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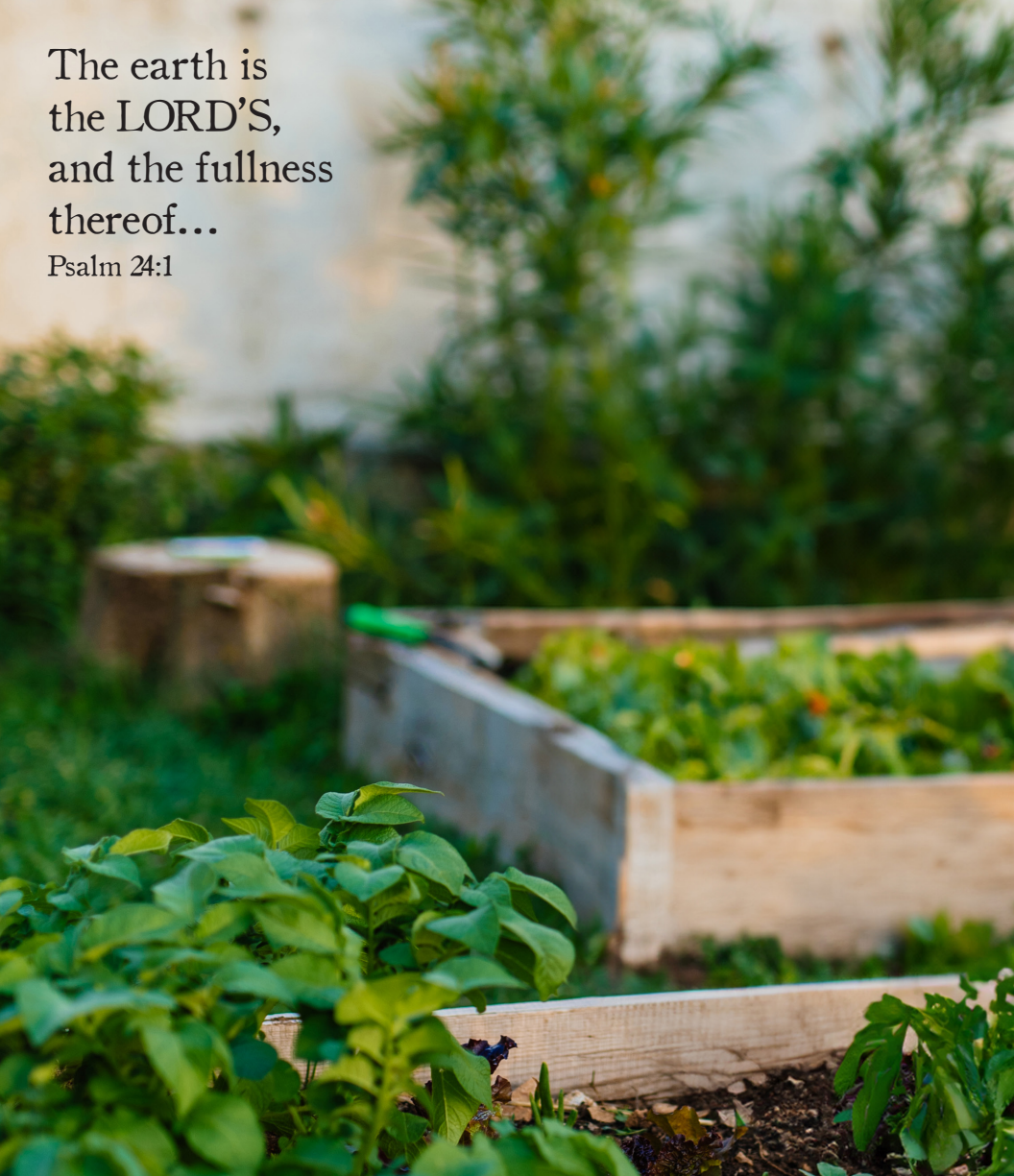
Homesteading Expo

Nappanee, Indiana



Inspirations for
the Hobby Farmer
& the Homemaker

June 20, 2026



The earth is
the LORD'S,
and the fullness
thereof...

Psalm 24:1

Homesteading—A lifestyle with a commitment to self sufficiency, living frugally, using less energy, growing and preserving your own food and involving your family in the community you live in.

Welcome to the Jackson Ridge Homesteading Expo

Nappanee, Indiana

— SPEAKER SCHEDULE —

TENT A

8:10..... Introduction

8:15..... Melvin Schlabach - Homesteading with Biology

9:00..... Joel Salatin -Doing the Right Things for People, Planet & Economy

10:00..... Chet Gilbert - Basic Beekeeping

10: 30..... Aaron Elison - Animal Health with Redmond Agriculture

11:00..... Dan Winger - Maple Sugaring

11:00-12:30 Lunch Available

2:00..... Joel Salatin - Maximizing Your Homestead

TENT B

8:30..... Mary Etta Yoder - Getting Started with Sourdough

9:15..... Doris Miller - Growing Cut Flowers

10:15..... Joel Salatin - Child Friendly Food Production

1:30..... Doris Miller - Flower Arranging

2:00..... Mary Etta Yoder - Baking with Sourdough and Q&A

Win Free Admission for Next Year's Expo!

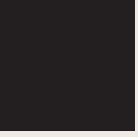
Fill out the front and back of our [feedback form](#) and drop it into one of our designated boxes at the Information Booth (or by the restrooms) for your chance to win free admission for next year's expo. Drawing will be held at 3:30 pm today. You do not need to be present to win.

— Speakers —



Joel Salatin

Joel Salatin, 66, calls himself a Christian libertarian environmentalist capitalist lunatic farmer. Others who like him call him the most famous farmer in the world, the high priest of the pasture, and the most eclectic thinker from Virginia since Thomas Jefferson.



Aaron Elison

Aaron grew up on a farm in Idaho. He went on to graduate with a Master of Science degree in Animal Science. Aaron manages the agricultural business unit and sales team with Redmond Minerals, and has been with Redmond for 20 years.

Melvin Schlabach

Melvin and his family live on a 16 acre homestead in Ohio. They have a family owned business, Ohio Valley Biochar. They use waste wood chips to make charcoal, which they apply, to create living, breathing soil. On that soil, they raise their own meat, eggs, milk, and garden.

Chet Gilbert

Chet manages around 1200 hives locally, and is the owner of Apis Enterprises. He has worked internationally on several beekeeping assignments, and has experience with several species of bees. Chet is active in many beekeeping organizations, and has an MSL with a concentration in Environmental and Sustainable Management

Doris Miller

Doris enjoys growing cut flowers and creating floral arrangements. She has a roadside stand in Shipshewana, IN.

Mary Etta Yoder Mary Etta lives in White Pigeon, MI with her husband and foster son. She enjoys solitude, God, and nature at the shores of the St. Joe River bordering the back of their property. When she returns to her little cottage, she hopes there's a meal to be made or a pastry to bake. The kitchen is her happy place and she also loves to organize.

Dan Winger

(Winger's Sugar bush and Supplies) Dan enjoys tapping trees as a hobby and continues to increase in maple syrup production. They currently own a supply store for the maple syrup industry, at their home, close to North Manchester IN. They carry everything from tap to the table, for both small and large producers.

Ethan Royer

(Royer Timber) Ethan lives with his family near Goshen IN. He has been a logger for 20+ years, and enjoys educating landowners about woodlot stewardship. He can be reached at (574) 849-0867.

Gerald Yoder

Gerald and Marcia, and their 2 daughters live on 5 acres in Noble County, Indiana. Their store, *Dandelion Dust*, sells herbs and herb products. Gerald has a passion for using plants and weeds for food and medicine. They raise a variety of animals and grow as much of their own food as possible.

Delbert Troyer

(Woodview Acres) Delbert is on a mission to provide healthy food from his family farm in Nappanee, IN. Woodview Acres offers unpasteurized, non-homogenized A2A2milk from grass-fed cows, grass-fed meat, and non-gmo eggs from free range hens.

— Good to Know —

Morning Refreshments

Free homemade cookies & coffee are available until 10:00 am in the [Main Tent Dining Area](#).

Lunch

Lunch will be available from 11:00-12:30 pm. On the menu: Pulled pork stack.

Stack includes:

- Pulled pork (clean label, raised and roasted locally)
- Homemade coleslaw
- Homemade baked beans
- Homemade cheese sauce
- Corn chips
- BBQ sauce



Large plate: \$10 | Small plate: \$5

Ice Cream & Fruit Cobbler

Crystal Springs Creamery hand-dipped ice cream is available after 10:00 am.

Find it at the ice cream shack on the map. Homemade fruit cobbler available beside the ice cream shop.

Drinks & Snacks

Located in [Main Tent A](#). Free cold tap water is also available (see map for location.) Available all day or while supplies last.

Snacks

- Yogurt parfait
- Mixed nuts
- Charcuterie cups

Drinks

- 16 oz squeezed strawberry lemonade sweetened with cane sugar (\$2)
- 16 oz home brewed ice tea sweetened with cane sugar (\$2)
- Bottled water (\$1)

Drinks are only \$1 when using a Jackson Ridge Homesteading mug. The glass mason jar mugs are available for purchase at the snack bar for \$15.

**Plan to join us again next year on
Saturday, June 19, 2027**

Featured speakers: John Kempf and Ben Hartman

— Demonstrations —

Cider Making 9:00-9:20 and 1:30-1:50

By Kuhns Welding and Millers Orchard. see this at their booth in tent C.

Herb Walk 12:00-12:30 or until done

By Gerald Yoder Meet at location on map in centerfold.

Composting..... 12: 30-1: 30

By Joel Salatin At location on map in centerfold.

Tree Felling 1:00

By Ethan Royer At location on map in centerfold.

Lumber Sawing 1:30

By Aaron Bontrager At location on map in centerfold.

Cow Milking

By Delbert Troyer At location on map in centerfold. Try your hand at milking a live cow!

Butter Churning with a Maytag Washer

By Lester Beechy At 3D Custom Print booth in Tent C.

Hand Forging and Blacksmithing

By OH Blacksmithing and Royer Blacksmithing.

Cut Flower Bar

Browse the bar and create your own arrangement Tent B.

Cast Iron Baking

Homemade fruit cobbler in dutch ovens (by the ice cream shop.)


Rug Sewing









Watch rags be cut and sewn to be made into rugs (Hershberger Rugs booth) in Tent C.





Map Key

- A** Main Tent A
Speakers, Information, Drink & Snacks
- B** Tent B
Stage 2, Vendors
- C** Tent C
Food line
- D** Outdoor Vendor Booths
- E** Admission
- F** Farm & Garden Books
-  *Need to make a phone call? Phone is available at the symbol on the map.*

-  Cow Milking
-  Blacksmith Shop
-  Archery Practice
-  Ice Cream Shack
-  Composting
-  Sawmill/Tree Felling
-  Restrooms
-  Drinking Water
-  Herb Walk



Children's Activities

Child-Friendly Food Production..... 10:15-10:45
 Topic by Joel Salatin in Tent B

Pony Cart Rides 9:00-10:30 & 1:00-2:30

Caricatures 9:00-11:00 & 12:00-2:00
 Randy will draw your face in 5 minutes (\$10) north end of Tent C

Archery Available all day

— Vendors and Artisans —

Apis Enterprises—honey, wax products, beekeeping equipment
Beech Road Seed & Fertilizer—*cover crops, Kwazar sprayers, Baja Gold Mineral Salt, fertilizer*
Caricature by Randy—*have your face drawn in 5 minutes for \$10*
Dandelion Dust—*herbs*
Dreamin' Acres—*Elite nutrition, feed, fencing, and farm supplies*
Elm & Bliss—*stationary products and soy candles*
Farmcraft Manufacturing—*mobile greenhouses, aluminum chicken tractors, poultry lighting*
Farm & Garden Books—*books*
Fish Lake Organic Berries—*organic berry jams & jellies*
Floristry—*cut flower arrangements and cut flower bar*
Fruit Cobblers—*cobbler baked in cast iron dutch ovens*
Golden Grain Bakery—*specialty breads and goods baked with local grown grains*
Heirloom Harvest—*einkorn flour, spelt flour*
Hershberger Rugs—*handwoven rugs*
Homestead Lights—*lights*
Hoosier Wind & Solar—*solar systems, wind turbines*
J & A Farms—*maple syrup, maple cream, and maple candy*
Jerry's Organic Supply—*organic fertilizers and minerals, organic insecticides & fungicides*
Kuhns Welding—*cider press and mold free shelving*
Landmark Ag—*soil amendment services, dry and liquid fertilizer programs for gardens and fields*
MDS Forestry—*Mikes Mighty Micros, Trees, Miscanthus*
Michiana Equipment—*EZ products, chicken feeders and waters*
Miller's Orchard—*apple cider donut samples*
Miller's Sharpening—*butcher supplies*
M&R Bird Haven—*bird houses, bird feeders, flowers, and butterflies*
Mullet's Fencing—*sheep equipment, grazing equipment, fence chargers*
OH Blacksmith—*hand forged items*
Ohio Valley Biochar—*Blue Gold all natural plant based products*
Pasture Haven Farm
Pine Valley Feeds—*livestock feeds, soy free feeds*
Redmond—*animal, soil, and human products*
Royer Blacksmithing—*axes, hammers, spurs*
Schwartz Family Herbals—*tinctures and tincture kits*
Simply Clean Soaps—*goat's milk soap, shave soap, and soap making books*
Sourdough—*starters and baked goods*
Sunnyside—*water filters*
The Ultimate Henhouse—*portable henhouses*
Trager—*solar and electrical services*
Winger's Sugarbush and Supplies—*maple syrup equipment and supplies*
WJC Woodworking—*end grain cutting boards, charcuterie boards, cheese boards*
Woodview Acres—*grass fed A2A2 milk, yogurt, kefir, fermented krauts*
3D Custom Print—*butter chum, chicken feeders, bike parts*

• Beef

Feed 3% to control ammonia (greenhouse gases). Also creates a better manure that helps build your soil & increases the fertility. You will also gain approximately 1 month in feeding out the beef. Better feed conversion. All in all, captures greenhouse gases & helps clean waterways.

Would it be an advantage to grow your beef out faster with better feed conversion? How about pigs, sheep, or any other animals?

How about always having your horse be sale or show-ring ready without the hassle of blankets & harsh chemical sprays?



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• Poultry

Add 3% of our special inoculated activated char to the feed or 10-20% to the chicken litter to control ammonia (greenhouse gases). This creates a cleaner, better environment for your birds & your neighbors.

Do you need assistance with your poultry?

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Egg Drop • Syndrome
Spotty Liver

• Water Filtration

For irrigation systems and animal facilities.

• Soil

There are so many benefits to adding it into your soil, like nitrogen-, phos-, & water-retention. It also lowers excess & builds a better biology in your soil! Let us test your soil with Apical & inoculate the activated char specifically for your needs.

Are you aware that the soil needs to breathe & is supposed to filter our water?

Do you think these compact soils are able to do either/or?

Let us help you with your soil & bring your farm back to life! Bringing soil back to life does not happen overnight, but it is the only way to a sustainable future.

• Compost

Add 5-40% to your compost to save composting time & compost hotter. You'll get rid of more excesses while capturing more of the greenhouse gases in the process. It also helps increase fungal growth! Let us take your compost process to a whole new level!

Did you know compost can be a great asset to your farm or soil?

There is also a difference with how compost is made. There is a difference in what material is used to make compost.

Let us help you become more efficient with the composting process – plus, get a lot more life into your compost!

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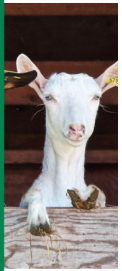
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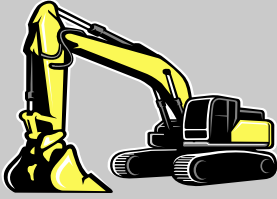
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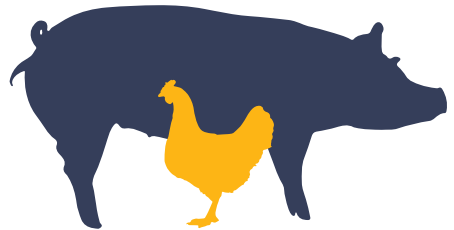
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