

PURDUE EXTENSION MONTHLY Hot Topics

SEASON 3

12:00 - 1:00 PM EST

22 JAN

Ants - Bopu Code

Recorded
ANR Extension Educator

21 FEB

Weather

Recorded
Climate Regional Center

20 MAR

Purdue on the Farm

Scott Gabbard, ANR Extension Educator

17 APR

Eat Midwest Fish

Amy Shambach, Aquaculture Marketing Outreach Associate

15 MAY

Purdue Institute for Family Business

Dr. Maria Marshall, Director, North Central Regional Center for Rural Development

19 JUN

Turf Problems & Insects

Dr. Lee Miller & Dr. Doug Richmond

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SEASON 4

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17 JUL

Indiana Trees

Lenny Farlee, Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Specialist

21 AUG

Drones & UAVs

Mark Carter, ANR Extension Educator Quad Squad

18 SEPT

Pork Industry Consumer Research

Dr. Brian Richert, Swine Nutrition and Management

16 OCT

Vermicomposting

Michele Jones, ANR Extension Educator

20 NOV

Poultry

Dr. Darrin Karcher, Poultry Management

18 DEC

Forest Management-Prescribed Burns

Dr. Jarred Brooke, Wildlife Extension Specialist

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Miami County Extension Newsletter

April

From the Educator's Desk



Courtney Schmidt, ANR HHS

It's starting to feel like Spring! We have a new Master Gardener Basic Training course in process which will hopefully produce some new, qualified volunteers. Our office has

begun planning for our annual Junior Master

Gardener programming. This year we are teaching again at North Miami in the 5th grade classes as well as in the Pipe Creek 1st grades. I love how this program is truly a multi-area program, bringing in all of our different strengths; Heather Smith and 4-H, Rachel Taylor with all of her Nutrition Education experience, our new program assistant Jamie Carter, several Master Gardeners and Mindy Duckett, our Community Wellness Coordinator. We get to connect with lots of kids through Junior Master Gardeners and impart not just gardening knowledge, but also the importance of eating vegetables and fruits. If you have a child that is completing 4th-6th grade they are eligible for our

4-H Extension Educator



Heather Smith
4-H Youth Development Educator

4-H News Flash.... Handbooks are here and we are gearing up for my favorite time of year. The FAIR Season. Did you know that 4-H is so much more than just taking projects to the fair?

Some of the other opportunities that 4-H provides are: youth

programs at the local schools, workshops and family events, Career Development Events, homeschool opportunities, 4-H band/choir, camps, performing arts, Round-up, and 4-H Academy are several of the other opportunities out there for youth enrolled in 4-H.

I have spent the last couple of months getting some volunteer training that I can't wait to share with our Super Volunteers of Miami County. In the mean time make sure to pay special attention to our calendar of events, we have several very important DEADLINES this year. If you have a workshop idea or a something you would like to see added next year, please reach out. I am eager to "Make the Best Better" in Miami County and it takes us all to make the program a success! What will your part be?

If you would like to receive the Newsletter digitally please email Amy at alexa244@purdue.edu

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CAMP TECUMSEH JUNE 5-7

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Registration will open April 1st
for grades 3-6
Stay tuned for more details

Application, Health Form,
and Camp Fee are due to the
office to ensure your spot!
Limited spots available.

4-H Youth Development

4-H Family Information and Open Enrollment Night With Hands on Workshops

April 11, 2024

6:00-8:00pm

Miami County Fairgrounds
1029W 200 N
Peru In. 46970



Get Help With
4-H Enrollment
4-H Camp Sign-up

Hands On Workshops
Learn More about Photography,
Sewing, Models, Cake Decorating, and
Floriculture

Not sure what you want to do in 4-H?
Sample 4-H projects will be available
to look at.

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Feeder Calf, Goat and Sheep Tagging Day

May 4, 2024 9:00am-11:00am

4-H Mini Day Camp

Tuesday, June 11 2024- 8:30-am-12:30pm

Miami County Fairgrounds

Cost: \$10 (a snack will be provided)

Register online: V24Honline.com




4-H Swine RFID Tags:

Can be picked up at the office. They will be available starting **April 1st thru May 15th.**

If you have any questions, please reach out to the office.

*Make sure when you come to the office, bring your **Premise ID** number with you.



Pet Parade

Thursday, June 27th @ 6:30pm
Show Arena

- All participants must be 2nd grade and younger
- Please arrive 30 minutes prior to start time for registration
- Prizes will be awarded

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Extension Homemakers



2024

Miami County Fair Adult Open Class Competition

Project Categories

Bake w/ a Mix	Crafts
Crops	Fashion Revue
IN Farm Bureau Flower Show	Foods
Gardening	Genealogy
Heritage	Photography

FAIR DATES: June 24-28th

WHO: Any Miami County Adult 19 yrs or older

For a complete list of project guidelines stop by the Extension Office for a copy of the Open Class Handbook or call 765-472-1921

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Homemakers



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Master Gardener

MCMGA
MONTHLY
Continuing Ed
6:30 PM EST

2024

12 FEB	Gardening & Mental Health Debbie Denny Duke's Senior Care Services	10 JUN	Bird ID Bingo Geoff Schortgen Purdue Extension Educator Wabash County
11 MAR	Invasive Pests Bob Bruner Purdue Extension Exotic Forest Pest Specialist	12 AUG	Miami Co. Food Insecurity & Community Gardens Mindy Duckett Miami County Community Wellness Coordinator
8 APR	Plant Sale Planning Meeting	9 SEPT	Vermicomposting Brooke Alford Purdue Extension Urban Ag Educator-Marion County
13 MAY	Home Hydroponics Dr. Krishna Nemali Controlled Environment Ag Extension Specialist	14 OCT	TBD



SUMMER CAMP
May 30, 31 & June 3, 4
July 22-25
9am-3pm

Kids will explore plants, soil, insects, gardening and nutrition while getting exercise, connecting to nature, making friends, and having FUN!

Miami County Fairgrounds
for students completing grades 4-6
register at
<https://MiamiCoJMGSummerCamp.v2.4honline.com>
Space is limited
There is no cost for this event
Thanks to Northern Indiana Community Foundation, Miami County Fairboard and Miami County 4-H Council.

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2024 Miami County Pre-Fair Judging Schedule

Thursday, June 20, 2024
Projects Enter: 8-9am
Judging Begins: 9:15am

4-H Project Building: Arts & Crafts, Child Development, Gift Wrap, Health, People in my World
Community Building: Bake with a Mix, Barbeque, Dairy Foods, Foods

Projects Enter: 11:30am-12:30 pm
Judging Begins: 12:45pm

4-H Project Building: Seasonal Decorations, Dollar Deal Designs, Recycled Articles, Entomology, Forestry, Geology, Shooting Sports, Sports, Soil & Water Science, Sportfishing, Weather & Climate
Community Building: Sewing - Wearable, Sewing - Non Wearable

Projects Enter: 6pm
Judging Begins: 6:30 pm

Parking Lot: Bicycle Rodeo
Community Building: Consumer Clothing, Fashion Revue

Friday, June 21, 2024
Projects Enter: 8-9am
Judging Begins: 9:15am

4-H Project Building: Aerospace, Animal Poster, Collections, Dollhouse, Fine Arts, Home Environment, Lego, Models, Needle Craft, Veterinary Science, Wildlife
Community Building: Photography, Communications, Creative Writing, Verbal Demonstrations, Presentations

Projects Enter: 11:30am-12:30 pm
Judging Begins: 12:45pm

4-H Project Building: ATV Safety, Blacksmithing, Cake Decorating, Cupcake Decorating, Construction Replica, Farm Scene, Fire Safety, Welding, Woodworking
Community Building: Electric, Patio: Genealogy, Scrapbook, Computer

Saturday, June 22 @ 9 am
Fairgrounds - West End, Outside
Tractor Driving Contest

4-H Week Schedule
June 24-29

Monday June 24
4-H Project Building Judging
Enter Projects from 8:00am-10:00am Judging begins at 10:15am
Aquatic Science, Beekeeping, Crops, Floriculture, Garden, Plant Science, Small Engines, Strawberry and Mini 4-H, Poultry Show 2:00pm, Dog Show 6:00pm

Tuesday June 25
Swine Show 8:30am, Cat Show 3:00pm, Sheep Show 6:00pm, Fashion Revue Consumer Clothing 7:00pm

Wednesday June 26
Beef Show 9:00am, Goat Show 5:00pm

Thursday June 27
Dairy Show 9:30am, Horse & Pony Pleasure Class 9:00am, Contesting 6:30pm, Rabbit Ambassador 2:00pm, Guinea Pig Show 4:15pm, Rabbit Show 5:00pm, Pet Parade 6:30pm

Friday June 27
Horse & Pony Fun Class, 4-H Fun Day 2:30pm (Grass by the Extension Office), Senior Awards 6:00pm (Show Arena), Royal Showmanship 7:30pm

Saturday June 28
Livestock Released 6:00am-12:00pm, Livestock Auction 5:00pm

Senior Recognition:
Friday, June 28, 2024
6pm
Show Arena

Join us as we celebrate our Senior 4-H Members



Miami County Master Gardener Plant Sale!

SATURDAY
MAY 11
9AM-12PM

MIAMI COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
1029 W 200 N
PERU, IN 46970



Project Pickup

July 1, 2024 12:00-6:00pm
Please note this is Monday following the Fair
As always if you can't make it on July 1st arrangements can be made.

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APRIL

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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14	15 Junior Leaders	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 4-H	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



- April 3 - Fairboard Meeting 7pm
- April 6 - Blacksmithing Workshop 2-5pm
- April 8 - Master Gardener Meeting 6pm
- April 9 - Extension Homemakers Sewing Day 9-1pm
- April 11 - 4-H Family Night 6-8pm
- April 15 - Quality Livestock Care Training 4pm & 6pm
- April 15 - Junior Leaders Meeting 7pm
- April 16 - Extension Homemakers International Night 6pm
- April 17 - Hot Topics Webinar - Eat Midwest Fish 12-1pm
- April 20 - Black Smithing Workshop 2-5pm
- April 22 - 4-H Council Meeting 7pm
- April 22 - Quality Livestock Care Training 3:30-4:30pm Maconaquah
- April 23 - Quality Livestock Care Training 3:30-4:30pm North Miami
- April 26 - Extension Board Meeting 12pm
- April 26 - Webinar Artificial Intelligence in Farm Management 12-1pm
- April 27 - Dog Showmanship Clinic 2pm
- April 29 - Purdue - CARET Spring Meeting 7pm

MAY

2024

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26	27 CLOSED	28	29	30	31	



- May 4 - Feeder Calf, Goat & Sheep Tagging Day 9-11am Goat Workshop 9-12pm
- May 7 - Extension Office Closed Primary Election Day
- May 7 - Quality Livestock Care Training Amboy Friends Church 6:30pm
- May 8 - Fairboard Meeting 7pm
- May 11 - Master Gardener Plant Sale 9am-12pm
- May 13 - Master Gardener Home Hydroponics with Dr. Nemali 6pm
- May 14 - Extension Homemakers Council Meeting 10am
- May 15 - Hot Topics Webinar Purdue Institute for Family Business 12pm
- May 15 - 4-H Online Add/Drop Deadline
- May 18 - State Livestock CDE - Purdue Blacksmithing Workshop 2-5pm
- May 27 - Extension Office Closed Memorial Day
- May 30,31 - Junior Master Gardener Summer Camp

JUNE

2024

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23	24 GROWERS HERE	25 GROWERS HERE	26 GROWERS HERE	27	28	29
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- June 1 - Fair Entry Deadline
- June 1 - State Dairy CDE
- June 3, 4 - Junior Master Gardener Summer Camp
- June 5,6,7 - 4-H Camp Tecumseh
- June 10 - Junior Leader Indiana Beach
- June 10 - Master Gardener Meeting 6pm
- June 11 - Mini 4-H Day Camp 8:30-12:30pm
- June 15 - Blacksmithing Workshop 2-5pm
- June 19 - Hot Topics Webinar - Turf Problems & Insects 12pm
- June 20,21 Pre-Fair Judging
- June 20 - Fair Set up Night Bicycle Rodeo 6pm
- June 22 - Tractor Driving Contest 9am
- June 24-29 - Miami County Fair
- June 24,25,26 - 4-H Round Up

JULY

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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- July 4 - Extension Office Closed - 4th of July
- July 9 - Extension Homemakers Meeting 10am
- July 12 - Extension Board Meeting 12pm
- July 17 - Hot Topics - Indiana Trees 12-1pm
- July 20 - Area Tractor Drive
- July 22-25 - Junior Master Gardener Summer Camp
- July 29 - State Fair Check In
- July 31 - Fair Evaluation Night 7:00pm