



Annual Report September 2023-August 2024



Extension - Boone County

PROGRAM AREAS



HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES

Purdue Extension Health and Human Sciences provides education to individuals and communities in each of Indiana's diverse counties. We bring university information to the local level – both in person and online – to help people strengthen relationships, eat smart, improve health, and achieve financial wellness.



NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Purdue Extension Nutrition Education Program works to make the healthy choice, the easy choice, where limited-resource Hoosiers live, eat, work, play and shop.



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

4-H empowers young people to become leaders in their communities and beyond through hands-on experiences with their peers and supportive mentors. It provides research-based programs focused on positive youth development.



AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Agriculture and Natural Resource Extension Educators serve as a research-based, unbiased information source for county and state constituents on a variety of topics including: crops, ag business, livestock, natural resources, horticulture, small farms, urban ag, pesticide use, and land conservation.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Our mission is to strengthen the capacity of local leaders, residents, businesses, and organizations to build resilient, inclusive and sustainable communities through research-based resources and processes.



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HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM

54 

Participants in the Witham Health Services Employee Wellness program, where Pandora taught 13 lessons. Participants received employee health incentives from their employer for participating.

104 

Boone County Extension Homemakers partner with Purdue Extension. They focus on education, leadership development & community service.

20 Elementary-age students participated in CATCH classes, focusing on physical activity, nutrition-related lessons, and healthy snacks.



Mindy Johnson
Purdue Extension
Nutrition Education Program Advisor

7  **A MATTER OF
BALANCE**
MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Graduates of the first Matter of Balance program, held in Zionsville. This is a partnership with Boone County Senior Services.

84 

First ever Lil' Fair Explorers program for preschool-age children to learn about animals at the 4-H Fair.

1607

Pounds of food collected during the Boone County FAIRs Cares Food Drive. This drive also collected \$1092 in cash. This is the largest donation in its history at our fair and donations were distributed between five local food pantries.

20

High School Students participated in our Teen Cuisine classes.

35

Adults participated in the Eat Smart Move More classes, including 11 seniors.



Pandora Taylor,
Extension Educator
Health & Human Sciences

JOIN US TO THRIVE IN 2025

Looking for a program? Let's partner together!

- Bring **Captain Cash** (financial literacy) to your third-grade classroom!
- Health-related programs that can count toward insurance wellness incentives for your business.
- Hands-on youth cooking program **Chef University** teaches youth cooking basics, while enjoying tasty recipes.
- **Matter of Balance** helps you remain independent and reduce your chances of falling in your home.
- Join the **Boone County Food Pantry Coalition**! If you are a local food pantry, business, or organization that supports our local food pantries, join us!
- Pandora offers one-hour programs in the areas of health/wellness, food/nutrition, family, or finances.



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

953

4-H Members

167

Mini 4-H Members

53

NEW 4-H Members



60

10-Year 4-H Members

223

Educational workshops
offered

\$14,250

Amount of 4-H Scholarship dollars
awarded to Boone County 4-H members

175

Adult 4-H Volunteers

41

Boone County 4-H Youth
attended state or national
4-H opportunities

Youth Leadership

105

4-H Junior Leaders develop skills in the areas of civic engagement, leadership, entrepreneurship, and more through a variety of hands-on experiences throughout the year.



Stephanie Gay

Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development



JOIN US TO THRIVE IN 2025

- **Mentor the Next Generation** - we're always seeking adult volunteers passionate about working with youth in areas like leadership, STEM, agriculture, arts, and more. Share your skills and make a difference!
- **Invest in the Future** - Support Boone County 4-H financially by joining our Booster Club to help provide valuable resources, educational experiences, and opportunities for our local youth.
- **Share Your Expertise** - have a skill or profession you'd like to share? Guest speakers are always needed and appreciated!
- **Collaborate for Community Impact** - partner with us to offer community service projects for our 4-H members, helping them develop leadership and civic engagement skills.
- **Be a 4-H Advocate** - help spread the word about Boone County 4-H by sharing our mission through your business, organization, or personal networks.



AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Master Gardener Program

Volunteers are trained to assist in home horticulture education. Master Gardener activities include Community and Demonstration Gardens, Gardenfest, library programs, booths at Farmer's Markets, plant sale, landscaping for Habitat for Humanity homes, Boone County Invasive Cooperative, helping staff booths at both the Indiana State Fair and the Indiana Flower & Patio show, and providing gardening-related grants to local groups.

55 Active Boone County Master Gardeners

11 Newly trained Boone County Master Gardeners

11,800 lbs
Food donated from multiple community and demonstration gardens to local food pantries



\$142,415



Dollar value of 4722 volunteer service hours

590



Hours of continuing education

800+



Attendance at Gardenfest

6277

Contacts reached through educational presentations



Andrea Hatfield,
County Extension Director
Extension Educator
Ag & Natural Resources
Community Development

Grant Writing Workshop

23

Local nonprofits attended Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing, in partnership with the Community Foundation of Boone County

Rural Road Safety Training

1200

Workers at local construction site educated on safety around farm equipment and school buses on rural roads



Homeowner Phone Calls or Visits

116

Educational consultations in the areas of home horticulture, gardening, lawn care, insect or pest control, and tree care



Pesticide Applicator Recertification Program (PARP)

Commercial and private pesticide applicators must undergo continuing education to ensure the safe application of pesticides

47

Commercial applicators

52

Private applicators

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2025

- Master Gardener Volunteers
- Farm Stress & Mental Health Awareness
- Team Building and Communication
- Agriculture Producer Recertifications
- Homeowner Lawn & Garden Classes
- Small Business Tools and Trainings
- Cover Crops and Soil Health
- Digital Literacy & Education
- Community Leadership
- Workforce Development