

The Warrick County Clover Gazette

November/December 2023

Calendar of Events

Extension office Closed for:

Nov 7 Election Day Nov 10 Veteran's Day Nov 22-24 Thanksgiving Dec 25-26 Christmas Dec 29 – Jan 1 New Year's

Fair Board Meeting

November 13th – 6 PM December 11th – 6 PM

Center Board Meeting

November 13th – 7 PM December 11th – 7 PM

4-H Council Meeting

November 21st – 7 PM December 19th – 7 PM Fall is Here; so is 4-H Enrollment...It seems absolutely impossible that October has come and is almost gone! We welcome the fall season which includes the crisp air, beautiful colored leaves, pumpkins, farmers busy in the fields and for some, a very busy fall schedule of sports, school and family fun.

Fall and Winter for the 4-H Program... The fall and winter months always seem so busy with rule changes and gearing up for new things for the following year. This year is no different at all, you will want to stay in the know by checking out the Warrick County Purdue Extension website at extension.purdue.edu/warrick. Here you will be able to view the Clover Gazette Newsletter at your fingertips and be made aware of all the opportunities and changes for the new programming year. Also, be sure to follow us on Facebook at Warrick County 4-H.

Get Enrolled for 2024...I encourage you to invite a friend to give 4-H a try for the year; maybe you have a common interest in Foods, Aerospace or Americana projects. Whatever the case may be, think about how much fun you have in 4-H and how much fun it would be if your non-4-H friends joined along with you!!!

Enrollment Deadline Enrollment is officially open: October 1, 2023 to January 15, 2024 Add/Drop Project Deadline: May 15, 2024

4-H Enrollment is an easy two-step process:

Complete Enrollment via the 4-H Online Enrollment system-see website for help v2.4honline.com

Pay annual 4-H Program Fee

\$5.00 for Mini 4-H (Grades K - 2) \$30.00 for 4-H (Grades 3-12)



Indiana is receiving close to \$870 million for broadband – how much Warrick County gets is up to you

A huge investment is underway to make sure rural and underserved communities have equal access to broadband. Where the money goes will be based on data collected. We need as many people as possible to submit information about their internet in order for Warrick County to get the most funds possible. You may have completed similar speed tests over the past year or two – but this is the one that will determine where the most need is and where the money will go.

Here's what to do to make sure your location is counted:

- If you do not have internet, text "Internet" to 463-946-4699 or call 463-946-4699
- If you do have internet of any kind (excluding cell data):
 - 1. Visit https://connectingindiana.com/ to submit a speed test
 - Make sure you are connected to your home (or business) internet and not to cellular data.
 - It is important to do this multiple times at different times of the day
 - 2. Visit https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov, enter your address and look to see which internet providers are listed as available for your address
 - Make sure the "fixed broadband" tab is selected
 - If your address comes up at the wrong spot, click on the dot that is closest to the address pin and verify that it is the correct address. If it is not, click location challenge on the right
 - If your provider availability list is incorrect, click availability challenge on the right

A couple of important notes:

- If your tested internet speed is less than 100Mbps download and 20Mbps upload (aka 100/20) you are considered <u>underserved</u>
- If your only internet option is satellite you are considered unserved.
- If you have dedicated wireless (not cell phone data) that is considered served.
- This is <u>not</u> for cellular data. However, you can follow step 2 above and select the "mobile broadband" tab to see which services are listed as available for your address.

For step by step instructions with screen shots visit: https://pcrd.purdue.edu/3-steps-to-bring-better-broadband-to-indiana

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO INTERNET OR YOUR SPEED IS LESS THAN 100/20, you should also visit https://www.in.gov/ocra/broadband/icp/ and click at the top where it says "click here to register". This will allow you to call special attention to your address. If you don't know all the questions, that is ok. What is most important is your name, phone number, physical address, email address if you have one, and county. The rest can be left blank if you don't know the answer.

Financial assistance is available to those within certain income levels. Visit https://www.fcc.gov/acp to learn more and apply for assistance.



Warrick County 4-H Volunteer Corner

Updates, Information and Available Opportunities for YOU



Seeking Adult Volunteers...

While many volunteers stay with us for years, when a volunteer signs on, they are only making a one-year commitment that needs to be renewed each year. We always have need for volunteers to help on projects, 4-H grounds, 4-H Fair and etc. Please consider donating your time and talents!

Please contact Carla Kidwell @ kidwellc@purdue.edu or call the Extension Office if you are interested in being a 4-H Volunteer.



Yearly Volunteer Commitment

Volunteers must recommit volunteer efforts annually in order to continue serving in a volunteer role with the Warrick County 4-H Program. You may simply log into your v2.4honline account to complete this process.

Enrollment opened October 1st. Please make re-enrolling a priority and complete ASAP. There are re-enrollment instructions on the website at extension.purdue.edu/warrick. Once page is open, scroll down to Warrick County 4-H. Click on Learn About Our 4-H Program. Click on 4-H How Do I Join? Scroll down to instructions.

Volunteer recommitment includes updating contact information, selecting volunteer role and viewing the required training videos. Once these steps are complete on your end you will enter "Awaiting Review". We will then review your enrollment, confirm everything required is complete and accept volunteer recommitment as needed for all available positions.



THANK YOU!







Community Builders meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month @ 6:30PM at the Chandler Community Center.

<u>Paradise 4-H Club</u> meets on the 3rd Monday of every month from 6-7:30 at the Newburgh Public Library Bell Road.

Degonia meets @ the Alcoa Building at 1 PM Nov. 26th, December 17th, Jan. 14th

Warrick Wranglers meets January-August the 1st Monday of the month at the 4H Center. First Meeting will be January 8 at 6:30 in the Alcoa Building.

Warrick Warriors Christmas Celebration December 2nd at Zion Church and parade is at 10. 4-H will have lunch.

MINI 4-H will have its first meeting February 13th at 5 PM in the Alcoa Building

Southside finished their fall fundraiser during the Boonville Square Flair. We appreciate everyone who stopped by and bought food from our booth! We have a meeting on October 30th and November 27th at 6pm-7pm.

Warrick STEM meetings will be held the second Thursday of the month 6:00-7:15pm in the Diamond Room at the Newburgh Public Library on Bell Road. First meeting was Oct 12. Some meetings may be held at alternate locations and/or alternate dates for the 2023/2024 year. Contact Katherine Bush (812-629-5515) or Katie Kelle (812-453-9153) for updated information.





To All Tractor Project Members and Parents,

In order to accommodate some changes, this year the Tractor Project meetings will start earlier than they have in years past. Our goal is to implement more practice time and still have time to enjoy our field trips. We plan to run the program a little differently by not only teaching kids how to properly operate equipment, but also focus more intently on test questions and how to ID equipment parts. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BRING YOUR TRACTOR FOLDER TO ALL MEETINGS SO YOU WILL HAVE THE PROPER PAPERWORK TO STUDY AT HOME!

We really want to make these practices fun and enjoyable all while providing knowledge and understanding so that 4-Hers will adhere to the importance of equipment safety. Therefore, we have discussed some rules that we ask everyone (parents, grandparents, siblings, etc.) to please follow for your safety and the 4-Her's safety.

- 1. Please make sure that the 4-Her wears proper clothing to all meetings (Closed toed shoes, no crocs or sandals, no loose clothing, no cut off shirts). If the child does not have proper clothing, they will not be allowed to drive that day.
- 2. If the child is operating a piece of equipment, please let one of the leaders assist them on driving unless discussed differently with a leader. Also, if the child is driving, we ask that parents, siblings, other 4-Hers in attendance DO NOT yell or distract the child on the equipment.
- 3. If at any point one of the leaders thinks a child is not properly operating the equipment or is not listening to the leader teaching them, then that child will immediately be asked to stop the machine.

Future meetings: All meetings will be on the 4-H Fairgrounds, unless otherwise scheduled. In that case, you will be notified.

October 29 @1pm-3pm February 18 @ 1pm-3pm
November 19 @1pm-3pm March 17 @ 1pm-3pm
December no meeting April 21 @ 1pm-3pm
January 21 @1pm-3pm May 19 @ 1pm-3pm

If you have any questions, please contact Dwayne Schmitt at 812-305-3902 or by email at kadfarms2000@gmail.com.

Sincerely, Warrick County Tractor Leaders Dwayne, Ian, Kendra, and KC





ROBOTICS CLUB MEETINGS 6 PM-7:30 PM

@ Zion UCC Church 10 W 1st Street in Newburgh November 9th January 4th (no meeting in December)



RABBIT CLUB will not meet in November or December.

January 2024 TBD. All new and interested 4-Hers are welcome to attend. Join our Facebook Group – Warrick County 4-H Rabbit Club for the latest announcements. If you have any

questions, please feel free to contact Megan Harris at 812-706-4330.



AREA BEEF MEETING

Camp Counselor Overnight

for 9th - 12th grade will be Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 7PM in the Alcoa Building

2024 Warrick County Camp

Thursday, May 30th to Sunday, June 2, 2024 at the Historic Santa Claus Campground

Area 3: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. ET / 6:00 p.m. CT; The Village Inn,
Petersburg

RSVP to the Gibson County Extension office @ 812-385-3491 by 12/6/23.

Current IBCA Director: Mick Douglas

The IBCA area meetings are open to all beef producers and feature great food, valuable information on beef issues, policies, programs, and fellowship. There will also be updates on current news& events from Indiana Beef Cattle Association and Indiana Beef Council, Indiana State Board of Animal Health, National Cattlemen's Beef Association and Purdue University Extension.



Soil and Water Annual Meeting will be on January 30, 2024 at Friedman Event Center in Newburgh starting at 6PM CT







PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2023

REGIONAL AG FORUM

Wed, Nov 29 | Toyota Events Center 709 N Embree St, Princeton, IN 47670, USA

Good information and great opportunity for networking with other producers in the region. Panel of regional farmers discussing relevant topics as well as up-to-date information on climate smart funding.

Adam Daugherty will speak on beginning cover crops, followed by a farmer panel. At 11 am, there will be climate smart funding speed talks. Lunch is provided free of charge, but registration is required. After lunch, Adam Daugherty will speak again on a more advanced topic. The day will start at 7:30 am CST with registration, doughnuts, coffee and networking and should wrap up around 2 pm CST.

Registration: Scan the QR Code above or use the link below https://www.ccsin.org/event-details/regional-ag-forum

Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative







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Urban Tree Health and Care

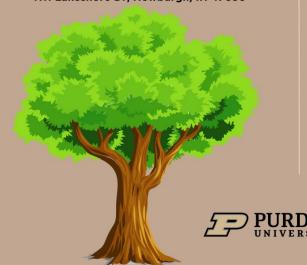
Come and learn from Amanda Mosiman, Ag and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension on how to protect, maintain, and care for your backyard trees!



November 14, 2023 5 - 7 pm CT

Chandler-Newburgh Library:

Bell Road - Emerald Room 4111 Lakeshore Dr. Newburgh, IN 47630



Upcoming Series Dates:

Fruit Tree Workshop

- · How to select the right tree
- Care for fruit trees
- How to plant tree
- Maximize production
 January 25, 2024



Bramble Workshop

- Blackberries, raspberries, blueberries, etc.
- How to prepare soil for success
- · Choosing the right bramble
- Care of brambles
 February 15, 2024



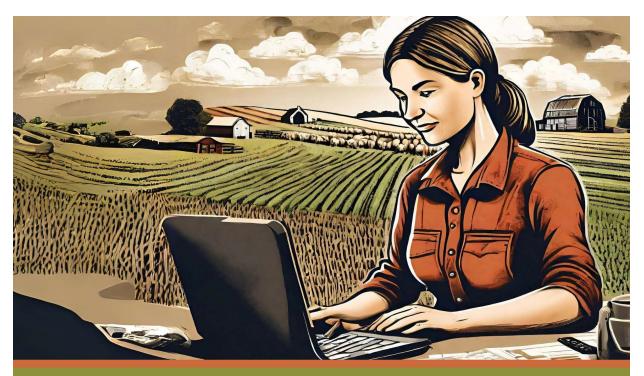
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Call or email to reserve your spot!

warrickswcd@gmail.com | Warrick SWCD: 812-897-2840 ext. 3

If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend this program please call one week prior to the event Purdue University and the USDA are equal opportunity providers, employers and lender.



TAX STRATEGIES FOR MIDWESTERN FARM AND RANCH WOMEN

A 3-STATE/3-PART VIRTUAL WORKSHOP SERIES

Nov. 28 | Dec. 5 | Dec. 12 7:30-9 p.m. Eastern

TAX 101 SCHEDULE **F** ESSENTIALS ACCOUNTING &

DEDUCTIONS

REPORTING & COMPLIANCE

\$30 registration fee | REGISTER BY NOV.27 https://tinyurl.com/WIATax23







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A Message From Jo -

Hello!

As we move through our season of Fall we all start to think about "holidays". I have included some information on how to approach your holiday season, so you have joy and fun, no regrets and no financial hardship when the bills come due!

In the New Year I will be collaborating with the Alzheimer's Association to bring their educational programs to our community. Reach out if you are interested in the information and/or have an organization that would like to host a program.

To obtain information on the resources through Alzheimer's Association visit their website at: www.alz.org

While our courthouse building office is temporarily closed the best way to reach me is through email: jgilreat@purdue.edu or you can call the posted phone numbers:

812-316-6367 or 812-302-3422

Be Well - Jo Gilreath

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HHS Newsletter Highlights

Message from Jo

Plan for Holiday Shopping

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Homemakers Info
from President







Approach Holiday Shopping with a Plan

-friendly tips from Extension Educator Jo Gilreath

The holidays can be a time of fun and joy. They can also be a time for over-spending, a source of distress and regret. If you approach the holiday season with a **PLAN** you'll find more joy than regret!

To start, look at your "budget". How much have you allocated for **SPENDING** on **EXPENSES** over the Holiday season? How much is in your savings or "extra expense" categories? If you do not have those amounts designated, crunch some numbers and come up with an amount you are comfortable spending from November-January.

Once you have those numbers, get out a pad of paper or a spreadsheet and make a **LIST** of items you typically purchase or expect to purchase between November-January. You may be shocked to realize that money is spent on more than just gifts!

YOUR LIST MIGHT INCLUDE:

- o Gifts to family (list each person)
- o Gifts to friends, neighbors, co-workers (list each person)
- o Tips for service providers (list each person)
- o Stocking Stuffers
- o Seasonal decorations
- o Holiday cards, postage
- o Gift wrap materials
- o Personal Care i.e. hair, nails, dry cleaning...
- o Clothes for special events
- o Tickets for special events
- o Travel expenses i.e. gas, airplane ticket, pet-sitter...
- o Extra food & kitchen items for parties, baking..
- o Meals eaten out i.e. get-togethers, carry out...
- o Charitable donations
- o Annual subscriptions that happen to be due Nov-Jan i.e. insurance, licenses, magazines, phone ...
- o Other Continued...



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Approach Holiday Shopping with a Plan

Continued...

Go back to your **LIST** and the amount of \$ you allocated to **SPEND**, consider how you would **DIVIDE THAT UP** over all the items in the list.

Often our list is more than our means! So, for each item ask yourself:

Is spending on this a need or a want?

What are my alternative options?

For example, could you approach some people and agree to not exchange gifts? Could your family draw names and buy one item vs a handful? Would it be ok to gift gently used items? Or handmade items? Could you give the gift of your time, like a coupon to babysit, mow the yard, housesit? Or, give the gift of doing an activity together, like a hike, picnic, or show. How about the gift of a photo and a letter expressing gratitude and a special memory with the person? Could you borrow a dress from a friend for a special occasion? How about visiting a local thrift shop for gently used seasonal items like boots, coats, scarfs, gift wrap, even decorations?

It is always helpful to ask people, what do you really want? It doesn't help anyone for money to spent on items that are not needed or used by the recipient. Think before you buy – get creative, while being practical.

Try to resist the urge to buy unnecessary things that the stores and advertisements bombard us with – again, always ask "Do I need this?". Take inventory of what you have; you may find items you forgot you had which you can use. You may be reminded of the money you wasted on stuff that you didn't need or really use!

Now, make a **SHOPPING PLAN**. Set a designated day or two, either online or in the stores. Resist impulse buying and don't give in to all the marketing of "specials!!". **Be Smart While You Shop!**



My hope is your Holiday Season is filled with more joy than distress. - Jo



Warrick County Extension Homemakers Club

News from Terri & Lori-

Hello Homemakers:

We have set meeting dates for 2024. All Council meetings will be on Mondays at 5:30pm in the Homemaker Building. Please mark your calendar and send a representative from your club: Jan. 15th, April 15th, June 17th. (Board meetings will be the week before on Mondays at 1:00pm).

Spring District Meeting is set for Wednesday March 13th in Dubois County, in Huntingburg at the Teen Outback Center. The 2024 IEHA Conference is June 10-12th in Noblesville at the Embassy Suites.

Annual member packets will be handed out at the January Council meeting. DUE DATES: County dues and membership lists February 1st, Achievement Reports March 1st and Warrick County Scholarships (for children or grandchildren of Homemakers) are due March 1st.

Please be thinking of becoming a county officer since all are needed. Sincerely, *Terri Dicus* IEHA County President

GIFT LIFT 2023

Hi,

my name is Lori Taylor and I have volunteered to chair the Annual Gift Lift. This year we are asking that each club or individual member make a cash donation only, rather than bringing in bags of clothing. I am able to have great prices, select the sizes of clothing needed, and have everything shipped to my home. This saves lots of time collecting things every few days from the Extension office and interrupting the staff's work day. Donations need to be received by November 30th and may be mailed to my home address:

Lori Taylor 4294 Martha Ct. Newburgh IN 47630

I will be ordering everything on December Ist , so all items can be delivered to the care facilities by mid-December. Thank you for supporting our community,

Lori Taylor Treasurer





