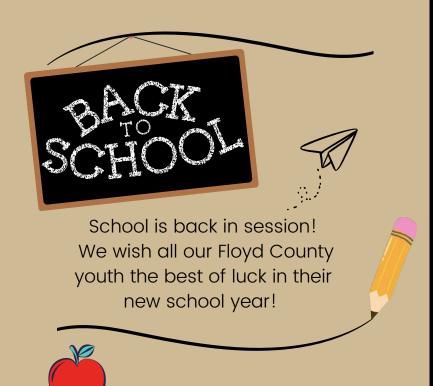
Purdue Extension Floyd County

Newsletter

September 2025





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Please note our office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day and on Monday, October 13 for Columbus Day.



Is there something you'd like to see included in our newsletter?

Is there something that peaked your interest?

Let us know!

Send an email to floydces@purdue.edu
and tell us how we're doing.



Health & Human Sciences

Bring on the Crunch!

October is National Apple Month!

Apples are one of the most popular fruits in the United States! They are easy to store. They come in different varieties for different levels of sweetness. They can be incorporated into a sweet or savory dish or they can even be a crunchy snack all on their own! Apples are not only delicious but nutritious! They provide vitamin C, potassium, and fiber (especially in the peel).



How to Freeze Apples:

- 1. Slice apples.
- 2. Dip slices in lemon or orange juice to prevent browning.
- 3. Spread in a single layer on a baking sheet and freeze for 1 to 2 hours.
- 4. Transfer frozen slices to an airtight freezer container.
- 5. Use within 8 months for best quality.

Sweet Tips for Apples:

- Be sure to wash your apples!
- Whole apples can be stored at room temperature for a few days.
 In the crisper drawer of a fridge, they can last up to 6 weeks.
- To reduce waste, apples that have slightly shriveled are great for baking or sauces!
- Apples tend to brown after they are peeled or cut, but it is not harmful. To keep cut apples looking fresh for a few hours, dip the cut pieces in lemon or orange juice and refrigerate in a covered container.
- Refrigerating cut apples in a container of water also keeps them white, crisp, and ready to eat.

Health & Human Sciences

<u>Apple Spice Baked Oatmeal</u>

Ingredients:

- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ cup applesauce
- 1 ½ cups nonfat or 1% milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 apple, chopped (about 1 ½ cups)
- 2 cups old fashioned rolled oats
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

TOPPING

- 2 Tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 2 Tablespoons chopped nuts (optional)



Nutrition Facts 9 servings per container 1 square (110g) Serving size Amount per Serving 160 Calories % Daily Value* Total Fat 5g 6% Saturated Fat 0.5g 3% Trans Fat 0g 7% Cholesterol 20mg 7% Sodium 150mg 9% Total Carbohydrate 25g 11% Dietary Fiber 3g Total Sugars 9g Includes 3g Added Sugars 6% Protein 5g

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 °F. Lightly oil an 8x8-inch baking dish.
- 2. Combine the egg, applesauce, milk, vanilla and oil in a bowl. Mix in the apple.
- 3. In a separate bowl, mix the rolled oats, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Add to the liquid ingredients and mix well.
- 4. Pour mixture into baking dish, and bake for 25 minutes.
- 5. Remove from oven and sprinkle with brown sugar and (optional) nuts.
- 6. Return to oven and broil for 3 to 4 minutes until top is browned and the sugar bubbles.
- 7. Serve warm. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

Thank You, Katie!

FOND FAREWELL TO KATIE DAVIDSON, CWC

Recently, the Extension Staff had lunch together with Katie Davidson, Community Wellness Coordinator. Katie's last day as CWC was August 15. Her position, through Purdue's Nutrition Education Program, closed due to cuts made to the SNAP-Ed program across the country. Her time was shared with Floyd, Clark, and Harrison counties.

We in the Extension Office greatly appreciate the work Katie gave our community over the five and a half years she was with us. Her compassion and concern for those she served was evident. She was always optimistic regarding her work. She eagerly introduced her programs throughout the community and established new partnerships.

We look forward to the time when program funding is restored and we will possibly work together again. Until then, we wish Katie all the best!











2025 INDIANA STATE 4-H FAIR PROJECTS



Lillian Abrams- Sewing, Red

Adalea Allen- Creative Writing, Blue

Peyton Allen- Crafts, Orange

Gabriella Crisp-Photography, Red

Andrew Dixon- Computer, Orange, Electric, Blue, Woodworking, Blue

Ataleaha Dixon- Consumer Clothing, Red

Madison Dragoo- Cake Decorating, Red, Child Development, Orange, Needlecraft, Orange, Baked Foods, Blue, Sewing, Red Zachary Dragoo- Computer, Blue, Needlecraft, Blue, Geology, Orange, Sport Fishing, Blue

Jaxon Farnam- Animal poster, Blue

Lillian Geltmaker- Preserved Foods, Red

Maddison Geltmaker- Baked Foods, Blue, Preserved Foods, Red

Quentin Haeberlin- Animal poster, Blue, Construction Architectural Replica, Red

Graham Hollis- Aerospace, White

Riley Hollis- Baked Foods,, Red

Myra Holz- Crafts, Blue

Lydia Koeppel- Child Development, Red, Sewing, Red & Red

Ava Kunaschk- Fine Arts, Orange

Levi Kunaschk- Garden*

Olivia Luckett- ATV poster, Blue, Photography, Red

Madelyn McCollum- Animal poster, Blue, Child Development, Blue, Soil & Water, Blue

Ameliah Mendoza- Floriculture, Blue, Vet Science, Red

Amelia Nantz- Crafts, Red

Ann Marie Pellman- Cake Decorating, Blue, Sewing, Blue

Ava Radcliffe- Baked Foods, Blue

Arian Redden- Home Environment, Red

Evan Schilmiller- Floriculture, Red, Herbs*, Photography, Blue, Vet Science, Blue

Lacy Schilmiller- Beekeeping, Red, Floriculture, Blue

Lee Schilmiller- Computer, Orange, Floriculture*, Herbs*, Photography, Blue, Small Engines, Blue

Charissa Schmit- Animal poster, Blue

Isabelle Sizemore- Animal Poster, Orange, Crafts, Blue, Floriculture, Blue

Myleigha Smith- Photography, Blue

Serenity Spencer- Cake Decoration, Orange, Crafts, Orange

Jillian Stemler- Creative Writing, Blue

Charles Thornton- Photography, Red & Blue

Corine Thornton- Fine Arts, Red, Health, Blue

Micah Todd- Model Craft, Red, Floriculture*, Home Environment, Red

Nathaniel Todd- Home Environment, Red

Roselyn Todd- Forestry, Orange, Wildlife, Blue

Graham Uhl- Baked Foods*

Crosby Watson- Baked Foods, Orange, Woodworking, Blue

*not taken to State Fair check-in





Project Pick Up



State Fair projects, ribbons & pins will be ready for pick up August 25, 8 AM-4 PM except Labor Day. Any projects remaining after September 12 will be recycled or disposed of.







2025 County Fair Participants

Lillian Abrams
Adalea Allen.
Peyton Allen
Skylar Allen
Amelia Banet
Shelby Rae Bays
Adalynn Burton
Peston Carr

Rylee Carr Gabriella Crisp Andrew Dixon Ataleaha Dixon Levi Dixon

Madison Dragoo
Zachary Dragoo
Jaxon Farnam
Morgan Froehle
Darcy Gallucci
Simon Gallucci
Lillian Geltmaker
Maddison Geltmaker
Addabelle Gilland
Quentin Haeberlin
Ember Hanners
Adrian Harnishfeger

Charlotte Hart
Braxton Hollis
Graham Hollis
Lola Hollis
Riley Hollis

Jasper Holz

Penelope Harper

Myra Holz
Alexis Kellams
James Koeppel
Lydia Koeppel
Ava Kunaschk
Levi Kunaschk

Trevor Kunashck Alexis Luckett Olivia Luckett

Evelyn McCollum Madelyne McCollum

Allie McKim
Avigayle McKim
Ameliah Mendoza
Marcus Mendoza
Maverick Murphy
Amelia Nantz
Georgie Neichter
Jackie Ann Overby
AnnMarie Pellman
Conner Pellman
Ava Radcliffe

Lily Radcliffe Arian Redden Cruz Redden Colton Reiter

Andrew Schilmiller Charles Schilmiller Evan Schilmiller Henry Schilmiller Lacy Schilmiller

Lee Schilmiller

Floyd County
4-H

William Schilmiller Charissa Schmit Allison Schotter Rookie Shaw Lilly Simpson Cora Sizemore Isabelle Sizemore Amelia Skovran Myleigha Smith Case Southerland Serenity Spencer Evan Stemler Jillian Stemler **Addington Teeters Lucas Thomas** Skylar Thomas

Skylar Thomas
Charles Thornton
Cooper Thornton
Corine Thornton
Micah Todd
Nathaniel Todd
Roselynn Todd
Grace Uhl

Crosby Watson Herriot Wilkins Addalynn Wilson Emmett Witten







2025 Floyd County Fair Exhibit Hall Reserve Grand Champion Winners:

Animal Posters -Dairy - Isabelle Sizemore

Beekeeping - Zachary Dragoo

Cake Decorating - Madison Dragoo

Child Development - Madelyne McCollum

Communications - Adalea Allen

Computer - Lee Schilmiller

Crafts - Amelia Nantz

Construction & Arch. Replica - Maverick Murphy

Fine Arts - Corine Thornton

Needlecraft - Zachary Dragoo

Floriculture - Evan Schilmiller

Foods - Baked - Ava Radcliffe

Foods - Preserved - Lillian Geltmaker

Garden - Herbs- Lee Schulmiller

Health - Quentin Haeberlin

Home Environment - Nathaniel Todd

Photography - Lee Schilmiller

Sewing - Non Wearables - Lillian Abrams

Sewing - Wearables - Ataleaha Dixon

Vet Science - Ameliah Mendoza

Woodworking - Crosby Watson

2025 Floyd County Fair Exhibit Hall Grand Champion Winners:

Aerospace - Graham Hollis

Animal Posters -Llama - Madelyn McCollum

ATV Poster - Olivia Luckett

Beekeeping - Lacy Schilmiller

Cake Decorating - Serenity Spencer

Child Development - Madison Dragoo

Communications - Jillian Stemler

Computer - Zachary Dragoo

Crafts - Serenity Spencer

Construction & Arch. Replica - Quentin Haeberlin

Fine Arts - Ava Kunaschk

Models - Micah Todd

Needlecraft - Madison Dragoo

Consumer Clothing - Ataleaha Dixon

Electric - Andrew Dixon

Floriculture - Lee Schilmiller

Foods - Baked - Crosby Watson

Foods - Preserved - Maddison Geltmaker

Forestry - Roselynn Todd

Garden - Herbs- Evan Schilmiller

Garden - Single Vegetable - Levi Kunaschk

Geology - Zachary Dragoo

Health - Corine Thornton

Home Environment - Micah Todd

Photography - Charles Thornton

Sewing - Non Wearables - Madison Dragoo

Sewing - Wearables - AnnMarie Pellman

Small Engine - Lee Schilmiller

Soil & Water - Madelyne McCollum

Sport Fishing - Zachary Dragoo

Vet Science - Evan Schilmiller

Wildlife - Roselyn Todd

Woodworking - Andrew Dixon



4-H FAIR



2025 Floyd County 4-H Fair Animal Grand Champions

Shelby Rae Bays - Horse & Pony

Case Southerland - Commercial Poultry

Quentin Haeberlin - Eggs

Case Southerland - Exhibition Poultry

Myra Holz - Sheep Market

Myra Holz - Breeding Ewe

Morgan Froehle - Kid Class Goat

Quinten Haeberlin - Dairy Goat

Morgan Froehle - Dairy Wether

Lola Hollis - Market Goat

Myra Holz - Cow Calf

Rookie Shaw - Heifer

Braxton Hollis - Market Beef

Maverick Murphy - Swine

Madelyne McCollum - Market Rabbit

Grace Uhl - Rabbit Exhibition





2025 Showmanship

Beef

Rookie - Shelby Rae Bays

Jr. - Myra Holz

Sr. - Lola Hollis

Swine

Rookie - Colton Reiter

Jr. - Braxton Hollis

Sr. - Maverick Murphy

Horse & Pony

Rookie - Ava Radcliffe

Jr. - Shelby Rae Bays

Sr. - Allie McKim

Poultry

Rookie – Alexis Kellams

Jr. - Shelby Rae Bays

Sr. – Andrew Schilmiller

Sheep

Rookie - Shelby Rae Bays

Jr. – Myra Holz

Sr. – Morgan Froehle

Goat

Rookie - Quinten Haeberlin

Jr. - Amelia Banet

Sr. - Shelby Rae Bays

Rabbit

Rookie - Lucas Thomas

Jr. - Shelby Rae Bays

Sr. - Grace Uhl

Llama

Beginner – Ellie Fey Intermediate – Lilly Simpson Senior – Adrian Harnishfeger

2025 Master Showmanship

Adrian Harnishfeger



Golden Clovers 4-H Club



The Golden Clovers 4-H Club is for grades 3-12 and is focused on the large animal species at The Floyd County Fair. Our perfect idea is to educate on showing, caring, and ultimately farming beef cattle and swine. Our purpose as a club is to teach our members the Beef/Swine industries and good at home practices on raising animals for the fair and beyond. We plan to hold meetings in preparation of the fair, but also field trips to learn of the beef/swine industries. Our meetings will be the first Sunday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Hollis Auction Center- 10682 US-150, Greenville, IN 47124. If any questions you can reach out to Brach Hollis at 502-379-9731 or Kyle Reiter 502-550-4081.

4-H'ers may be a member of any club to do any project.

Some clubs do not meet during the summer months.

We're

BACK



Poultry Club

Our Poultry Club is starting back up with a new leader! To join, add this club to your 4-H Online profile starting in October or contact the Extension Office. For questions, email Lauren Gallucci at lauren.a.gallucci@gmail.com







Congrats to our Tenure
Winners:
Adrian Harnishfeger
Andrew Schilmiller

Special THANKS goes to Farm
Bureau Insurance for
acknowledging the Floyd
County 4-H Grand Champion
winners with a DQ Gift Card!



Don't forget to re-enroll October 1st to keep your status current

Michael Bailey Melissa Bays+ Terry Becker* **Andrew Belucci** Veronica Combs Matt Denison[^] Mark Dragoo Melissa Dragoo* Olivia Ferriell[^] Cora Flispart* Laura Fribley April Geltmaker^+ Louise Gohmann[^] Debbie Haeberlin Kathryn Haley* Conny Harrison Aimee Hollins Scotty Hollis^+ Abigail Kreutner*+

Tammy Kruer*

As we are wrapping up the 4-H year we would like to **THANK** our volunteers!





*Denotes 4-H Club Leader

^ Denotes 4-H Corporation Board

+ Denotes Livestock Committee

Kristi Kunaschk* Kendall Lanham*^+ Chad Luckett+ Allison McClain Kyla McCollum* Barry McKim[^] Shanna McKim*+ Candy McKing*+ **Anna Neafus** Beverly Oehrle* Chris Redden[^] Liz Redden[^] **Brianne Salisbury** Jamie Schilmiller* **Amber Simpson** Chloe Spann Laura Swessel* **Drew Terrell*** Tony Toran[^] Erin Uhl*+ **Alex Wilkins**

If you do not see your name on this list, and think it should be, please contact the office.



4-H esports









The Floyd County eSports 4-H Club demonstrated their talents during the 4-H Fair this year. Youth players in grades 3-12, coaches, and referees are invited to join the club. Meetings are held at the Floyd County Library. Competitions will be held in Floyd County. The goal is to grow critical thinking skills, leadership, communication, teamwork, and sportsmanship through the world of eSports!

Please contact Sam if you would like more info: mccolluj@purdue.edu or club leaders for Grades 3-6 (6-7PM) Kathryn Haley, kathaley122@gmail.com. Grades 7-12 is (4:30-5:50PM) Terry Becker, tdbecker@twc.com

Ribbons















Entries must meet division guidelines so that they will not be lowered a ribbon placing. Blue, Red, and White placing ribbons will be issued to all exhibits properly entered on time. Ribbon placing is determined by project completion based on the project guidelines.

Green- Participation only, late or project not registered in Fair Entry by May 15

White- Poorly constructed or barely meets guidelines

Red- Adequate or does not fully meet guidelines

Blue- Very complete, meets guidelines, well-constructed

Yellow- Floyd County Jr. Leaders awards yellow ribbons as honorable mentions.

Orange- Indiana State Fair awards orange ribbons for exceptional projects, blue for merit and sweepstakes to best overall.

Blue Circle Sticker- project was selected as an Indiana State Fair exhibit

**New this year! Hall project winners in grades 3-12 will receive: Grand Champion \$5, Reserve Grand Champion \$4, Champion \$3, Reserve Champion \$2 and Blue \$1 for each hall project receiving these ribbons..





Last call reminder to pick up year pins & fair t-shirts if you haven't already. Call before you come 812-948-5470.





Educators who transport State Fair projects make every effort that they are delivered in the condition received. Plants and other projects may not come back in the condition that they left in due to unforeseen circumstances.

Project parties are a great way to learn about a specific project and prepare an exhibit for the Floyd County Fair. More info will be coming soon. This year we will focus on:

Jewelry, Entomology, Electric, Sewing & Photography

Want a party for other projects? Let us know.

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 available.





4-H'ers! Do you like to sing? There has been an interest in having a 4-H Choir Club. 4-H'ers could practice and perform at the Performing Arts & State 4-H competition among other opportunities. If you know of someone who would like to start this club, contact Sam.

Handprints Needed

THANK YOU

Thanks goes out to our
Jr. Leaders who did an amazing
job painting the wall mural on
Newlin Hall at the 4-H
Fairgrounds!

Cake Decorating Kit Available

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY OUT CAKE DECORATING? A KIT WAS DONATED TO US AND IS AVAILABLE FOR CHECK OUT. PLEASE CALL BEFORE YOU COME.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Same Date

4-H'ers who enroll at the **4-H Open House** from 5-7 PM on Monday, October 20, 2025 at the Purdue Extension Office will receive a \$5 discount on 2025-26 enrollment fees. Staff will be available to help with registration.



4-H'ers are needed to help with their club's booth during Open House with an activity or game. Check with your leader for more info.

Volunteers are welcome to enroll. Tell your friends!

Youth & Volunteer REMINDER:



The 4-H program year runs October 1 - September 30. All youth **and** volunteers will need to re-enroll after October 1 and be approved to attend 4-H meetings, events, etc., to remain compliant with Purdue Policy. This applies to any adult who interacts with youth through any Extension activity.



Sept. 10, 6 PM via Zoom- Sam will share new policy updates, highlight upcoming county- and state-level events, and answer any questions you may have. These meetings are **not required, but strongly encouraged.**

October 20, 2025, **5-7 PM** 4-H Open House at Purdue Technology Center. Please let us know if your club will be represented and what activity you will be doing. If you need suggestions or supplies, please let us know.

Adult Volunteer Incentive Program - New!

Give your time, grow our program, and earn rewards! Complete 12 volunteer hours in a program year

Receive 1 free youth membership for every 12 hours of volunteer work for the next 4-H year Hours can include: club leadership, event help, project assistance, mentoring & more Track your hours through 4HOnline and must be verified by Extension Staff to count.

Contact Sam for questions.

Green 4-H Folders



Green 4-H folders were returned at Awards Night. If you turned yours in during Fair and did not get it back, please stop by the office and pick it up. Green 4-H folders are used to determine awards each year and come in handy when applying for scholarships.









Kailey Bush
Gabriella Crisp
Quinten Demers
Morgan Froehle
Adrian Harnishfeger
Andrew Schilmiller
Jillian Stemler
Kate Walker

2026 Fair/Showcase Dates June 8-13

CORPORATION BOARD MEMBERS

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Scotty Hollis -Vice President
Liz Redden - Secretary
Olivia Ferriell - Treasurer
Barry McKim
Tony Toran
Matt Dennison
Louise Gohmann
Kendall Lanham



The public is invited to 4-H
Corporation Board meetings.
These are held on the 4th
Monday each month at 6:30 in
Newlin Hall. Dates & times are
subject to change.

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

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 or
Kendall Lanham --klanham1018@gmail.com

Poultry - VACANT POSITION - Talk to Sam

Swine – Chad Luckett--chadluckett@gmail.com Rabbit – Erin Uhl, ethackeruhl@gmail.com Dog – Candy McKing – cmcking2004@yahoo.com





Agriculture & Natural Resources

Floyd County Native Habitat Restoration Team

JOIN US

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.

Why Should You Care About Invasive Species?

Causes Harm to Wildlife

Costly to Control

Changes Soil Chemistry

Causes Erosion

Hinders Recreation

Nuisance in Gardens

To learn more and stay up to date on meetings and events, follow the Floyd County Native Habitat Restoration team on Facebook!



Read more <u>here</u> to learn why you should care!

Visit these website for some more great information on invasive plants in Indiana.

https://www.sicim.info/

https://www.mipn.org/





October 18th - 9 AM

Kevin Hammersmith Park



Agriculture & Natural Resources

Native Plant Workshop

October 7th, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM New Albany Library

Stop by any time to learn all about the benefits of native plants!
Lean what different kinds of natives you can plant, the benefits of planting with natives, and ways they help build a healthier ecosystem in your own yard!

Interested in becoming a Purdue Master Gardener?

The Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program makes the latest information about gardening and home horticulture available to people like you — individuals with a deep interest in gardening.

Floyd County will be hosting a class in the Winter/Spring of 2026.

For more information or to join the waitlist, email gmanders@purdue.edu



PURDUE EXTENSION

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

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!



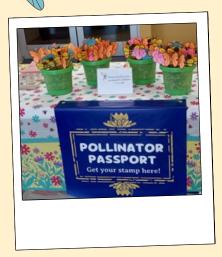
To collect soil for a soil test:

- 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.









POLLINATOR DAY, CELEBRATING 10 YEARS







THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We had over 2,200 people come out to learn and celebrate our tenth year of Pollinator Day!
Friends and families got to enjoy our different educational booths, games, activities, and food!

