



Board Member Highlight

Heather Dougherty: North Central Regional Director of Finances

I have worked for Purdue Extension for the past 10 years as a 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator and currently also serve as the County Extension Director (CED) for my office. I work in Johnson County, which is about 40 minutes south of Indianapolis. Our county has a very active 4-H program with around 1,100 youth members and about 140 dedicated 4-H volunteers. One of the most rewarding parts of my role is that I get to work in the same county where I spent my own 10 years as a 4-H member, giving back to a program that had such a positive impact on me growing up.

I still live in the same house where I grew up—just without my parents now 😊. Family is a big part of my life. I have a younger brother, Hunter, who is married to Bethany, and they have a 2-year-old daughter named Blair. I also have an older “sister,” Ashley, who is actually my cousin but was raised closely with Hunter and I. Ashley is married to Lance and they have two children, Piper (12 years old) and Pryor (8 years old – first year of 4-H this year!). Outside of work and family, I enjoy spending time with my boyfriend, Brad, who is a cattle and grain farmer and lives about two hours south of me. I also share my home with my very spoiled rescue dog, Zadie, who definitely keeps life entertaining.