

# PURDUE EXTENSION



## Making a Difference in Posey County

### 4-H'ers Learn Leadership & Life Skills

4-H helps develop the leadership and life skills of the young people of Posey County. Last year, 263 members reported that participation in 4-H helped develop their skills in the following areas:

Organizing	Budgeting	Speaking
Listening	Reasoning	Helping
Writing	Planning	Focusing

One 4-H member said, "I had to budget my money in order to get all of the ingredients I needed for my projects." Another member wrote, "I had to make deadlines and set goals in order to complete my projects and do them right."

### Farmers Market Boosts Economy

Nationwide, farmers markets are a \$1 billion industry. Purdue Extension in Posey County helped organize the Mt. Vernon Farmers' Market that began in June 2009. It:

- Is a marketplace for local farms and artisans.
- Ensures that all goods are produced locally.
- Provides fresh produce and local crafts to citizens, including WIC participants.

### Purdue Extension Delivers

- *AgAnswers* provides timely agricultural problem-solving advice: [www.aganswers.net](http://www.aganswers.net).
- *Local Decision Maker* helps Indiana communities make informed land use decisions: <http://ldm.agriculture.purdue.edu>.
- *Money on Your Mind* answers questions about stretching dollars in tough economic times: [www.extension.purdue.edu/money](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/money).
- *New Ventures Team* experts help entrepreneurs and small business owners: [www.agecon.purdue.edu/newventures](http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/newventures).

### Program Builds Financial Confidence

In fall 2008, 27 women participated in a series of six Focus on Financial Management workshops. Before the series, 48% of the participants felt they did not have the knowledge, skills, or ability to affect their financial position in a positive manner. At the end of the series, all participants said they felt confident about managing their money. Participants also identified financial goals that they were working toward as a result of the series.

### Learn More About Purdue Extension in Posey County



- Posey County is the #1 wheat-producing county in the state. Purdue Extension conducts variety trials for wheat, corn and soybeans.
- 4-H enrolled 263 youth 2008-09. They learned about goal setting, teamwork, communication techniques, decision making, and handling conflict.
- Twenty-nine Consumer and Family Sciences educational programs were offered in 2008-09, and 523 youth and 1,215 adults participated.

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