



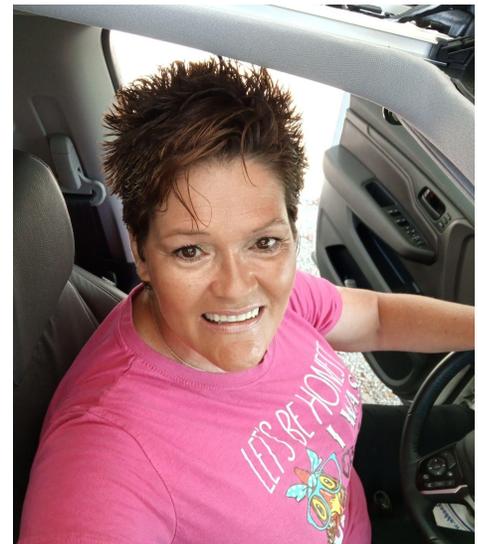
# Heartland Homesteading Conference



## Presenter Information & Bio

**Name:** Nancy Curry

Our homestead was started because I adopted two daughters both with special needs. Both have autism at different levels on the spectrum and other disorders that complicate things for them. We moved to the country to allow the girls to blossom. They learn through hands-on experiences, breeding, running the incubator, and learning the right temp and humidity to successfully breed and raise certain breeds of chickens and ducks all while increasing the hatch as they learn. They are learning to breed, and raise pigs, goats, and cows. A lot of the animals they have raised have been orphaned calves, ducks, chickens, goats, and pigs who for one reason or another were abandoned by the momma. They have learned nutrition for bottle-fed calves and pigs and sustaining them so they may thrive. Through hands-on experiences, the girls have built infrastructure for all the animals as well as maintained the housing for all animals. I have taught them how to raise their own food through gardening as well as preservation through canning, dehydration, and freezing. We have housed several special needs foster children and provided them with the ability to learn life skills that have not and are not taught in public schools. My children may look like failures to the outside world as they did not thrive in traditional educational settings. Moving to the country though challenging was one of the best things I ever did for my adopted daughters. Their disabilities may never go away, and at times it appears they will never be better, but at the end of every day, they can and do feel a sense of accomplishment. Our homestead is a learning homestead, where small children and adults have the ability to learn and flourish in self-sustaining and independent skills that will carry them through life.



**Class Overview-** Curry's Blooming Abilities Homestead doing a class on Water bath canning without electricity and a class on normal water bath canning via stove top.