

# Celebrating 100 years of success

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Kenny Eck, current Extension Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources, offered a fascinating example of how some things change and some things stay the same.

He said County Agricultural Agent Charles A. Nicholson, who served from 1927 to 1960, was tasked with traveling the county going farm to farm and testing the cattle for tuberculosis. Who knew cattle suffered the same illness as humans? Anyway, if a cow tested positive, Nicholson branded it on its cheek (I guess the side of a cow face is called a cheek) so it could not be sold off as a healthy specimen.

Flash forward to 2016. In January of that year, an Avian Flu epidemic decimated the turkey population. Eck quickly led the charge to staunch the spread and was involved from the day the epidemic was revealed.

On the other side, Jan Dougan fills the role of Extension Educator. Her predecessors taught classes to home ec groups on how to cook, sew and handle other housewifery chores. Her scope is broader and encompasses things like environmental health and safe food handling for restaurants and other food services.

In other words, her role has expanded far beyond cooking and sewing, but she can tackle these topics if the need arises.

Here are some of the basics covered by Purdue Extension Dubois County:

Health and Human Sciences

Health and Human Sciences Extension specialists and educators provide education to people. They:

- help communities analyze, identify and meet the needs of families.
- train volunteers and paraprofessionals to assist in areas of critical concern to families.
- motivate people to become leaders and address community issues.
- collaborate with agencies, community organizations, and educational groups to address the needs of families.

Community Development

Purdue Extension Community Development strengthens the capacity of local leaders, residents, and organizations to build strong, vibrant communities by using research-based resources to guide their decisions. It provides local support and resources in the areas of

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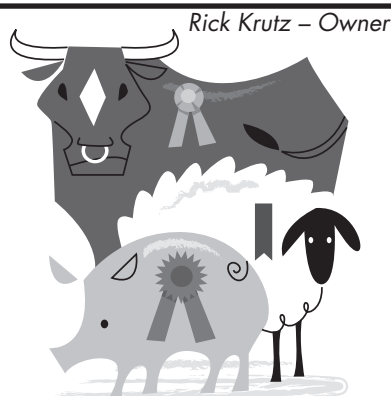
Pictured above from 1934, P.L. Friedman of Birdseye, has the vision of producing some horse power.

Information included with this picture in the 1934 records stated: *The horse situation in this county is becoming rather acute. If this office had to suggest a single team of pure-bred or even good grade of either horses or mules within the county, it could not be done. There is however, a tendency toward breeding such individual mares as are to be found in order to supply the rapidly decreasing horse numbers.*

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