

PURDUE EXTENSION *TIPPECANOE COUNTY*



FAIR SEASON!



What a summer! I can already hear my 9 year old daughter whining because she has to wake up before 9 a.m., get dressed, eat breakfast and get to the bus stop for school. Summer mode has hit hard at our house and her and I are NOT ready for it to be over.

These last two months have been jam packed with fun and exciting events in Tippecanoe County. From camps, fairs, Junior Master Gardener program, horticulture classes and much more!

The picture above captures something the 4-Hers call "Greased Watermelon Contest". It takes place Thursday night at the county fair. If you haven't been, I highly recommend attending. This was my first time witnessing it and what better way to experience it than sitting smack dab in the middle taking photos. My ears were ringing for hours after the event because of all the screams and cheering going on. What a rush! I advise you head to the 4-H Facebook page to see the photos. Spoiler alert: The sheep barn won!

Make sure to join the journey of Purdue Extension-Tippecanoe County on social media. Real time updates and information for you to enjoy.

Facebook- **Purdue Extension- Tippecanoe County**

Instagram- **@tippeco_extension**

YouTube- **Purdue Extension Tippecanoe County**

Happy reading!

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Marketing and Virtual Programming



**We will be a leader in
providing relevant,
high-impact
educational programs
that transform the
lives and livelihoods
of individuals and
communities in
Indiana and the world.**



AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

PURDUE EXTENSION'S AG AND NATURAL RESOURCES (ANR) 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 RESOURCE, HORTICULTURE, SMALL FARMS, URBAN AG, PESTICIDE USE, AND LAND CONSERVATION. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PURDUE UNIVERSITY SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS, ANR EXTENSION EDUCATORS CAN PROVIDE RELEVANT AND PROVEN BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO ADDRESS MANY CLIENT'S SITUATIONAL NEEDS.



Dr. Pat Williams presenting his Foodscaping class at the Wea Prairie Branch Public Library.



Dr. Pat Williams and Brock Turner at the Purdue Extension booth at the Tippecanoe County Fair.

The month of June for ANR centered around our Junior Master Gardener program and making site visits. Pat chaperoned the 4-H Academy from June 12-14 and got to experience a lot of Purdue's campus for the first time. He also continued his horticulture lecture series for both the Tippecanoe County libraries and the West Lafayette Public Library.

July came and we were still working with our JMG participants, the libraries, doing site visits, and the Master Gardeners hosted the Washington Mandela Fellows for a volunteer opportunity in the gardens. Pat had the honor to be a 4-H judge in Fountain County this year and with Brock's help, set up and staffed our Tippecanoe County Extension booth during fair. The Master Gardener Association of Tippecanoe County also staffed their own booth too.



Dr. Pat Williams teaching the Junior Master Gardener participants at the Extension Community Gardens.

COMMUNITY WELLNESS COORDINATOR

OUR COMMUNITY WELLNESS COORDINATORS HELP MAKE THE HEALTHY CHOICE THE EASY CHOICE. THEY COLLABORATE WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS ON BROADER COMMUNITY CHANGE THAT INVOLVES POLICY, SYSTEM, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES.

IVF FOOD VISION

Calling all health coalitions, community partners, food pantries, neighbors, family, friends... Anyone who eats food in the state of Indiana! The Indiana Food Vision is a 'by the people for the people' effort to center the voices of Hoosiers who eat, grow, or buy food. We want to hear about what matters to YOU. Please take the next 5-10 minutes to answer our statewide survey about your dreams & visions for the future of our food system: <https://bit.ly/3U7c3wB>



Cultivating a nourishing and equitable food system for all Hoosiers.

What is the Indiana Food Vision?

Our state is embarking on the exciting project of creating a statewide food vision for Indiana. The Indiana Food Vision will be a strategic road map for cultivating a robust, nourishing, and equitable food system where all communities in Indiana thrive. The Indiana Food Vision is a 'by the people for the people' effort to center the voices of Hoosiers who eat, grow, or buy food in Indiana - that means YOU!

Your Voice. YOUR Vision.

We want to hear about what matters to YOU. Help shape the Vision by taking the survey.



A roadmap for food system change



2024
Spring & Summer
Gather information through online survey and focus group meetings.



Fall
Summarize collected information from thousands of Hoosiers and begin a roadmap for change based on your voices.



Winter
Assemble the Indiana Food Vision and launch sign-on campaign.



2025
Energize support for the food vision with groups in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors and find champions for food system change.

How to get involved

Take the online survey.

Attend a focus group and share your experience.

Join our emailing list to keep in touch and stay in the know.

Share the online survey with as many people as you know through email and social media.

Reach out to hello@indianafoodvision.org to ask questions or get more involved.

indianafoodvision.org

NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM ADVISORS

BEST KNOWN FOR COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS AND SHARING FOOD SAMPLES AND COOKING TOOLS, OUR CERTIFIED NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM ADVISORS (NEPAS) OFFER FREE LESSONS FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, AND ADULTS THAT CAN MAKE A HEALTHY DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES.

June and July were packed with summer classes for Tammy and Jessica! They had the amazing opportunity to teach several classes at PALS (Purdue Athletes Life Success Program). The camp is free for families with incomes that are at or below federal poverty guidelines, and the camp is filled with various activities around Purdue's campus. Tammy and Jessica taught their classes in Meredith Hall and loved being on campus. They filled their lessons with lots of fun hands-on activities and yummy healthy snacks.



Breakfast pizzas ready to go for class.



Purdue University's Meredith Hall where classes for PALS took place.



Veggie wrap prep!

PRUNING PRACTICES THAT ACTUALLY HELP PLANTS

LOCATION: WYANDOTTE LIBRARY

AUGUST 15TH

6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

NO REGISTRATION FEE



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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



THE INDIANA 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT MISSION IS TO PROVIDE REAL-LIFE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT DEVELOP YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WILL HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THE WORLD.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY 4-H FAIR

The Tippecanoe County Fair was a huge success, thanks to the tremendous support and effort from our community. Approximately 130 dedicated volunteers contributed their time and energy throughout the fair, making everything run smoothly and efficiently. We are deeply grateful for each and every one of them! Additionally, the fair saw an impressive turnout with a combination of 1,248 Mini 4-H and 4-H members participating. Their enthusiasm and involvement were truly the heart of the event, showcasing the vibrant spirit and strong community bonds of Tippecanoe County.

SUPREME SHOWMANSHIP

Throughout the Tippecanoe County Fair, each animal project produces a Grand Champion Showman. These Grand Champion Showmen competed in Supreme Showmanship on Thursday, July 25. Supreme Showmanship consists of the Grand Champion Showmen having 10 minutes to show each animal project. Scores are tabulated at the end of the contest, and a winner is chosen. The 2024 Grand Showman is Grace Klinkhamer. Congratulations, Grace!



Grace Klinkhamer and her family pose after winning Grand Showman.

INDIANA 4-H SUMMER EVENTS

Each summer, Indiana 4-H hosts a series of enriching programs at Purdue University, tailored for 4-H members throughout the state. These programs include Round Up, The Academy, 4-H Choir, and 4-H Band. Round Up is designed for younger members, typically in grades 7-9, and focuses on personal development, leadership skills, and career exploration. Participants attend various workshops, engage in activities that promote teamwork and confidence-building, and have the opportunity to meet peers from different counties. The Academy, aimed at high school students, offers specialized tracks in areas such as science, technology, engineering, math (STEM), and agriculture, providing an in-depth exploration of these fields. Additionally, the 4-H Choir and 4-H Band programs allow musically inclined members to hone their skills, perform in a collaborative setting, and experience the joy of creating music together. We are proud to have had 4-H members participate in each of these unique and valuable opportunities this year.

4-H ENROLLMENT

We are already looking forward to the next year of 4-H! 4-H enrollment opens on October 1st for the 2024-2025 4-H year! Enrollment will remain the same, and registration will take place on 4-H Online.



A 4-Her washes his swine in preparation for the livestock show.



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4-H CAMP

4-H Camp took place June 5-7 at Camp Tecumseh. 4-H Camp is available to 4-H members in grades 3-6 who are enrolled in 4-H in one of the following counties: White, Howard, Pulaski, Cass, Clinton, Carroll, Miami, Tippecanoe, or Newton. This 3-day, 2-night camp brings together nearly 250 youth to learn and make new friends. Kids participate in hiking, archery, crafts, nature, foods, sports, swimming, and so much more! Each cabin is led by 2 high school 4-H members.

At 4-H Camp this year, Tippecanoe County had 53 4-H campers and seven Camp Counselors! 4-H Educator, Megan Skiba was also in attendance.



Campers doing an escape room activity at Camp Tecumseh during 4-H Camp.



Mini 4-H campers participating in a STEM activity.



The interns and Junior Leaders with the kindergarten group for Mini 4-H Camp.



The interns and Junior Leaders with the 1st and 2nd grade group for Mini 4-H Camp.

MINI 4-H CAMP

On June 24 and 25, we hosted our annual Mini 4-H Camp, a day camp designed for our youngest 4-H members. Mini 4-Hers joined us for two days filled with fun activities and a strong sense of community. This summer's theme was "Welcome to the Jungle!" and it truly brought the camp to life with exciting, themed activities and adventures. The camp was a mega hit, filled with laughter, learning, and new friendships. The energy and enthusiasm of our Mini 4-Hers made the camp an unforgettable experience, and we are already dreaming and planning for next year's camp to be even more spectacular.



PHOTOS OF THE TIPPECANOE COUNTY 4-H FAIR



Our marketing and virtual programming professional, Amanda Graupner, had the opportunity to capture the 4-H Fair. Here are some of her photos. To see more photos, visit the Tippecanoe County 4-H Facebook page.



HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCE

PURDUE EXTENSION HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES PROVIDES EDUCATION TO INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES IN EACH OF INDIANA'S DIVERSE COMMUNITIES. 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.

GET WALKIN' PROGRAM LAUNCH

June saw the kickoff of our email-based educational program, Get WalkIN'. This initiative encourages participants to incorporate regular walking into their daily routines, promoting physical activity and overall well-being through motivational emails and practical tips.

WORK/LIFE BALANCE OVERVIEW

Brock presented an overview of a Work/Life Balance session from the CREW program to the Tippecanoe County Recovery and Resilience Network. This session provided valuable insights and strategies for maintaining a healthy balance between professional and personal life.

LEADERSHIP ROLE

Brock officially began his term as the Vice Chair of the MaPSAC Compensation and Benefits subcommittee. This leadership role enables him to provide perspective regarding staff compensation and benefits, furthering his impact within Purdue.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Continuing his commitment to growth, Brock completed a professional development course on Artificial Intelligence in Writing with Purdue University Global. This course enhances his expertise in utilizing AI to improve communication and educational materials.

AI DATA ANALYSIS

Brock worked on implementing artificial intelligence in data analysis for a local organization. This innovative approach aims to enhance data-driven

decision-making and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the organization's initiatives.

COUNTY FAIR INVOLVEMENT

July brought the excitement of the county fair! Brock had the honor of judging health and sports posters, showcasing the talents and efforts of participants. Additionally, he entered cookies and cakes into the Open Show competition, adding a touch of culinary delight to the festivities. Brock also joined the Extension relay team for the exhilarating Greased Watermelon race, embracing the spirit of the fair.



Brock Turner competed in his first Home & Family Arts Open Show. He got blue ribbons in both his Texas sheet cake and peanut butter pecan cookies.



Brock Turner with his two boys enjoying the Greased Watermelon Contest.



Our staff and volunteers partnered with 21 Petals to create flower arrangements for the tables at the Tippecanoe County 4-H Fair.



Megan Skiba, Amanda Graupner, and Dee Nicley at the Tippecanoe County 4-H Fair.

INDIANAPOLIS STATE FAIR TICKETS FOR SALE

Support a Great Cause and Enjoy the State Fair!

Join us in making a difference in our community! When you donate \$5 or more to Food Finders Food Bank at the Extension Office, you'll receive a FREE ticket to the Indiana State Fair!

How to Participate:

1. Donate \$5 or More:
 - Visit the Extension Office at 1950 South 18th Street, Lafayette, IN 47905.
 - Every \$5 donation equals one free ticket, so feel free to donate more!
2. Get Your Free Ticket:
 - Make your donation at the Extension Office.
 - Receive your free State Fair ticket on the spot!

Why Donate?

- Fight Hunger: Your donation helps provide meals to families in need right here in our community.
- Double the Fun: Enjoy the excitement of the State Fair with your free ticket!
- Community Impact: Together, we can make a substantial impact on food insecurity in our region.

Event Details:

- State Fair Dates: August 2nd - 18th (closed Mondays)
- Location: 1202 E. 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205
- Website: <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair>
- Extension Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Help us spread the word by sharing this promotion with your friends and family. The more people who donate, the more meals we can provide to those in need.

Thank you for your generosity and support! See you at the State Fair!

This promotion is valid while supplies last.



UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

August

After school lessons at the Hanna Community Center (NEPA)

CATCH lessons at Benton Central Jr/Sr High School (NEPA)

2nd-18th Indianapolis State Fair at Indianapolis State Fairgrounds & Event Center (4-H)

15th- "Pruning Practices that Actually Help Plants" at Wyandotte Public Library 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (ANR)

21st- Back to School Bash Student Health Fair at Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (HHS)

28th- "Composting" at West Lafayette Public Library 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (ANR)

September

CATCH lessons at Earhart and Vinton Elementary (NEPA)

19th- "Planting and Maintaining Trees" at Wea Prairie Public Library 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (ANR)

26th- "Where Does Your Money Go?" Session 1 at Tippecanoe County Extension Office 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (HHS)

Please call the Tippecanoe County Extension Office for any further information. (765)474-0793



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