

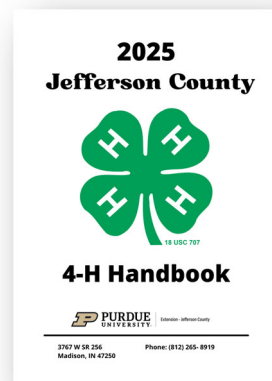
## January 2025 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Ready or not here is 2025! Lots of things to be excited about in this letter. The 2025 Jefferson County 4-H Handbook complete with Fair Schedule and Important dates will be available on our website: [extension.purdue.edu/county/jefferson/](https://extension.purdue.edu/county/jefferson/) and in print at the extension office on January 15th. This year's fair dates are July 7-12th, 2025.

The next fair board meetings will be February 6th 7 pm in the Community building. The next extension board meeting will be January 29th at 6 pm in the Community Building.

Sincerely, Britt Copeland, Extension Educator



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### New Face in the Extension Office

**Savannah Stout, HHS/4-H Youth  
Extension Educator**

*Starts January 10, 2025*

Savannah Stout, an Eastern Kentucky native, has been a transplant in the Hoosier State for the last 7 years, where she and her husband have begun setting their roots at their home-stead in the picturesque community of Madison, Indiana. Raised a feral swamp child in Louisiana, she is no stranger to trying new things and brings with her a non-traditional, yet practical, background and work ethic.

Savannah earned a Bachelors of Science in Wildlife Management from Eastern Kentucky University in 2014 and began a fulfilling and enriching career working with a wide variety of entities and species; from conducting predator research with mountain lions and bobcats for universities and state agencies, to designing and implementing pollinator habitat for insects with state, federal and non-profit partners. In addition to wildlife conservation, she also has a diverse background in animal husbandry and experience in the field of laboratory research, where she assisted in the development of therapeutics for cancer and disease as well as protocols for biosecurity.

Savannah draws inspiration from the words of Steve Irwin, to “be passionate and enthusiastic in the direction you choose in life”, and is motivated to reflect this mindset in everything she does. During her most recent role as a Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist, she gained confidence in public speaking, fueling the fires of a great love of education and outreach where her creativity can shine to create interactive displays and to make learning fun! She is excited to be joining Purdue Extension in Jefferson County and looks forward to the new opportunities to impact youth and the community here in Jefferson County.

**We invite you to meet Savannah at the upcoming Annual Extension Board Meeting and 4-H Leader Recognition Dinner on January 29th at 6 pm in the Community Building!**



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## You're Invited

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Extension - Jefferson County

# Annual Extension Board Meeting & 4-H Leader Recognition

4-H Community, Local Officials, and Friends of Extension,

From everyone at the office and Extension Board, we wish you a joyful and safe Holiday and Christmas Season! You are invited to join us for a celebration of our 4-H Volunteers and Extension programming in Jefferson County. The night will include an Extension Impact Celebration, 4-H Leader Tenure Awards presentation, and a keynote speaker.

This year's keynote speakers will be Deputies from the Jefferson County Sheriff Department's K-9 Division. They will discuss how the K-9's are used on the force and basic obedience for police dogs.

There is a lot to celebrate from the past year and a lot to look forward to in 2025. Two major construction projects are happening on the fairgrounds, we continue to build successful, in-school programming, and we are launching new programs such as our Beyond Ready to Show Livestock program. We also have very exciting news to share about staffing in the extension office.

Extension Board elections will also be held to be voted on by 4-H Expansion & Review Committee members, ANR Advisory, and HHS Advisory Committee members. RSVPs are required to the Extension Office by January 24th. There will be a \$5 fee at the door to cover the cost of dinner.

**To RSVP, please call (812) 265-8919, email [kbachman@purdue.edu](mailto:kbachman@purdue.edu). We hope to see you there!**

Sincerely,

*Britt Copeland, Kasie Bachmann, & Diane Thorpe- Purdue Extension- Jefferson County  
Jefferson County Extension Board*

2025 Keynote Speaker:

K-9 Police Dog  
Demonstration



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**January 29, 2024**

**6- 8 pm**

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**Jefferson County 4-H Community Building**

**3852 W SR 256 Madison, IN 47250**

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# Agriculture & Natural Resources



**Southeastern Indiana Agriculture & Natural Resources**

## Lunch & Learns

January 8  
Forage Management



January 15  
Growing Bigger Fish



All Sessions take place on zoom at noon. Register for one or all sessions here: [bit.ly/seianrlunchandlearn](https://bit.ly/seianrlunchandlearn)



## Drone Farming: Innovations in Agriculture

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH**  
**6-8PM**

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**



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Switzerland Co. TEC Center  
708 W. Seminary St  
Vevay, IN 47043

**RSVP:**  
By Friday 2/14/25 to Purdue Extension (Switzerland Co.) 812-427-3152 or the SWCD 812-427-3126 ext. 3







Extension - Bartholomew County

## Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing

Build skills in writing grants for your organization. Whether big or small, this workshop will give you the information you need to submit proposals confidently

**Two Day Program 9 am - 4:30 pm**  
Day 1: February 25, 2025  
Day 2: March 25, 2025

**REGISTER NOW**

<https://event.me/d5dAx3>

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Columbus, IN 47201  
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## CORE TRAINING

Prepare for the Indiana Private Applicator/CORE exam with this in-person training opportunity. We will cover all topics in the CORE manual.

**Register by 1/15/25**  
812.379.1665  
or email [cora@purdue.edu](mailto:cora@purdue.edu)

Program will include a CORE manual and training to prepare you for the exam. This training DOES NOT include the exam. You will need to register for an exam at a testing center near you through Metro Institute. There is an additional fee for the testing. More info will be provided to registrants.

**January 24, 2025**  
**9AM - 12:30PM**  
Extension Annex Building  
783 S Marr Rd.  
Columbus, IN 47201  
**\$70 INCLUDES MANUAL**



Extension - Bartholomew County

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**SAVE THE DATE!**



## 2025 PURDUE EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER STATE CONFERENCE

### Beyond the Garden Gate:

Sharing the Knowledge of Gardening with Others!

**September 12-13, 2025**  
Hendricks County Fairgrounds, Danville, IN



More information at  
<https://purdue.ag/2025-emg-conf>

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PURDUE EXTENSION

# ***MASTER GARDENER*** BASIC TRAINING

WEDNESDAYS NOON- 3 PM THIS SPRING

JOIN OUR 2025 COHORT OF LOCAL HORTICULTURE ENTHUSIASTS



Our local Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program will be returning this spring on February 5th and will run weekly through May 7th.

The course includes an in-depth text book and a chance to network with local and state horticultural presenters on topics ranging from soil health and vegetable gardening to invasive species control and fruit tree management. This course is designed to accommodate all gardeners no matter the shade of green on their thumb.

## **PURDUE EXTENSION JEFFERSON COUNTY**

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ARE YOU READY TO **APPLY TO JOIN THE 2025 COHORT?**  
EMAIL [COPELANB@PURDUE.EDU](mailto:COPELANB@PURDUE.EDU) OR [KEWEAVER@PURDUE.EDU](mailto:KEWEAVER@PURDUE.EDU)



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**MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM**



# 4-H Youth Development



## January 15th is the Target Enrollment Date!



Hey Jefferson County 4-H it's a new year and a new 4-H season. Start it off right by getting enrolled before January 15th! Enrolling on time ensures you don't miss out on any of the year round programs 4-H has to offer such as 4-H Camp, Purdue Trips, SPARK Clubs and other special events. Visit 4-H online at [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com) to reenroll after October 1st. As always, let the office know if you have any questions, would like to



4-H Dog Members who were unfortunately imprisoned for not enrolling on time at the 2024 Jefferson County 4-H Trick or Treat Drive Thru. Don't let this be you!

## 4-H Adult Volunteer Reminders

### All 4-H Adult Volunteers must re-enroll every year on 4-H Online.

Leaders cannot hold meetings, represent 4-H or be considered 4-H leaders for insurance or liability purposes until they have enrolled. 4-H Online resets on October 1st. Please reenroll now!

Visit: [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com) to enroll today.

### 4-H Club Leader Rosters

- Check your 4-H Online Rosters before sending meeting invitations!
  - The office will send out Club Rosters with Family Contact information after January 15th so you can welcome your new families in your clubs.
  - Enrollment goes all year long! Check your rosters frequently by logging into 4-H online on the "Clubs" tab and hit manage.
  - This feature requires you to have a code and be enrolled in your club. Can't access your roster? Email the office for help.
  - After you are set up you can see your members anytime you want!

### 4-H Club Resources & Volunteers Trainings

- We have a bunch of items you can check out from the Extension Office should you need them for games at your club meetings.
- Looking for Officer Responsibilities, templates for club agendas and ideas to fill business portions of your meetings: Look here: [extension.purdue.edu/4-H/volunteer/resources-and-development/club-resources](https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/volunteer/resources-and-development/club-resources)
- Extension Educators are here to help! Let us know what you need.
- Attend the Area 1 4-H Volunteer Conference or other trainings to get new ideas for our country! Flyer on next page(s).
- And finally Save the date for the New to 4-H Night!
  - This night will be led by the Junior Leaders and is a great place to meet people new to our program! Lots more information to come on this program!





# 4-H Youth Development



## Jefferson County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet January 21st

The next Junior Leader Meeting will be **January 21st at 6:30 pm** at the Extension Office. We will be practicing team building games Junior Leaders will facilitate at New to 4-H Night and will have public speaking lesson.

Those wishing to Join Junior Leaders should sign up for the Junior Leaders Project on 4-H Online so we know to keep you informed of our upcoming events! We also have a Facebook page and a Remind Text Group. Send a text to 81010 containing "@c8k6cb" to join. We will continue to send emails, post in the Facebook group and put reminders in the newsletter. The fun is just getting started so enroll in the Junior Leaders project today! We hope to see you there!



## Graduating Seniors: Apply for the Jefferson County 4-H Scholarship!

Our local 4-H Program is thankful for the tremendous community support that allows the program to distribute scholarships to our senior members. When you are completing your community foundation scholarships make sure you select the Jefferson County 4-H Scholarship

- **ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants must: 1) be a senior or recent graduate of an area high school (including homeschool); 2) be accepted into and planning to attend any two or four year college or university, vocational or trade school; and 3) have completed four years of regular 4-H (with the last year completed in Jefferson County, IN).
- **CRITERIA EVALUATED:** 4-H participation, academic achievement, community activities, and financial need
- **REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS:** FAFSA SAI PDF upload **SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:** \$2,750 per student | 4 scholarships
- **WEBSITE TO APPLY:** [cfmjc.org/scholarships/](http://cfmjc.org/scholarships/)
- **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Friday, February 14th



## Seniors again: Complete a Survey & Get a Graduation Tassel at the Office!

Graduating 4-H'ers – Indiana 4-H wants to hear from you! What has 4-H meant in your life? Tell us via this survey at [bit.ly/IN4Hgrad](http://bit.ly/IN4Hgrad) before April 1st and receive a commemorative 4-H graduate tassel!

Pick up your tassel anytime at the Jefferson County Extension Office!

## Indiana 4-H Scholarships are available for 10th-12th graders

Indiana 4-H awarded \$176,880 in scholarships in 2024. Make sure you don't miss out on those awards. You can find information about Indiana 4-H scholarships at [extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships](http://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships). All scholarships are completed through 4-H online and are due January 25th.

Contact the Jefferson County Extension Office if you need help with your scholarships!





Area 1 4-H

# ***Beyond Ready to Show Livestock***

**March 29, 2025 10:00am - 3:00pm**

**Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds 3767 W SR 256 Madison, IN 47250**

Want to perfect your showmanship skills with advice from Livestock Judges? Need to get your Quality Care training done for fair? If so, we invite you out for a day long Animal Science and Showmanship Workshop! The event will be separated into 2 age-appropriate traveling groups.

\$10 Registration Includes

- Catered Lunch
- Door Prizes
- Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Registration
- Educational Resources

## **Agenda**

|              | <b>Junior 4-H Members</b>                          | <b>Senior &amp; Int. 4-H Members</b> |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>10:00</b> | <b>Animal Nutrition Learning Laboratory</b>        |                                      |
| <b>10:40</b> | <b>Beef Showmanship</b>                            | <b>Swine Showmanship</b>             |
| <b>11:20</b> | <b>Swine Showmanship</b>                           | <b>Beef Showmanship</b>              |
| <b>Noon</b>  | <b>Lunch</b>                                       |                                      |
| <b>12:40</b> | <b>Goat Showmanship</b>                            | <b>Sheep Showmanship</b>             |
| <b>1:20</b>  | <b>Sheep Showmanship</b>                           | <b>Goat Showmanship</b>              |
| <b>2:00</b>  | <b>Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care Training</b> |                                      |

- Presenters will include **Livestock Judges**, 4-H Volunteers and Extension Educators.
- Demonstration animals on sight for each species.
- Opportunity to complete required **IN 4-H Quality Livestock Care** Training at no extra cost.

## **Registration Required on 4-H Online Events by March 21st**

Register at: <https://beyondreadytoshowlivestock.4honline.com>

Event costs \$10. Families encourage to stay on fairgrounds with members, hospitality room will be available.

Contact Purdue Extension Jefferson County with questions at (812) 265-8919



## Area 1- Southeastern Indiana

# 4-H Volunteer Conference



**March 8, 2025**      **Hopewell Baptist Church 2319 N County Rd 850 W, Holton, IN**

Area 1 4-H Extension Educators aim to enhance the 4-H experience by bringing together volunteers from multiple counties to share best practices and learn from each other. This event is of no charge to 4-H volunteers and includes lunch, door prizes and 4-H curriculum resources. Registration is collected on 4-H Online.

### Schedule of Events

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>10 am</b><br><b>Thrive Session</b> | <b>12 noon</b><br><b>Catered Lunch</b> |
| <b>11 am</b><br><b>First Session</b>  | <b>1 pm</b><br><b>Second Session</b>   |
| Choose a topic relevant to your role. | Choose a topic relevant to your role.  |



**Registration Required on 4-H Online Events by February 28th**      **[v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)**

### First Session Options

#### 4-H Camps & State Fair

Explore the opportunities in our area and at Purdue for youth to learn on a higher level.

#### Engaging 4-H Club Meetings

Play games, learn Parli and get ideas you can bring back to your club meetings.

#### Area Fair Board Roundtable

Collaborate with area board members to publicize events and share best practices.

### Second Session Options

#### A Year of Club Meetings

Use a template provided in this workshop to schedule your year of club meetings with suggestions for learning, guest speakers, community service and fun.

#### Livestock Leader Panel

Discuss hosting Animal Science Workshops members want to attend, planning shows and best practices from fellow volunteers.

#### 4-H Judges Panel

Talk with frequently hired 4-H judges about what they are looking for in the exhibit hall and how standards compare to state fair.

**This event is free to all 4-H Volunteers** Call (812) 265-8919 or email [copelanb@purdue.edu](mailto:copelanb@purdue.edu) with questions



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# 4-H Youth Development



## Livestock/ Animal Project Update

### **Beef Tagging—April 5, 2025, 7 –10 am on the Fairgrounds**

Save the date! Any youth planning to show a beef steer, heifer, and or dairy steer at the 4-H County Fair this summer must bring their animals to the Fairgrounds for tagging/identification. Dairy Females and previously shown and tagged females with appropriate registration/identification information do not need to come to tagging.

### **Sheep, Goat, Swine Tagging—April 26, 2025, 7 –10 am on the Fairgrounds**

Save the date! Any youth planning to show sheep, goats, or swine at the 4-H County Fair this summer must bring their animals to the Fairgrounds for tagging/identification. Previously shown females that have the proper ID do not need to come to tagging.



### Livestock Exhibitor Check List

The following is a list to help you manage your 4-H Livestock Project. Complete rules are listed in your 4-H Handbook. If you have questions or need help please reach out to the Extension Office or your Livestock Superintendent.

#### ☒ **Tag your Livestock at Tagging/ID Day**

- **Animal ID Requirement—** *If you plan to or are thinking about showing at the state fair* let your livestock superintendent know at tagging in order to receive additional tags and have a DNA Hair sample collected and submitted to the Extension office **at tagging.** **Premise ID Requirement—** Premise ID's indicate where an animal originates in case a disease needs to be traced back to it's source and are required by State Law. You can look up or apply for a new Premise ID by going to <https://www.in.gov/boah/>. You only need one Premise ID for all the animals raised at the same address. Bring this number with you to tagging. Contact the office if you need help.
- **Born & Bred —** If your animal is Born and Bred, turn in the B&B form at tagging. Forms are available at the office or at tagging, see handbook for complete B&B rules.



#### **Complete a Lease Agreement & Submit to the Extension office if you plan to lease an Animal by May 1st.**



#### **Enroll your Animal on 4HOnline by May 15th (*May 16th this year because it falls on a Sunday*)**

- All animals except rabbits, chickens, dogs & cats must be enrolled on 4HOnline. To enroll you will need:
  - Tag Numbers or Appropriate ID– given at ID Day
  - Premise ID Number– given by BOAH
  - Weight– if taken at ID Day
  - Birthdate



#### **Complete Fair Entry between June 1– July 1**

- You must select your classes for your livestock projects before check in so we can print check in papers, show bills, auction bills and more. A link will be shared on June 1st for you to complete this important step.



#### **Turn in your Livestock Record Sheet or Livestock Record Sheet Alternative form at Project Check in Day**

### Outstanding Auction Checks

The Jefferson County 4-H Fair Board kindly asks that you cash any outstanding Auction Checks from this years fair. If you need a check reissued please contact the extension office.

### State Fair Project Pick Up

Don't forget to pick up your state fair projects! We enjoyed having them exhibited at the Indiana State Fair but now we need our conference room back. Any projects not picked up soon will be recycled or thrown away.

## Upcoming Dates

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u>                              | <u>Place</u>       | <u>Time</u>     |
|-------------|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| Jan. 14     | Camp JD Staff Training                    | Ripley County      |                 |
| Jan. 29     | Annual Extension Board Mtg.               | Community Building | 6:00 p.m.       |
| Feb. 11     | Camp Jr. Staff Training                   | Decatur County     |                 |
| Feb. 14     | Community Foundation Scholarship Deadline |                    |                 |
| Feb. 18     | New to 4-H Night                          | Community Building | 6:00 p.m.       |
| March 8     | 4-H Volunteer Conference                  | Holton, IN         | 10:00 a.m.      |
| March 29    | Beyond Ready to Show Livestock            | Fairgrounds        | 10:00 a.m.      |
| April 5     | Beef Tagging                              | Fairgrounds        | 7:00-10:00 a.m. |
| April 26    | Goat, Sheep & Swine Tagging               | Fairgrounds        | 7:00-10:00 a.m. |
| April 12    | Camp Jr. Staff Training                   | Jefferson County   |                 |
| June 2-6    | 4-H Camp                                  | Camp Higher Ground |                 |

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