

New Purdue University Extension Coordinator Discusses 4-H



(By Nathan Vandrey) For Nora Bruns, working with children isn't a job, it's a calling and a passion. So it was with great joy that she found herself applying her knowledge in Environmental Biology as an eighth grade teacher in Batesville, Indiana. However, upon completing her Masters in Education Administration and Leadership earlier this year, a different, but equally exciting opportunity came open for her. She would be moving back home to Decatur County to be the Coordinator for the [Purdue University Extension](#) 4-H program.

According to the Purdue University Extension Website, "4-H prepares young people to be leaders in their community and around the world through hands-on experiences alongside their peers and caring adults. In Indiana, 4-H can be found in all 92 counties as delivered through Purdue Extension." Bruns stressed that, as one of those counties that has embraced 4-H, the organization has become "legacy" in Decatur County, with generation after generation of the same family taking advantage of 4-H as an opportunity for growth and education.

Bruns said that she has already identified a number of "focuses" for her efforts with Purdue University Extension. These include improving communications within the offices and with 4-H families to streamline efforts and ensure everyone has the information they need for a successful 4-H experience. This will include updating the website to make it an information hub. Bruns has also made it a goal to "get back into the schools." While Purdue University Extension already has a presence in county schools, and she doesn't want to take time from educators, Bruns believes there is room for more engagement at the schools - and, hopefully, increased 4H membership.

But Bruns' greatest passion is to increase Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs in 4-H. While STEM may seem a bit lofty for an organization associated with livestock and crop-raising competition, science and technology are at the heart of modern farming and STEM fits right in with the programs 4-H already offers.

Decatur County 4-H enrollment is open for the 2023 year until 15 Jan 23. Bruns is hoping for an increase in the program's already impressive enrollment, and she is always looking for leaders, volunteers, and donors to help ensure 4-H remains an opportunity for many generations to come. Information & enrollment is available [HERE](#).

ROTARY CALENDAR

Nov 14 - Eric Rowles—High Point Orchard

Nov 21 - RYLA kids report

Nov 28 - Barb Jaked

Dec 05 - Rex McKinney

OFFICERS 2022-2023

Alex Sefton	President
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Greensburg Rotary 26th Annual Poinsettia Fundraiser Begins!!

Greensburg Rotarian Diane Hart-Dawson, Director of the Decatur County YMCA, announced the beginning of Greensburg Rotary Club's annual Poinsettia Sales Fundraiser. Club President Alex Sefton set the goal of surpassing last year's record sale of 694 Poinsettias for a total of \$6,940 in sales, netting ~\$2,700 for local Rotary scholarships

An electronic version of the sales form will be sent to all club members via email and will be available on the club website. A copy of the form will also be attached to all Greensburg Rotary Bulletins during the fundraiser.

Forms and checks (made payable to Greensburg Rotary Club) are due by **21 November**, and pick-up/delivery days will be **2 & 3 December** at the Decatur County Family YMCA.



GREENSBURG ROTARY PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Hey, all!

It's another great week to be a Rotarian! Enjoy what appears to be our last week of warm fall weather as we welcome lows in the 20s next week. I don't know about you, but I'm pumped for SNOW! This is no surprise considering that I started listening to Christmas music at the beginning of October. Thanks to Ron for coordinating this week's program. Nora Bruns was in the house to talk to us about the great things happening with 4-H Clubs throughout the county. It was a great program! Next week, we will be meeting at Highpoint Orchard, and the new owner, Eric Rowles, will be bringing the program.

Hope you all have a great week! You are loved!

Best,

Alex

GREENSBURG ROTARY IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

- Greensburg Rotary will meet at Highpoint Events @ 1200p for the Nov 14 Weekly Meeting; Address: 3321 N. Old Highway 421, Greensburg
- The Annual Rotary Online Christmas Auction is Dec 12-19; Items for donation should be dropped off with Tami Wenning at the Decatur Co. Community Foundation Offices (101 E. Main St., Ste 1, Greensburg) — Please drop off items early enough for photos to be taken and posted to the auction website!
- The Greensburg Rotary Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec 09 at the Bruner Event Center (102 N. Webster St., St Paul) beginning at 530p; The St Paul Museum (120 N. Webster St., St Paul) will remain open until 600p for interested Rotarians; Price is TBD; Catering by Deborah Sellers

Rotary Int'l News: Global Health Leaders See a Clear Path to Polio Eradication

(Adapted from [Rotary International](#) - By Ryan Hyland & Arnold R. Grahl)

Global health leaders expressed confidence that polio will be eradicated worldwide and praised the frontline workers who are striving to achieve that goal during a Rotary International and World Health Organization (WHO) World Polio Day 2022 and Beyond event at the WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, 21-22 October.

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director-general of WHO, said that polio eradication is within reach, citing the fact that the work of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has reduced cases by 99.9%, from 350,000 in 1988 to only six cases last year. However, he acknowledged that the global effort has lost ground this year, with 20 cases in Pakistan and two in Afghanistan - the only two countries where the transmission of the wild poliovirus has never been stopped.

“We still face many challenges, including misinformation, hard-to-access populations, and community fatigue,” Dr. Tedros said. Additionally, Polio immunization programs for children have faced historic disruption, largely because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has added to the challenges. “Without concerted action, we could lose the gains we have made,” Dr. Tedros added.

The GPEI’s polio eradication strategy for 2022-26 is designed to meet these challenges by using both proven solutions and innovative new tools. At the World Health Summit in Berlin, Germany, earlier in October, donors, including Rotary, committed US\$2.6 billion to fund the strategy. These funds will support polio immunizations in countries where polio is endemic and in those that have had recent outbreaks. It will also fund adoption of the new type 2 oral polio vaccine (nOPV2), which is a genetically modified version of a current vaccine and is less likely to cause outbreaks of circulating vaccine-derived polio, also known as variant polio.

Dr Tedros assured the audience that polio eradication will remain a top priority for WHO. “With Rotary’s support, I look forward to a future when the only thing children ever learn about polio is in the history books,” said Dr. Tedros.

Other global health experts who spoke at the event included Aidan O’Leary, director for polio eradication at WHO; Steven Lauwerier, director of polio eradication at UNICEF; and Ambassador Hans-Peter Jungel, deputy permanent representative for Germany.

“Not only is polio eradication feasible, it’s within grasp,” O’Leary told attendees, Lauwerier added that vaccinating every child against polio must continue to be the priority, emphasizing, “A vaccine alone, if it stays in the vial, doesn’t make a change.”

A video of the World Polio Day 2022 and Beyond event is available [HERE](#).





Larry and Bev Moore enjoy snow-birding it in sunny (and hurricane-prone) Florida

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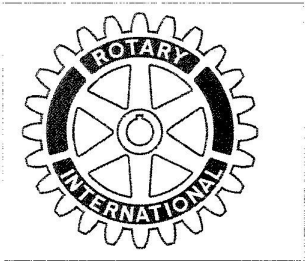


Nathan Vandrey supports local elections as an Election Sheriff

GREENSBURG ROTARY CLUB

2022
26th ANNUAL
HOLIDAY POINSETTIA SALE

We are offering superior quality Poinsettias
for the low price of \$11.00 per plant.



THE 2022 POINSETTIAS ARE:

- FROM Kruger-Maddux Greenhouse
- 12" - 18" TALL PLANTS
- 5 - 7 BLOOMS
- FOIL WRAPPED AND COVERED IN A 6 1/2" POT
- CHOICE OF RED, WHITE, MARBLE, PINK OR SPECKLE (RED & PINK) BLOOMS

THIS SALE OF POINSETTIAS SERVES TWO PRIMARY PURPOSES:

- To raise funds for the county, scholarships to our local students and other worthy Rotary community service projects.
- To reward the public with an excellent product.

Poinsettia PICK-UP:

Friday, December 2, 2022----- 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Saturday, December 3, 2022 ---- 10 AM – 11:30 AM

at the Decatur County Family YMCA

1 YMCA Way

Greensburg, IN 47240

For more information, phone 812-663-9622 (ask for Diane Hart-Dawson) or email dianehtd@dcfymca.org

I ordered _____ Poinsettia (s) @ \$11.00 each, Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Marble _____ Speckle _____
RCD By _____ Pick -up _____ Delivery _____ (Greensburg only & an extra charge of \$1 per plant)
You may keep this top portion as a receipt. (Top Portion Customer Copy)

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Name _____ Phone _____ Bus Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

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Included is a check for \$ _____, Made payable to Greensburg Rotary Club.

Pick -Up _____ Delivered _____ (Greensburg only & an extra charge of \$1 per plant)

Return order form and check no later than November 21, 2022. (Orders will be accepted after this date but cannot be guaranteed)

Signature _____ Date _____