broadband Connect Center can assist in this process. Please call 833-639-8522



Who Can Apply

Locations that currently lack broadband service or have actual broadband speeds of less than 25/3Mbps.

Funding

The portfolio of Next Level Connections Broadband Programs has been allocated \$270 million in total. This would include the Indiana Connectivity Program.

Limits per line extension are set by Indiana Code. These limits are:

- *A per line extension amount that cannot exceed \$25,000.
- *A per passing amount that cannot exceed \$4,800.



Timeline

The Indiana Connectivity Program and Next Level Connections online portal is accepting applications.

The bidding and challenge processes must take place before awards can be made. Once made, projects must be completed within six to nine months of the contract date.

- At least every three months, OCRA will publish to registered providers the addresses requesting service
- Service providers will have 10 days to notify OCRA of service availability at those locations
- Service Providers have 60 days to submit bids on locations they would like to extend service to
- OCRA will evaluate all bids within 30 days and select the provider whose bid presents the lowest cost per Mbps to the state.

Resources

[Indiana Connectivity Program](#)
[Affordable Connectivity Program](#)

[Validating FCC map](#)
[Speed tests platform](#)

4-H Youth Development

Considering A New Project?



4-H members, branch out and try different projects. 4-H has a lot more to offer than just livestock projects! Please review the state 4-H project list. Please call your 4-H Leader to get the project requirements. For new members who are selecting projects, please ask questions about the project! Sometimes a project that sounds simple may be very involved. Many of the projects require more time than just the week before fair! Please contact the Purdue Extension Office for more details about any new project being considered. That simple step will help reduce any “pre-fair stress!”



Mark Your Calendars



The **Tipton County 4-H Fair** will be July 10 -14, 2024, and the Livestock Auction will be July 15, 2024.

The **Indiana State Fair** is scheduled for August 2 - 18, 2024, closed on Mondays. A schedule of events will be published by the spring.

Join Junior Leaders and 4-H Enrollment



Open to all in Grades 7-12. This opportunity gives Adult 4-H Volunteers additional assistance in their 4-H Clubs and related activities.

Enrollment for 2024 is now open and in full swing! Please register for the 4-H year asap so you can stay up to date on what all is happening!

4-H Youth Development



Message to Club Leaders and Volunteers

All adult volunteers - club leaders, project superintendents, and 4-H Council members - need to update their 4-H Online profile for the 2023-24 4-H year. Simply log into your profile, reenroll for the coming year, and complete the video trainings. Please do this ASAP, by December 31, 2023!

Upcoming Livestock Exhibitor Meetings

Beef, sheep, goat, and swine species each have exhibitor meetings in the winter to review the previous year, share ideas for the next year, suggest any changes in policy and procedure, and recommend a list a judges to submit to 4-H Council for approval. All exhibitors that will show in 2024 are invited; each exhibiting family gets 1 (one) vote regardless of the number of youth exhibiting.

Sheep and Goat: Monday, November 27, 6 pm, Purdue Extension- Tipton County office

Swine: Monday, November 27, 7 pm (or immediately after sheep and goat meeting),
Purdue Extension- Tipton County office

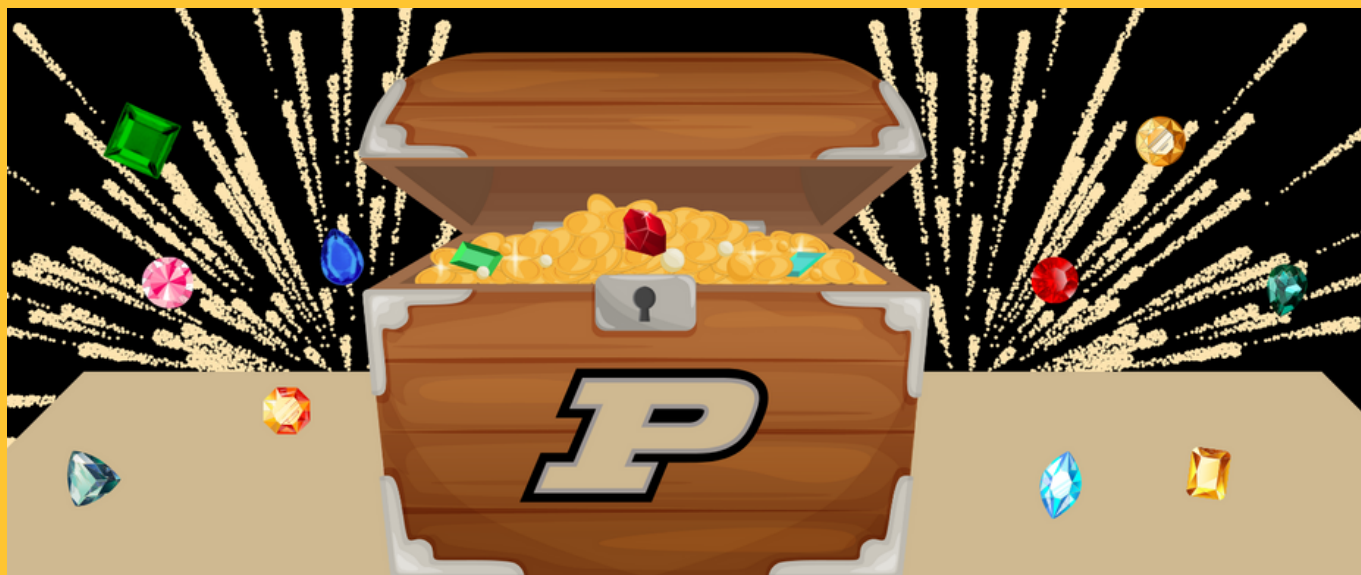
Beef: Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 pm, 4-H Community Building



Brian Howell, 4-H Youth Development Educator



Did you realize that work is well underway for the 2024 4-H Fair? A rough draft of the schedule is currently being reviewed by superintendents and other volunteers; species committees will be meeting in late November and early December to recommend judges and make other decisions; policies and procedures are being updated so they can be published soon. Members also have a role in preparation! Get enrolled NOW by going to in.4honline.com. Attend club meetings whenever you can. Start looking at project guidelines and practice and learn as much as you can about topic or skill. If you have an idea for a workshop or event that you would like to see happen, talk to an adult, volunteer, or Purdue Extension staff NOW to make it a reality- things take time to plan and organize. Plan to attend the Extension and 4-H Celebration Event on November 20! A fun night of food, fellowship, and celebrating the past year's accomplishments and kicking off the new year!



2023 PURDUE EXTENSION
TIPTON COUNTY COMMUNITY
CELEBRATION

Treasures await everyone at Purdue Extension!

Monday, November 20
6:00 p.m. Dinner & Activities
7:00 p.m. Program

Everyone is welcome!
Join us for a treasure-filled evening learning about Purdue Extension. Enjoy a free meal & celebrate this year's achievements and see what is next for Purdue Extension.

Tipton County

COMPASSION IN ACTION

DIGNITY DRIVE

DONATION DRIVE FOR:
SOCKS &
PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Donation Collection Details

Please, drop off your donations of:

- Socks (any size/any style)
- Hygiene Products

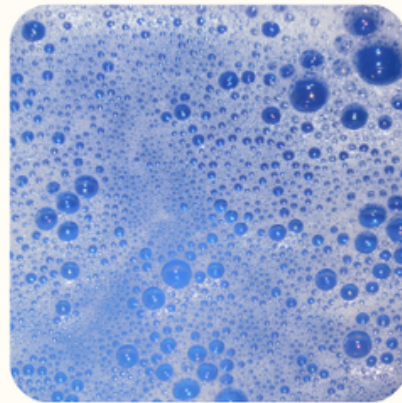
at the Tipton Extension Office location listed below.

Donations will be accepted the entire month of October through November 20th.

Who Will Receive the Donations?

Your compassionate donations will be distributed to several organizations in Tipton County, as well as both Tipton County school systems.

 **Contact Us**
765-675-1177



8 AM - 4 PM
MONDAY -
FRIDAY

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**We will continue to accept donations through
November 20, 2023.**

November Fairgrounds Calendar

- November 2—Extension Office Closed / Staff Training
- November 4—MATA Meeting—6 PM Auditorium
- November 6—Beech Grove Club 4-H Meeting—6 PM Lilly Hall
- November 6—Tipton Co. Fair Board Meeting—7 PM Prairie Room
- November 7—Election Day—Voting Center—Open at 5 AM Auditorium
- November 7—Master Gardeners Meeting—6:30 PM Jefferson Room
- November 7—Junior Leaders Meeting—6:30 PM Prairie Room
- November 9—Mobile Food Pantry—11 AM Lilly Hall
- November 9—Tipton Tractor Pullers Association Meeting—6:30 PM Prairie Room
- November 10—Extension Office Closed / Veteran's Day
- November 10—Tri-Central & Tipton Schools Career Fair— Auditorium/Kitchen
- November 11—Happy Goat Lucky Yoga—Lilly Hall
- November 14—Encore Center Community Bingo—9 AM Auditorium
- November 14—4-H Council Meeting—7 PM Prairie Room
- November 15—Champion Chasers Club 4-H Meeting—6:30 PM Jefferson
- November 18—Phi Beta Psi Holiday Bazaar—9 AM—2 PM Auditorium/Lilly Hall/
Kitchen
- November 20—Mobile Food Pantry—11 AM Lilly Hall
- **November 20—Tipton County Community Celebration—6 PM Auditorium**
- November 23—Community Thanksgiving Dinner—12:00 PM Auditorium
- November 25—Farmer's & Artisan's Market—10 AM Auditorium
- November 27—Sheep & Goat Exhibitor Meeting—6 PM Prairie Room
- November 27—Swine Exhibitor Meeting—7 PM Prairie Room
- November 28—Encore Center Community Bingo—9 AM Auditorium

*Please, join us for our Tipton County Community
Celebration on November 20th starting at 6 PM.*

We hope to see you there!

Community Wellness Coordinator

What's Happening in Tipton?

Growing Together Grants

This grant is intended to increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables for limited-resources families in Indiana through collaboration with active Master Gardeners, the Purdue Extension Nutrition Education Program, Purdue Extension educators, and community volunteers.



TCSC Worksite Wellness

Purdue Extension and Tipton Community Schools are in the planning stages of an initiative that will be designed to increase access to physical access opportunities for TCSC employees. We are looking to create a central workout area for the corporation so that all employees have easy and convenient access to exercise equipment.



County-Wide Peloton Initiative

The Tipton County Health Department has requested funding in their budget to initiate a county-wide Peloton program. Participants will receive access to the Peloton membership, which provides access to live, on-demand exercise classes, meditation and yoga practices, and mental health activities. Additionally, members will have access to the Peloton bicycle.

Howard County Food Pantry Garden

The Howard County Food Access Alliance has recently hired Director of Food Access, Allison Norman. She and I attended a 4-week Grass to Garden course that delieates starting a garden. We are currently in the planning stage of creating a food pantry donation garden, which will provide grown produce to all of Howard County's food pantries.



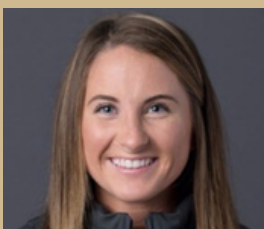
TCSC Share Tables

Tipton High School received funding from the Tipton County Foundation to initiate a food rescue project. Students have the opportunity to donate unwanted lunch items, that meet donation criteria, to a designated table, which are then available for students to take for the remainder of the lunch period. Leftover foods are then offered to students who participate in after-school activities and athletics.



Tipton Trails Story Walk

The Tipton Trails group, Park Department, and Purdue Extension are collaborating on a literacy and physical activity project. The story walk will allow trail users to follow along to a story as they make their way down the trail. The purpose of this initiative is to promote physical activity, reading, and fun!



I am your Community Wellness Coordinator. I grew up in Terre Haute, Indiana and pursued my undergraduate degree in Food Science at Purdue University. I was also a four-year student athlete at Purdue, so I bleed the Old Gold and Black!

I have a passion for health, nutrition, and helping others. I also enjoy reading, exercising, and being with family. I look forward to collaborating with you to improve our community!

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The office will be closed November 2, 10, 23 and 24, 2023



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