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Dear Friends,

Last month we wished our office manager of 10 years, Joan Rigley, a happy retirement. Thank you to everyone who stopped by the office to wish her well on her last day and to all those who managed to keep the luncheon a surprise. Joan has kept us all in line through many transitions and had a tremendous positive impact on our programs and community. We will all miss her and wish her well on her next adventure in life.

In order to conserve resources, our monthly newsletter will be published online every month but it will only be printed and mailed every other month. We post our newsletter on our Facebook page @purduebrowncounty, email it through 4HOnline, and post on our extension website: extension.purdue.edu/brown. Paper copies can always be picked up in the office. If you currently only receive a paper copy, please call the office to have an email address added.

We have several great programs planned for March and hope you will be able to join us!

Sincerely,

Britt Copeland Kara Hammes

Britt Copeland and Kara Hammes



Joan Rigley

Sewing Project Workshop– March 14, 1-3 pm

The Brown County Extension Homemakers are hosting a sewing project workshop! Take home projects, snacks and fun will be had. Join the fun! Register by March 10th by calling the extension office (812) 988 5495

Shooting Sports

Club will not meet until the end of the month!

Leaders are meeting to determine the club calendar this week. Look out for communications from the shooting sports coordinator later this month about club meetings. In the meantime, disregard the normally scheduled meetings for March.



Lick Creek Love Bugs

No Meeting this month due to Spring Break

Follow Lick Creek Love Bugs on Facebook and don't miss a thing!

Muddy Paws 4-H Dog Club

Club meetings start meeting this month!

Leaders have been working hard to secure a line up of guest presenters and judges to facilitate clinics this year! The first meeting will be an organizational meeting in the exhibit hall with NO dogs. Subsequent meetings will be held inside the pavilion. **Certificates of vaccination are required to bring your dog on the fairgrounds** and can be obtained from your leaders, the extension office, or at https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Documents/dog_vaccination_form.pdf. The Workshop schedule is included below, more meetings TBA at Introductory Meeting!



March 12, 6 pm in the Exhibit Building– Introductory Meeting

No Dogs! Members will go over supplies and vet papers needed.

March 19– No meeting, Spring Break

March 26, 6 pm in the Pavilion– Getting Started in Obedience

Guest Speaker: Candy McKean

April 9, 6 pm in the Pavilion– Conformation & Showmanship

Guest Speaker: Linda Grimsley, Columbus AKC Club

April 23, 6 pm in the Pavilion– Obedience

Guest Speaker: Gerri Bassinger, 4-H Dog Judge

3rd Annual Livestock Showmanship Clinic

April 18th at the Brown County 4-H Fairgrounds

Registration is still open for Steal the Show! If you have any questions, feel free to call/text Hannah Huber @ 812-720-1350 or by email at stealtheshowshowmanship@gmail.com!

-Hannah Huber, 4-H Volunteer Coordinator

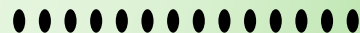
Registration Forms are available on the [Purdue Extension– Brown County Website](#) Return your form to the office or email it to copelanb@purdue.edu.

Registration is due by April 14th



Brown County 4-H Update

4-H Council



4-H Council is a group aimed at creating positive impacts through the 4-H program.

Brown County 4-H Council currently has vacant positions available!

Next Meetings:

March 2nd, 7pm in the Community Room

April 6th, 7 pm in the Community Room

Jr. Leaders Club



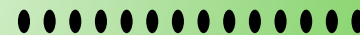
Junior Leaders is a club designed to provide members with the opportunity to learn about the qualities needed to be a leader. Any 4-H member in 7th– 12th grade is welcome to join. Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Thursday each month

Next Meetings:

March 12th, 6pm in the Community Room.

March 27th, Annual Lock In!

57th Annual Spring Blossom Parade



The Brown County Lions Club invites you or your club to participate in the 57th Annual Spring Blossom Parade on Saturday, May 2nd. The Parade Theme is the Sounds of Spring in Brown County. Registration forms are available in the extension office. This is a great opportunity to showcase 4-H, discuss with your leaders

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INDIANA 4-H



May 3 - 2pm

ID Day Goats, Sheep, Swine, Feeder Calves, Heifers

The required IDs for each animal species are included in your 4-H Handbook. The following must be completed on or by ID Day

Livestock ID Worksheet

Premise ID

Animal Location Form

Animal Lease Form

**4HOnline Deadline for
Animal ID is May 15**

Livestock Leaders

Meeting & Training will be held on **March 16 at 6 pm in the community room.** Please plan to attend and help us set up a great year!

Club Leaders

Club Financial Management

Please return your club financial audit info by **March 15th**. If you did not receive a packet, contact the extension office. These audits help us maintain our non profit status.

Time to Register for State 4-H Trips!

4-H Academy- June 10-June 12 @ Purdue University

Youth who have completed grades 9-12 will dive deep into a subject of their choice. Participants spend time with Purdue University faculty and staff and learn by doing in a college environment! Registration deadline May 15
bit.ly/4Hacademy

State 4-H Band- June 20-22 @ Purdue University

For youth who have completed grades 9-12, An immersive opportunity to learn about instrumental performance from Purdue University's Assistant Professor of Bands, Matthew Conaway. Registration deadline April 1
bit.ly/IN4Hband

State 4-H Chorus- June 20-23 @ Purdue University

For youth who have completed grades 9-12, An intensive, dynamic, challenging, and fun-filled workshop focused on singing, dancing, and performance. Registration deadline April 1
bit.ly/IN4Hchorus

4-H Council covers percentages of the cost of trips and camps based on the number of participants. Inquire with the extension office for more information!

Are you State Fair Bound?



INDIANA
STATE FAIR

The Brown County 4-H Fair will be July 27th– August 1st. The Indiana State Fair will be August 7th—August 23rd which means for the first time in several years projects will not have to leave Brown County's Fair early to exhibit at the state fair! Not only will our exhibit hall be packed full of great projects but our animal exhibitors will have more time between fairs.

State Fair Bound Livestock Exhibitors

Notify the extension office before tagging/ID days. Your animal might need additional IDs. **New this year is a DNA hair sample requirement for all livestock.** We are here to help you take advantage of all 4-H has to offer. Let Britt know if you have any questions relating to state fair.

Indiana 4-H Swine News

Use of Ractopamine (Paylean) in Market Hogs



In response to the anticipated rising demand for US pork products due to the impact African Swine Fever has had on global pork supply, JBS USA (Swift and Swift Premium) and Tyson Foods will prohibit the use of ractopamine (Paylean) in market hogs the company buys beginning in February 2020. Although ractopamine is an FDA-approved feed ingredient that helps increase the amount of lean meat in hogs, some countries such as China, prohibit the import of pork from hogs that have been fed the product. This policy change will allow these companies to better position themselves to fill increased export demand for pork. Producers had until February 4, 2020, to meet the new requirement. These companies have said they plan to work with pork producers over the next several months to begin the process of testing hogs to ensure they are ractopamine-free, ensuring compliance.

What does this mean for 4-H animals? Counties that market swine to these pork processors will also have to comply with these new requirements. It's predicted that the marketing of 4-H animals may become more difficult, as ractopamine is widely utilized in show pig feeds. Indiana 4-H is not banning the use of ractopamine in 4-H swine, but is bringing awareness that the use of this feed additive will limit hog processing to more local markets and/or other smaller processors. As always, it is important to use products responsibly under the proper label use. We will continue to follow up to keep the industry at the forefront of our educational efforts.

-Courtney Stierwalt, 4-H Animal Science Extension Specialist



This educational program will allow 4-H members to learn about the importance of animal-wellbeing, quality assurance practices, and their part in the food production system. All 4-H members enrolled in Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine must complete the YQCA program annually in order to exhibit livestock at the Brown County 4-H Fair and/or the Indiana State Fair.

There are two ways to complete YQCA.

- **In-person**—If you plan to attend an in-person training, you should obtain a coupon code from the Extension Office to cover the \$3 cost prior to registering online. **You MUST register prior to the in-person training. To register, please visit www.yqca.org.** Click “sign in/register” at the top right corner and select sign in with 4HOnline. DO NOT sign in as an independent user. (See correct login selection below.)

In-person YQCA trainings will be offered:

Friday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room
Thursday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Exhibit Building
Monday, May 11th at 6 p.m. in the Community Room

- **Online module**—Online training is also available for a cost of \$12. If you plan to complete YQCA online, please **DO NOT** obtain a coupon code as it will not work for the online course. To take the online module, head to www.yqca.org. Click “sign in/register” at the top right corner and select sign in with 4HOnline. DO NOT sign in as an independent user. (See correct login selection below.)



If you are unable to attend these in-person trainings you can complete the trainings online or check with surrounding counties for available space in their trainings.

If you have any questions regarding YQCA, please contact the Extension Office at 812-988-5495.

4-H Update—Continued



Our purpose is to instruct and educate 4-Her's through engagement, communication, and opportunities to help those interested in raising all types of goats!

4-H GOAT WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY PURDUE GOAT CLUB

04.4.2020

PURINA PAVILION

270 S RUSSELL ST.

WEST LAFAYETTE, IN 47906

9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Scan to RSVP



or email: ormem@purdue.edu



Purdue Goat Club

HHS Update

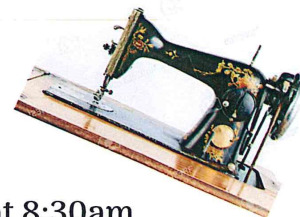
Brown County Homemaker's Extension Line



MADISON DISTRICT SPRING MEETING "Embracing Change to Meet Tomorrow's Challenges"



Rising Sun Church of Christ
315 N. High St.
Rising Sun, IN 47040
March 10th, 2020



Registration & Refreshments begin at 8:30am

Meeting begins at 9:30am

Lunch provided by the Education Center of Rising Sun

Cost of Lunch is \$14. Club officers will make RSVPs for club members.

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Health & Human Sciences Update

Social Media & Internet Safety

For Parents, Grandparents, and Guardians

When it comes to social media, the internet, and kids... Do you know what to look for? What precautions should be taken? How you can help instruct in the proper use of the internet?

If not, and you're interested in learning more, join us:

Friday, March 20 at 1:00 pm at the
Bean Blossom Community Church
(5046 N St Rd 135, Morgantown, IN
4616)



The registration deadline has been extended to **Tuesday, March 10** for this amazing workshop for caregivers! Please consider attending.

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS TRAINING

MARCH 3RD-APRIL 7TH

DINNER 5:00PM | CLASS 5:30PM-7:00PM

PARKVIEW CHURCH OF NAZARENE

1750 STATE ROAD 46 NASHVILLE, IN 47448

Date	Topic of Class
March 3 rd	"Taking Care of You"
March 10 th	"Identifying & Reducing Personal Stress"
March 17 th	"Communicating Feelings, Needs, & Concerns"
March 24 th	"Communicating in Challenging Situations"
March 31 st	"Learning from our Emotions"
April 7 th	"Mastering Caregiving Decisions"

Trainers: Leah Boas, Shelby Eggers, and Christina Rajanayakam

Help At Home, LLC will provide care for loved ones during the six-week program.

Registration is required. Call (812) 372-6918

Powerful Tools For Caregivers is sponsored by the Brown County Community Foundation.



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Community Foundation**



Let Purdue Extension help you "Get WalkIN"

Spring will soon be here and that means nicer weather with more time spent outdoors. Why not take this opportunity to start walking and moving more? Walking is a popular form of physical activity—and good for your health! Only half of all American adults get the recommended amount of physical activity. Lack of physical activity is directly related to the occurrence of adult obesity and overweight. Regular physical activity can lower risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis, depression, and falls in older adults. Walking is an excellent way for most people to increase their physical activity. It is an easy way to start and maintain a physically active lifestyle. Walking is accessible to almost anyone, doesn't require specific skills or fancy workout clothes and equipment.

Need some motivation to get started but don't have time to attend a class? Get WalkIN' is an e-mail based walking program being offered through Purdue Extension in Brown County. Participants can sign-up, walk on their own and receive e-mailed support and information. Participants will be asked to complete two short online surveys. Any resident of the county who is aged 18 years and older may enroll. If you are interested in participating or want more information contact Kara Hammes at khammes@purdue.edu. The program will begin the week of March 23, 2020, so be sure to register by March 20th to participate.

Combined HHS & ANR Update



COMMUNITY WORKSHOP—EDUCATION & VISIONING

Workshop offered two separate times on **Tuesday, March 31st**, pick ONE to attend that works best for your schedule:

- 10:00 am - 12:30 pm at the Exhibit Building at the Brown Co Fairgrounds
- 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm at the Fruitdale Volunteer Fire Department

We need your ideas for public spaces projects that can lead to a more active and healthier community! You are invited to attend a fast-paced and interactive education and visioning workshop to kick off the process.

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Enhancing the
Value of Public
Spaces

*Creating Healthy
Communities*

“Enhancing the Value of Public Spaces” in Brown County

Public spaces play a vital role in all our lives. They are the paths we bike on, the public parks we play in and the town centers where we shop. Decisions about how to design and manage these spaces can have long-term impacts on the social, economic and environmental health of our communities. The Purdue University Extension program, Enhancing the Value of Public Spaces: Creating Healthy Communities, addresses public spaces and their role in enhancing the quality of place by helping regions, communities and neighborhoods plan and prepare for a sustainable future. The Indiana-based curriculum is designed for use by decision-makers and local leaders with oversight and management of community public spaces, such as parks boards and planning commission members, public officials and their staff and members of organizations that provide services, programs or management of public spaces. The program provides a framework for collecting data on community assets and using that data to design a high-quality plan that can guide impactful improvements on public spaces.

When community leaders make decisions about public spaces such as parks, farmers markets, schools, streetscapes and courthouse squares, they make decisions that can affect the health and wellness of the community. By taking the time for thorough public engagement and planning, leaders can make their communities more vital and sustainable. Our residents can boost economic development, improve quality of life and create healthier places for individuals and families when they contribute to the planning of our public places.

Join the start of this important process on Tuesday, March 31st at either our morning or evening community workshop sessions. Come prepared to learn, provide input, and be a part of developing a recreation and parks master plan for Brown County. Special thanks to the Brown County Parks and Rec Board, Nashville Town Council/Town of Nashville Parks Board, and the Brown County YMCA for their financial support of this program.

RSVP at https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bE1tAzUEqgeoRtH

Ag & Natural Resources Update

Since I became the ANR Educator in Brown County 10 months ago, I've received far more questions about hemp than any other crop. While I've learned a lot in that time and had very informative conversations with interested Brown County farmers, Purdue Extension specialists, and representatives from the Indiana State Chemist's Office, there is still A LOT to be (re)learned about this crop, especially after last year's growing season. If you are considering growing hemp, I'd highly recommend you attend the upcoming workshop in Clark County on March 17. 2020 is another "research only" growing season in Indiana and the State Chemist's Office will only be issuing 300 hemp grower licenses. As of February 26, 2020, 159 licenses had been issued statewide.

Purdue Extension Hemp Workshop



Tuesday, March 17, 2020
Community Building, Clark County 4-H Fairgrounds
9608 Highway 62, Charlestown, IN
Registration at 8:30 am
(**\$10 for workshop costs and \$10 for those needing PARP credit**)
Program from 9 am - 3 pm
Lunch will be provided (RSVP by March 10)
Partial sponsorships: German American Bank & Farm Credit-Mid America

Topics and Speakers for workshop include:

A Review of 2019 Hemp Production - Marguerite Bolt - Purdue University
My experience as a hemp farmer in KY - Brennan Gilkison - Kentucky Farmer
Hemp seed and fiber production - J.T. Workman - JT Workman Farms, Inc, KY
2020 Hemp Agronomic Update - Thomas C. Keene - University of Kentucky
Legal requirements for Hemp Production - Justin Swanson - Bose McKinney & Evans
Researching hemp as an animal feed source - Jessica Scott - National Hemp Feed Coalition
Using SeedRight plates to plant hemp seed - Keyara Schevenius - DAVAUS, LLC Company
Federal Crop Insurance as it relates to hemp - Rhonda Scott - German American Bank
Hemp Insurance 101 - Michael Peters - Full Spectrum Insurance
USDA feedback on Indiana Hemp plan - Andrew Carty, Director, Division of Economic Development ISDA
Hemp Market Trends - Austin Rhodus - DREEM Nutrition
Biomass Supply Chain and Processing Updates - Dr. Yebo Li - HempRise, Local Hemp processor
Hemp Regulations and Seed Information - Don Robison - Purdue University

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To RSVP for this workshop, if you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, or for special dietary needs, please contact Simon Kafari by March 10, 2020 at 812-256-4591 or skafari@purdue.edu

CCH's in Cat. 1 (3), 14 (2) and RT (3) & PARP credits have been approved for this training for Indiana. CEU's for CCA has been applied for.

Remember to bring your applicators card.

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Whether or not you are able to attend the workshop, please remember that Purdue Extension is here as a resource and partner for your crop needs—hemp or otherwise.

Volunteers, Youth, Homemakers & Community: March 2020

1st	4-H Scholarship Dinner	Community Room	5 pm
2nd	4-H Council Meeting	Community Room	7 pm
3rd	Master Gardener—Fruit & Vegetable Gardening	Community Room	6 pm
7th	4-H ID Day for Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	Livestock Barns	7 am
10th	4-H Cattails Cat Club Meeting (rescheduled from 3/3)	Pavilion	6 pm
10th	Master Gardener—Pesticide Safety & Alternatives	Community Room	6 pm
10th	Fair Board Meeting	Exhibit Building	7 pm
12th	Extension Homemakers Council Meeting	Community Room	1 pm
12th	4-H Muddy Paws Dog Club Meeting	Pavilion	6 pm
12th	4-H Junior Leaders Meeting	Community Room	6 pm
14th	4-H Sewing Workshop	Community Room	1-3 pm
14th	Think Spring! Think Seeds! Seed Gardening Workshop	Brown County Public Library	1:30 pm
14th	Area 1 4-H Rabbit Workshop	Ripley County Fairgrounds	10 am
15th	DEADLINE TO ENTER 4-H BEEF AND DAIRY BEEF STEERS	4HOnline	
16th	Herb Society Extension Homemakers	Brown County Public Library	3 pm
16th	4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting	Community Room	6 pm
17th	Master Gardener—Organic Gardening & Herb Gardening	Community Room	6 pm
17th	4-H Bit & Bridle Horse & Pony Club Meeting	Kim Stout's House	7 pm
19th	Quick Quilters Extension Homemakers	Trafalgar Library	12:30 pm
20th	Social Media and Internet Safety for Parents & Guardians	Bean Blossom Com- munity Church	1 pm
23rd	"Get WalkIN" program begins	E-mail based	N/A
24th	Master Gardener—Invasive Species & Native Plants	Community Room	6 pm
25th	Daydreamers Extension Homemakers	Community Room	10 am
26th	Cedar Hills Extension Homemakers Pitch-In	TBD	TBD
26th	4-H Muddy Paws Dog Club Clinic	Pavilion	6 pm
26th	4-H Animal Club Meeting	Exhibit Building	7 pm
31st	Enhancing the Value of Public Spaces (just attend one)	Exhibit Building	10 am
31st	Enhancing the Value of Public Spaces (just attend one)	Fruitdale Fire Dept	6 pm
31st	Master Gardener—Plant Diseases	Community Room	6 pm

PURDUE FAST START

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The Purdue *Fast Start* program is an opportunity for Indiana high school students to earn up to a year of free college credit from Purdue University. A partnership between Modern States (the online learning platform for advanced-placement courses) and Purdue University will assure Purdue University admission to all students who pass a minimum of five College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams. A \$1 million gift from the founder and CEO of Modern States, Steve Klin-sky, and his wife Maureen will cover the cost of 10,000 CLEP exam fees. If you are or someone you know is planning to attend Purdue University this is an awesome opportunity to jump start your collegiate career. Questions can be directed to Purdue Undergraduate Admissions or the Purdue Extension—Brown County Office.

You can learn more at purdue.university/faststart.