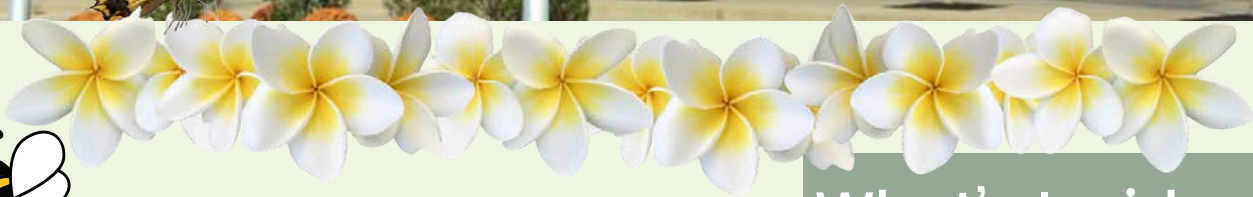


Purdue Extension
Floyd County

Newsletter

March 2025



**Pollinator Day
Saturday,
April 26th**



What's Inside the Newsletter?

Extension Office Updates

pages 1-4

Health & Human Sciences

pages 5-6

4-H Youth

pages 7-8

Agriculture & Natural

Resources

pages 9-12



**PLEASE NOTE:
The Extension Office
is closed on Good Friday,
April 18, 2025**



*To facilitate the Floyd County 4-H Fair, the
office will be located at Newlin Hall from
Thursday, June 5th to Friday, June 13th.*

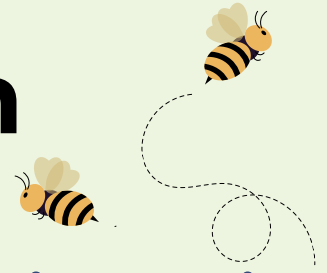


Extension - Floyd County

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.



Purdue Extension Floyd County



Extension Educators, Support Staff, & Social Media



Gina Anderson, M.S.

Co-County Extension Director
Agriculture & Natural Resource Educator
Community Development Educator
Email: gmanders@purdue.edu



Sam McCollum, M.S.

Co-County Extension Director
4-H Youth Development Educator
Email: mccolluj@purdue.edu



Katie Davidson, MS, RD

Community Wellness Coordinator
Email: davidskm@purdue.edu



Cindy Finerfrock

Nutrition Education Program Provider
Email: cfinerf@purdue.edu

**Purdue Extension
Floyd County
Support Staff**



Betty Harlan
Office Manager
bjharlan@purdue.edu

Diane Engleman
4-H Program & Office Assistant
denglema@purdue.edu

Sarah Bacher
Office Assistant
sbacher@purdue.edu



(812)-948-5470



(812)-945-1168



3000 Technology Ave., L2110
New Albany, IN 47150

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday
8 AM - 4 PM**



Purdue Extension
Floyd County



[purdueextfloydco](https://www.instagram.com/purdueextfloydco)



www.extension.purdue.edu/floyd



Floyd County
Purdue Extension



[@PurdueExtFloyd](https://twitter.com/PurdueExtFloyd)

Happy Retirement



After 20 years of educating the community with Purdue Extension Floyd County, Janet Steffens retired on January 31. Janet served as County Extension Director and Health and Human Sciences Educator. Her wisdom and guidance helped shape many lives throughout the community, and the impact she made will be felt for years to come. While we'll also miss her presence in the office, we're happy for Janet as she embarks on this well-deserved retirement.

We wish Janet all the best in this exciting new phase of her life!

CONGRATULATIONS



Purdue Extension Floyd County



PURDUE EXTENSION FLOYD COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS

Andy Lemon, President
Diana Topping, Vice President
Rebecca Gardenour, Secretary
Dale Bagshaw
Terry Becker
Rebecca Didelot
Joe Evinger
Dr. Al Knable
Tony Kruer
Jeremy Paden
Chris Redden
Connie Schillmiller

***The next Extension Board
meeting is
April 30 at 6:00 p.m.
at Purdue Technology
Center.***

Purdue CARET Representatives:

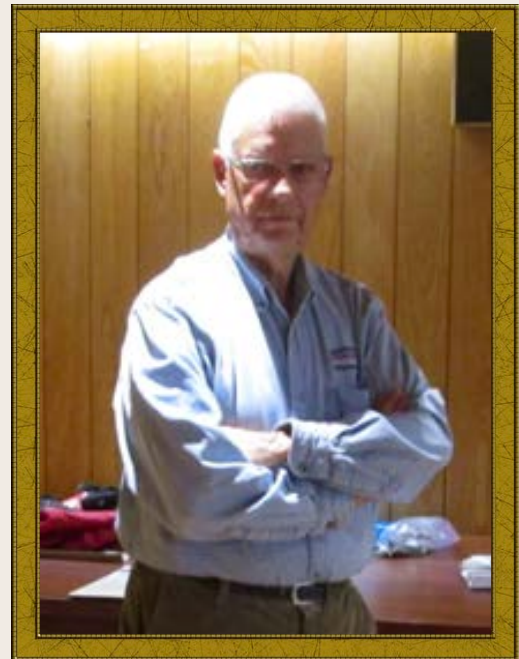
Joe Evinger
Jane Willman



OUR CONDOLENCES

We remember long time Extension Board member, Gary Jacobi, who passed away on January 24. Over the years, Gary served as Board President and Vice President. He was one of Floyd County's Purdue CARET representatives where he attended many Legislative Luncheons in Indianapolis. Gary was an avid supporter of Extension events and activities. He would often stop by the office with a friendly greeting. Gary was a true Friend of Extension and will be missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Linda and the Jacobi family.





2025 Regional Events

Are you a farmer or farmers market vendor who sells produce? Please join us for a regional sign-up day to start accepting *Indiana Farmers Market Nutrition Program (eFMNP)* benefits!

Meet one on one with enrollment specialists to complete an application to sell produce to WIC and senior benefits recipients. You only need to bring your banking information and tax ID number with you to be able to complete the registration.

Our regional event will be on **March 18th, from 12-4pm, at the Georgetown Optimist Club** (8260 IN-64, Georgetown, IN 47122). You can sign up using this link (<https://tinyurl.com/yeyurbrx>) or the QR code.

Registration is not required, but is appreciated!

You do not need to stay the full 4 hours – this is a come-and-go event.



If you cannot make it to this event but see another on the flyer below that would work for you, feel free to attend any available.

On the Qualtrics sign up, you will choose which event you prefer to attend.

Feel free to contact our Community Wellness Coordinator, Katie Davidson, with any questions at davidskm@purdue.edu.



2025 Indiana eFMNP Merchant Enrollment Events

Produce growers may sign up to accept WIC & Senior FMNP benefits electronically

**Available during trade show hours for attendees*

Event Registration

Online:



<https://tinyurl.com/yeyurbxr>

Phone: (574) 235-9605

(answered by St. Joseph County office)

April 17, 2025
9am-1pm CST
Fairgrounds
709 N Embree St
Princeton 47670

April 15, 2025
3-7pm
Fairgrounds
2281 E 125 N
Logansport 46947

*Small Farms Conference
March 4-5, 2025
1900 E Main St
Danville 46122

April 29, 2025
11am-1:30pm
Purdue University Extension
484 N Morton St
Franklin 46131

March 25, 2025
10am-12pm
Lost River
26 Library St
Paoli 47454

April 24, 2025
12-4pm
Purdue University Extension
4001 Crescent Ave
Fort Wayne 46815

March 14, 2025
12-4pm
Town Hall
9312 W Smith St
Yorktown 47396

March 31, 2025
9am-12pm
Fairgrounds, Esther Singer Bldg
5117 S Ironwood Rd
South Bend 46614

April 4, 2025
10am-2pm
Library
828 N Grand Ave
Connersville 47331

March 28, 2025
12-6pm
Chamber of Commerce
301 E Main St
Madison 47250

March 18, 2025
12-4pm
Optimist Club
8260 IN 64
Georgetown 47122



Extension - Nutrition
Education Program

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.

4-H



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming Workshops & Project Party!

All 4-H'ers need to register in 4-H Online to reserve your spot. To register for log into 4-H Online, click View by 4-H'ers name, Events, Register for a new event, scroll down and click on the event, then click Next to scroll through any remaining screens.

Computer Science Project Party



When: May 20, 6-8PM

Where: Floyd County Extension Office,

Deadline to register: May 18

Register is for FREE at 4-H Online under EVENTS. See above for instructions
More info will be coming. Check the website for the latest.



Beekeeping Project Party Grades 3-12



Interested in beekeeping? Get hands-on guidance to start your 4-H Beekeeping project for the Floyd County Fair. Whether you are a beginner or already buzzing with knowledge, this is a great opportunity to learn and connect with fellow 4-H'ers.

When: April 5, 9 AM-3 PM

Where: Floyd County Extension Office, Be sure to bring a brown bag lunch **Deadline to register:** March 31

Registration is open and FREE at 4-H Online under EVENTS. See above for instructions

BRING a brown bag lunch with your name on it.



4-H



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FairEntry



Procrastinators don't PANIC!

Come May 15, from 5-7 PM to the Extension office for help registering projects in Fair Entry before the May 15 deadline at midnight. Livestock 4-H'ers -Bring Premise ID & all Animal ID info with you.



Quality Livestock In-person Training for 3-12th Graders
4-H'ers showing animals in the fair need to take either the online YQCA or in-person training. The final two in person dates at the Floyd County Extension Office are:

April 5, 10 AM **Must register** at 4-H Online under Events by April 3

****Be sure to sign in** at the door so your training will be recorded by our office. A Certificate of Completion will be awarded at the end of training.



YQCA (Youth Quality Care of Animals) is for those showing animals all year round.

This is only offered online at the YQCA website. Once taken, it is the **4-H'ers responsibility to email a completed certificate** to denglema@purdue.edu or bring a printed certificate to the Floyd County Extension office by May 15 so we can record training in your 4-H profile. State requirement -No exceptions.



WE ARE
Floyd
County
4-H



4-H



NEW

All 4-H'ers attending workshops & events other than 4-H meetings are **required** to register in 4-H Online to reserve their spot. To register, log into 4-H Online, click View by 4-H'ers name, Events, Register for a new event, scroll down and click on the event, then click Next to scroll through any remaining screens. If you have questions, contact 812-948-5470.

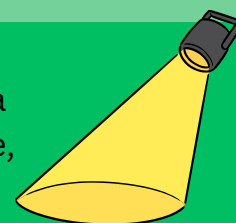
NEW!



New this year!

These animal posters will have an opportunity to be selected for the Indiana State Fair
Beef, Cat, Dairy Cattle, Dog, Goat, Horse, Llama, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine

Calling all 4-H'ers and or clubs! The spotlight is on you! All 4-H'ers are invited to get your ACT together for the **Performing Arts Contest!** Are you a magician, musician, puppeteer, comedian, or gymnast? Can you sing, dance, cheer, recite a poem? What is your talent? Single, club & group acts encouraged to register in 4-H Online, under Events. by March 13. Floyd County will have their contest March 20 at the Floyd County 4-H Fairgrounds with the winners advancing to the Area 2 contest on April 11. Winners of Area 2 will go to Round Up. Register in 4-H Online under Events.



We are looking for an adult that would like to hold a sewing workshop for simple items to exhibit at the fair, such as pillowcases, rice heating pads, aprons, etc. that would spark interest in sewing.

4-H Academy open to 9-12th Graders

4-H will be covering half the cost for those attending 4-H Academy.

See a sneak peek at this link:

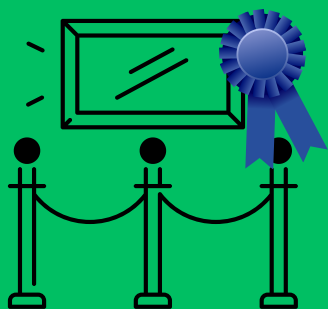
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLmz-3bBlVY>. To learn more, visit bit.ly/in4hacademy. Contact Sam at mccolluj@purdue.edu to register. For best price, register between 3/15-5/15.



4-H

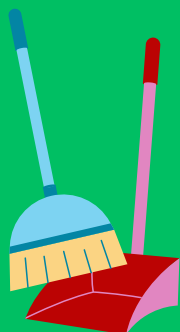


MARK YOUR CALENDAR



The Extension office has Cricut machines, printers and supplies available to use for poster projects. If interested, please call to set up an appointment anytime Monday-Friday 8-4 PM. A parent or guardian must stay with 4-H'ers. while they work on their poster.

Club Leaders - If you need certain supplies to do crafts etc., please call our office to check availability. We have cloth, felt, easels, and paint, among other items to use.



Fair Exhibit Hall and Barn work days will be:

May 10 - Barn 8-12 PM

May 22 - Exhibit Hall & Barn 6 PM - Dark

June 7 - Barn 8- 12 PM

All 4-H Clubs and volunteers are encouraged to help get the fairgrounds ready for this year's fair.

WE ARE
Floyd
County
4-H

**FAIR DATES
JUNE 9-13,
2025**



We are waiting to hear from the State of Indiana regarding meat pens due to the Avian flu. If you do bring your birds it will be at own risk & they must be quarantined for at least 14 days after leaving the fair before reintroducing them back into your flock.

4-H



ATTENTION!!

Exhibit Hall Project Check in
is

10 AM-1 PM

Saturday, June 7



FAIR GUIDE

The Floyd County Fair Guide will be emailed and posted on our website soon.

Important Fair Dates

April 19 Animal ID Day 10 AM - 2 PM

May 10 Barn set up 8 AM-noon

May 22 Newlin Hall set up 6 PM until dark

May 22 Barn set up 6 PM until dark

June 7 Barn set up 8 AM-Noon

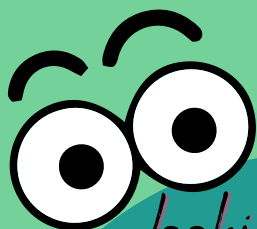
June 7 Hall project check in

June 8 All animal check in

June 9-13 Fair

June 13 Project tear down

June 14 project check out



Looking Ahead..... **Quality Care Training**

Saturday, April 5, 10 AM

Training is valid one for one year

MUST register in 4-H Online to attend

2 working days before training



Watch your email & Facebook for more Fair Info coming soon. All info will be posted at our website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/floyd>



Check your Spam or Junk file for RegMax broadcast emails. If you are an approved member and are not receiving emails from us, go into your settings in your email provider to allow emails from "RegMax - Purdue Extension/Indiana 4-H" and/or "RegMax - Indiana 4-H Judges Registration" for those who are Judges.



4-H



Resource books for sale at our office while supplies last. These can be used several years and are either hardback or spiral bound. We have left:

2 beef \$30 each

1 goat \$22 each

1 swine \$20 each

4 ARBA Rabbit Standard of Perfection \$20 each

3 American Poultry Standard of Perfection \$35

THANK YOU

PREMIER
Companies

Thank you for supporting the 4-H program

VOLUNTEERS



If you are planning to volunteer with the fair, you will need to enroll as a volunteer or request a guest form a month before fair starts to give ample time to process paperwork.



Thanks to Duke Energy for sponsoring the Area 2 Robotics Encounter

Thank You



YES Grant

Indiana 4-H Foundation for awarding Jr. Leaders to create a mural on Newlin Hall at the 4-H Fairgrounds.



New this year! **Premiums!!**

Grades 3-12 will receive:

Grand Champion winners \$5

Reserve Grand Champions \$4

Champion \$3

Reserve Champion \$2

Blue \$1.



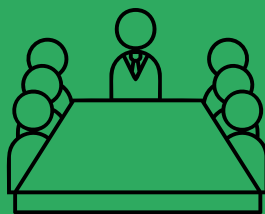
Project Manuals are found online or some are available for purchase at our office while supplies last. If you buy from our office will save you postage fees. Call 812-948-5470 for availability.



LIVESTOCK SUPERINTENDENT CONTACT INFO:

Chair -- Scotty Hollis -- scotty.hollis@wareinc.com
Sheep & Goat -- Melisa Bays -- sgtmelisa@gmail.com
Beef -- Scotty Hollis -- scotty.hollis@wareinc.com
Llama & Alpaca -- Abby Kreutner -- abigailkreutner@gmail.com &
Kendall Lanham, llamamama1998@gmail.com
Horse & Pony -- Shanna McKim -- 4Hhorsebowl@gmail.com
Poultry -- April Geltmaker -- aprilgeltmaker@gmail.com
Swine -- Chad Lockett -- chadlockett@gmail.com
Rabbit -- Erin Uhl -- ethackeruhl@gmail.com
Dog -- Candy McKing -- cmcking2004@yahoo.com

Volunteers
needed



BECOME A MEMBER



CORPORATION BOARD MEMBERS

Chris Redden - President
Scotty Hollis - Vice President
Liz Redden - Secretary
Olivia Ferriell - Treasurer



Barry McKim
Tony Toran
Matt Dennison
April Geltmaker
Olivia Ferriell
Louise Gohmann
Kendall Lanham

General Fair Showcase Important Dates Floyd County 4-H Fairgrounds



Floyd County Fair runs June 9-13, 2025

4-H Online is open until May 15

Fair Entry Registration runs May 1 - May 15

Quality Livestock Care & YQCA Training deadline **MAY 15.**

4-H'ers taking the online YQCA training **MUST submit proof of training by emailing the completion certificate to denglema@purdue.com no later than May 15. *4-H'ers taking the in-person training will sign in at training and our office will record training from the signature sheet. Click on Trainings tab in 4-H Online to verify. Take a copy of your certificate with you to livestock check in. More info is found on our website.*

“How to talk to the Judge” Etiquette Class – May 27, 2025, 5PM
at the Floyd County Extension Office, Shine Conference Room,
3000 Technology Avenue, New Albany, Indiana

ALL Exhibit Hall Projects check in --June 7, 10AM—1PM

Small Animal check in -- TBA

Large Animal check in -- TBA

Project Check out — June 14, 10 AM until **Noon**

Animal Check-out & clean up – starting June 13 after the auction
or June 14 10 AM until noon



Agriculture & Natural Resources

PASTURE WORKSHOP

March 22, 9 AM – 2 PM

Put on your boots and join Purdue Extension Floyd County and Floyd County Soil Water Conservation District for a pasture workshop! Join experts out in the field to learn:

- Pasture Weeds, Rotational Grazing, and Pasture Improvement
 - Robert Zupancic (NRCS)
- Biosecurity
 - Kenny Eck (Purdue Extension)
- Funding Opportunities
 - Rachel Boucher (NRCS)

Lunch will be provided. The workshop will also include a tour of a pasture so please wear appropriate attire.

Registration: \$10 per person. Cash or check ONLY. Checks can be made payable to Purdue CES Ed Fund. Due by March 14th.

***Please note the workshop will be held on a private farm in Floyd County so location will be emailed to participants after the registration date.



Seed Savers Spring Open House

March 13th, 4 – 7PM

Join Sunnyside Master Gardeners and Purdue Extension Floyd County for the first annual Spring Open House!

We will have instructional videos and demonstrations on seed starting and house plant propagation. Seeds for spring indoor sowing will be available. The SMG Seed Savers will be on hand to answer questions about seed starting and saving.





POLLINATOR DAY

CELEBRATING **10** YEARS

Join us for the 10th
annual Pollinator Day
for family-friendly fun!

Enjoy hands-on activities,
games, crafts, local vendors,
food trucks, native trees and
seeds, and info-packed booths!



Educational Classes

**Hummingbirds:
Our Beautifully
Feathered Pollinators**

Marilee Burnside

**Bats: Nature's
Nocturnal Helpers**

Brad Westrich (Indiana DNR)



**FREE and
Family-Friendly**



SATURDAY **APR**
10AM-3PM **26**
PURDUE RESEARCH PARK

3000 TECHNOLOGY AVE • NEW ALBANY

Supported in part by Duke Energy Foundation.

P PURDUE
UNIVERSITY

Extension - Floyd County

Purdue University is an Equal
Opportunity/Equal Access University.



Agriculture & Natural Resources



2025 Youth Master Gardener Program

Join Sunnyside Master Gardeners Plant and harvest your own vegetables and flowers while learning about plant growth & development, soils & composting, vegetables, herbs, fruits, flowers, pest & beneficial insects, wildlife & ecology and much more . . .

Who: Children who have completed 2nd grade to age 12.

Where: Georgetown Optimist Club - 8260 State Road 64
Georgetown, IN

When: Classes meet **Mondays** from **9AM until 12PM (noon)**.
June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and July 7th, 14th

Plus, an **Early Planting Day - Saturday May 10** from **10AM to 12PM (noon)** since the gardens need to be planted before classes start.

Sunnyside Master Gardeners will be available to assist each child.

Cost: A participation fee of **\$35** is due with the application.
Includes all supplies, plants, and materials for the program.

Application deadline is April 12th, 2025.

Class size is limited with applications accepted on a first-received, first-enrolled basis so.... **don't delay!**

For more information and application forms, visit: www.sunnysidemg.org/ymg



Agriculture & Natural Resources

Floyd County Native Habitat Restoration Team

The Floyd County Native Habitat Restoration Team provides resources to Floyd County citizens to help them identify, manage, and report invasive species on their properties. The team also hosts regularly field days and workshops to educate the public on invasive species, native species for landscaping, and native species for pollinators.

Join us to restore natives in Floyd County!

Contact gmanders@purdue.edu for more info!

Next Meeting: April 28th, 2025 @ 6PM

Purdue Technology Center – New Albany

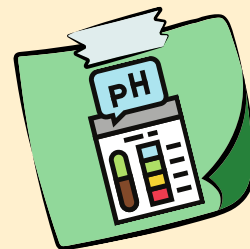
Why Should You Care About Invasive Species?

- ★ Causes Harm to Wildlife
- ★ Costly to Control
- ★ Changes Soil Chemistry
- ★ Causes Erosion
- ★ Hinders Recreation
- ★ Nuisance in Gardens



Soil Testing

Soil testing can help you decide how to amend your garden or lawn depending on what you're planting by looking at the calcium, phosphorous, potassium, and pH levels!



To collect soil for a soil test:

- Remove surface debris, such as mulch, and dig down 4-6 inches
- Break up any large lumps and ensure there are no rocks, sticks, or other debris in your soil sample
- Place at least one cup of soil ready for the test in a plastic bag or cup and bring to our office!

Soil tests are \$20 per sample. Cash or check ONLY!

Make check payable to Purdue CES Ed Fund
You will receive your soil test results in the mail
approximately 2-4 weeks after drop-off.

