

EXTENSION NEWSLETTER

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July, August, September Newsletter

2026 Indiana State Fair August 7-23

To our Purdue Extension Vermillion County Friends,

Thank you to everyone who helped before, during, and after the 2026 Vermillion County Fair! We truly appreciate your support and dedication to the 4-H program and the Fair. Whether you encouraged your favorite exhibitor(s); helped set up and/or clean up before, during, and after; provided financial support; shared words of encouragement; or assisted with building watch; your contributions are very much appreciated. We have had many positive comments about this year's fair, and are looking forward to 2027. With sincere gratitude from all of us at the Purdue Extension Vermillion County Office,

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***Cancellation Reminder:**

Please remember that Extension meetings are likely cancelled if school is dismissed early or cancelled due to the weather. This applies if only one or more Vermillion County school corporations cancel classes due to the weather. Updates will be provided on the Purdue Extension Vermillion County Facebook page.



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PURDUE EXTENSION UPDATE

As you may have heard through news media or conversation, Purdue Extension has begun a statewide transformation.

Purdue Extension is moving to a regional service model, which means that the expertise of our staff will enhance programming across our region. Vermillion County is in Region 5, along with Benton, Fountain, Montgomery, Parke, Putnam, Tippecanoe, Vigo, and Warren Counties.

You may be wondering how this will affect Vermillion County, so I wanted to share a bit of information in this newsletter.

1. Regional Transformation will enable Purdue Extension to meet the changing needs of Indiana with a sustainable and adaptable structure.
2. Regional Transformation will contribute to Extension's future financial stability.
3. The Extension Regional Transformation began with two teams—the East Central and West Central. What has been learned during the past 6+ months, including feedback provided by communities, staff members, volunteers and participants, informed this new structure.
4. Purdue Extension will operate with 12 regional teams that will continue to deliver field-based services across the state. The new structure will be operational by January 2027.
5. Purdue Extension will continue to deliver 4-H locally.
6. This model will respond to the evolving needs of Indiana while fostering stronger connections and expanding collaboration across counties, and enhancing partnerships with Purdue faculty and statewide initiatives.

Please know that the Purdue Extension Vermillion County office will remain open at 703 West Park Street in Cayuga. Phil, Morgan and Lori will continue to be based in Vermillion County. We enjoy visiting with you when you stop in!

We appreciate your support and patience as we move through this transformation and consider innovative methods to bring programming to the residents we serve in Region 5.

With gratitude,

Lori A Bouslog
County Extension Director and Extension Educator

AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE RESOURCES!

Have specific questions, call Phil at 765-492-5335 or email at cox119@purdue.edu



This Website Provides the Latest Corn Research and Management Information for Farmers and Agricultural Professionals www.thekernel.info

To see the current and past issues (and to subscribe) of the Pest & Crop newsletter go to:

www.extension.entm.purdue.edu/newsletters/pestandcrop

The most recent issue (June 19) covers the following topics:

[Calmer Weather On Its Way](#)

[Update On Disease Risk In Indiana Corn](#)



Center for
Commercial Agriculture

For the current issue (& to subscribe) see:

<https://vegcropshotline.org/> The most recent issue (June 25) of the Vegetable Crops Hotline Newsletter covers the following topics: [Updates to Entomology Extension Services](#); [Farming and Financial Stress](#); [Wet Weather Increases Disease Risk in Cucurbits](#); [Chateau® SW Herbicide No Longer Registered for Melons in Indiana](#); [A Case Study of 2,4-D Drift on Tomatoes](#); [Melon Nutrient Imbalances – Potassium Deficiency](#); [Melon Nutrient Imbalance – Manganese Toxicity](#); [Purdue Vegetable Field Day SWPAC](#)

The Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture has many reports, publications, podcasts, and webinars that can be found at

<https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag>

VEGETABLE CROPS HOTLINE

A newsletter for commercial vegetable growers prepared by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service



For the current issue (& to subscribe) see:

www.purduelandscape.org. The most recent issue (June 19) of the Purdue Landscape Report covers the following topics:

[Bacterial Blight of Peony](#)

[Prepare to Manage Spotted Lanternfly](#)

[Identifying Evergreens](#)



SOYBEAN STATION

DELIVERING FIRST CLASS SOYBEAN INFORMATION



Soybean Station is Purdue's hub for soybean information & research and is found at

www.ag.purdue.edu/department/agry/faculty-pages/soybean-station



For the current issue and to subscribe see: <https://fff.hort.purdue.edu/current-issue/> The most recent issue (June 25) of Facts for Fancy Fruit covers the following topics: [Crop conditions](#); [Cool May, Stormy June, Hotter Days Ahead](#); [Cut Flower Production Field Tours](#); [Indiana Hort & Small Farm Conference](#); [Summer Field Tour – fruits and vegetables](#) [Invitation to Exhibit at the Summer Field Tour – Fruits and Vegetables](#)

Purdue Fruit and Vegetable Field Day – July 16



The Purdue Fruit and Vegetable Field Day on July 16 will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET at the Throckmorton Purdue Agricultural Center's Meigs Horticulture Research Farm, 9101 S. 100 E., Lafayette. Registration is \$48 and includes a lunch from Great Harvest Bread Co. **Registration is open**, and the full **agenda** is now available. Visit: <https://vegcropshotline.org/purdue-fruit-and-vegetable-field-day/> . For questions, contact Lori Jolly-Brown at ljollybr@purdue.edu. If you are in need of accommodations to attend, submit your request by July 9.

Purdue Small Farm Education Field Day – July 23



The Purdue Small Farm Education Field Day on July 23 will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET at the Purdue Student Farm, 1491 Cherry Lane, West Lafayette. Registration is \$48; lunch is not included, but a food truck will be on-site. **Registration is open**, and the full **agenda** is now available. Visit:

<https://ag.purdue.edu/events/departement/hla/2026/07/purdue-small-farm-education-field-day.html> For questions, contact Lori Jolly-Brown at ljollybr@purdue.edu. If you are in need of accommodations to attend, submit your request by July 16.



Vermillion County Diverse Farm Tour – August 4

The Diverse Corn Belt Project and Purdue Extension will host a free Vermillion County Diverse Farm Tour on August 4th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The tour will start at **Royer Farm Fresh**, Clinton, where the production of beef, pork, lamb and chicken from farm to consumers' plates and management practices for all four species will be shared. In addition, aspects of selling meat including: butcher shop relations, pricing, paperwork and marketing will be discussed.

A free catered lunch will be provided at the Vermillion County 4-H Community Building, Cayuga Park, where Purdue University's **Dr. Ariana Torres will be discussing Marketing Diverse Ag Products**.

The tour will conclude at **Tarquini's Fresh Produce**, Perrysville, where participants will learn about all aspects of their primary focus of home-grown tomatoes (including washing/sorting/cooling); and how they have further diversified to include cucumbers, peppers, zucchinis, cut flowers, and much more.

Everyone is invited to this tour to explore opportunities for and barriers to adding more crops and grazed livestock to rotations in the Corn Belt, to seek concrete options for diversification and to understand the agronomic, economic, social, infrastructure and policy changes that could make them viable.

To register contact the Vermillion County Extension Office at 765-492-5330 or cox119@purdue.edu by July 29th. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.



POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP



Pollinator Celebration Clinton Public Library July 20, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Ella Stroh, Indiana Partner Biologist for the nonprofit Pollinator Partnership, will present about pollinators and pollinator habitat.

Come learn about Indiana's native pollinators and how to support pollinators in agricultural landscapes or home gardens! The talk will also include information about Farm Bill programs that provide financial assistance to agricultural producers interested in planting pollinator habitat.

After learning about pollinator conservation, participants will receive free pollinator plants to take home. Fifteen species will be available to choose from, including: Anise hyssop, Red columbine, Butterfly weed (a species of milkweed with a beautiful orange flower), Nodding onion, Lance-leaved coreopsis, Tall cinquefoil, Rattlesnake master, Rough blazing star, Stiff goldenrod, Wild quinine, Hairy beardtongue, Little bluestem, Prairie dock, Aromatic aster and Hoary vervain.

This is a free program and no reservations are required.

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If you are in need of accommodations or you need an interpreter or translator, to attend this program, please contact:

Phil Cox (Phone: 765-492-5330 or email: cox119@purdue.edu) by July 13th

Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. For questions, contact the Vermillion County Extension Office at 765-492-5330 or cox119@purdue.edu

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AT CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Lori Bouslog, HHS Extension Educator, offers monthly programs at the Clinton Public Library, 313 S 4th Street. The programs begin at 6:00 PM on the second level of the library. Programs offered include:

- *Empower Me to be Clutter Free – Strategies and Emotional Barriers
- *Empower Me to be Clutter Free - Paper
- *Empower Me to be Clutter Free – Maintaining Order



July 20
August 17
September 21



A SPRINKLE OF NEWS FROM SUE

The Vermillion County Extension Homemakers enjoyed sponsoring Home and Family Day at the Fair this year with a patriotic tribute for the 250th Anniversary of our country. The Old Glory Quilters presented the program, sharing their mission of making quilts for all area veterans. They were proud to give two quilts to veterans Garry DalSasso and Tom Smith.

July 1 is the beginning of our calendar year with the state theme, “The Heart of IEHA.” New Officers for the county are Sue Weber, President; Jo-Ann Jones, Vice President; Rhonda Majors, Secretary; Mary Ellen Jackson, Treasurer; and Connie Warner, Presidential Advisor.

Vermillion County Homemakers are always looking for new members. You can join one of our existing clubs, or start a new club with your friends, Call Sue Weber at 765-562-3577 for more information.

Our next county event will be Bakersfest Contest on October 7 with the theme, “Not from Scratch.”

Sincerely,

Sue Weber, President
Vermillion County Extension Homemakers

EXTENSION HOMEMAKER COUNCIL MEETINGS – PLEASE JOIN US!

July 7	11:30 AM	Covered Bridge Restaurant, Eugene
September 8	11:30 AM	Off the Tracks, Dana
November 10	11:30 AM	Co-Op Grill, Clinton



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS READY-TO-GO

There are several educational programs offered for Extension Homemaker clubs and community groups, which are listed on pages 14-15 of the current Extension Homemaker program book. The lessons on the IEHA website, www.ieha-families.org, are available for use throughout the year. Please contact Lori for more information about these programs or for copies.

IEHA FALL DISTRICT MEETING

Extension Homemakers, please mark your calendar for the IEHA Terre Haute District Fall Meeting. Vigo County will host on October 1st. More details will be shared as they are available. All IEHA members and guests are welcome!



2026 BAKERSFEST

Save the date! Wednesday, October 7th will be Bakersfest! This year's theme is "Not From Scratch". Start looking for recipes to enter, and watch for additional information from the Vermillion County Extension Homemakers.

VERMILLION PARKE HEALTH COALITION

Are you interested in the health of your community? Are you looking for ways to make a difference? The Vermillion Parke Health Coalition (140+ members) meets on the first Thursday of odd numbered months at 10:00 AM, with a hybrid format. If improving the health of your community is important to you, please contact Lori Bouslog at lbouslog@purdue.edu or call 765-492-5332 to discuss how you can be involved.



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PRESSURE CANNER DIAL GAUGE TESTING OFFERED

In order to ensure you are preserving foods safely, it is important to keep your equipment in good working order and in the case of pressure canners, that includes having the dial gauge tested each year. Purdue Extension Vermillion County is offering dial gauge testing for pressure canners. Please contact Lori at 765-492-5332 or lbouslog@purdue.edu to arrange for your dial gauge and canner to be checked before you begin preserving foods this summer.

Fair Evaluation



Thank you all for a great 2026 Vermillion County Fair! We would not be able to do it without you! Your suggestions are highly valued, so please join us for our Fair Evaluation Meeting – Monday, July 6, 7:00 PM at the 4-H Community Building. The 2026 Vermillion County Fair will be evaluated on how to make 2027 even better for our youth!

Indiana State Fair

If your 4-H project had a “State Fair” ribbon on it, that means you are eligible to take that project to the Indiana State Fair. Congratulations! You will receive instructions about when your exhibit project is due at the Indiana State Fair. The Extension Office Staff does offer the option to take projects to the Indiana State Fair for you, but only if they meet the new size requirements. Be on the lookout in your mail for more information.



INDIANA
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Vermillion County 4-H Handbook

If you noticed incorrect information or feel there should be a change, clarification, typo, and/or addition, please let us know by emailing mwilhit@purdue.edu by September 1. Please be specific!



STEM



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



AGRICULTURE



HEALTHY LIVING

All fair results will be in Fair Entry by July 13! Sign in to your Fair Entry account. Click “View Public Results” From there you should see all of the 4-Hers fair results. Please reach out if you see anything that needs updated or if anything is missing. We appreciate your patience.



Head, Heart, Hike, Heal

Save the Date – Saturday, September 19th at
Turkey Run State Park

This retreat is designed to help kids connect with nature, build mindfulness, and enjoy movement through yoga and hiking. Activities will be for all 4-Hers in grades 3-12!

4-H Online Open Enrollment opens October 1, 2026



Don't delay! Enroll as early as October 1, 2026 for the new 4-H season. This will ensure you get all of the communication and information needed. If you are a first year 4-H Member, returning 4-H Member, or 4-H volunteer you must enroll/re-enroll each year through 4-H Online.

Step by Step Instructions: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/membership-join-a-club.html>

Link to 4-H Online: <https://www.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>



4-H Fall Kick Off

We will have our 4-H Fall Kick Off on Saturday, October 3rd at the Vermillion County Fairgrounds from 4-6 pm. All are welcome – you do not have to be in 4-H to come. We will have a bonfire, smores, large yard games, crafts, and much more! There will be a chance to sign up for the upcoming 4-H year, meet club leaders and current 4-H members, and get ideas on 4-H projects. We are very excited to celebrate 4-H and kick off the new 4-H year!



IMPORTANT DATES



JULY

- 6- Fair Evaluation 7pm @ Comm Bldg
- 7- Ext. Homemaker Council Meeting 11:30am @ Covered Bridge Restaurant, Eugene
- 13- Fair Entry Results Ready for Viewing
- 16- Purdue Fruit & Veg Field Day 9am, *see page 4
- 20- Empower Me to be Clutter Free - Strategies & Emotional Barriers 6pm @ CPL
- 20- Pollinator Celebration 6pm @ CPL, *see page 5
- 23- Purdue Small Farm Education Field Day 9am, *see page 4

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- 4- Verm Co Diverse Farm Tour 9am, *see page 4
- 17- Empower Me to be Clutter Free - Paper 6pm @ CPL

SEPT

- 8- Ext. Homemaker Council Meeting 11:30am @ Off the Tracks, Dana
- 19- Head, Heart, Hike, Heal @ Turkey Run
- 21- Empower Me to be Clutter Free - Maintaining Order 6pm @ CPL

Looking Ahead...

OCT

- 1- 4-H Online open for enrollment
- 1- IEHA Terre Haute District Fall Meeting @ Vigo Co
- 3- 4-H Fall Kick-Off 4pm @ Fairgrounds
- 7- Verm Co Ext. Homemakers Bakersfest, more details to come

NOV

- 10- Ext. Homemaker Council Meeting 11:30am @ Co-Op Grill, Clinton



INDIANA
STATE FAIR



ENJOY
Summer

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What's Inside...

Many opportunities coming for ANR, including, Purdue Fruit & Vegetable Day and Small Farm Education Field Day, as well as, Vermillion County Diverse Farm Tour and a Pollinator Celebration. You will find dates within for the upcoming CPL monthly programs for HHS, as well as, Vermillion Park Health Coalition info, and pressure canner dial gauge testing. Extension Homemaker news included for the upcoming IEHA Fall District Meeting and Bakersfest. 4-H is holding a Fair evaluation review for any comments or thoughts. Congrats to State Fair projects is in order! Please see page 2 for an update on the future of Purdue Extension.

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