



**Weekly Extension Update**  
**Purdue Extension, Pulaski County**  
**February 12, 2019**

**General Extension Reminders**

Welcome to the weekly update. Below are weekly reminders of events, activities, and deadlines that relate to Purdue Extension of Pulaski County. If you have questions or concerns, please call the office at 574-946-3412 or link directly to our Website for more information, [www.extension.purdue.edu/pulaski/](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/pulaski/).

**4-H Youth Development**

- **2019 4-H Online Enrollment is still open! Enroll online today at [4hOnline!](#)**
- **Attention Club Leaders!** If you have not already scheduled your club meeting dates for the year, now is the time to do so!
- **4-H Volunteers:** There are some 4-H projects that do not have Project Leaders. If you are interested in becoming a Project Leader, please contact the Extension Office.
- **The Winter S.T.E.M. Challenge** will be starting at the [Francesville Public Library](#) on Thursdays in February (7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>) at 4pm!
- **Maker Kit Club:** February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30-5:30pm at the Pulaski County Public Library. Join us as we take on different types of Maker Kit activities and challenges! Contact the Extension Office for more information.
- **Indiana Money Smart Week:** Students in grades 6-8 are encouraged to answer the Money Smart Question with an essay of 300 words or less. Entries are due by February 22. The committee will review all essays and the top three finalists will be invited to attend the Indiana Money Smart Week Kickoff luncheon in Indianapolis on March 29. All three will receive a CollegeChoice 529 plan deposit and one of them will be named Indiana's Money Smart Kid 2019.
- **4-H Open House & STEM Night:** Curious of what projects are available in 4-H? Want to try out some new STEM activities? Visit the 4-H Open House & STEM Night on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 6PM, at the Highway Garage to learn more about 4-H projects and fun STEM activities! **Project Leaders:** If you would like a booth at the 4-H Open House to tell 4-Her's more about your projects, please contact the Extension Office.
- **YQCA Trainings** will be February 28<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm at the Highway Garage, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm at the West Central Elementary Cafeteria, and May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-7pm at the Bethel Bible Church. If you are exhibiting livestock at the 2019 Pulaski County 4-H Fair, you **MUST** complete a YQCA training before June 1<sup>st</sup>. In-person trainings cost \$3 while the online trainings cost \$12. You must enroll online at <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login> with your 4-H online credentials for the training you wish to attend in order to receive credit for the training.
- **Volunteer Vision:** Stay on track with the 4-H Volunteer Vision at <http://mailchi.mp/acc269dce4c9/wroi8i4x84-3175301?e=cb136a5514%20>

## Learning Center

Check out the classes that Learning Center is offering the next couple of months. All classes are \$30 (unless noted) and are mostly offered from 1-3 or 6-8 PM EDT. To register or learn more, call the Pulaski County Extension Office at 574-946-3412.

- Learning eBay: February 19<sup>th</sup> (6-8PM) FREE
- Intermediate Word: February 20<sup>th</sup> (10AM – 2PM)
- Intermediate Excel: March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> (5-7PM)
- QuickBooks: March 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, & 14<sup>th</sup> (6-8PM) \$45
- Publisher OR Power Point: March 11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>
- Basic Excel: March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>
- Basic Word: March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>
- Getting Started With Computers: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>

*Another Cricut workshop will be scheduled in the spring. You will be able to learn about the machine and make a craft to take home. Call the Extension Office to get on the list!*

## Agriculture & Natural Resource

- **Pulaski Crops Update** on March 1st, 9am, at Bethel Bible Church. There will be PARP and CCH credits available. This program will feature Extension Soils Specialist Jason Ackerson, who will cover soil sampling methods. Jim Camberato, Purdue Fertility Specialist, will be covering soil fertility and fertilizers.
- **2019 Indiana Organic Grain Farmer Meeting:** Registration is now open for Indiana's only conference focused on organic grain production! This is a two day conference on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the Beck Agricultural Center in West Lafayette. To find out more information or to register for this event, visit <https://extension.purdue.edu/event/24590>.
- **Fruit Pruning Workshop** on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00pm at Meig's Horticulture Research Farm. There will be demonstrations on pruning grapes, apples, peaches, and brambles and also hands on experience for participants. To find out more information or to register for this event, go to <https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com>.

## Health & Human Sciences

- **Research has shown** that having social support and personal networks makes getting regular physical activity, eating healthy, losing weight, and quitting smoking easier. During American Heart Month, assemble your squad and start getting heart healthy!

## Nutrition Education Program

- **Chat and Chew with Deb:** Learn more about healthy eating with NEP Deb Winter at the Winamac First Methodist Church every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday.
- **Trying to eat healthier** as a family doesn't mean you can't enjoy pizza. Try whole wheat English muffins for added fiber. Cut up a variety of fresh veggies and everyone can create their own pizza. <https://www.mainesnap-ed.org/recipes>

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any program, prior to the meetings, contact the Pulaski County Extension Office

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