

# EXTENSION CONNECTION



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Dear Friends of Extension:



During this holiday season, we want to say “**Thank You**” for your contributions, involvement, leadership and support of Purdue Extension. Education is our mission and it is a cooperative effort between national (United States Department of Agriculture), state (Purdue University and the state of Indiana) and local (Whitley County Commissioners and County Council) resources. We provide education so young people can gain life skills and adults can make informed decisions.

Purdue Extension Offices, Extension Educators and Extension Specialists live and work in all 92 counties in Indiana. We provide information and expertise that’s available in the form you want, when you want it. Our mission statement is: “We deliver practical, research-based information that transforms lives and livelihoods.”

There are five full time staff, 3 part-time staff in our office. The 3 Educators are:

- **Brittney Schori**, Extension Educator – Health and Human Sciences (HHS), teaches programs in the areas of Family Resource Management, Foods and Nutrition, Human Development and Health and Wellness. Topics include: financial literacy, nutritious food choices, food safety, parenting, aging and healthy living.
- **John Woodmansee**, Extension Educator – Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR), offers programs and information on: Master Gardeners, agriculture production, farm management, land use, hobby farmers, pest management and lawn and garden.
- **Todd Geiger**, Extension Educator – 4-H Youth Development, promotes 4-H clubs, 4-H junior leaders and youth development. Todd is also the County Extension Director (CED)/Department Head.

Jacki Bishop, office manager, works with the HHS and ANR program areas; Lisa Schrader, office coordinator, works with the 4-H program; and Candy Sroufe, program assistant, works with the 4-H programs/fair. Alissa Roberts and Stacy Geiger, summer program assistants, focus on 4-H summer activities.

As you plan for 2023, does your club, church, organization, classroom or business want/need an educational program? We offer programs via package lesson, in-person and virtually. Many programs are free and others have a nominal fee. Send us an email, give us a call or stop in the office to make a program request or discuss an idea.

*Todd, John, Brittney, Jacki, Lisa and Candy*

#### 2023 Newsletter

##### Article Due Dates:

- Jan/Feb – due Dec 7, 2022
- March/April – due Feb 6
- May/June – due April 12
- July/August – due June 14
- Sept/Oct – due Aug 16
- Nov/Dec – due Oct 11



**Whitley County 4-H Fairgrounds**

# WINTER STORAGE

**Campers, Boats, Cars  
Trucks, Motorcycles, RVs  
and More**

Check In Dates	
Oct. 22	9am to noon
Oct. 29	9am to noon
Nov. 5	9am to noon
Nov. 12	9am to noon

Short Term (through March 11th) - \$1/sq ft  
Long Term (through May 6th) - \$1.30/sq ft.  
Motorcycle/Golf Cart-\$40 short term/\$60 long term

**No reservations. First Come, First Served.**  
**If you have questions, call 260-212-2143**

## Holiday Bazaar

Sponsored by:  
**Whitley County  
Extension Homemakers**

**November 5**  
**9 – 3 pm ~ 4-H Center**




### 4-H Clubs, Inc. Annual Meeting is November 17

The annual meeting for 4-H Clubs, Inc. will be held on Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 PM at the 4-H Center, following the spaghetti dinner. At this meeting, all who are members of 4-H Clubs, Incorporated (\$10 for a lifetime membership) will elect 5 people to serve on the Whitley County 4-H Inc. Board of Directors (Fairboard) for the next 3 years. Anyone interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, or requesting an application can email [whitleycounty4h@gmail.com](mailto:whitleycounty4h@gmail.com).

Also, that evening we will review the finances of the Fairboard, as well as share updates on the fairground activities and improvements throughout the year.

Join us for the spaghetti dinner, then stay for the business meeting at 7:00 PM.



**Join us for a Spaghetti Dinner!**  
Thursday, November 17th  
4:30pm-7:00pm  
Whitley County 4-H Center  
\$10 meal  
includes spaghetti, breadsticks, salad,  
drink, and dessert.  
\*All proceeds benefit Whitley County 4-H

**Followed by the 4-H Inc. Annual Meeting at 7:00 PM.**

### Whitley County 4-H Clubs, Inc. Directors Needed

The Fairboard is seeking individuals with strong leadership and communication skills, and experience and knowledge in: marketing, finances, non-profit organization management, entertainment events, buildings and grounds, concessions, and/or strategic planning. Fairboard terms are 3 years with 1/3 of the board being elected each year. This year we will be electing 5 people to be on the board.

The Whitley County 4-H Clubs Inc (Fairboard) is the organization that is in charge of running the fairgrounds year-round. This organization raises the funds needed to maintain the fairgrounds, and support the 4-H Programming in Whitley County.

The essential functions of the board members are:

- Attend monthly board meetings (2nd Tuesday of the Month), as well as, other occasional functions and special events.
- Serve on at least 2 standing committees commensurate with skills and needs of the board.
- Be available for assigned tasks, and frequent long shifts, for the days leading up to and week of the fair, as well as, clean-up of the grounds and buildings.
- Support the other Board members and the work of the Board at all times. Help other directors with their areas as assistance is needed, especially during the week of the fair.
- Deal fairly, respectfully, and appropriately with other Board members, vendors and others at the fairgrounds,
- Support all 4-H Clubs, Inc activities (fundraising, marketing, Fun Night, 4-H trip sponsorships, 4-H workshops, 4-H fair activities, etc).
- This also includes MANDATORY involvement with the Autumn Harvest Festival (2nd Saturday in Oct.)

If you are interested, please download the application form from the [whitleycounty4h.com](http://whitleycounty4h.com) website. Any questions can be directed to Shane Caudill at 260-503-8882 or Lori Heuer at 260-609-8337.

## BECOME A BOARD MEMBER

There are 5 board positions up for re-election this fall. Term is 3 years.  
If you have questions about what being on the board involves or are interested, please contact Shane Caudill at 260-503-8882 or Lori Heuer at 260-609-8337.

### End of the Year Donations - Thanks for Your Support!!!

Looking for a place to donate extra dollars at the end of the year? We have suggestions!!!!

1. Want to support adult education or a specific program, such as Master Gardeners, Extension Homemakers, Dining with Diabetes or Whitley County Youth Leadership? Make your donation to Purdue Extension – Whitley County.
2. Want to support 4-H leaders, volunteer workshops, or volunteer recognition? Make your donation to: Whitley County 4-H Leaders.
3. Want to support 4-H members, 4-H workshops or 4-H recognition? Make your donation to: Whitley County 4-H Council.
4. Want to support 4-H awards, 4-H Fair expenses or the maintenance and upkeep of the fairgrounds? Make your donation to: Whitley County 4-H Clubs Inc.
5. Want to support 4-H Junior Leaders to strengthen their leadership skills? Make your donation to: 4-H Junior Leaders.
6. Want to support 4-Hers in your township? Make your donation to the local 4-H Club.
7. Want to support scholarships for 4-H members? Make your donation to: Community Foundation of Whitley County, Helping Hands Fund.
8. Want to preserve Whitley County's Ag history? Make your donation to Whitley County Ag Museum.

All donations may be sent to: Purdue Extension – Whitley County Office, 524 Branch Court, Columbia City, IN 46725.

# Extension Homemaker Happenings



Date	Event	Time	Location
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
1	Whitley County Extension Board Annual Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.....	4-H Center
5	Whitley Co. Extension Homemakers sponsored Holiday Bazaar.....	9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.....	4-H Center
8	<b>ELECTION DAY – OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
11	<b>VETERANS DAY – OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
17	4-H Inc Annual Meeting (Spaghetti Dinner (\$10) before starting at 4:30).....	7:00 p.m.....	4-H Center
24 & 25	<b>THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
7	President's Council Meeting Holiday Celebration.....	11:30 a.m.....	4-H Center – West Room
15	January/February Newsletter mailing (Double Dozen/Evening Bells).....	10:00 a.m.....	Extension Office
23 & 26	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED</b>		



*Thank you* to Jane Frazier, Marianne VanEmon, Dorothy Eberly and Elaine Langston of Jefferson Homemakers Club and Yonda McEowen and Barb Jones of Tawasi Homemakers Club for helping with the September/October Extension Connection Newsletter.

## President's Council Meeting

Dec. 7, 10:00 a.m. - Extension Office

## Extension Homemakers Cookbook – 2022



The NEW Whitley County Extension Homemakers cookbook are at the Extension Office. This cookbook has Whitley County Extension Homemaker and other recipes. The cost to purchase a cookbook is \$10.00. Please bring correct change if you are purchasing a cookbook or make checks payable to: Whitley County Extension Homemakers. Cookbooks will also be available at Autumn Harvest Festival at the Whitley County 4-H Fairgrounds on October 15.

This cookbook will celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of Whitley County Extension Homemakers.

## Holiday Bazaar

### **Dates & Times:**

Saturday, November 5  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **Location:**

4-H Center, Columbia City

**Admission: FREE**



Come and enjoy all of the 50+ vendors who will be selling handmade items, craft items, holiday gifts and baked goods. A lunch menu, which will include soup and sandwiches will be available.

## Indiana Extension Homemakers Assoc. (IEHA) Oct. 17-22, 2022

The Indiana Extension Homemakers Association (IEHA) is a statewide organization in Indiana and was founded in 1913. I am proud to say that our organization is active in 88 of the 92 counties. Our mission is "To strengthen families through continuing education, leadership development and volunteer community support." Whitley County joined IEHA in 1924 as the woman's auxiliary of Farm Bureau. Our objectives in 1924 were educational in nature and we promoted the advancement within homes and community life. We also took pride in encouraging youth to achieve their highest potential throughout the 4-H program, as well as prepare them for a successful future. We are proud to say that we continue to live out these objectives today.



So, what does our community involvement look like? The ladies in Whitley County continue to be very involved in the community, including volunteering at the County 4-H Fair. Our 4-H Fair involvement began years ago in the shelter house with a menu of hot beef, hot dogs, sloppy joes and homemade pies. We continue to volunteer and prepare homemade style meals each year. After some time, a fund was established and a new building was built. In 1953, the 4-H Center "Up on the Hill" was finished and gave us the opportunity to prepare meals in a new kitchen! Our organization continues to prepare meals at the fair and we are proud to say that we will be celebrating our 70<sup>th</sup> year in 2023!

Fundraising is another key component. It truly has become an integral part of our program. It helps to support, not only our youth but our community as a whole. We organize and volunteer with several annual events, such as the Adult Open Show at the County 4-H Fair, Holiday Craft Bazaar, and the Spring and Fall Garage Sales. These events help us raise money to fund many of our community projects.

Every October we celebrate our organization statewide in hopes to recruit new members and expand within communities. Are you interested in giving back to Whitley County? Anyone is welcome to join our organization! There are no requirements and we are an equal opportunity organization.

If you are interested in getting involved, contact the Whitley County Purdue Extension Office at 260-244-7615.

## Focus Groups

Each year volunteers are needed to serve on the IEHA Focus Groups and Activity Committees. All members are eligible to apply. Holding a county office is not a requirement.

Focus groups will meet with the Chair one or two times each year. Focus Days are currently held in Noblesville, Indiana at the Hamilton County Extension Complex. All groups meet on Focus Days making car pools possible.

Activity Committees may meet, or function by e-mail, mail or phone. Attendance at Home and Family Conference is encouraged for Activity Committees and Focus Groups.

Appointments are made by the State President Elect with recommendations from the IEHA State Board. Completing the application does not insure placement on a committee. Appointments are for a one-year term. **You must re-apply each year.**

Individuals MAY NOT serve more than 2(two) consecutive years on the same Focus Group or Activity Committee. This is to give others the opportunity to serve on different committees.

Focus Groups include: Education, Leadership and Volunteer Community Support.

Activity Committees include: Cultural Arts/Heritage Skills, Silent Auction/Conference Event, Marketing/Logo Sales and Membership.

For more information, contact the Extension Office. Applications are due at the Spring District Meetings or by April 1 and are found at: <https://ieha-families.org/focus-groups-and-committees/>





## 8 Steps for a Debt-Free Holiday

Source: National Endowment for Financial Education – Smart About Money

Stores across America have their festive seasonal displays up, carols are being played over the loud speaker and giant signs are posted boasting stellar deals. Have you and your loved ones created a holiday budget? If you have not created one, that's alright. It is never too late! Here are some smart spending tips that you can add to your current budget or that you can use to create one for a debt-free holiday!



**1. Set and stick to a budget!** A holiday budget should start like every good budget: by looking at how much you have left over after paying for those essentials. How much can you reasonably spend without getting into trouble? Take a look at your monthly expenses and then set a holiday spending amount that won't put a strain on your wallet. From there, make a list of gifts you need, and set a reasonable amount per person based on your spending limit. Don't forget about other special holiday gifts, such as Hanukkah, stocking stuffers, as well as small gifts for people like teachers, coworkers, etc. if you do this.

**2. Budget for those hidden expenses!** We sometimes forget about the wrapping paper, shipping costs, holiday travel, and possibly that higher electric bill (for those twinkling lights of course). Those unexpected expenses can add up very quickly! When you're accounting for your holiday budget, make sure to account for any extra costs that may be hiding.

**3. What is the right price?** Not every seller will offer the same product for the same price, and prices may fluctuate throughout the holiday season. Once you find the product you want, do some online research to compare prices between sellers.

**4. Avoid impulse shopping!** You already bought your partner, child(ren), parent, or best friend their big gift. It's perfect, wrapped, and sitting in your closet. But then you stumble upon something else you just know they would love! What's an extra \$45 to give your loved one a perfect present?

Resist the urge! Those extra dollars can really add up. So, once you meet the set budget for each person on your list, cross them off and be done!

**5. Avoid self-gifting!** The [National Retail Federation](#) has found that roughly 57% of Americans spend almost \$127 each holiday season buying gifts for themselves. That's a lot of extra cash! Pass on treating yourself this holiday, and leave it to your loved ones to buy you gifts during the season. If there's something you desperately want or need, re-evaluate the purchase post-holidays, when those January sales kick in.

**6. Go in on a gift!** If you know someone on your list is specifically lusting after a big-ticket item this holiday season, consider whom you can get to go in on the purchase with you. Mom wants the latest smartphone? Ask your siblings or other family members to make it a joint venture!

**7. Set up a gift exchange!** It's unlikely you're the only one on a budget this season. Everyone wants to save money. Consider pitching the idea of a secret Santa or gift exchange to your friends, family, or coworkers. That way, you only have to worry about one gift instead of several.

**8. Give a "priceless" gift!** Are you on a tight budget? Try going DIY with your gift-giving this season! Are you crafty? Knit a scarf. Are you good at baking? Make a cookie basket. Do you have a knack for photography? Have an original print framed. If you can't think of anything, Google is waiting to supply you with endless ideas for DIY gift giving this season!

Don't overthink your gift-giving strategy. Trust that your friends and family love you and respect your need to budget this holiday season, and simply enjoy your time together. Holidays are a wonderful time to create memories. These are the moments that we remember and can cherish forever. Don't worry so much about the gifts!

For more information, contact Brittney Schori at [bpender@purdue.edu](mailto:bpender@purdue.edu), 260-244-7615 or visit [extension.purdue.edu/whitley](http://extension.purdue.edu/whitley)

## Minestrone Soup

Servings: 11

A great fall, easy recipe that the whole family will enjoy!

2 large carrots, diced	2 celery ribs, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped	2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon garlic salt	½ teaspoon pepper
1½ cups shredded cabbage	1 tablespoon dried basil
1 teaspoon dried oregano	
1½ teaspoons dried parsley flakes	
2 cans (14½ ounces each) reduced-sodium chicken broth	
2 cans (8 ounces each) no-salt-added tomato sauce	
1 can (16 ounces) kidney beans, rinsed and drained	
1 can (15 ounces) chickpeas, rinsed and drained	
1 can (14½ ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained	
1 cup uncooked whole wheat elbow macaroni	

**1.** In a large saucepan, sauté the carrots, celery and onion in 1 tablespoon olive oil and until tender.

**2.** Stir in the broth, tomato sauce, beans, chickpeas, tomatoes, cabbage, basil, parsley, garlic salt, oregano and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Add macaroni; cook, uncovered, 6-8 minutes or until macaroni and vegetables are tender. Ladle soup into bowls and enjoy!



**\* How long will it last in my fridge?** You can keep minestrone soup in the fridge for up to a week.

**\* Freeze option:** Cool soup and put into freezer containers. Be sure to label your containers so you remember what it is. Before eating, partially thaw in refrigerator overnight. To heat, add contents to saucepan, stirring occasionally and adding a little broth or water if necessary. Minestrone will last up to six months in your freezer.



**November 4-H Calendar** (Events, dates and times are subject to change)

6	Smith Worker Bees Meeting .....	2:00 p.m. ....	Collins Methodist Church
6	Richland Ramblers Achievement Party .....	2:00 p.m. ....	Larwill Fire Station
7	Cat Club Meeting .....	6:45 p.m. ....	4-H Center West Room
7	Baking Experience Workshop (Grades 3-5).....	6:30-7:30 p.m.....	4-H Center West Room & Kitchen
8	GENERAL ELECTION DAY .....	CLOSED.....	EXTENSION OFFICE
10	Thorncreek Northern Stars Meeting.....	7:00 p.m. ....	4-H Center Middle Room
10	Jr. Leaders Gathering .....	6:30 p.m. ....	4-H Center West Room
11	VETERANS DAY .....	CLOSED.....	EXTENSION OFFICE
14	Teens in the Kitchen (Grades 6-8).....	6:30-8:00 p.m.....	4-H Center West Room & Kitchen
14	4-H Leaders & 4-H Council Meeting.....	6:30 p.m. ....	4-H Center
17	4-H Clubs, Inc. Spaghetti Dinner.....	4:00-7:00 p.m.....	4-H Center
17	4-H Clubs, Inc. Annual Meeting .....	7:00 p.m. ....	4-H Center
24-25	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY .....	CLOSED.....	EXTENSION OFFICE



**December 4-H Calendar** (Events, date and times are subject to change)

4	Smith Worker Bees Meeting .....	2:00 p.m. ....	Collins Methodist Church
5	Cat Club Meeting .....	6:45 p.m. ....	4-H Center West Room
5	JAN/FEB NEWSLETTER INFO DUE.....	4:30 p.m. ....	Extension Office
8	Jr. Leaders Gathering .....	6:30 p.m. ....	4-H Center West Room
12	4-H Council Meeting.....	6:30 p.m. ....	4-H Center
12	4-H Leaders Christmas Dinner.....	TBD .....	4-H Center
16	Jr. Leaders Cookie Bash .....	5:00 p.m. ....	4-H Center
23 & 26	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY .....	CLOSED.....	EXTENSION OFFICE



**Updates & Reminders**

Combined Newsletter for January & February

Remember the next newsletter is a combined January and February newsletter. Be sure to plan and include February dates! Articles and dates for this newsletter will be due on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Extension Office.

**2023 FAIR DATES**

Whitley County 4-H Fair  
July 14-20, 2023

Indiana State Fair  
July 28 – August 20, 2023

2023 Meeting Dates and Times

Please make sure to get your 2022 meeting dates and times turned in ASAP to Lisa at the Extension Office. Dates for the use of the 4-H Center are already filling up fast!

SAY WHAT?

Did you know the 4-H Youth program is



the largest youth serving organization in the country? Yep, the largest in the United States. Hard to imagine there are that many youth out there today showing cows and pigs right? Well ... believe it or not that's because they don't all show cows and pigs. Here in Whitley County we have a large number of youth in our 4-H livestock projects, but did you know that of our 740+ youth that participated in 4-H this past year only about half of them exhibited livestock?

Wondering what youth can be a part of in 4-H if it's not livestock? Question, how many 4-H projects do we offer here in Whitley County? Give up? 63!!! How many of these 63 projects do you think are animal related? Nope, it is only 11! This means that we offer 52 projects that do not involve raising animals.

Do you know a kid in grades Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade that would be interested in learning about how to build a rocket in our Aerospace project or creating memories with our Scrapbooking project? Or maybe one of the other 50 projects that I haven't

mentioned? Get them enrolled in 4-H today, visit [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)! Enrollment fee is \$20.00 for the year. For more information or need help with enrollment just contact Todd or Lisa at the Whitley County Extension Office (260) 244-7615.

4-H Enrollment for 2022-2023

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 year in the Whitley County 4-H program is open. Adult volunteers and youth need to get re-enrolled for the new year in order to not miss out on any important 4-H information, meetings, workshops, or events. Do you know of any youth in grades K-2 who would enjoy our Mini 4-H program? Or any youth in grades 3-12 who would enjoy our traditional 4-H program? Help us invite them to come join 4-H and explore the endless opportunities for them to learn through hands-on activities, workshops and have lots of fun with other youth. Youth and parents can enroll by visiting [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com). If you need help with enrollment please contact the Extension Office and ask for Lisa or Todd.

## 4-H Pins

All tenure completion pins are provided by the Whitley County Farm Bureau, Whitley County 4-H Clubs, Inc., and Whitley County Extension Homemakers. A thank you note can be sent to the following Presidents of these organizations:

- Alayne Johnson, Whitley County Farm Bureau, 607 Opportunity Dr., Columbia City, IN 46725

## **Club News**

### RICHLAND RAMBLERS ACHIEVEMENT PARTY

The Richland Ramblers Achievement party will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 2:00pm at the Larwill Community Room/Fire Department. An ice cream sundae bar is being provided, so just bring yourselves! We will be handing out member pins and giving a short recap of our year. This is a great opportunity to support all of our club members! We hope you will join us for this short program to wrap up our 2022 4-H year!



## **Youth Activities**

### Scholarship Opportunities

In partnership with the Indiana 4-H Foundation, the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program annually awards more than \$125,000.00 in scholarships to 4-H members to pursue post-secondary education. Scholarships are awarded to recognize youth participating in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program on their achievements and life skill development resulting from their participation in a variety of 4-H experiences.

To Apply: Go to the Indiana 4-H website at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H> to the Scholarship Information page to access the scholarship applications. Applications are due January 25th. Youth may complete their application through their 4HOnline account. Instructions on how to

- Whitley County 4-H Clubs, Inc., 524 Branch Court, Columbia City, IN 46725
- Karen Hall, Whitley Co. Extension Homemakers, 437 E 400 S, Columbia City, IN 46725

### New Project for 2022-2023: Foods – Small Kitchen Appliance Cooking

Do you like to cook or bake using an air fryer, instapot, or maybe a crockpot? Then check out this new



### RABBIT CLUB NEWS

The Rabbit Club had a great afternoon at the End of Year party in late August, a big thanks to all who came out. Elections for next year were at that party and Your 2023 Officers are:

- President: Jada Van Houten
- Vice President: Greta Minthorn
- Secretary: Teeghun Miller
- Devotions: Tanner Miller
- Librarian: Reese Minthorn
- Refreshments: Shealyn Stoppenhagen
- Blue Ribbon: Rylan Stoppenhagen
- Demonstrations: Cal Myers

The officers and advisory board have planned several community service opportunities throughout the

county only project that we are launching this year!! Project guidelines will be available late fall/early winter. Also be watching for an awesome workshop opportunity geared specifically for this project this winter!!

year that we encourage our members to take part in. Details will be on our Facebook Page when plans have been finalized. We also have many educational topics to discuss for each meeting and we hope to see a wide variety of members and families attend. We have planned to make these meetings more interactive and not to overwhelming. On January 17<sup>th</sup> of 2023 we will have our first meeting of the year at 7 PM in the 4-H Center, if you are artistic or into designs, we are looking to get new shirts for the Club this year. Bring your ideas to the January/February Meetings.

See you in January.

*Submitted By: Greta Minthorn.*

submit your scholarship application are listed below.

### 4-H Accomplishment Scholarships

Available to 4-H members in grade 10-12 and the year immediately following high school graduation. Selection is based on the member's life skill development resulting from their 4-H participation. Awards range from \$1,000.00-\$2,000.00. Categories include Animal Science; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; Plant and Environmental Science; Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

### 4-H Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University, as a



freshman or transfer student, majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors, listed on the application, in the College of Health and Human Sciences. Selection is based on the member's overall 4-H achievement and financial need as determined by Purdue's Division of Financial Aid.

In order to apply applications must have their FAFSA on file by March 1st. (Reminder: The scholarship is due January 25th). In order to access the Federal Student Aid website an FSA ID (username and password) will need to be created. Students and parents must make their own FSA IDs. For more information about the FSA ID, tips and resources to help with creating an FSA ID, and a link to create an FSA ID, please visit [StudentAid.gov/fsaid](https://StudentAid.gov/fsaid).



### 4-H Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school. Selection is based on the member's overall 4-H achievement. Awards range from \$250.00-\$1,000.00.

### Laurenz Greene Memorial Excellence in 4-H Horticulture Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture pursuing an undergraduate degree in Horticulture, Turf Management and Science, Sustainable Food and Farming Systems or Landscape Architecture. Applicants must have studied at least four years horticulture and/or plant science related subject matter/project through Indiana 4-H Youth Development. Selection is based on the member's overall 4-H achievement.

### FarmHouse Fraternity Achievement Scholarship

This scholarship is sponsored by The Purdue FarmHouse Foundation of FarmHouse Fraternity and is restricted to an Indiana 4-H member who will be a freshman at Purdue University. Indiana 4-H youth development staff do not review applications and are not involved in the selection process.

### Junior Leader News

**"Gatherings"** – Upcoming Junior Leader "gatherings" will be on November 10 and December 8. These "gatherings" will be held at the 4-H Center. Be on the lookout for more information coming via email and on our Whitley County 4-H Junior Leader Facebook page.

**Cookie Bash** – The Junior Leader Cookie Bash will be on December 16. Junior Leaders need to bring their favorite cookie recipe all mixed up and ready to bake to the 4-H Center at 5:00 p.m. to begin an

evening of baking, decorating cookies, listening to Christmas music, watching Christmas movies, writing Christmas cards, and packaging cookies to be delivered for this community service project.

### **Ringling Bells for Salvation Army & Shopping for Toys for Tots** – Junior Leaders will be taking part in this



community service project again this year. Junior Leaders will need to watch for the upcoming schedule to

sign-up for a time to ring the bells at the Walmart entrance in Columbia City from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on December 10. Afterwards, we will shop at Walmart for Toys for Tots and Angel Tree Child Project then deliver them. We will wrap up the evening with dinner at TBD.

For more Junior Leader news and updates, make sure you get on Facebook and request to join our Whitley County 4-H Jr. Leader page!

## Check Out These New Opportunities

### **The Baking Experience**

Do you have a youth in grades 3-5 that loves to be in the kitchen, loves to bake, or is wanting to learn? Get them registered for this great opportunity to learn and gain experience in the kitchen. Amy Richards will be leading youth through following a recipe, measuring ingredients, prepping items to bake as they make and bake pumpkin chocolate chip muffins. This will all take place on November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center. Deadline to register is October 31, cost is only \$5! Scan this QR code to get registered!

**TEENS IN THE KITCHEN**  
Baking with Amy

learn how to follow a recipe and measure ingredients

**NOVEMBER 14, 2022**  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Whitley County 4-H center  
680 W Squawback road  
Columbia City

**6-8TH GRADE**  
MAKE AND TAKE FRESH APPLE CAKE  
COST: \$5.00

register by Nov 7th  
Limited space available

Snack will be provided

Register Here →

THIS WILL NOT BE AN ALLERGY-FREE BAKING



**The Baking Experience**

Learn how to measure ingredients

Cost: \$5.00

Learn how to follow a recipe

WHERE: WHITLEY COUNTY 4-H CENTER  
680 W Squawback Road, Columbia City

Snack will be provided

When: November 7, 2022  
Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Who: 3rd-5th grades

MAKE AND TAKE PUMPKIN CHOCOLATE CHIP MUFFINS

Register Here →

This will not be an allergy-free baking

### **Teens in the Kitchen (Baking with Amy):**

Do you have youth in grades 6-8 that would like to expand their baking skills or maybe just wanting to learn? Get them registered for this awesome opportunity for hands-on experience led by Amy Richards. Youth will learn and practice their baking skills through making a fresh apple cake. This opportunity will be on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the 4-H Center. Deadline to register is November 7, cost is only \$5! Scan this QR code to get registered!





Date	Time	Location
<b>NOV</b>		
1	Whitley County Extension Board Annual Meeting	
3	Whitley County Master Gardener Volunteer Recognition/Banquet ..... 6:30 p.m.....	Woodlands Sr. Activity Ctr.
	(reservations required)	
7	Master Gardener Basic Training Class..... 6:00-9:00 p.m. ....	Noble County, South Complex
14	Master Gardener Basic Training Class..... 6:00-9:00 p.m. ....	Whitley County Extension Office
21	Master Gardener Basic Training Class..... 6:00-9:00 p.m. ....	Noble County, South Complex
28	Master Gardener Basic Training Class..... 6:00-9:00 p.m. ....	Whitley County Extension Office
<b>DEC</b>		
1	Whitley County Master Gardener Association Meeting..... 6:30 p.m.....	Woodlands Sr. Activity Ctr.
5	Master Gardener Basic Training Class..... 6:00-9:00 p.m. ....	Noble County, South Complex
7	Private Applicator Recertification Program (tentative) ..... evening hours.....	Whitley County 4-H Center
12	Master Gardener Basic Training Class..... 6:00-9:00 p.m. ....	Whitley County Extension Office
15	Regional Beef Meeting – Indiana Beef Cattle Assn...(RSVP by 12/8)..... 6:30 p.m.....	Ag Museum, 4-H Fairgrounds



## Private Applicator License Renewals

The Office of the Indiana State Chemist recently sent renewal notices to pesticide applicators with certification expiration 12-31-2022. If you received a mailing, it included the number of Private Applicator Recertification Programs (PARPs) recorded at the time of mailing (3 required).

If you have accumulated the 3 required PARPs within the 5-year period of your license, submit the renewal form sent to you with the required license fee. If you need another program, do not submit the form before you have attended the third program.

If you need another PARP, you may choose to attend the program I have organized on Dec. 7 (see next article), or attend any other one being offered in the area. See <https://ppp.purdue.edu/private-applicators/recertification-parp/parp-events/>.

The expiration date of successfully renewed applicators will be 12-31-2027.

## Private Applicator Recertification Program (PARP)



I'm still working out a few program details, but Whitley County will tentatively host a Private Applicator Recertification Program on the evening of December 7, so save the date for now if you are interested. I anticipate sending a direct mailing to licensed applicators with complete information. I will also post information on the agriculture and natural resources section of our Whitley County Extension website:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/whitley/ANR.html>.

Reservations will be required: Call 260-244-7615 with name and phone number by Dec. 5 to register or to inquire about the program.

## Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) Announces Upcoming Changes to Access to Antibiotics

BOAH recently announced upcoming changes to laws that will affect access to animal antibiotics for livestock and pets. At issue is antimicrobial stewardship of medically important (MI) antibiotics.

They report that the US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) developed objectives to improve antimicrobial stewardship in veterinary medicine under FDA's Guidance for Industry (GFI) #263:

- ensure MI antibiotics are used for treatment, control and prevention of disease—not growth promotion or feed efficiency; and
- bring all use of MI antibiotics under the supervision of veterinarians.

Changes FDA has recently made to availability of antibiotics in veterinary medicine accomplish these goals:

- all MI antibiotics for use in feed now require a Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD)
- all MI antibiotics for use in water now require a veterinary prescription
- remaining MI antibiotics (those currently over-the-counter) will require a prescription by June 2023. Over-the-counter MI antibiotics will no longer be available for food animals and companion animals.

FDA's GFI #263 has been in an implementation period since June 2021.

A veterinary client patient relationship (VCPR) is the connection between a veterinarian, his/her client, and the animal patient(s). A valid VCPR is required for veterinarians to prescribe drugs or direct an extra-label drug use, particularly in their absence.

BOAH also emphasizes that antimicrobial stewardship means responsibly using the **right drug** at the **right dose** at the **right time** for the **right duration**.

Find BOAH's information on this subject at: <https://www.in.gov/boah/drug-residue-prevention/>.

## Master Gardener Basic Training – What About You?



Our Noble and Whitley County Master Gardener Basic Training continues through November and concludes in December for registered class participants (see schedule above). Current Master Gardeners may attend any session for an educational refresher.

What about you? Would you like to join our talented Master Gardeners in Whitley County? We would love to see you in our next class (tentatively next fall)! If you are interested in taking the class next time around, please call 260-244-7615 and give us your name and contact information so that we can inform you directly about the next class. As Uncle Sam would say, "We want YOU!"

Additionally, visit our page dedicated to prospective people interested in becoming an Extension Master Gardener: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/whitley/extension-master-gardeners---we-want-you.html>.



## 2021-22 IBCA-Purdue Extension Regional Beef Meetings – Note Change to December Date!

Indiana Beef Cattle Association (IBCA) area meetings will be open to all beef producers and



feature great local food, valuable information on beef issues, policies, programs, and the latest information from the Indiana Beef Cattle Association, the Indiana Beef Council, the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and Purdue University Extension. Note that our regional meeting has moved from our early January date to a mid-December date!

Mark your calendar now for the Area 11 meeting!

- Thurs., Dec. 15, 2022 at 6:30 pm.
- Whitley Co. Ag Museum, 680 W. Squawbuck Rd., Columbia City, IN
- RSVP to the Whitley County Extension office at 260-244-7615 by 12/8/22.

The former IBCA Area 11 Director (now state vice president) is Kelley Sheiss. The Area 11 director position is currently open. Please contact IBCA if you are interested in the position.

Contact the IBCA office for more information (317) 293-2333.

## Purdue Top Farmer Conference

Take part in one of the most successful and longest-running management



programs geared specifically for farmers — the Purdue Top Farmer Conference, featuring faculty and staff experts from Purdue's Center for Commercial Agriculture. Surrounded by farm management, farm policy, agricultural finance and marketing experts, and a group of your peers, the conference will stimulate your thinking about agriculture's future and how you can position your farm to be successful in the years ahead.

Dates have not been announced for the 2023 conference, historically in early January.

Find details and updates at: <https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag/home/programs/>.

## Beginning Farmer Program

The Beginning Farmer Program is designed for beginning entrepreneurial farmers, with aspirations for a farming enterprise that are perhaps on a smaller scale, or are a new enterprise to the production mix. The program will be offered virtually on Thursdays, Jan. 12 – Mar. 9, 2023 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. There will be a reasonable fee associated with the program, but it has not yet been determined. Contact the Extension office for additional details.



## Land Values, Cash Rents and Leasing Contracts

This is the time of year that many cash rent contracts are renewed and sometimes renegotiated. Keep in mind that many factors go into what makes a "fair" cash rent, negotiated between landlord and tenant. These may include who gets government program payments from Farm Service Agency, who applies lime, whether roadsides are mowed, fertility program maintenance, and a host of other factors.

Opinion surveys conducted by Purdue University Department of Agricultural Economics and by USDA/Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service (see links below) may help with these discussions. Remember that these are *opinion* surveys, polled from ag professionals and farmers, and not based on hard data. They are designed to "get you in the ballpark" in your discussions.

*Purdue Agricultural Economics Report (PAER) - access report published August 10, 2022:*

<https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag/home/purdue-agricultural-economics-report/>

County estimates from USDA/National Agricultural Statistics Service, Indiana Field Office (cash rent is near bottom of page):

[https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Indiana/Publications/County\\_Estimate/s/](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Indiana/Publications/County_Estimate/s/)

Additional resources on leasing from Purdue Agricultural Economics are available at:

<https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag/home/resource/keyword/cash-rent/>

If you need a sample lease form or other resources, visit <https://aglease101.org/>.

The advice or assistance of an attorney is usually recommended. Written leases are recommended over oral leases.

## 2023 Crop Management Workshops - ...“On The Road Again”

Article by John Obermeyer  
Purdue IPM Specialist

This coming January, the Crop Management Workshops will offer three in-person meetings, with one also being a livestream (virtual) option. Too, we are returning to all-day meetings to maximize your educational opportunity and certification credits! Mark your calendars!

### Dates and Locations:

1. Tuesday, January 24: In-Person only, Madison Co. Community Center, Alexandria, IN
2. Wednesday, January 25: In-Person only, Westgate Conf. Center (Crane Navel Weapon Support Center), Odon, IN
3. Thursday, January 26: In-Person AND Livestream, Beck Ag Center, West Lafayette, IN

Purdue Extension Field Crop Specialists of pests and agronomics, Purdue Pesticide Programs, and the Office of Indiana State Chemist Office will be sharing. Look for future details and registration information. It will be great to meet with you again!



## Indiana Small Farm Conference

Save the date for the 2023 Indiana Small Farm Conference, scheduled for March 2-3 in Danville, Indiana!

The Indiana Small Farm Conference is a unique space to learn new techniques, see what works, and network with others. Learn more about the conference and the work that this Purdue Extension team does to make your small farming program work.

For more information, visit: [https://extension.purdue.edu/anr/teams/dffs/small\\_farm\\_conference/index.html](https://extension.purdue.edu/anr/teams/dffs/small_farm_conference/index.html)





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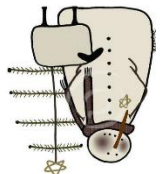
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