Bio Sketch for: Lisa Graves, Stacey Faith, Christina Ferroli, Jane Jett and Janeen Longfellow (Don’t Let Diabetes “Jeopardize” Your Health)

Lisa Graves is an Assistant Program Leader for Purdue HHS Extension and Foods and Nutrition Specialist in the Department of Nutrition Science at Purdue University. She is responsible for working with faculty to develop educational programs and materials related to their scientific findings, and then assisting Extension Educators in using the information to meet the needs of the audiences in their communities. As a Registered Dietitian, Lisa is committed to fostering the health and wellness of others.

Stacey Faith is the HHS Extension Educator in Johnson County where her specialty area is Foods and Nutrition. Prior to Extension, she attended Ball State University where she received both her Bachelor’s and Masters’ of Science in Dietetics. Stacey offers foods, nutrition and food safety programs to individuals, families and youth in the community, collaborating with a variety of organizations to enhance the overall health and wellbeing of Johnson County.

Christina Ferroli PhD, RD is an HHS Extension Educator in Marion County. She provides educational programming in the areas for foods, nutrition and food safety. Her educational programming focuses on promoting a healthy lifestyle for adults and youth by following the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for all Americans and eating according to MyPyramid. She is an advocate for preventative healthcare and for raising public awareness of nutrition, health, physical activity and chronic disease issues in youth and adults. Christina is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and is active at local, state and national in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and its affiliates.

Janeen Longfellow is an HHS Extension Educator in Noble County specializing in Foods and Nutrition. She has a B.S. degree from Purdue University in Home Economics Education, and a M.S. from Indiana University in Secondary Education. She taught Home Economics and Family and Consumer Science at the middle and high school level for 32 years before coming to Purdue Extension. She is most interested in working with Noble County’s Health and Wellness Coalition “Active Noble County” and the newly hired Purdue Extension Community Wellness Coordinator to enact policy, systems and environmental changes to enhance the health and wellness of Noble County residents.

Jane Jett is an HHS Extension Educator in Posey County specializing in Foods and Nutrition. She has a B.S. degree from Indiana State University in Vocational Home Economics and an MS. from Indiana State University in Home Economics. Jane was an Extension Educator in Vanderburgh County for 13 years then became a ‘stay at home mom’. She returned to Purdue Extension 5 years ago after working for the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation. She is most excited about offering the Diabetes Prevention Program with the Posey County Health nurse.
Bio Sketch for: Russ Query (Diving Deep into Facebook and Apps You Need to Know Your Teens/Tweens are Using)

Russ is the Web Application Developer for Health and Human Sciences Extension at Purdue University. Russ enjoys trying to understand new technologies through practical application. Russ has two children; daughter Rachel (26) and son Jared (23) and one grandson Austin (5). For fun Russ loves to exercise through weight lifting and running and has completed 6 full marathons and several half marathons. One fun fact about Russ is before the age of 11; Russ had over 100 stitches in his head from falling so much.

Bio Sketch for: Rosie Lerner (Gardening For Pollinators)

Rosie Lerner joined the Purdue Horticulture and Landscape Architecture department in 1984 as Consumer Horticulture Extension Specialist and also served as the Master Gardener State Coordinator for 25 years. Ms. Lerner received her MS in Horticulture from the Ohio State University, BS in Horticulture from Iowa State University, and A.A.S. in Flower Shop and Greenhouse Management from North Dakota State University – Bottineau. Rosie provides educational programs and resources for County Extension Educators, Purdue Master Gardeners and the general home gardening public. Rosie is co-author and Executive Producer of the Purdue Plant Propagation CD-ROM (winner of 5 awards of recognition from 3 peer organizations and recipient of the 2003 Sharvelle Distinguished Specialist Award, and co-author of Possum in the Pawpaw Tree; A Season Guide to Midwestern Gardening published by Purdue University Press published in 1994. Rosie co-leads study abroad opportunities for Master Gardeners, including great historic and contemporary gardens of England, Wales, France and Italy. In 2014, Rosie’s Purdue Consumer Horticulture website (www.hort.purdue.edu.ext) received over 1.2 million visitors where they accessed Extension bulletins, news articles, plant id photos and more. You can follow Rosie on Twitter and Facebook @PurdueHomeHort.

Bio Sketch for: Stephanie Woodcox (Blue Zones: Secrets to Living Well from Around the World)

Stephanie Woodcox is an Assistant Program Leader for Purdue Extension in the College of Health and Human Sciences (HHS). She also serves as the HHS Extension Health and Wellness Specialist, formalizing a partnership between Purdue Extension and the Purdue University School of Nursing. As Assistant Program Leader, she helps identify and secure grant funds for Extension initiatives and uses social media to promote Extension and engage with audiences.

As an Extension Specialist, she provides leadership to Extension Educators across the state with a focus on health and wellness education. She connects Educators with campus and Nursing faculty to utilize their expertise and research to guide educational and outreach activities in communities.

Stephanie holds a Master of Public Health degree and is a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES).

Bio Sketch for: Barbara Beaulieu (The Cleaver Family No Longer Lives Next Door: They are Now Parenting Apart)

Barbara is a Human Development Specialist with Purdue Extension. After graduating from Purdue University, she began her career as an Extension Agent in Florida. After working in Florida for 30 years and teaching college in Mississippi for 5 years, Barb has returned to her native state. Both her and her husband work for Purdue University, where they met. Barbara has her master’s degree from University of Florida in Extension Education.
Bio Sketch for: Emily Toner (Eating Local Produce: Your Freshest Food)
Emily Toner is an urban agriculture educator for Purdue Extension – Marion County in Indianapolis. She has lived in Indy for two years and support the urban agriculture community by providing direct education opportunities as well as building the food system community. Emily is originally from Iowa, where she received a bachelor’s degree in Agronomy from Iowa State University. She also has two graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a master of science in geography and a master of arts in journalism.

Bio Sketch for: Margaret Christenson (Exchange Homemaker)
Margaret was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and raised on a farm just east of Sault Ste. Marie in Echo Bay, Ontario. Her parents practiced mixed farming ie: some cattle and other livestock, crops, market garden. She belonged to 4H and was in the Calf Club, the Potato Club and the Homemakers Club.
Margaret married her husband Ron in 1967, had 3 girls and chose to be a stay at home mom. In 1976, she started attending Algoma University where she earned a degree in Canadian Studies in 1983 and earned a second degree in Political Science in 1999.
She re-entered the workforce during this time working at a local weekly newspaper and then at the Sault St. Marie Public Library, which she retired at the end of 2003. Margaret started doing some serious traveling in 1990, getting to many parts of Europe, the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, India (3 times), China, Nepal, Russia, Israel, Kenya and Tanzania.
In 2007-2008, she joined the Women’s Institute. Although she was a relatively recent member of the organization, she served on their Provincial Board for 3 years, chaired the Restructuring Committee and is presently the International Officer of FWIO. She also served as the CEO of the Prince Public Library for 3 ½ years and now serves on the Prince Heritage Committee. Margaret is also a trained palliative care worker with the Algoma Community Regional Hospice. She is active in her local church congregation and has served the larger church on the World Mission Committee, the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary Board and the Eastern Synod Council of the ELCIC. Occasionally, she writes daily devotions for their Eternity Today publication and teaches confirmation class.

Bio Sketch for: Karen Richey (Preserving a Plentiful Bounty)
Karen is the Marshall County Extension Director and Health and Human Sciences Educator. Karen’s M.S. degree in Foods & Nutrition has provided her the knowledge to provide programs in Food Safety, Nutrition and Chronic Diseases and Healthy Lifestyles. Karen serves on the Purdue Extension Food Safety Advisory Board and has assisted with curriculum development throughout her 25 years with Extension.

Bio Sketch for: Jo Almond (I Can and Do You Really Know Indiana?)
Jo has been a member of IEHA for almost 40 years. She is the founder and chair of First Books for Kids, held the offices of President of IEHA, Vice President of NVON, Secretary of Associated Country Women of the World, Chair of ACWW Triennial Conference in Hot Springs, Chair of the 2013 Triennial Conference; representing ACWW in Chennai, India and is now the Treasurer for Country Women’s Council USA. She has been married to Bob for 45 years, has 2 sons and 5 grandchildren. She loves to travel and finds challenges and adventure.
Bio Sketch for: Angie Abbott (Ask Angie)

Angie Abbott is the Associate Director and Program Leader for Purdue Extension in the College of Health and Human Sciences. Angie is a registered dietitian and Extension Specialist in the area of nutrition education programs that target limited resource audiences. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in dietetics from Ball State University and also completed a Master’s degree and a post-graduate dietetic internship through Ball State University. Angie is currently pursuing a Doctoral degree from Creighton University in Educational Leadership.

Bio Sketch for: Melissa Maulding (Beyond the Dinner Table: How NEP is Making the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice)

Melissa has worked for Purdue Extension since 2003. She started out as an HHS field educator and now serves as the director of the Extension Nutrition Education Program (NEP). Melissa has a bachelor’s and master’s degree in dietetics from Eastern Illinois University. Melissa is very active in her church women’s ministry and serves as a volunteer counselor.

Bio Sketch for: Cleveland Shields (How to Get What You Need and Want When You See Your Doctor)

Cleve Shields received his PhD from Purdue’s HDFS program in 1987 and then worked at the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Rochester Medical School for 19 years as a family therapist and researcher before returning to Purdue in 2006.

His research focuses on physician-patient communication examining problems such as how physicians interact with depressed patients, end of life cancer patients, adolescents, and patients with chronic non-cancer patients. He has had funding from NIA, NIDA and NCI.

He regularly teaches an undergraduate course on family processes and teaches a graduate course on health interventions. He has also taught undergraduate courses on research methods and helping skills.

Bio Sketch for: Naomi Bechtold (Facilitation Skills Training 101)

Naomi is an HHS Extension Educator specializing in Family Resource Management. She has been with Purdue Extension for over 7 years; 2 as an HHS Educator and 5 years prior in 4-H. She is an Accredited Financial Counselor. Naomi has an MBA from Lehigh University and a BA from Duke University. She has a husband and 2 children; one presently studying at Purdue.

Bio Sketch for: Corinne Osinski-Carey (Indiana Donor Network/Threads of Compassion)

Corinne is the Community Relations Coordinator for the Indiana Donor Network.
Bio Sketch for: Mary Marshall (He Said, She Said: Couple Interactions During Diabetes Appointments)

Mary Marshall is originally from Oxford, OH but has relocated to Indiana or her graduate school studies. She received her M.S. from Purdue University in 2014, and is currently working toward her PhD in Human Development and Family Studies at Purdue. She does research to explore how couples communicate about healthcare, and how physicians discuss end-of-life issues with their patients.

Bio Sketch for: Linda Lowe (Do You Really Know Indiana?)

Bio Sketch for: Joan Crow (How Secure Can You Really Be Online?)

Joan Crow is the coordinator of the multimedia unit in Purdue University’s College of Agriculture. She is the social media manager for the college and leads a team of web designers and develops to help communicate with a variety of audiences. She has led the web effort for over 10 years and has been with Purdue for over 25 years.