

Extension - Martin County

By Dena M. Held
County Extension Director & Extension Educator – 4-H Youth Development
Martin County
Text | 812-653-2089
Voice | 812-295-2412
E-mail | heldd@purdue.edu

Purdue University, Indiana Counties and U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Institution

The Purdue Extension Martin County weekly column is provided to help all learn about programs & opportunities. We highlight events from Purdue University & Extension where we hope you will choose to be part of Extension.... where there is Opportunity4All!

2025 MARTIN COUNTY PURDUE EXTENSION 4-H LISTENING & NEEDS IDENTIFICATION MEETING

All are welcome to join the beginning of the Martin County 4-H Council Meeting to share your perspectives on Purdue Extension 4-H programming over the past program year, as well as ideas for future needs and programming opportunities. This includes the 4-H Fair Project Based learning part of 4-H and activities at the 4-H Fair!

When: Thursday, August 14, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, Community Learning Center

If you are unable to attend in person, please share your perspectives by emailing heldd@purdue.edu or calling Dena Held at 812-295-2412

MARTIN COUNTY TRUCK & TRACTOR PULLS

Friday, August 15 6 pm Saturday, August 16 7 pm Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center Questions? Contact Dan Wagler 812-617-5286

INDIANA STATE FAIR

Friday, August 1 – Sunday, August 17th.

INDIANA STATE FAIR 4-H STATIC EXHIBIT PICK UP

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 – Friday, August 29, 2025 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Indiana State Fair static project pick up from the Purdue Extension Martin County Office or as individually scheduling by calling 812-295-2412 or texting 812-653-2089.

2026 MARTIN COUNTY 4-H FAIR DATES

Thursday, July 9, 2026 through Tuesday, July 14, 2026

MATTER OF BALANCE PROGRAM: MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLING

Do you have concerns of falling? This is a free class, class size limited to 15 participants.

Who should attend?

Anyone concerned about falls

Anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility, and strength

Anyone who has fallen in the past

Anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

When: Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17, 24 October 1,8, 15 & 22

Time: 10 am to Noon EST

For more information or to register, contact Alma Kramer 1-800-742-9002

Location:

Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, Community Learning Center, 2666 US 50, Loogootee

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY MARTIN COUNTY KICK-OFF EVENT

Martin County Indiana has been accepted into the Dementia Friendly America Network and Purdue Extension Martin County is thrilled to be part of this education including a kick-off event hosted by The Rural Dementia Network of IU Health! The event will include a nationally recognized speaker as well as a resource fair.

Natali Edmonds is the Keynote Speaker for the Dementia Friendly Martin County event. As a Board Certified Geropsychologist and Founder of Dementia Careblazers, she is sure to bring great information!

Natali Edmonds is the host of Careblazers TV, the #1 Dementia Training channel on YouTube. Her free training videos have been viewed over 20 million times worldwide, with new content released every week. In addition, her Dementia Careblazer Survival Guide has been downloaded over 100,000 times and is currently utilized by the Department of Veteran's Affairs Caregiver Support Program, reflecting its value to caregivers and professionals alike.

Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Time: 8 am - Noon EST

Continental Breakfast included; registration appreciated.

Cost: Free

Location: Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds & Event Center, Community Building

For more information & how to register, call 812-276-4270 or e-mail dmatthews4@iuhealth.org