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A QUARTERLY LETTER TO FRIENDS OF THE BREAKING NEW GROUND OUTREACH PROGRAM/INDIANA AGRABILITY PROJECT

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**THE ANDERSONS RAISES \$10,000  
FOR INDIANA AGRABILITY**

On July 30, The Andersons held the First Annual Charity Golf Outing to benefit Indiana AgrAbility at the Tippecanoe Country Club in Monticello. The event was a great success and raised \$5,000, which The Andersons is generously matching for a total donation of \$10,000 to Indiana AgrAbility.

The outing drew over 70 farmers who are customers of The Andersons in addition to 25 employees from The Andersons and from sponsors for the event.

The majority of the participants had not heard of AgrAbility, so during a lunch presentation given by Kylie Hendress, they enjoyed learning a little about the program and how it helps Indiana farmers.

When asked why The Andersons chose to host this event and donate the proceeds to AgrAbility, senior account representative Tara Deines cited part of the The Andersons mission statement. She said the company and its employees "focus on the belief that through

their collective actions, they can make an impact through many avenues, with one of those specifically being the support of their communities." Deines went on to explain that they wanted to use this opportunity to help and inform their customers about what AgrAbility is and what it can do for them.

The Andersons has a strong emphasis on the importance of farm safety and wanted to take advantage of this opportunity to show their cus-

tomers that even minor injuries or conditions can make running their operation much more difficult. They also wanted them to know that there is help out there for those who need it.

The Indiana AgrAbility Project greatly appreciates The Andersons and its commitment to educating and helping farmers in Indiana. The \$10,000 donation will be used to provide scholarships for farmers and their spouses/caregivers to attend the 2014 AgrAbility National Training Workshop to be held March 31-April 3 in Lexington, Kentucky.



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**Join Indiana AgrAbility at Bradford Woods  
for Bingo and Refreshments!**

Come and join us on October 19 at Bradford Woods, Indiana University's Outdoor Center in Martinsville, for a fun day out with your family. Bradford Woods is holding their 2nd annual Fall Festival from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and AgrAbility is joining in the fun. Admission and parking are free and the event will have many activities and learning opportunities for children and adults, including a Kid Zone and pioneer village. Local food items will be available and local musicians will share their talents. All proceeds of the festival will benefit youth programs at Bradford Woods.

AgrAbility will be sponsoring donuts, hot apple cider, and Bingo from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. for AgrAbility clients and their families. Come and join us for a fun day!

If you would like more information or to make reservations, contact Linda Tarr at (800) 827-2219 or via email at [ltarr@hoosieruplands.org](mailto:ltarr@hoosieruplands.org). For more about the festival itself, visit [www.bradwoods.org/events/fallfestival](http://www.bradwoods.org/events/fallfestival).



# Out & About with BNG

Ohio Farm Science Review  
Sept 17-19  
London, OH

Bradford Woods Fall Festival  
Oct 19  
Martinsville, IN

National FFA Convention  
Oct 30-Nov 2  
Louisville, KY

Indiana Woodland Owner Conference  
Nov 1-2  
Madison, IN

Battlemind to Home Symposium  
Nov 5-6  
Indianapolis, IN

Indiana Farm Bureau Convention  
Dec 13-14  
Indianapolis, IN

Indiana-Illinois Farm Show  
Dec 17-19  
Indianapolis, IN

## BRIDGING HORIZONS COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTEST WINNERS

The Bridging Horizons Community Service Contest provides an opportunity for organizations such as FFA chapters, 4-H clubs, Junior Leaders, and Girl/Boy Scouts to make a positive impact by helping community members with disabilities overcome physical barriers. Bridging Horizons entrants complete a low cost project in their community that helps to enhance independence for people with disabilities.

This year's Bridging Horizons participants completed some significant projects in their communities. From building sidewalks and ramps for public buildings to helping plant gardens and making raised garden beds, each of the projects made a substantial impact on its community.

The 2013 Bridging Horizons first place prize went to Carroll Fort Wayne FFA, which designed and built a community garden at a local disability outreach center in their town. The students recognized the need for this project when a fellow

classmate began utilizing the center and was disappointed that there was no outdoor space for activities. The head of the center told the student

that they would like to put in a garden for the center's 600 participants, but they did not have any funding available for such a project. The FFA decided they would donate their time toward completing this project, and they also collected donations from the community. They built two accessible picnic tables, two wheelchair accessible garden boxes, two ground-level garden boxes, and two benches with planter boxes. The project was a great success and the FFA members were pleased to see flowers and vegetables planted in the garden boxes a few weeks later.

Second place was awarded to Sullivan FFA, which noticed that the grandstand area at the Sullivan County Fairgrounds was not easily accessed by individuals using wheelchairs. FFA members volunteered to construct a ramp and put in a concrete sidewalk leading up to it so fairgoers no longer have to travel through loose gravel to get to the grandstand. This is the fourth project

that the Sullivan FFA has completed at the fairgrounds in its effort to make the entire fairgrounds accessible to all fairgoers.

Jay County FFA in Portland was awarded



### Bridging Horizons cont...

third place for their entry that involved improving the accessibility of the vocational facilities at their high school. Recently, the FFA students noticed how difficult it was to travel across the lawn and through a gravel lot to get to the greenhouse and the barn used for mechanics and construction classes. The students recognized the need to connect the existing sidewalk to the cement slab in front of the barn and greenhouse.



Their project was a new sidewalk that connects all of their ag buildings and provides students using wheelchairs or on crutches much easier access to their ag classes.

Center Super Stars 4-H Club of Howard County received an honorable mention in this year's contest. 4-H members improved the 4-H L.E.A.D. Center in Greentown by replacing the main entry door to the center – which was originally

a heavy glass door that opened manually - with an automatic door that makes the L.E.A.D. Center accessible to all fairgoers.

Girl Scout Troop 6203 Cadettes also received honorable mention for completing several indoor and outdoor projects at a local health clinic. The Girl Scouts worked outside to clean up the grounds, paint the decks, and pull weeds. They also cleared out storage rooms so the clinic could expand their conference rooms and counselor space.

Thank you to DuPont Pioneer for sponsoring the cash prizes and to all of the groups who submitted entries for the Bridging Horizons Community Service Contest. The Indiana AgrAbility staff is looking forward to receiving next year's entries and seeing all of the wonderful ways that groups are enhancing their communities through these projects.

If you are not looking forward to raking leaves this fall, you are not alone, but there may be help for this tedious task. The Garden Grabbers and the Leaf Gripper Yard Tongs allow you to pick up gathered leaves and other debris without having to repeatedly bend down. This will make your yardwork less strenuous and less time-consuming.



## Toolbox Features



If you are planning to plant any bulbs this fall, but have trouble digging the proper sized holes for them, you may find the Bulb-Bopper Planter a useful tool. It makes individual holes with a diameter of 2 inches and can dig up to 9 inches deep for flower bulbs. This stainless steel digging barrel attaches to any 3/8 or 1/4 inch drill. The soil is held in the barrel and can easily be used to cover the bulb.

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