



Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters

**July/August
2025**

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Hello everyone! It is officially summer here in White County and that means that the 2025 White County 4-H Fair is just around the corner! I hope you are all as excited as I am about the White County 4-H Fair!

As the Fair approaches, please remember to thank those individuals who help with the 4-H program and work hard all year to make the Fair a success. The support of the many 4-H volunteers, sponsors, and members of the community help make the White County 4-H program as great as it is.

There is a lot of important information about upcoming events and deadlines included in this newsletter. Be sure to read through everything and contact the White County Extension Office with any questions.

As you read through this newsletter please take note of several important pieces of information. A couple of the highlights include:

▪ **Upcoming deadlines**

▪ **Project Check-in and Fair Activities**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office at (219)984-5115 or send me an email at childer9@purdue.edu. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to help make your 4-H experience successful and memorable!

Sincerely,

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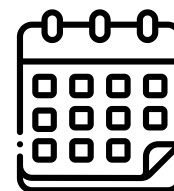


White County 4-H



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4-H Calendar



July

August

- 1 Fair Entry Due by Midnight for all exhibitors
- 1 Animal Educational Activities due by 4 p.m.
- 1 Horse & Pony, 7:00pm, English/Showmanship/Open Ride Workshops, Arena, Reynolds
- 2 Jr. Leaders Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 2 Fair Committees Meeting, 7:00pm, 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 2 Lawn & Garden, 6:30pm, Antique Tractor Area, Reynolds
- 1 Horse & Pony, 6:00pm, Gaming Workshop, Arena, Reynolds
- 3 Dog Club, 6:00pm, Arena, Reynolds
- 4 Independence Day- Extension Office Closed
- 5 Prairie 4-H Club, Brookston 4th of July Float
- 7 Dog Club, 6:00pm, Arena, Reynolds
- 8 Horse & Pony, 6:30pm, English/Showmanship/Open Ride Workshops, Arena, Reynolds
- 8 Rabbit Set Up, 6:00pm
- 9 Horse & Pony, 6:00pm, Gaming Workshop, Arena, Reynolds
- 9 Lawn & Garden, 6:30pm, Antique Tractor Area, Reynolds
- 13 Poultry Barn Clean-up, 3:00pm, Poultry Barn, Reynolds
- 13 Swine Barn Clean-Up, 2:00 p.m., Swine Barn, Reynolds
- 14 4-H Building Set-Up and Ag Association Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- 15 Poultry Barn Set-up, 5:30pm, Poultry Barn, Reynolds
- 15 Horse & Pony, 7:00pm, English/Showmanship/Open Ride Workshops, Arena, Reynolds
- 16 Horse & Pony, 6:00pm, Gaming Workshop, Arena, Reynolds
- 19-24 White County 4-H Fair

- 1-17 Indiana State Fair (closed Mondays)
- 6 Ag Association Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 19 State Fair Projects Available for Pick-Up



*Scan with your phone's
camera to access the
White County 4-H
Website!*



Communications from the White County Extension Office

Have you been receiving the emails and letters that we send out? Emails that are sent out are often sent through 4HOnline and may have 4HOnline as the sender. If you are not receiving our emails or letters, please let us know so that we can double check your information. We send out a lot of important reminders - be sure to watch for these!

If you have any 4-H events or activities that you would like to add to the White County Extension calendar, please contact the White County Extension Office at (219) 984-5115.

White County 4-H Important Dates

- ✿ **July 9th-** Music and Communications Judging, St. James Lutheran Church, 6 pm.
- ✿ **July 1st** - Creative Writing Projects due to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. to be judged prior to the Fair
- ✿ **July 1st**- All Project Entries due in online FairEntry program by midnight
- ✿ **July 1st**- Live animal (livestock, horse & pony, small animals, cats, and dogs) Project Manuals, Educational Activities, and Record Sheets (if applicable) **due in the Extension Office by 4 p.m.**
- ✿ **July 2nd-** All fair committees meeting, 7 p.m. 4-H Building
- ✿ **July 12th-** Sewing, Consumer Clothing, and Fashion Revue Judging, Ag Tractor and Lawn and Garden Contest
- ✿ **July 14th-** Building Set-Up 6 p.m., Ag Association meeting 7 p.m.
- ✿ **July 15th-18th-** Project check-in and pre-fair judging- See the Fair Book for details!
- ✿ **July 19th-24th-** White County 4-H Fair!
- ✿ **July 25th-** Fairgrounds Cleanup 8 a.m.; free breakfast provided by Keystone Cooperative
- ✿ **July 28th-** All State Fair entries, excluding Food Baked or Food Preserved exhibits and exhibits deemed too large for county transport are due to the **Extension Office by 8 a.m.**
- ✿ **August 4th-** All State Fair Food Baked, Food Preserved, and Garden exhibits are due to the Extension Office by 8:15 AM for *immediate* delivery to State Fair (Members may also deliver their own projects to the State Fair)
- ✿ **August 19th-** All State Fair 4-H Exhibits available for pickup in the extension office
- ✿ **September 3rd-** All 4-H Fair Exhibit Committees meeting, 6 p.m., 4-H Building
- ✿ **October 1st-** 4-H Enrollment begins for the 2025-2026 4-H Year

Don't Wait Until the Last Minute!

Complete your Fair Entry as early as possible. Waiting until the last minute to fill out Fair Entry puts you at a greater risk for making mistakes!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, drop by, or email.

We can be reached Monday-Friday

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2025 White County 4-H Fair Flyer/Fairbook

The 2025 White County 4-H Fair flyer is now available! The Fair flyer is a great resource for 4-H families and includes the Pre-Fair Project Check-in and Judging Schedule, and the Schedule of Fair Activities and Shows! If you would like a copy of the Fairbook, you can pick one up at the Extension Office or you can download a copy from the Purdue Extension - White County webpage (scan code on page 2).

4-H Record Book/Project Check-in

Please carefully read the information below to be sure that you turn your record sheets in at the correct location and time.

4-H Building Projects:

1. Bring your 4-H Building project record sheets to 12 N 25 E Reynolds, IN during the designated check-in time outlined in the Fair Schedule
2. Once your record sheets have been reviewed and entry check-in is complete, you will receive an exhibit tag for your project(s).
3. Take your exhibit tag and project to the appropriate project check-in table in the 4-H Building. Projects will not be accepted without an exhibit tag.
4. You may bring record sheets for later projects check-in times, and receive the exhibit tag for that project(s). However, you may not check-in the project until the appropriate time. You must have the exhibit tag before checking in the project.

****As a reminder, you will only need ONE record sheet for ALL building projects exhibited at the fair. You will also NOT turn in your green folder.**

These are the only building projects that require additional materials:

Crafts- Craft Information Card, Cake Decorating- Cake Exhibit Card, Child Development- Activity Card, Crops- Exhibit Card, Electric- Skills and Knowledge Sheet, Foods- Recipe Card, Sewing- Exhibit Card, Woodworking- Skills Sheet

Live Animal Projects: Completed educational activities/manuals were due for Beef, Dairy Beef, Dairy, Cats, Dogs, Goats, Horse & Pony, Poultry, Sheep, Small Animals, and Swine by **July 1 at 4:00 p.m.** Any educational activities/manuals not yet turned in should be turned into the Extension Office to get credit for completing the project. Missing this deadline will effect eligibility to exhibit your animal at the White County 4-H Fair.

All materials can be picked up from the Purdue Extension- White County Office. Many are also available for download on the White County 4-H Website (see page 2 for QR code)

Open Judging

Almost all building projects at the White County 4-H Fair are judged in an OPEN format!

What is Open Judging?

Nearly all White County 4-H building projects, also referred to as “static” projects, are evaluated through open judging. In this format, exhibitors have the opportunity to discuss their projects with the judges during the judging process and respond to any questions posed by the judges. Spectators, including family members and project assistants, are welcome to listen to the judges' feedback, but they cannot participate in the conversation. Attending open judging, engaging with the judges, and hearing the feedback given to other exhibitors offers a **valuable educational experience**. We encourage all static project exhibitors to take advantage of this opportunity.

Please consult the Fair Flyer or Fair Book for a comprehensive schedule of check-in and judging dates/times.

Highlight the relevant dates and plan to be present for your OPEN judging sessions.

(Note: Mini 4-H projects are judged in a closed format, with all exhibitors receiving a blue ribbon and brief comment cards. Creative writing is also evaluated in a closed format.)

Creative Writing Projects

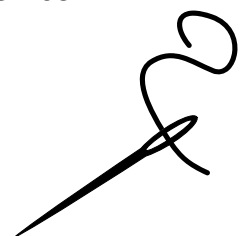


All 4-H Creative Writing projects and the Creative Writing Record Sheet are due to the White County Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on July 1st. This will allow our judge to spend the time needed to judge these projects prior to the Fair. Creative Writing projects also need to be entered in FairEntry at <http://whitecountyindiana.fairentry.com> by July 1st.

4-H Sewing, Consumer Clothing, & Fashion Revue

- 2025 Sewing, Consumer Clothing, & Fashion Revue Judging is scheduled for Saturday, July 12th at the 4-H Building in Reynolds. 8-8:30 a.m.: Sewing Project Check-In 9:00 a.m.: Open Judging of Sewing Projects (wearable and non-wearable items) 9:30-10 a.m.: Consumer Clothing Check-In 10:00 a.m.: Open Judging of Consumer Clothing 11:30 a.m. (approximately): Grade 3 members practice modeling wearable projects 12:00 p.m.: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Fashion Revue Judging (order to be determined); only 4-H members, leaders, and parents may attend this private judging day.
- Each Sewing exhibit needs to have a completed Sewing Project Exhibit Card included with the project.
- Everyone is invited to attend the Public Fashion Revue on Saturday, July 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the 2025 White County 4-H Fair.
- Refer to the letter that was mailed to all Sewing, Consumer Clothing, & Fashion Revue members for more information. If you did not receive your letter, please contact the White County Extension Office.

**Monon Meats will be serving lunch at their
Fairgrounds Food Stand on July 12th for
anyone who wants to purchase lunch!**



4-H Building Project Check-Out

4-H members and parents are reminded that 4-H Building projects may be checked out between 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 24th. No early check outs are allowed. Please plan your schedule accordingly and make arrangements with someone else to pick up your projects if you are unable to do so at the designated time. Please remember to pick up your projects! We do not have room to store leftover items.

4-H Members: Don't Forget to Say "Thank You!"

4-H members are highly encouraged to write thank you notes to award sponsors and other individuals who have helped you with your 4-H projects. Some of these individuals may include parents, siblings, 4-H leaders, auction buyers, Ag Association members, other 4-H members, or other 4-H volunteers. Let's show White County 4-H Supporters that we really do care about all of the things they do for us in the White County 4-H program!



Fair Office

The 4-H Fair Office will be in operation during the week of the Fair and is located next to the First Aid Building near the Flag Pole by the Arena. During the Fair, the Extension Office will be closed. All questions and concerns during that time should be brought to the Fair Office.

Fair Clean Up Day

All 4-H Members, families, and volunteers are asked to help clean up the 4-H Fairgrounds after the Fair on Friday, July 25th at 8:00 a.m. A free breakfast will be provided by Keystone Cooperative for all who help. We know everyone is tired after the Fair, the more people that we get to come help, the faster it will go!

Poster Board and Sleeves

Reusable plastic sleeves for 22" x 28" and salon print posters are now available for purchase from the Extension Office. We also have foam board in the 22" x 28" size available. Supplies are limited so don't wait until the last minute to purchase these items!

2025 White County 4-H Handbook

The White County 4-H Handbook is now available on our website at <https://purdue.link/25handbook>. Please read the 2025 requirements before starting any project. The 4-H handbook is your guide to the 4-H program, including the project exhibit requirements. If you have a specific project question, refer to your handbook first. If you cannot find the answer there, follow up with a club leader, project leader, or the extension office.



Attention Live Animal Exhibitors!

By this time, you should be entering your Live Animal projects (Cats, Dogs, Small Animals, Beef, Dairy, Dairy Beef, Goats, Horses, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits) online in the FairEntry program (Due July 1st at Midnight). You should also be turning in your Live Animal project record sheets and educational activities to the Extension Office by **4 pm on July 1st**.

A few additional notes:

- All Cattle and Swine will be required to have an official form of identification in place during the Fair, as required by the Indiana Board of Animal Health. For both Cattle and Swine, this official identification can be the 840-RFID tag. The list of Official Forms of Animal Identification can be found in the "Animal Health Requirements for Exhibition of Domestic Animals in Indiana in 2025" section of the 2025 White County 4-H Handbook.
- Some animals have additional Animal Health Requirements (such as vaccination requirements). Be sure to read through the White County 4-H Handbook to ensure you are meeting all of the requirements and have the necessary paperwork

Swine Exhibitors- Important Info

All Swine Exhibitors selling their animal at Fair must complete the County Fair Swine Affidavit and turn it in at Fair check-in. Only one form is needed per exhibitor, as long as the Premise ID is the same for each animal on the form. Forms will be handed out at check-in.

Swine Barn Clean-Up

All 4-H Swine Project members are asked to join the 4-H Swine Committee in cleaning and setting up the Swine Barn here at the White County 4-H Fairgrounds on **Sunday, July 13th at 2:00 p.m.** Bring your shovels and brooms! It takes a lot of work to get the barn ready for Fair and the more people who help, the faster it will go. Please contact a White County 4-H Swine Committee member with any questions.

YQCA Updates

All Livestock exhibitors are required to have completed YQCA or IQLC training in order to exhibit at the White County 4-H Fair. If completing the online option, you **MUST submit a copy of your YQCA certificate to the extension office**. All in-person IQLC trainings have passed. You can complete an online training by registering on YQCAprogram.org. Certificates can be emailed to Molly at childer9@purdue.edu or dropped off.

Animal Grooming Assistance

To ensure a consistent and educational experience for all youth participants, we would like to clarify the new Grooming Assistance rule regarding exhibitor responsibilities:

New Rule: Exhibitors shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of their own animals entered into the White County 4-H Fair. An exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the Indiana State Fair, provided that the assistance shall be limited to explanation or demonstration and that the exhibitor is involved in the preparation.

Clarification: This rule means that exhibitors are expected to take an active, hands-on role in the care, grooming, and fitting of their animals for show. While guidance, demonstration, and hands-on assistance by family and non-family members are allowed, the exhibitor must be physically involved in the preparation process. We recognize that there are certain instances where an exhibitor is showing in multiple barns while an animal is being prepared, and that is ok. We just don't want an exhibitor playing cards with their friends (for example) while someone else prepares their animal. This expectation reinforces our commitment to youth development and skill-building through participation.

We appreciate your cooperation in upholding the spirit of the White County 4-H Fair and its focus on youth involvement and responsibility.



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