

Indiana 4-H Volunteer Recognition Program

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National 4-H Council Salute to Excellence Awards

Indiana Winner for Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award

Trina Copeland, Jefferson County

Trina Copeland just finished her 20th year as a 4-H Adult Leader, leading a 4-H Club and the 4-H Dog Project. It is not the 20 years that makes her resume so impressive, but the amount of time she spends organizing activities for 4-H members to hone their skills in Dog Obedience and Agility. Officially, our 4-H Dog Obedience classes start in March, but for Trina, this is a year round vocation. Our 4-H Dog Club serves as 4-H ambassadors throughout the year by promoting 4-H and specifically the dog project by setting up a booth at Tractor Supply in the fall and participating in the Christmas parade as well as the Regatta parade. 4-H members and their dogs also visit nursing homes and read books to kids at the Public Library. This take a great deal of planning and communication, and it all starts with Trina.



Trina is a dedicated volunteer who has a vision of how she wants to inspire her 4-H members and she follows through with thorough planning and hard work. Early on Trina knew she could not do this alone, so as she develops young 4-H members into outstanding 4-H members, some become volunteers to help her pass it on. As a result of her leadership, the Jefferson County Southpaws have nine other 4-H leaders that assist our 4-H members learn the skills they need to achieve excellence in the 4-H Dog project. Of course, when you have good leaders, your project grows. In 2015, our county had 25 4-H members participate in the 4-H Fair Dog Shows and three completed posters; in 2019 40 4-H members showed their dogs and 5 exhibited dog posters.

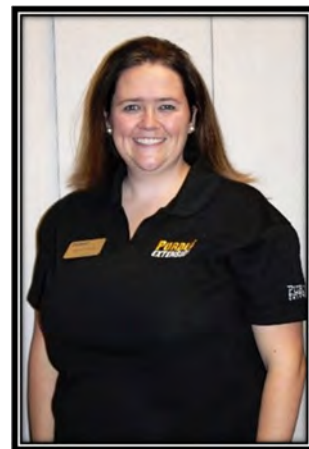
In the last nine years, Jefferson County has had 9 Indiana State Fair individual winners and one drill team placed 1st at the State Fair. Two of those 4-H members are judging in other counties to fill the need that other counties have in finding good judges. Trina's trick to providing the best learning environment is consistency, constant communication, and high expectations. 4-H Dog project meetings start the first Monday of March and continue past fair time so that 4-H members can prepare for the State Fair. She often schedules additional sessions on another day of the week so that 4-H members get as much opportunity as possible, given their busy schedules, to prepare their dogs for show.

Trina communicates important information to members through the Jefferson County Southpaws 4-H Dog Club Facebook page and email twelve months of the year. This includes opportunities to provide community service hours, ways to raise funds for trips to State Fair, and any other activities the club decides to take on. The Top Dog Award is an award that is given to the 4-H member that earns the most points by attending training meetings, participating in community service, volunteering to give presentations to groups, etc. All these opportunities provide 4-H members growth in achievement, leadership, and citizenship. Five of her former 4-H Dog members have become 4-H Dog Project Leaders. One of them started a 4-H Dog club in a neighboring county.

Additional Indiana Nominees for Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award

Bethany Perlee, Clinton County

Bethany is the co-leader of the Kirklin Hoosier 4-H Club, one of the largest clubs in Clinton County 4-H with over 80+ members. Bethany is an active 4-H leader, who assists many of her club members with their 4-H projects and community service events. She is the first to volunteer for their many community service opportunities and does a great job leading and teaching others. She is a hard-working, self-motivated individual. Her motivation comes from the desire to help others. Whether it is helping members with 4-H projects or if it is showing kids how to take care of sheep, Bethany is there making the best better. She motivates others to help as well. Her participation in the county and state 4-H fairs have been great opportunities for her to highlight and develop leadership skills, not only in herself, but in her club members as well.



Bethany has a work ethic that demands excellence, as has been demonstrated through her exceptional teaching of student leaders. Her moral character is unchallenged as well, as can be seen through her helping, caring attitude.

Her commitment to positive youth development is second to none. She knows many people in the community and always encourages youth not in 4-H to join SPARK clubs and other activities to get them involved. She knows how to communicate with the youth and uses Facebook and other social media outlets to promote these events. She even started a video series called *Fun Fact Friday*, where she made live Facebook postings to teach people about 4-H and remind them of upcoming deadlines. They were very funny, informative, and well done. She reached many, many people through these hilarious videos.

Debbie Sajdera, Lake County

Debbie Sajdera has put in 35 years of blood, sweat, and yes, even tears for the Lake County 4-H program. She assisted with some State 4-H events and has assisted or spearheaded the start of new projects and activities in Lake County. The largest project that she started was Shooting Sports. Shooting Sports in Lake County is on its second year; she just recently had someone else trained so she is not trying to manage the project on her own. Debbie started the Horse Bowl and Hippology teams that competed and were very successful at the Indiana State, Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-Up, and Quarter Horse Congress contests.



She diligently serves on county committee and is currently the superintendent for the Lake County Horse and Pony Project. While Debbie has taken on the superintendent role, the horse and pony project in Lake County has doubled in size! This is outstanding as many counties are seeing their livestock projects declining or staying steady. Not only does she take on those roles, but she is also a club leader. Her club is extremely active: they go on trips, do activities, and complete a club project each year. She strives for the youth in her club and the projects that she is involved in to have the best overall experience they can. She has a true passion for the 4-H program and teaches to the 4 H's that 4-H stands for. Debbie organized and facilitated the Lake County 4-H 5K for two years to help promote what 4-H has to offer. During this event, she asked different clubs to set up a table with an activity or craft for participants to take part in before or after the run. Not only did 4-Hers participate, but friends and the general public came as well. Those two years were a huge success! She does not ask for recognition, but she truly helped "make the best better" with the 4-H program in multiple ways.

2020 Indiana 4-H Volunteer Awards of Excellence

Excellence in 4-H Animal Science Programming, Adult

Jean Thomas, Vigo County

Jean Thomas has been a Vigo County 4-H Volunteer for 40 years. She serves as the Vigo County Rabbit Club Adult Leader and Rabbit Barn Superintendent. Jean has also been a chaperone for the 4-H Academy @ Purdue for many years. She has served Indiana 4-H as the Indiana State Fair Rabbit Superintendent.

Jean provides multiple opportunities for members of the Vigo County 4-H Rabbit club to develop leadership skills. She works with older members to create learning stations at club meetings to benefit younger members. The club members are motivated to work hard to be competitive at the State Fair Rabbit Ambassador contest. Even though she lives outside county lines, you can count on Jean to be holding two meetings a month and being down in the rabbit barn preparing for the fair. This year she adapted to COVID challenges to keep the club engaged. Members were encouraged to create a video about their rabbitry to teach younger members about different rabbit set-ups. These videos were used as a 4-H Rabbit Educational Project. She also created a "Battle of the Breeds" contest that members voted on their favorite breeds in one-on-one tournament-style match ups! When it came time for fair, she stepped up and came up with a plan to meet additional Rabbit Show requirements to keep 4-H families and rabbits safe.



Excellence in 4-H Animal Science Programming, Youth

Abigail Arvin, White County

Abigail Arvin is a very active White County 4-H Member. She participates in many different projects, including both building and livestock projects. Abigail is also an active member in the Princeton Cavaliers 4-H Club and Junior Leaders, having held the position of Treasurer in Junior Leaders this past year.

Abigail has a strong passion for Animal Science and is always willing to get involved in whichever way she can. In 2020, Abigail worked with the White County 4-H Educator to plan a session for the annual Ag Day focusing on Swine to introduce local fourth graders to the pork industry and provide some beginning knowledge for them on that topic. Abigail had several great hands-on activities planned, and was all set to lead the 10 sessions with ~35 youth each. During the COVID shutdown this spring, Abigail also participated in an educational video series led by White County Junior Leaders which focused on providing information about different projects of their choosing. This series was meant to build community within our social media outlets. Abigail's video focused on how she begins working with her pigs to get them show ready and was very well-received within our community. Abigail's interest in Animal Science is evident, and she is always seeking opportunities to share her knowledge and experience with others.



***Excellence in 4-H Science Programming, Adult
Patty Breslin and Rahul Sarkar, Hendricks County***

Two years ago, Hendricks County STEM programming consisted of one National Youth Science Day activity that was lucky to get a handful of youth participants. When Rahul Sarkar and Patty Breslin learned of the need to increase STEM programming, they jumped at the chance! Since 2019, Rahul and Patty have increased STEM Programming within Hendricks County 4-H by 300%! Titled “4-H STEM Coordinators,” the two volunteers have worked hard to grow the amount of STEM events and offerings for Hendricks.



STEM events/programs they have developed include:

- **Family STEM Day 2019** – youth were provided a "STEM Passport" to travel around the facilities to participate in Makerspace activities, including Ozobots, Makey Makeys, Straw Structures, Keva Planks, Google Scratch, and 3D pens/prINTER. After exploring all of the stations, participants watched a demonstration on matter with dry ice and had a chance to interact with STEM professionals on a STEM Career Panel. Additionally, the Indiana 4-H STEM Specialist was at the event to promote STEM in Indiana 4-H.
- **STEM in Nature** – this event included a video about inventions created based on nature, interactive stations from the Indiana 4-H Natural Resources STEM specialist, NOAA, and SWCD. Participants were then tasked with exploring nature on the fairgrounds and creating a new invention based on their observations with nature that evening.
- **STEM Fun & Games at the Fair**– During the 2019 4-H Fair, Rahul and Patty offered a Makerspace where members of the public could explore STEM-related activities with little “pressure” to attend a full day event. Throughout the two days it was open, stations were set and manned with Jr. Leaders/volunteers to help answer questions about the STEM activity and 4-H.
- **National Youth Science Day** – By using the curriculum provided by National 4-H, Rahul and Patty took lead on the NYSD activities. NYSD participation increased 60% from 2018 to 2019!
- **Diversity in STEM Day** – This event in early 2020 focused not only on diverse careers in STEM, but also on the importance of having diverse people represented in those STEM careers.



***Excellence in 4-H Science Programming, Youth
Josiah George and Joe Riffle, Franklin County***

Josiah George and Joe Riffle are true STEM ambassadors for Franklin County and Indiana 4-H. These young men are current Franklin County 4-H members who are Juniors at Franklin County High School in Brookville. Their natural curiosity and love of science led them both to join the Brookville Middle School Science Club in its initial year when they were in 5th grade. Since then they have been very involved in learning and helping to teach other youth about STEM in our rural county and throughout the state. They were on a fluid power team for three years, as well as a robotics team. They have led educational stations at the Indiana State Fair on Fluid Power twice, and computer coding once. They have led many makerspace activities throughout our county, and were selected to attend the National 4-H Makerspace Summit in Washington DC in 2018. Joe and Josiah attended Teens as Teachers for coding and have been CS Teen leaders for three years, teaching the NYSD Code Your World and Game Changers activities to all 6th & 7th grade classes at the middle school, as well as leading activities at our annual Halloween event and at the Indiana 4-H Summit in 2019. They are currently making plans for conducting the Mars Base Camp national 4-H science experiment this fall.



Excellence in 4-H Civic Engagement Programming, Adult

Dan Miller, Vanderburgh County

Dan Miller is actively involved in the community and leads youth by example. He has served as a dedicated 4-H volunteer in Vanderburgh County for 37 years. He serves as a club leader for the Energetics 4-H Club and serves as project superintendent for the Government and Wildlife projects.



Dan has consistently served as a chaperone for 4-H Academy @ Purdue for many years. He has served on the planning and presentation team for the 4-H Civic Engagement Workshop held during the Academy for the past 7 years, and takes the lead on discussing the roles of county government section with the attendees. This workshop received the 2017 National Citizenship in 4-H Youth Development Award presented by the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents.

He always makes time to assist with the Vanderburgh County 4-H awards process to ensure 4-H members are recognized for their hard work. He was honored as a Rural Urban Extension award winner in 2014, a prestigious honor, for his dedication to the 4-H program and Extension work.

Excellence in 4-H Civic Engagement Programming, Youth

Ethan Roos, Spencer County

Ethan has been involved in various efforts across the Spencer County 4-H program and has served in any area needed. He is more than willing to advocate for 4-H on a local, state, or national level.

Ethan has been involved in the Spencer County Junior Leaders for 4 years. In his time, Ethan has helped secure and plan a summer fundraiser to financially support the Spencer County Bags of Blessings. Bags of Blessings are distributed to youth during the summer that experience food insecurity. Through Ethan and other Junior Leader's efforts, more than \$1,000 has been donated the last 3 summers to Bags of Blessings.



While serving with the Junior Leaders, Ethan has also helped judge Mini 4-H projects for the last 4 years. Parents have commented on how caring Ethan is with their Mini 4-Her, taking time to encourage their 4-H participation.

During his Junior year, Ethan took on the challenge of being a 4-H Camp Counselor. His compassion was evident as he helped homesick campers find joy in being at camp.

Ethan attended the Indiana State Fair Youth Leadership Conference in 2017 as a delegate. In 2018 he served as a group advisor, and in 2019 was elected as the delegate coordinator. In 2018 he was selected to serve on the National Youth Leadership Team for Indiana at the National 4-H Congress. Recently he was elected to serve on the 2021 State 4-H Junior Leader Council.

Ethan has grown in his leadership role in Spencer County, the state of Indiana, and nationally. He is always willing to help where needed and give of his time and talents.

Excellence in 4-H Healthy Living Programming, Youth***Cassie Burgett, Benton County***

Cassie has exhibited leadership qualities by participating in 4-H. As a Junior Leader, she has led and demonstrated many different activities for the Cloverbud and Mini 4-H members over the last 3 years. As a Junior Leader, Cassie is looked to by the younger members as a role model.

Most recently, Cassie has been involved in the Indiana 4-H Teens as Teachers program, attending a state conference and National Healthy Living Summit, both in 2020. She has learned various lessons in healthy living to then share and teach to others in the community. In this role, she has presented to groups of adults and youth on topics related to healthy living such as nutrition, stress reduction, sun safety, mindfulness, and overall wellness. These experiences have enabled Cassie to develop her public speaking skills and to grow more confident while presenting to groups.

Cassie also exhibits good teamwork when working with others. She has learned to work with her team of other Teen Teachers to plan and implement different programs. While different ideas may be presented, compromise is established and in doing so, Cassie strives to support the team with her efforts.

Through the COVID-19 pandemic, Cassie also contributed multiple videos to support our educational efforts. These videos were shared online and through our virtual 4-H Camp.

***Excellence in 4-H Healthy Living Programming, Youth******Madison Powell, Tipton County***

Maddie is an excellent choice for this award as she has devoted many years and hours to 4-H and to Healthy Living in her Tipton County community and at the state level.

During the 2020 Teens as Teachers Conference, Maddie served on the state leadership team. Maddie was tasked with not only helping with the Healthy Living track but also presenting six separate sessions on the topic of “What you need to know to be successful.” After our initial meeting to discuss expectations for the sessions, Maddie planned, organized, and presented each session by herself. Her attention to detail, imagination for ice breakers and other activities, kept the attendees engaged and interested throughout. Maddie has a dynamic, positive attitude and passion for healthy living!



Maddie has been selected to serve on the 2021 State 4-H Junior Leader Council. She has also contributed to the Growing Jr. Leaders Into the Future #Adulting 101 series of lessons that was released in the Fall, 2020.

Excellence in 4-H Club Programming, Adult
Shirley Maloney, Hendricks County

When it comes to impactful 4-H Volunteers in Hendricks County, Shirley Maloney is at the top of the list. She is always willing to help where needed and holds a variety of 4-H roles and responsibilities.

As a club leader, Shirley plans activities that will be appropriate for all individuals and all abilities so they can be successful and grow in their 4-H experience. Her co-leader stated, "4-Hers come to meetings knowing that Shirley will be there with exciting activities and encouragement." Shirley encourages kids to come up with ideas to express their interests. During club meetings, Shirley welcomes all family members to participate. Parents are invited to ask questions and Shirley is great at providing resources to families, especially those new to 4-H.



She ensures youth know the importance of giving back to the community. Annually, her club participates in several community service projects. One of the club's favorite service activities is working with a local organization involving individuals with physical and developmental disabilities. Shirley's club creates keepsakes for the individuals, serves a meal to the group, hosts some form of entertainment, and then cleans up afterwards. The kids look forward to this special time with the community every year.

Shirley treats every 4-Her as an individual who can grow to be a responsible and active citizen in our society. In all experiences, she maintains she learns more than the 4-Her and she receives much more back than the 4-Her. This humility enables her to rejoice with a 4-Her in his/her successes and sympathize in his/her failures. Her empathy with 4-Hers also allows her to show a 4-Her how to turn failures and successes into learning experiences. Her acceptance and encouragement of allowing 4-Hers and 4-H volunteers to be different allows the 4-H program in Hendricks County and throughout the state to accept new programs and ideas which will help future generations.

Excellence in 4-H Club Programming, Youth
Thomas Carroll, Lawrence County

Thomas has an enthusiasm that is contagious, and when he commits to something, he follows through and does not take his responsibility lightly. Thomas' drive goes beyond his personal ambition. He wants to see Lawrence County 4-H grow stronger and be held in high regard across the state. He attended many out of county opportunities and is constantly looking for things he can bring back to his clubs. For example, he attended the Vanderburgh County Junior Leader Retreat, and he came back with an idea to improve the etiquette dinner. He has already committed to lead this activity as a volunteer next year.



Thomas shines in a crowd, because he wears his personality where all can see it. He is proud of who he is and wants to share that with those around him. He especially displays this in his Sewing project. From the time he created a complete steam punk outfit to his 4-H fabric suit and tie, he stands out for being more than one of the only young men to complete the project. His ability to be comfortable with his unique personality helps those around him be more comfortable in their skin. I have seen youth open up in numerous meetings and become more involved in Junior Leaders thanks to Thomas. He is enthusiastic in groups and always happy to take the lead and ensure everyone is engaged. He leads discussions with ease, and works to ensure all sides are heard. His presidency of the Lawrence County 4-H Junior Leaders has pushed them to grow and try new opportunities. He was our first teen to attend Teens as Teachers, and this year, he helped recruit two whole teams to attend, even though he could not.

Excellence in Youth Adult Partnerships, Team

Amanda Deutsch, Jennifer Deutsch, Emily English, Susan English, Vanderburgh County

Amanda and Emily have both held offices and been committee chairs in their respective clubs and Junior Leader organization. Jennifer and Susan were both 10-year 4-H members and have been leaders before they had children. After attending the "Global Gateway Experience" trip to Heifer International in 2019, the two girls researched hunger in our community and determined that there is food insecurity in our own community.

The girls developed an idea to help provide nutrient dense food to children in need during the summer. After researching, they found that the Fulton Square neighborhood Boys & Girls Club had a 100% poverty level. With the help of the leaders, they arranged a meeting with the director of the Boys & Girls Club to present their idea of the "Fresh Fruit & Power Protein" take home bags for the kids to take home for the weekend. With help from the leaders, they applied and were awarded a grant from the Indiana 4-H Foundation, "Indiana 4-H Takes a Bite Out of Hunger."



The girls gave presentations to twelve organizations to help raise awareness of food insecurity in our community and were able to raise an additional \$3,800 locally to support their summer project. Amanda and Emily, with help from their leaders, organized to make 50 lunch bags for the Fulton Square Boys and Girls Club each Friday for twelve weeks for field trips. They also made 25 take home bags including a 16 oz. jar of peanut butter and 6 pieces of fresh fruit to send home with each child in need for the weekend since the back pack food program is not available during the summer.

They organized a trip to the fair for the children to view animals in the various barns including, chickens, rabbits, pigs, llamas & alpacas, and cows. The girls also arranged for them to experience some fair food for lunch from their Junior Leader food booth. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day seeing and interacting with animals most had never seen in person.

Thank you to our sponsor of the Indiana 4-H Volunteer Awards of Excellence!



Indiana 4-H Tenured Volunteer Recognition

Indiana 4-H annually recognizes those who have volunteered for at least 20 years, and in subsequent 5-year increments. This year we are pleased to recognize **518 volunteers** for their tenure, ranging from 20-60 years of service. These volunteers have contributed a **combined 14,615 years of service** to the Indiana 4-H program!

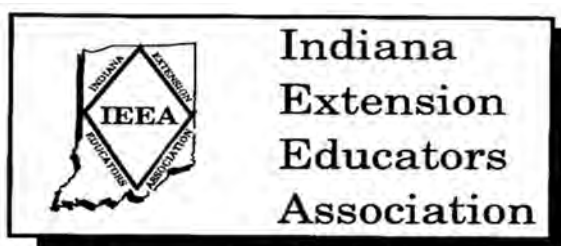
Recognition awards have been mailed to the Purdue Extension County Offices for each of these volunteers. Recognition includes the following:

- 20 years – junior padfolio
- 25 years – calculator desk set
- 30 years – portfolio bag
- 35 years – umbrella
- 40 years – embossed padfolio
- 45 years – photo frame
- 50+ years – framed certificate

On behalf of the thousands of youth who have been impacted by these volunteers, we offer our sincere appreciation to each of you for your service!

Over the next several pages are the names of those who are being recognized for their tenure in 2020. They are organized alphabetically by county name.

Thanks also to our sponsors of the 4-H Volunteer Tenure awards: the Indiana Extension Educators Association and the Indiana 4-H Foundation!



20 Years

Dean Gerber, Adams	Kori Cripe, Elkhart
Fred Kunkel, Adams	Cathy Fox, Elkhart
Judy Mudd, Adams	Tim Graber, Elkhart
Melissa Berning, Allen	Sarah Kniller, Elkhart
Kent Cole, Allen	Mark Kritzman, Elkhart
Josh Henry, Allen	Donald Lehman, Elkhart
Ance Brewer, Bartholomew	Rich Nisen, Elkhart
Eleanor Rutan, Bartholomew	Mayrea Reusser, Elkhart
Kristi Kretzmeier, Benton	Kathryn Rink, Elkhart
Thomas Thurman, Boone	Christine Schaubert, Elkhart
Carolyn Beck, Boone	Michelle Thaxton, Elkhart
Phillip Endres, Boone	Troy Zahner, Elkhart
Lanny Mitchell, Boone	Robert Zell, Elkhart
Michael Wynkoop, Boone	Sheila Hood, Fayette
Donald Smith, Brown	Paula Moffitt, Fayette
Denise Bender, Carroll	Gina Pflum, Fayette
Rita Paul, Carroll	Denise Crowder, Fountain
Tim Sheets, Carroll	Shari Burger, Franklin
Seth Cowell, Cass	Stacy Barkman, Fulton
John Hobson, Clark	Gerna Butts, Gibson
Mark Clements, Clinton	John Feutz, Gibson
Melissa Miller, Clinton	Julie Loehr, Gibson
Donna Wells, Clinton	Dave Reising, Gibson
Georgianna Wiseman, Crawford	Jonathan Sprinkle, Gibson
Kelly Ferguson, Daviess	Jim Brunner, Grant
Christine Jarrett, Daviess	Gail Phipps, Grant
Douglas Bischoff, Dearborn	Glen Sullivan, Greene
Janice Uhlmansiek, Dearborn	Terri Sullivan, Greene
John Johnston, DeKalb	Erin Allen, Hamilton
Tonya Schlabach, DeKalb	Becky Clayton, Hamilton
Mark Strong, DeKalb	Gerrian DeJong, Hamilton
Mike Brandt, Delaware	Karen Lancaster, Hamilton
Jennifer Neal, Delaware	Kent Lancaster, Hamilton
Brian Betz, Dubois	Lee Lockwood, Hamilton
Nathan Betz, Dubois	Natalie Mathiebe, Hamilton

20 Years continued

Jay Rulon, Hamilton	Gay Bankson, Madison
Sara Schaefer, Hamilton	Colleen Massey, Madison
Kresten Hansen, Hancock	Patrick Shuter, Madison
Tarra Youngclaus, Hancock	Laurie Bowman, Marion
Teresa Eschbacher, Harrison	Chalisa Goins, Marshall
Richard Fenwick, Harrison	Michelle Sellers, Marshall
Dana Leffler, Harrison	Braden Lingenfelter, Martin
James Call, Hendricks	Sharon Cooley, Miami
Kristi Farley, Hendricks	Tonya Smith, Miami
Kathryn Smith, Hendricks	Niccole Carpenter, Montgomery
Penny Horn, Henry	Heather Rhoads, Montgomery
Kelly Hillman, Howard	Janelle Lasley, Morgan
Mark Brown, Huntington	Rena Sheldon, Morgan
Jeffery Caley, Huntington	Gerard Morano, Ohio
Marsha Chenoweth, Huntington	Debra Woolston, Orange
Douglas Borcharding, Jackson	Christine Slough, Owen
Janet Klosterman, Jackson	Samantha Gregg, Parke
Barb Leffler, Jackson	Daniel Seward, Parke
Tony Peters, Jackson	Kelli Seward, Parke
Troy Thompson, Jackson	Donna Whitmer, Parke
Sindi Wamsley, Jasper	Cathy Boerste, Perry
Waldo Hudson Jr, Jay	Priscilla Donkle, Porter
Emmy Coles, Jefferson	Shaun Morrow, Porter
Larry Ferguson, Jefferson	Linda Phillips, Porter
Amy Wheeler, Jefferson	Angela Bolen, Pulaski
Bonnie Thompson, Johnson	Daniel Culp, Pulaski
Heather Misiniec, Knox	Denee Erwin, Putnam
Brian Deatsman, Kosciusko	Mona Smith, Putnam
Sonja Hesser, Kosciusko	Jim Weiler, Randolph
Danny Sharp, Kosciusko	Steven Meyer, Ripley
Todd Bontreger, LaGrange	Laura Beaman, Rush
Amanda Sloas, Lake	Ross Delay, Rush
Jane Bealor, LaPorte	Lisa Markley, Rush
Anita Smith, LaPorte	Brenda Nortrup, Shelby
Kimberly Baker, Lawrence	Glen Borton, St. Joseph

20 Years continued

Lori Divita, St. Joseph	Jenny Hamilton, Vigo
Jonathan Fulmer, St. Joseph	Susan Stephan, Wabash
Linda Kleca, St. Joseph	Andrea Baker, Warrick
Linda Moorman, St. Joseph	Robert Taylor, Warrick
Elton Schafer, St. Joseph	Carolyn Whyte, Warrick
Beth Tierney, St. Joseph	Kevin Baird, Washington
Duane Wilson, St. Joseph	Debbie Cates, Wayne
Robert Binkley, Starke	Courtney Early, Wayne
Connie Lenig, Starke	Karen Kirtley, Wayne
Jennifer Abbott, Switzerland	Steve Meyer, Wayne
Robert Furnish, Switzerland	Robert Schoop, Wayne
Todd Crum, Tippecanoe	Edwin Shaw, Wayne
Michael Dunk, Tippecanoe	Sheila Shaw, Wayne
Dan Dunten, Tippecanoe	Larry Sittloh, Wayne
Jay House, Tippecanoe	Nancy Sittloh, Wayne
Tamara House, Tippecanoe	Kelly Jones, Wells
Dawn McCashland, Union	David Kilander, Wells
Brenda Paxton, Union	Molly Carlson, White
Marva Caldemeyer, Vanderburgh	Randy Freshour, White
Michelle Campbell, Vanderburgh	Mark Furrer, White
Kendra Groeninger, Vanderburgh	Shelly Cummings, Whitley
Wayne Jackson, Vanderburgh	Jeff Geiger, Whitley
Becky Kachanuk, Vanderburgh	Annette Lamle, Whitley
Jeffery Kachanuk, Vanderburgh	Karen Stump, Whitley
Carolyn Maurer, Vanderburgh	

25 Years

Terry Sible, Allen	James Williams, Hendricks
Matthew Clark, Boone	Timothy Kendall, Henry
Paula Graves, Boone	Rita Kingseed, Howard
Katrina Harsch, Brown	Kristin Husband, Huntington
Susan Hill, Carroll	Scott Husband, Huntington
Tommy Hook, Cass	Michael Gluth, Jasper
Debbie Trotter, Clark	Larry Graf, Jasper
Thomas Schaffer, Daviess	Ryan Kohlhagen, Jasper
Kenneth Swartzentruber, Daviess	Brian Bailey, Jay
Merrill Smith, Decatur	Sally Montgomery, Jay
Matthew Blomeke, DeKalb	Mike Ward, Jennings
Janet Haase, Dubois	Barb Dunn, Johnson
Rhonda Helming, Dubois	Kathy Harrell, Johnson
Jesse Uebelhor, Dubois	Peggy Naile, Johnson
Dennis Wickman, Dubois	Donald Osborne, Knox
Gene Bontrager, Elkhart	Jeff Brubaker, Kosciusko
Melissa Cloud, Elkhart	Mike Howe, LaGrange
Anita Gorden, Elkhart	Roy Howe, LaGrange
John Rody, Elkhart	Kenneth Martin, LaGrange
Linda Wagner, Elkhart	Deana Sutton, Lake
Jo Ward-Selman, Elkhart	Thomas Conlon, LaPorte
Nancy Barr, Fayette	Michelle Dyjak, LaPorte
Danny Kidd, Fayette	M LeRoy Schlager, LaPorte
Mike Schwab, Franklin	Pamela Mark, LaPorte
Tyler Bennett, Fulton	Andrea Mitzner, LaPorte
Linda Burton, Fulton	Joseph Rudolph, LaPorte
Susan Pfeiffer, Gibson	Mark Baker, LaPorte
Susan Isenogle, Greene	Melissa Craig, LaPorte
Michelle Hasty, Hancock	Pamela Wessel, LaPorte
Anthony Melton, Hancock	Bruce Whittredge, LaPorte
Theresa Melton, Hancock	Emily Rogers, Madison
Timothy Moore, Hancock	Jennifer Smith, Madison
Yvonne Jacobs, Harrison	Neal Smith, Madison
David Frazee, Hendricks	Robbin Malooley, Marion
Karen Hayden, Hendricks	Linda Poisel, Marion

25 Years continued

Fredrick Rosemeyer, Marion	Alan Odum, Rush
George Weber, Marion	William Richardson, Rush
Kim Bates, Marshall	Michael Wicker, Rush
Pam Michel, Marshall	Keith Meltzer, Shelby
Ron Rensberger, Marshall	Kenny Ramsey, Shelby
Tammy Thompson, Marshall	Lucy Dale, St. Joseph
John Lindsey, Martin	Robert Golubski, St. Joseph
Diana Vance, Miami	Dorrie Malec, St. Joseph
James Vance, Miami	Susie Muszynski, St. Joseph
Vickie Graves, Morgan	Kay Kunce, Steuben
John Sichting, Morgan	Judy Buck, Tippecanoe
Markie Sichting, Morgan	Donna Scanlon, Tippecanoe
Doug Keenan, Noble	Kevin Pinkerton, Union
Joe Meyer, Noble	Steven Anderson, Vanderburgh
Kathy Steele, Ohio	Becky Holbert, Vermillion
Judith Gumbel, Pike	Terry Knee, Wabash
Laura Roof, Porter	Nancy Dillworth, Warren
Judith Summa, Porter	Maureen Brown, Warrick
Donald Fritz, Pulaski	Rob Dimmett, Warrick
Eugene Grable, Putnam	Joshua Humphreys, White
Lisa Pitts, Putnam	Douglas Rodehan, White
Ted Loggan, Rush	Jerry Zorger, Whitley

30 Years

Judith Wies, Allen	Dan Blocker, Huntington
Beth Wood, Allen	Nancy Kuehnert, Huntington
Bill Hinshaw, Carroll	Francis Ford, Jay
Doug Walker, Carroll	Lou Ann Zimmerman, Jay
David Helms, Cass	Angela Holscher, Knox
William Peppers, Cass	Marvene Johnson, Kosciusko
Carole Brison, Clark	Rodney Frain, LaGrange
Phillip Carter, Clinton	Rebecca Younce, LaGrange
Jon Casper, Daviess	Debbie Nichols, Lake
Darla Norris, Daviess	Theresa Warmelink, Lake
Cathy Brandt, Dearborn	Edward Gondeck, LaPorte
Dave Alley, Delaware	Diane Land, LaPorte
Cheryll Crose, Delaware	Debbie Weisenberger, LaPorte
Bret Collignon, Dubois	Sharon McDermit, Madison
Ronald Paul, Elkhart	L'Tonya Bowe, Marion
Audrey Smith, Elkhart	Jerry Boyle, Marion
Sandy Cox, Franklin	Wesley Schelske, Marion
Darlene Kohlsdorf, Franklin	Sandra Weber, Marion
Mary Schuck, Franklin	Ken Houin, Marshall
Philip Wendel, Franklin	Kelly Hauptert, Miami
Laura Heidenreich, Gibson	Tena Ernsberger, Noble
Bob Jones, Gibson	Danny Stangland, Noble
Janice Longabaugh, Gibson	Pamela Hilgenhold, Perry
Lisa Hanni, Hamilton	Billie Taylor, Perry
Donna Lehman, Hamilton	Paul Fry, Porter
Mark McCauley, Hamilton	Mark Maxwell, Porter
Lisa Mills, Hamilton	Cheryl Wilson, Porter
Thomas Mills, Hamilton	Nancy Dougan, Posey
Jay Jones, Hancock	Theresa Calloway, Pulaski
Janet Cunningham, Hendricks	Jerry Frasa, Pulaski
Hal Truax, Hendricks	Raymond Rausch, Pulaski
Jerry Ellis, Henry	Beth Evans, Putnam
Linda Donson, Howard	Harry Weber, Ripley
Carolyn Ellis, Howard	Joan Fudge, Rush
L (Keith) Waddelow, Howard	Sandra Kleine, St. Joseph

30 Years continued

Andrew Myer, St. Joseph	Annette Dimmett, Warrick
Nancy Penter, St. Joseph	Nancy Robinson, Warrick
Jack Cloutier, Sullivan	Sandy House, Wayne
William Higgins, Switzerland	Chad Captain, Wells
Linda Lamb, Tippecanoe	Don Kiefer, Wells
Christine Brunette, Vigo	Pam Sherbahn, Whitley
Samuel Truss, Wabash	

35 Years

Carol Garringer, Adams	Tammy Sedam, Jefferson
Marijane Crowe, Allen	Linda Shinfessel, Jefferson
Gregory Keown, Carroll	Karen Gacsala, Lake
Rex Overholser, Carroll	Wayne Schoof, LaPorte
Darrell Chapman, Cass	Dean Fisher, Madison
Sara Cowell, Cass	Sandra Krantz, Marion
Tim Cowell, Cass	Kendall Koontz, Marshall
Dale Griffin, Clinton	Tamera Hicks, Morgan
Gary Burkhart, Daviess	Marcia Trusty, Morgan
Robert McGuire, Daviess	Vicki Jellison, Noble
Alice Crouse, Delaware	Barry Bishop, Orange
Cindy Jeffrey, Delaware	Sandy Dibkey, Porter
Lynn Littler, Delaware	Jim Byrd, Randolph
Nancy Eckelbarger, Elkhart	Charles Smith, Rush
Kelly Ropp, Elkhart	M (Joan) Taylor, Shelby
Ronald Hudson, Gibson	Mark Dale, St. Joseph
James Broyles, Hendricks	Leona Doms, St. Joseph
Jim Lanoue, Jasper	Janet Monroe, St. Joseph
Sue McLaughlin, Jay	Sharon Vandewalle, St. Joseph
Nellie Phillips, Jay	Rita Thacker, Tippecanoe
Clarence Marshall, Jefferson	Margaret Fink, Warren
Larry Sedam, Jefferson	Sharon Hutchison, Warren

40 Years

Stanley Fuhrmann, Adams	Max Peters, Lawrence
Shirley Martin, Allen	Lisa Rinker, Madison
Thomas Farrer, Cass	Thomas Biggins, Marshall
Patricia Burkhalter, Clinton	Carin Clifton, Marshall
Darla Laake, Dubois	Rebecca Hartman, Marshall
David Hahn, Elkhart	Betty Hostetler, Marshall
Regina Morehouse, Elkhart	Angela Smith, Marshall
Penny Stroup, Elkhart	Dennis Williams, Porter
Diana Galyen, Franklin	Sandy Haselby, Pulaski
Joann Koch, Franklin	Jeffrey Young, Pulaski
Ron Clauson, Fulton	Gayle Sarringhaus, Ripley
Deanna Wilson, Gibson	Barbara Peterich, St. Joseph
Deborah Vansickle, Hancock	Debra Podemski, St. Joseph
Lisa Uhl, Harrison	Beverly Albright, Starke
Barbara Gressley, Huntington	Shirley Fosler, Starke
Monica Braman, Kosciusko	Martin Surma, Starke
Brenda Avery, LaGrange	Fred Reichart, Tippecanoe
David Monix, Lake	Sammy Ziegler, Tipton
Joseph Reese, LaPorte	Jean Thomas, Vigo
Frances Peters, Lawrence	David Wyatt, Warrick

45 Years

Orelyn Hallows, Clark	Sally Dipert, LaPorte
Elaine Brovont, Clinton	Richard Martin, Marshall
Paul Flint, Daviess	Becky Steinhart, Pike
Stephen Sander, Dubois	Carolyn Smith, Scott
Mary Ann Lienhart Cross, Elkhart	Dale Murphy, St. Joseph
Janice Robinson, Elkhart	Judith Murphy, St. Joseph
Judith Naylor, Fayette	Sandra Oakley, St. Joseph
Gary Snipes, Fulton	Donna Cox, Sullivan
Georgia Roudebush, Hamilton	Mary Ann Sedletzeck, Vigo
Catherine Kirtley, Hancock	

NOTE: short biographies of each of the 50, 55, and 60-year volunteers are found on the following pages.

50 Years

Susan Endicott, Boone	Becky Busby, Madison
Philip Flint, Daviess	Patricia Hill, Monroe
David Holderman, Elkhart	Leroy & Linda Gentry, Owen County
Linda Mason, Fayette	Patricia Moster, Ripley
Jeroma Brown, Franklin	Rosana Balmer, St. Joseph
Glen Jones, Fulton	Rebecca Cole, Sullivan
Loretta Byrne, Harrison	Pamela Irvin, Sullivan
Rebecca Lewis, Howard	Elizabeth Faye Miller, Warrick
Judy Smith, Jefferson	Elizabeth Rudolph, Warrick
Delbert & Nancy Teeters, Johnson	

55 Years

Joyce Dickson, Clark	Wyneta Duncan, Hancock
Margret Weybright, Elkhart	Eugene Cooper, Marshall
Betty Estridge, Hamilton	Sharon Schaefer, Perry

60 Years

James Gillooly, Daviess	Gordon Jackson, Randolph
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2020 Tenured 4-H Volunteer Biographies

50 YEAR 4-H VOLUNTEERS (21)

Susan Endicott of Boone County

Susan Endicott started volunteering with the Modern Miss 4-H Club 50 years ago and later helped to start a club called the Cloverettes, which today is known as the 4-H Clovers. The Cloverettes started with just 30 4-H members, and this year the 4-H Clovers had a total membership of 72 youth.



Over the years Susan and her husband and co-leader, Lowell, assisted the 4-H club with various community service projects and led the club in the construction of the club's 4-H Float for the annual July 4th parade in Lebanon. Together, the Endicott's organized the 4-H International

Exchange for Boone County from 1983 – 2013, finding host families for Japanese exchange students. In this role, Susan and Lowell made 3 trips to Japan to visit the teachers and students they had hosted.

Susan's dedication has been impactful on so many 4-H members over the years and her commitment has been an asset to the Purdue Extension- Boone County staff. Congratulations Susan for your 50 years of service to the Boone County 4-H program.

Philip Flint of Daviess County

A true leader in the community, Philip Flint has made volunteering a way of life. He has been involved with 4-H for over 60 years - 10 years of his own 4-H years and 50 years of volunteering and helping the youth of Daviess County.

Throughout his years of 4-H, he was a 10-year member of the Veale Champions. Phil served as the tractor club leader for two years and continues his service on the 4-H Swine committee as well as the 4-H Board of Directors.



In addition to 4-H, Phil is involved on the Daviess Co. Farm Bureau Incorporated board, the Veale Fire Department board, and the Soil and Water Conservation Board.

During all of his years of volunteerism, many generations of youth have learned from his knowledge, and he continues to lend a helping hand wherever needed. He currently attends Bethany Christian Church. Phil says his greatest joys in life are faith, family, and farming. Phil considers his 10 grandchildren his biggest accomplishments in life.

Thank you, Phil for your years of service and dedication to the Daviess Co. 4-H program!

David Holderman of Elkhart County



David Holderman was a 4-H'er as a city kid back in the late 1950's. He has been on the Elkhart County 4-H Fairboard for 51 years, serving as president in 1979. He has held positions as Parade Director, Outside Commercial Exhibits, Food Concessions Director, and Chairman of the Fair Foundation. He was in charge of fund raising for the "new" Grandstand built in the late 70's.

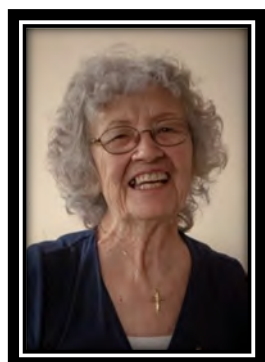
Dave began his Fair Board "career" in 1970 when he represented the Goshen Kiwanis Club as Parade Chairman. The club has been in charge of the Fair Parade since then. His service in Kiwanis has been extensive, serving in his local club and on the State and International levels of leadership. He serves his church as Chorister and Choir Director. He also serves as Treasurer of his Home Owners Association.

Linda Mason of Fayette County

Linda Mason, beloved by all who know her, has been involved with the 4-H program for 50 official years. Although Linda was not involved in 4-H growing up, she married into a family of generational 4-H'ers and 4-H Leaders after falling in love with her, now, husband at Purdue University where they both attended. Linda began running an all-girls club before it dissolved and the Vanguards, previously an all-boys club, joined forces to become one. Linda and Monty Mason have run the Vanguards 4-H club ever since and have enjoyed watching generations of families in Fayette County be a part of their club. Linda is a devoted volunteer who spends her time judging for many county fairs, has been a specie director for the goat department and has even attended a 4-H Leaders conference in Washington, DC. Most of all Linda enjoys working with the 4-H youth along side her grown children who are also leaders and sharing her experiences with those around her. We are very thankful to have her leadership in Fayette County.



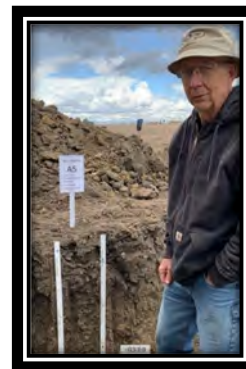
Jeroma Brown of Franklin County



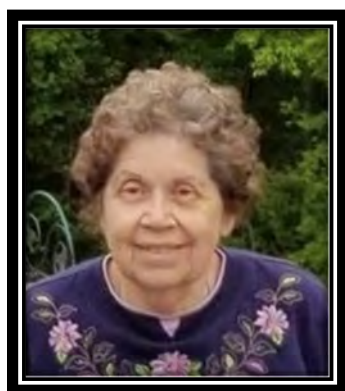
Over the past 50 years, Jeroma Brown has embodied the components of the 4-H pledge, especially "hands to greater service," as a dedicated 4-H volunteer. She was the leader of the "Cedar Grove Up And At It" 4-H club for 13 years. During that time, Jeroma helped foster a love of 4-H within six of her children and three grandchildren through many various project entries. Jeroma believes 4-H is a valuable tool that teaches "life lessons such as responsibility, good work habits, and sportsmanship." At the fairgrounds, Jeroma volunteered with the Foods judges for over 30 years. She especially enjoyed the "excitement and anticipation as an exhibitor waits for their project to be judged." Jeroma is a pillarstone for her family through her example of faith, love, and joy.

Glen Jones of Fulton County

Glen Jones has been involved with 4-H his entire life, not only as a 4-H member while he was in school, but as a dedicated volunteer for over 50 years! Glen is a retired Ag teacher but still continues to help with our Area 8 4-H/FFA Soils CDE Contest. As a coach, he led many teams to the National Soils Competition and still provides guidance to our local Ag teachers. He is a local sheep producer and member of the Soil and Water Conservation Board. He also chairs our 4-H Livestock Sale Committee and assists as an announcer for our livestock shows. Glen advocates highly in the community for 4-H and the impact of agriculture. Glen has started a legacy within his family as his children and grandchildren are now involved in the 4-H program.



Loretta Byrne of Harrison County



Loretta Byrne has been involved with 4-H most of her entire life. Her association with 4-H began in 1955 when she was ten years old and her mother was recruited as a 4-H leader and started a new 4-H club. She was a 10-year member as well as her five siblings, three sons, and other family members. Her brother was also a 4-H leader for several years.

She has served on several county, state and regional 4-H committees. She has a lot of wonderful memories from attending state conferences, and the North Central Leaders Conferences in South Dakota and Minnesota.

She judges 4-H projects in surrounding counties and at State Fair. She was a coach for the County Horticulture team and worked with the Share-the-Fun and Fashion Revue programs for several years. She is always eager to pass on her knowledge of different craft projects, cake decorating, and poster making to 4-H members in Harrison County.

She was a Harrison County Extension Homemaker member for about 40 years serving in all club officer positions along with county committees. She was office manager in the Purdue Extension Office for over 41 years.

Beside 4-H, she is actively involved with her church serving as church organist and chairman of the women's group. She also volunteers at the Harrison County Hospital in the gift shop and cafeteria.

She believes there is nothing better for today's youth than 4-H and all the things they can learn to help them in life, the opportunities and experiences, and the friendships that last a lifetime. Loretta says helping and working with young people through 4-H has been the most heartfelt experience of her life.

Rebecca Lewis of Howard County

Rebecca Lewis is a 50-year 4-H Volunteer in Howard County. She served as the Merry Makers 4-H Leader for many years and currently helps with the Howard County Mini 4-H program. Rebecca is married and has 2 adult children, Scott and Christy. Rebecca was a 4-H member and active in Jr Leaders in Howe, Indiana, in Lagrange County. She enjoyed being the Recreation Leader for Jr Leaders. Her favorite 4-H projects were sewing, baking, crafts, forestry, wildlife, and home environment, just to name a few. One notable experience for her was winning Area Share the Fun and getting to perform the Marimba at 4-H Round-Up.



Judy Smith of Jefferson County



Judy Smith came from a 4-H family. Her parents were longtime 4-H leaders. Her dad was a county 4-H leader in the fifties and early sixties as well as a sheep judge and Indiana State 4-H Fair Board member.

Judy followed in her family's 4-H footsteps and has helped Jefferson County grow over the last 50 years.

Among some of Judy's accomplishments, she was honored as a Purdue Friend of Extension and a National Achievement Winner. Judy is on the Jefferson County Council. She served as county representative to the Indiana 4-H Foundation and served several terms on the Jefferson County Extension Board.

Judy was one of the founding members of the Jefferson County 4-H Scholarship through the Community Foundation. Judy and her husband, Dave, created the Susie Smith Sheep Scholarship for Jefferson County sheep members in remembrance of their daughter, Susie.

Judy judges' foods along with other projects at county fairs across southern Indiana. She is an active member of the Southdown Sheep Association and the Southern Indiana Sheep Association.

Delbert & Nancy Teeters of Johnson County

Delbert & Nancy Teeters have served the 4-H Community of Johnson County well for the past 50 years. Both were active in 4-H growing up in Dairy, Sheep and Swine. Their 4 children and 7 grandchildren were all 10 year 4-H members. They began as dairy farmers in 1954 with Guernsey and Holstein, eventually changing over to Brown Swiss in 1972.

Delbert was active as a Director on the Miami Valley Milk Producers Board (now known as Dairy Farmers of America) and on the Indiana Brown Swiss Association. He was a school bus driver for the Nineveh Hensley Jackson School Corporation for 49 years. Nancy had served 11 years as a director on the Johnson County Fair Board in the Sheep Barn and served as the coordinator/director of the Johnson County Fair Queen contest. She was honored to have the very first Miss Indiana State Fair for Johnson County. Nancy also served on the Johnson County 4-H Council and Extension Board. Nancy is still an active director for the Indiana Brown Swiss Association and assists with the Johnson County Fair. She was a



school bus driver for the Nineveh Hensley Jackson School Corporation for 36 years and continues as a scorekeeper for volleyball and basketball for over 40 years.

Delbert & Nancy are active members of the Johnson County Fair Association. The Hensley Township Boys & Girls 4-H Club is one of the oldest clubs in Johnson County. Delbert & Nancy have led this club since 1970 dedicating countless hours to the youth of Hensley Township and Johnson County.

Rebecca (Becky) Busby of Madison County



Becky Busby is a lifelong resident of Madison County, with, virtually, a lifelong involvement in the Madison County 4-H program. Her involvement started when she was 9 years of age, and in her first year of 4-H. She then was a very active participant in the 4-H program for 10 years, during which time her main project focus was sheep. Immediately upon completion of her 10 years as a 4-H member, Becky became a volunteer leader, ultimately becoming the organizational leader of one of the largest 4-H clubs in the county, the Grand Champions 4-H Club. Becky remains in that position to this day, after 50 years, in addition to serving as the Madison County 4-H Sheep Department Superintendent for most of those years! Becky currently serves on the Madison County 4-H Association Board of Directors (a position she has held for many years), and is a past member of the Madison County Extension Board (having served several terms over the years). In addition to her 4-H involvement, Becky is also very active within her church, and has served in various capacities over the years with the Frankton (Indiana) Heritage Days committee and event. Becky is always ready, willing, and able to assist 4-H members and their families in their efforts to “make the best better.”

Patricia Hill of Monroe County

As a child, Patty Hill completed ten years in 4-H and six years in Junior Leaders. She has just completed her 50th year as a 4-H Adult Leader of the Clear Creek 4-H Club. She led the club with her mother, Vivian May, for 25 years, but now leads with her daughter, Mary Adams. The club has met in the basement of Clear Creek Christian Church in Bloomington, Indiana for over seventy years. In 1972, the club won both the county and regional Share-the-Fun Contest and traveled to West Lafayette to perform their Mother Goose skit on the stage at Purdue 4-H Round-Up.



Patty compiled a project book to start a Cake Decorating Project in Monroe County. A Cake Decorating Project was started years later at the state level. She and daughter, Mary, have now written requirements for a Cupcake Decorating Project for Monroe County. They serve as superintendents for both projects.

4-H has so many benefits for youth, but Patty especially loves to watch shy 4-H'ers grow and mature through their experiences of presenting demonstrations, serving as officers, learning new skills, and blossoming into leaders to help the younger members.

Leroy and Linda Gentry of Owen County

Leroy and Linda Gentry have served the Owen County 4-H program in a multitude of ways for the past 50 years. These have included roles with the Freedomaires 4-H Club, the Owen County Fair Board, Rabbit Superintendents, Horse & Pony, and many others. 4-H has certainly been a significant part of their lives! The Owen County 4-H community has benefited from their long-time service and devotion!



We are saddened by the recent passing of Linda Gentry due to complications from the COVID-19 virus. We are thankful that Leroy Gentry's hospitalization has allowed him to be on the road to recovery from the same virus. Please take a moment to reflect on the contributions that Linda made to her community and to uplift Leroy and their family and friends.

Patricia Moster of Ripley County



Pat Moster has been involved with 4-H her entire life, not only as a 10 year 4-H member while she was in school, but as a dedicated volunteer for over 50 years with over 400 members! Pat has continued to be involved in all things 4-H by holding 4-H meetings and judging 4-H projects in surrounding counties. Her volunteer role does not just stop at being a club leader to the Morris Shamrocks 4-H Club, but she also served the community as a REMC board member for 21 years, officer and member of the Morris Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for over 50 years, and 25 Years on Ripley County Farm Bureau Board. Pat has made 4-H a legacy within her family as nine of her children are 10-year members, and her grandchildren are now involved in the 4-H program.

Rosana Balmer of St. Joseph County

Rosana Balmer is committed to making the best better in her community. Rosana has volunteered for St. Joseph County 4-H for 50 years. She's passionate about working with the youth and lending a hand wherever she's needed. She has volunteered with the Union 4-H Club and has served as the Weather and Climate Project Superintendent and Project Leader, Gift-Wrapping Superintendent and Project Leader, and Seasonal Decorations Superintendent and Project Leader. During county fair week, you'll find her checking in projects and patrolling the Exhibit Hall. Thank you Rosana, for your love for 4-H, and the many young lives you've reached during your 50 years of service to youth in St. Joseph County.



Rebecca Cole of Sullivan County



Becky Cole started her experience with 4-H as a youth member, and has served in many capacities as a volunteer with Sullivan County 4-H in the past 50 years. Becky served as a club leader for Gill Township for 10 years, and has previously led our fair board's effort to provide opportunities in static projects. Becky has also served as a 4-H Council representative for Haddon Township. One of her favorite parts of being a 4-H volunteer was when she was a leader and stayed up reading and signing record books at 11 PM the night before project check in. Becky currently serves Sullivan County as the Extension Homemaker President, and helps coordinate the Homemaker Food Stand during the fair. In addition, she is currently enjoying helping her grandchildren during their 4-H experience. Thank you Becky for your continued support of the Sullivan County Extension and 4-H program!

Pamela Irvin of Sullivan County

Pam Irvin has been a lifelong Sullivan County 4-H supporter. Pam's 4-H career started early in life as she accompanied her mother, Maxine Huff, when she volunteered with Sullivan County 4-H. Pam was a 10 year 4-H member, and is celebrating her 52nd year of volunteering in the upcoming 4-H year. While there probably isn't an area of 4-H that she hasn't helped with, Pam currently serves as the Super Champs club leader, the Treasurer of 4-H Council, and is the superintendent for Arts and Crafts. During fair season, she can be found assisting with awards and tracking points at the Horse and Pony shows, or in the Extension Homemaker's Food Stand. When 4-H award sponsors are announced, you'll hear Pam's name read many times. In addition, Pam advocates for Purdue Extension as a PCARET member. We are so thankful for Pam's ongoing support for Sullivan County Extension and 4-H!



Elizabeth Faye Miller of Warrick County



During her tenure as a Warrick County 4-H volunteer, Faye Miller has been a 4-H Council officer, the 4-H camp committee treasurer and club leader for Stevenson 4-H Club. In recent years, Faye has dedicated her time to the Warrick County 4-H Camp Committee and to Stevenson 4-H Club. Faye is a retired elementary school teacher. In her spare time, she enjoys staying in contact with Stevenson 4-H Club alumni and spending time with her family. We congratulate Faye on her 50 years of dedication to Warrick County 4-H.

Elizabeth Rudolph of Warrick County

Elizabeth Rudolph has provided volunteer leadership to many Warrick County 4-H programs over the past 50 years. She has served as a 4-H Jr. Leader advisor and as a member of our 4-H camp committee. In recent years, she has worked extensively with 4-H scholarships by helping 4-H members applying and interviewing for 4-H Accomplishment Scholarships. Additionally, she serves on our 4-H trips and awards committee, which she helped to begin over 30 years ago.

Elizabeth and her husband Glenn are the parents of two sons, and the proud grandparents of Adrienne and Ian Rudolph. We congratulate Elizabeth on her 50 years of dedication to Warrick County 4-H.



55 YEAR 4-H VOLUNTEERS (6)

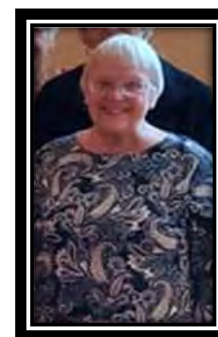
Joyce Dickson of Clark County



Joyce Dickson has been in 4-H for 55 years. She was a 10-year 4-H member. She joined 4-H before clubs were co-ed. During her time in 4-H, she received awards, earned trips and scholarships while learning many life skills that she has used throughout her life. She graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Home & Consumer Science. She was the leader of the Blue Lick Strivers 4-H club, a coach of the county entomology and forestry teams and a mentor in the Clark County 4-H program. She has served on the 4-H Corporation Board, Extension Board, PCARET and on many committees in each of these. She was chairman of the 4-H Exhibit Building. Joyce is active in Extension Homemakers, serving in many offices and on many committees. Joyce and her husband, Larry have served as project superintendents. Their two sons and four granddaughters were all 10-year 4-H members. 6 of her 10 great grandchildren are beginning their journey in 4-H. Joyce has mentored and helped shape the lives of many 4-Hers in her 55 years of service. We here in Clark County are very proud to have Joyce as part of our 4-H program.

Margret Weybright of Elkhart County

Margret has been an active volunteer in Elkhart County for 55 years that has an impact on hundreds of youth. She has served in many different capacities during her tenure including: Club leader, a member of the 4-H Council, and an Extension board member. Margret can always be found helping out during building set up or volunteering on committees. Margret is also active in Extension Homemakers and her local church. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of Elkhart County youth.



Betty Estridge of Hamilton County



Betty is a lifelong resident of Carmel in Hamilton County. 2020 officially marks her 55th year of volunteer service but technically her years total closer to 60!

Locally, she was unofficially a leader for the Carmel Ag 4-H Club before co-founding the Carmel 4-C's in 1965. She is still an active leader with the 4-C's Club.

Throughout the years, Betty has held various county positions including serving on the Hamilton County Extension Board and Council, chairing the Queen Pageant for 17 years, serving as a project leader for Flowers and Gift Wrapping, and always offering a helping hand whenever and wherever needed!

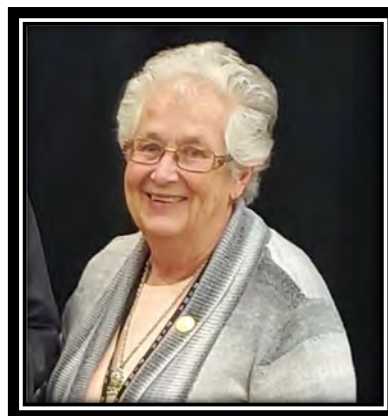
Betty is a charter member of the Carmel Clay Historical Society and was honored with the "Heritage Award" for outstanding service in 2017. She has been a leader for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Brownies. She thoroughly enjoys her part-time work at the Carmel Goodwill, playing euchre, and tending to her flower gardens.

When asked what keeps her going after all these years, she replied, "It's the members, their energy and desire to learn". And then, with that well-known twinkle in her eye, she added, "and my family"!

Wyneta Duncan of Hancock County

Wyneta Duncan has served Hancock County as a 4-H Horse & Pony Leader and Superintendent for 55 years. Through her guidance, the 4-H Horse & Pony Club is a financially self-sustaining club. They raise the money for all of their awards and prizes through hosting Open Horse Shows, donations, and selling concessions. She has also spent time serving on the 4-H Agricultural Association and contributed in many ways to our program outside of the Horse and Pony group.

Wyneta has a strong, positive influence upon all 4-Hers that exhibit in Horse and Pony. She always looks for the best in people and in horses and finds it! She is always willing to share the knowledge she has learned from a lifetime dedicated to equines, and hundreds of local 4-H families have been impacted by her wisdom over the last 55 years.



4-H is a family affair for the Duncan family. Wyneta grew up participating in 4-H which fueled a lifetime of involvement in the program. She has led her sons, granddaughters, and nephew through many years of 4-H.

We are so grateful for Wyneta and her dedication to Hancock County 4-H!

Eugene Cooper of Marshall County



Eugene (Gene) Cooper has been an active 4-H volunteer in Marshall County for 55 years with expertise in the Forestry project. He has coached the Marshall County 4-H Forestry team for many years and continues to coach our members, taking the youth to compete at the local, area, state, and national level contests. Additionally, he serves on the state committee for the Forestry CDE. Not only has he served the 4-H program, but he is also a long time Lions Club Member in Marshall County. He is now retired from teaching at Argos in the field of Science and Biology.

Sharon Schaefer of Perry County

Sharon Schaefer started her 4-H career as a youth and transitioned to an adult leadership position as soon as she could. As a young adult, she established the Twin Lakes 4-H Club and the Twin Lakes Home Ec Club over 50 years ago and continues to lead both clubs today. She is currently a member of the 4-H Council, is a project superintendent, and volunteers many hours each year at the fair.

Her daughter and two grandchildren are proud 10-year 4-H'ers, and her daughter leads the Twin Lakes 4-H Club with her. Throughout her adult life, Sharon has remained an active leader in 4-H while serving as a teacher and elementary principal and managing her home and farm after the tragic death of her husband in a farming accident.



A lifelong learner, Sharon participates in virtual meetings and contributes to both 4-H club and 4-H Council meetings, whether they are in person or virtual. She continues to lead and serve others in her community both through her work in 4-H and in her community and church.

Thank you, Sharon, for 55 years of service to 4-H!

60 YEAR VOLUNTEERS (2)

James Gillooly of Daviess County



In his 60 years of volunteering with Extension and the 4-H program, Jim has served in numerous capacities, including the Daviess Co. Extension Board, 4-H Board of Directors and 4-H Beef Committee just to mention a few. Jim's 4-H background includes ten years as a 4-H member in Daviess Co.

Jim has been a member of Bethel UM Church for over 50 years and has served within the Walk to Emmaus Community. He has served on the Washington Community School Board and on the Board of Directors of United Southwest Bank as it merged with Old National Bank.

He has judged cattle nationally and internationally and was part of the committee that established Hoosier Beef Congress. Jim has served on the Indiana Beef Association and the Indiana Angus Association and hosted 2 Indiana Angus Field Days on his farm as well as hosting a Purdue Farm Management Tour in 1985. In 2020, he received the Robert C. Peterson Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indiana Beef Cattle Association and he entered the Purdue Livestock Hall of Fame in 1990. This past summer Jim received the honor of Indiana Master Farmer. He currently raises corn, soybeans, pasture and hay and has a small cow herd at home while maintaining an interest in his son, Kyle's ranch in Wadley, Georgia.

Thank you, Jim for your dedication and service to 4-H in Daviess County!

Gordon Jackson of Randolph County

Gordon Jackson bleeds green & white and enjoys sharing his love of the 4-H program with everyone! He joined 4-H in 1949 as a youth member and was a 10-year member. Gordon met his wife (Marie) at a 4-H Junior Leader meeting and were later married in 1960. That same year Gordon became a 4-H Leader in Randolph County. Gordon was a Randolph County Tractor leader for over 10 years. Gordon has served on the Randolph County 4-H Sale Committee for several years. Gordon's Motto is: "Serving God, by Serving My Fellow Man." Gordon served as an Officer of the Eastern Indiana Livestock Breeders Assn. for several years, and has served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Indiana Red Poll Cattle Breeders Assn. for 30+ years. He has also been the Red Poll Cattle Breed Manager at the Indiana State Fair for over 30 years. He retired, after 36 years, from the Davis-Purdue Ag. Center as Assistant Superintendent in 2003. Gordon has been a Lay-Minister serving in the U.M. Church for 34 years. In 1969, Gordon received the "Award of Honor" from the Randolph County Farmer's Achievement Committee. In 2009 Gordon & Marie received the "Friends of Extension" award from the IEEA. In 2016, Gordon & Marie received the "Friends of Extension" from the Randolph County Extension Board. In 2020 Gordon celebrated 60 years of marriage and 60 years as leader of the M.C. Challengers 4-H Club. "60 years of 'LEARNING BY DOING' to 'MAKE THE BEST BETTER!!'"



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