

2020 – 2021 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Extension in Martin County

- **Learner Sessions: 76**
- **Learner Hours: 102**
- **Fast Start Outreaches: 117**
- **Fast Start Contacts: 2027**
- **Learning Event Volunteers: 37**
- **Learning Event Volunteer Hours: 183**
- **PK-12 School Events: 8**
- **Diversity Events: 16**

4-H PROGRAM STATISTICS

County Youth Learn Life Skills through 4-H

Martin County youth in grades K-12 are participating in programs provided by 4-H Youth Development staff and volunteers.

Members in local 4-H clubs learn life skills related to leadership, health and safety, citizenship and agriculture.

- 261 Youth Participants
- 45 Certified Adult Volunteers
- 600+ Martin County 4-H Fair Projects
- 62 Indiana State Fair Projects



Martin County 4-H Fair

The fair is a showcase celebration that provides the opportunity for the community to enjoy the talents of our local youth through projects, demonstrations, and exhibitions, including but not limited to: livestock care and showmanship, art and craft skills, cooking, baking, welding and craftsmanship. Project submissions were both virtual and live. More than 600 projects were submitted by the youth of Martin County!

Performing Arts

This event is designed to allow youth to exhibit their talents in a fun way. Youth acts include but are not limited to singing, dancing, and skits. This year Wayden Waggoner was the county champion. Congratulations!

Bottle Caps to Benches

This project, lead by the Martin County Jr Leaders, saved plastic from entering landfills. With 810 lbs. of plastic bottles caps being recycled, 6 benches were created for the community.

Clover Gaming

Clover Gaming is new STEM program that fosters critical thinking, creativity, competition, and collaboration through the design of board games. Programming was delivered through community and school programs to youth in Martin County. Youth learned presentation skills, career options, new project processes and logistics.

Summer 4-H Camp

Youth in grades 3-7 enjoyed two days of activities including: survival skills, swimming, field games, crafts, and more. Youth were empowered by trained camp counselors and were encouraged to try new things and celebrated their successes!

4-H T-Shirt Design Contest

Martin County 4-H hosted this contest to showcase the talents of the community. The theme of the contest was: Opportunity4All. The winning design was created by Rylee Bauer. T-shirts featuring the winning design were produced and sold; benefiting 4-H!

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTIONS

INSTAGRAM

268 Followers
26% increase in followers
127 Posts

FACEBOOK

382 Followers
45% increase in followers
284 Posts



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WHAT IT MEANS TO MARTIN COUNTY

12.9%

FOOD INSECURITY

12.9% of Martin County residents are food insecure. Food insecurity refers to USDA's measure of lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. Food-insecure households are not necessarily food insecure all the time. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritionally adequate foods.

FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION

Over 8,700 Farmers to Families food boxes were distributed between September 2020 and April 2021. This is approximately \$426,300 worth of food. The food boxes contained dairy, protein, and fresh produce.

8,700 boxes

420 hours

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS! We were able to distribute boxes with the help of approximately 30 volunteers at each distribution for over 2 hours each. This adds up to approximately \$11,424 worth in volunteer time.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

We can't forget to thank all those who donated their TIME, TALENT, and RESOURCES! This includes, but is not limited to fork lifts, pallet jacks, traffic control, media coverage, box delivery, etc.

thank you

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION OF PURDUE EXTENSION ASSISTED DISTRIBUTIONS: OVER \$437,724

<https://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2018/overall/indiana/county/martin>

Farmers to Families Food Box Program

This program provided healthy boxes of nutritious food to families free of charge. Each box contained dairy, protein, and fresh produce. With 12.9% of Martin County residents facing food insecurity, this program made a huge impact! Food insecurity refers to the USDA's measure of lack of access at times to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members, and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally dense foods.

Community Involvement

Purdue Extension and Martin County 4-H participated in the Loogootee Summerfest as well as the Shoals Catfish Festival. Adult volunteers led these engagements with many youth & adults participating.

Pressure Canning Learning Event and Gauge Testing

This program was presented by Tonya Short, MPH, CHES Extension Educator—Health & Human Sciences and Master Home Food Preservation Instructor. The program was free and covered best canning practices. Canners were tested for \$5 at the conclusion of the program of which 1 canner failed and saved food waste, and maybe even stopped a food illness.

Martin County Embraces #Opportunity4All

Now more than ever, millions of young people face a widening opportunity gap in education, mental health and social inequities, which threaten their potential and the growth of our communities. As our country as well as Martin county endures struggles of COVID-19, and having youth you both in and out of school, we encourage all to watch a powerful discussion that brings together young people and adults in solutions that create opportunity for all youth. Visit: <https://bit.ly/MartinCountyLearnsOpportunity4AllYouth>

Goose Chase App Launched

Thanks to the sponsorship of Farm Bureau, during the 2021 Martin County 4-H Fair, all were invited to participate in a scavenger hunt on mobile devices. There were 10 different missions which involved different places around the fairgrounds to find clues and learn!

Skill-A-Thon Career Development Event

This event teaches youth livestock knowledge and skill growth which provides an array of technical skills, confidence development, leadership growth, and soft skills attainment. The Senior 4-H Team qualified for State, advancing from area, empowering statewide 4-H collaborations and connections.

