

# November 2025 Newsletter

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## We hope to see you at our Jennings Co. 4-H Chili Supper & Purdue Extension Update!

If you are interested in sponsoring this event or providing other donations please contact our office for more information or [dwagster@purdue.edu](mailto:dwagster@purdue.edu).

**4-H Families, please scan the QRC to claim your volunteer shift!**



**THURSDAY**  
**NOV 13**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

JENNINGS COMMUNITY BUILDING  
4920 IN-3  
NORTH VERNON, IN 47265

## MENU

**\$10 PER PERSON**  
**MEAL INCLUDES:**

★ **Bowl of Chili**  
(with cheese, onions & crackers)

★ **Hot Dog OR**  
**PB Sammie**

★ **Chips**

★ **Drink**

(Tea or Lemonade)

A LA CARTE ITEMS & TO-GO AVAILABLE

★ **Dessert- \$2.00**



**SILENT AUCTION**  
**6:00-7:30PM**

benefiting the Jennings 4-H Endowment Fund that supports annual Jennings 4-H Academic Scholarships and program event fees such as 4-H Camp and State 4-H events



**EDUCATOR UPDATES**  
**7:30PM**

Purdue Extension Educators Rebekah Cartwright, Emily Stockdale and Deidre Wagster will share brief program updates and future goals

The Chili Supper proceeds will go towards Jennings 4-H improvement projects including remaining funds needed to support the new Rabbit & Poultry Barns.

Pre-sale tickets available at the Jennings Extension Office.  
Contact [dwagster@purdue.edu](mailto:dwagster@purdue.edu) or call 812-352-3033 with questions.

# November 4-H Newsletter

# Jennings County 4-H

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## Dear 4-H Families & Volunteers,

4-H enrollment is open and waiting for you to enroll!

This year's theme is:

**Jennings County 4-H Is Out Of This World!**



Hop online and be sure to enroll as soon as possible to get involved in 4-H Activities!

All the best,

Rebekah Cartwright

4-H Youth Development Educator



**FOLLOW OUR  
FACEBOOK PAGE FOR  
MORE UPCOMING  
IMPORTANT DATES!**

## 4-H Chili Supper and Extension Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars! On Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00PM, Jennings County 4-H will be hosting a Chili Supper to bring our community together in support of our local youth. Proceeds from ticket sales will go directly towards fairgrounds improvements and expanding 4-H programming right here in Jennings County. Our Silent Auction will benefit the Jennings County 4-H Endowment Fund, which provides annual 4-H Academic Scholarships, 4-H Camp Support, and support for other exciting 4-H youth trips! Pre-sale tickets will be available soon.



4-H Families: Keep an eye on your inbox for details on how you can pitch in and be a part of this special event.

Come hungry, leave inspired, and help us continue to grow the future of 4-H in Jennings County!

## 4-H Camp Junior Staff

The applications for any 4-H member in grades 8-12 who would like to serve as a Junior Director, Group Leader, Counselor, or Counselor in Training (CIT) for 2026 Southeastern Indiana 4-H Camp will be available SOON! Please watch your emails from 4-H Online for updates on the exact date that those applications will open! Payment is not required for you to apply for a Junior Staff Position. Payment is due on May 1<sup>st</sup> of 2026. You must be enrolled in 4-H to apply!

## Volunteer Enrollment

Volunteers, it is extremely important that you get enrolled as a volunteer as soon as possible to be able to assume your volunteer duties. You cannot attend meetings, events, or vote on committees until you have your volunteer enrollment complete. You can begin enrolling now. If you have any questions or are not sure which volunteer role you should select, please call the extension office or email [bargerr@purdue.edu](mailto:bargerr@purdue.edu) for guidance.

## Adult Volunteer In-Person Training

Any adult volunteer who has enrolled, but has not completed the online training videos, may attend the in-person volunteer training at 5:00 PM on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Extension Office. You must have submitted your 4-H Online enrollment before attending! The online training videos or the in person training are mandatory to be approved as a 4-H Volunteer. Please contact Rebekah if you are interested in attending this in person training at 812-352-3033 or [bargerr@purdue.edu](mailto:bargerr@purdue.edu). You must RSVP to attend.

## Important Dates

### November

- 3 Dog Club Meeting
- 4 Junior Livestock Committee Meeting
- 4 Junior Leader Meeting
- 10 4-H Council Meeting
- 10 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 11 Veteran's Day - Office Closed
- 13 4-H Chili Supper
- 17 Dog Club Meeting
- 18 Junior Leader Community Service Project
- 27 Office Closed - Thanksgiving
- 28 Office Closed - Thanksgiving

### December

- 8 Volunteer In-Person Training

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## Club Meetings & Events

- Junior Leaders
  - November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Extension Office at 6 pm
  - November 18<sup>th</sup> - Community Service Project
- Junior Livestock Committee
  - November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Extension Office at 5pm
- 4-H Council
  - November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Government Center at 5 pm
- Livestock Committee
  - November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Government Center at 6 pm
- Dog Club
  - November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm
  - November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm



## Life Skills Survey

If you are a 4-H member or a parent of a 4-H Member, please fill out the survey linked below. Here in Jennings County, we want our youth to be ready to tackle adulthood when that time comes. We would like to provide a series of Life Skills Workshops in the upcoming program year to help prepare our youth for success!

Survey Link:

[https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2fUeZViAKLQPTme](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2fUeZViAKLQPTme)

Or Scan the QR Code



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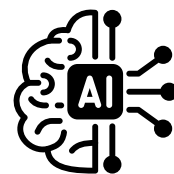
## Presidential AI Challenge



The Presidential AI Challenge is a national challenge where K-12 youth, educators, mentors, and community teams come together to solve real-world problems in their communities using AI-powered solutions, with an opportunity to showcase their solutions at a national level. Students and educators of all backgrounds and expertise are encouraged to participate and ignite a new spirit of innovation as we celebrate 250 years of independence and look forward to the next 250 years.

The contest is open to all youth in grades K-12 and to all teachers interested in making their world a better place and learning more about the possibilities of artificial intelligence. There are three tracks. Each group will contain 1-4 members and must have a mentor. Each adult mentor must be an approved 4-H volunteer. Please contact your local 4-H educator for assistance in finding a mentor or to explore volunteering as a 4-H mentor.

1. Track one: Proposal: create an in-depth proposal on how AI could address a community challenge
  - a. Grades K-5
  - b. Grades 6-12
2. Track two: Technical/Implementation: build a solution that addresses a community challenge.
  - a. Grades K-5
  - b. Grades 6-12



## UAV Technology Program

Join our beginner-friendly Drone Program designed for new pilots! This session covers everything you need to know to fly safely and legally – from basic operations and FAA rules to tips for passing required tests.



### Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Technology Program

**December 10, 2025**

**8AM-4PM**

**Southeast Purdue Ag  
Center (SEPAC)**

4425 East 350 North  
Butlerville, IN 47223

**COST: \$200**

**RSVP by Dec. 5th**

Dave Osborne  
osbornda@purdue.edu  
(812-689-6511)



- FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot Test Preparation
- Flight Instructions / Practice Flights

**NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!**

### PARP Credit Reminder

- Don't forget to check your PARP credits before the end of the year and make sure your license isn't expiring – you need 3 credits every 5 years!

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Dave Osborne at 812-689-6511 by November 26.

If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact Dave Osborne at 812-689-6511 by November 26.





## Area 1 IBCA Annual Meeting



### Area 1 IBCA Annual Meeting December 16, 2025 6:00PM

**Southeast Purdue Ag Center  
4425 East 350 North  
Butlerville IN 47223**

**RSVP's REQUIRED by December 8  
to 812-438-3656, for meal count!**

**Open to ALL BEEF  
PRODUCERS in  
Bartholomew, Brown,  
Dearborn, Jefferson,  
Jennings, Ohio, Ripley,  
and Switzerland  
Counties.**

## Materials Available

Stop by our office or check the display in the hall outside to see the materials available. If you are interested, feel free to come in and pick some up, or call ahead to ask about what we have on hand.



# Ag & Natural Resources

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## Upcoming PARPs and Events

- January 12th County PARP, 8:30-11:40 AM
- November 6<sup>th</sup>, Scott County Area PARP 6-8 pm
- December 16<sup>th</sup> Jennings County Last Chance PARP 1-3pm



Check out the Purdue On The Farm YouTube for a bi-weekly crop and weather update:

<https://www.youtube.com/@PurdueOnTheFarm>

Visit -

<https://ag.purdue.edu/departments/hla/extension/publications-and-newsletters.html> or search HORTICULTURE EXTENSION NEWSLETTERS to get signed up for topics such as gardening, fruit, lawncare, flowers, weeds, and insects, and much more. Most newsletters are a simple weekly or bi-weekly email that discusses what growers are seeing across Indiana at the current time. This helps growers of all sorts know and identify any issues they are having in their own landscape. If you are having trouble getting signed up, reach out to our ANR Educator for help.



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# Health & Human Sciences

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## ServSafe Food Manager

**\*FINAL Training for 2025\***

**Monday, Nov. 17, 2025**

**Purdue Extension Office**

**Registration 8:15 AM**

**Training begins at 8:30 AM**

**Exam immediately following**

**Register by Nov. 10th at:**

**<https://cvent.me/gDMAyN>**



## 2026 Training & Exam Dates

**Monday, January 26, 2026**

**Monday, March 16, 2026**

**Monday, May 4, 2026**

**Monday, July 13, 2026**

**Monday, September 14, 2026**

**Monday, November 30, 2026**

## Reading Made Fun: 2025-2026

If you would like to participate as a reader in Kindergarten classes for our Reading Made Fun program, please contact the office at 812-352-3033

## Reading dates/times for 2025-2026:

### Thursdays

**Dec. 11, Jan 15, Feb 5, March 5,**

**April 16, May 7**

Hayden 9:00AM

Scipio 10:10 AM

Sand Creek 12:10 PM

Brush Creek 1:20PM

### Wednesday Dec. 10

**Fridays Jan 16, Feb 6, March 6,**

**April 17, May 8**

Graham Creek 9:00 AM

St. Mary's 10:00 AM

CC-NV 11:35 AM (March 3rd)

NVE 12:20 PM

*We ♥ our  
Volunteers*

## Volunteer Training

**Monday, November 10**

**1:00 PM**

**Purdue Extension-Jennings Office**

**Youth Safety Training &  
JCSC volunteer paperwork  
must be completed!**



## 12 Nights of Bedtime Stories



We are excited to bring back our virtual stories and partner with North Vernon Main Street and JC Public Library for this special holiday series! Register youth by Dec. 7th at <https://bit.ly/12NightsBedtimeStories>

The 12  
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## Virtual Bedtime Stories

**8-19** DEC 2025 | **7 PM**  
Videos available  
online at the FB  
event only!



Join  
the  
event  
here!

Each night will have a special code word to decipher a holiday message to receive a free book at Donuts with Santa!

## Donuts with Santa

**20** DEC 2025 | **9:00-11:00 AM**  
NV MAIN STREET  
50 SHORT STREET

