



Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters

Hello everyone! It is officially summer here in White County and that means that the 2026 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,

Molly Childers
Extension Educator- 4-H Youth Development

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Photo: 4-H Campers & Counselors from White and other counties enjoy 4-H Camp at Camp Tecumseh



White County 4-H



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White County 4-H Important Dates

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 **7th**- All fair committees meeting, 7 p.m. 4-H Building **please note the date change

July 8th- Music and Communications Judging, St. James Lutheran Church, 6 pm.

July 11th- Sewing, Consumer Clothing, and Fashion Revue Judging, Ag Tractor and Lawn and Garden Contest

July 13th- Building Set-Up 6 p.m., Ag Association meeting 7 p.m.

July 14th-17th- Project check-in and pre-fair judging- See the Fair Schedule for details!

July 18th-23rd- White County 4-H Fair!

July 24th- Fairgrounds Cleanup 8 a.m.; free breakfast provided by Keystone Cooperative

August 3rd- 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 10th- 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 25th- All State Fair 4-H Exhibits available for pickup in the extension office

September 2nd- All 4-H Fair Exhibit Committees meeting, 6 p.m., 4-H Building

October 1st- 4-H Enrollment begins for the 2026-2027 4-H Year

The Pre-Fair and Fair Schedule is available online. Scan the QR code or visit <https://purdue.ws/whitecofair2026> to view
Hard copies are available for pick up in the extension office and will be available during the fair.



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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Address: 12 N 25 E Reynolds, IN 47980

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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 Skills Sheet, **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.

4-H Building Ribbon Pick Up & Project Check-Out

4-H Building judging comments and ribbons will be available for pick up throughout fair week. They are typically available starting Monday. An email with time and location details will be sent to all members on Sunday of fair week.

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 23rd. 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. Ribbons and comment cards will also be available at this time if you do not pick them up early.

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 schedule 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

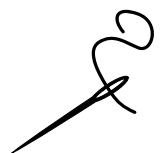


All 4-H Creative Writing projects and the Creative Writing Record Sheet are due to the White County Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on July 1st. This will allow our judge to spend the time needed to judge these projects prior to the Fair. Creative Writing projects also need to be entered in FairEntry at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

Sewing, Consumer Clothing, & Fashion Revue

- 2026 Sewing, Consumer Clothing, & Fashion Revue Judging is scheduled for Saturday, July 11th 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 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the 2026 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.

Oliver Catering will be serving lunch in the 4-H Building on July 11th for anyone who wants to purchase lunch!



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!



Thank You Note Station at the Fair

The White County Extension Homemakers will be offering a complimentary thank-you note writing station during the White County Fair in their building, situated between the stage and the goat barn. They will provide all the necessary supplies for you to express your gratitude to those who supported you in your 4-H experience this year. Come enjoy the air conditioning while you show appreciation to those who helped you!

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

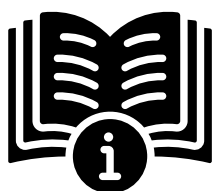
All 4-H Members, families, and volunteers are asked to help clean up the 4-H Fairgrounds after the Fair on Friday, July 24th at 8:00 a.m. A free breakfast will be provided by Keystone Cooperative for all who help. We know everyone is tired after the Fair, the more people that we get to come help, the 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!

2026 White County 4-H Handbook

The White County 4-H Handbook is now available on our website at <https://purdue.link/wc4h>. Please read the 2026 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 2026” section of the 2026 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

YQCA/IQLC

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.

Auction Information

Auction declaration will be done in-person via paper forms. Forms will be available during animal check in. They will be due to the Fair Office by Saturday, July 18th at 3 p.m. For a full listing of Auction rules, please see the White County 4-H Handbook. The auction will take place on Thursday, July 23rd at 1:00 p.m. The auction sale order is **Rabbits, Sheep, Goat, Beef, Poultry, Swine**.

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 12th 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.

FALL PREVENTION PROGRAM:

A MATTER OF BALANCE



MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS



Who Should Attend?

- Anyone concerned about falls
- Anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- Anyone who has fallen in the past
- Anyone who has restricted activities because of falling

You Will Learn To:

- View falls as controllable
- Set goals for increasing activity
- Make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- Exercise to increase strength & balance

COST: \$25

LIMITED SPACE

QUESTIONS?

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 27, 2026

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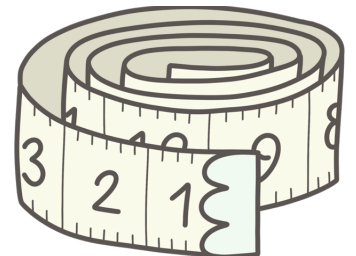
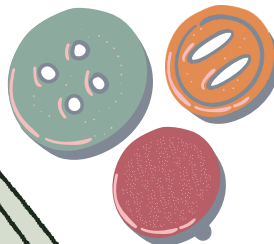
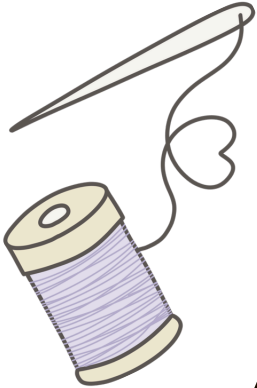


White Co. Extension Homemakers Present

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-Donate on
Aug. 16-17 from
2-7pm

-Donators shop
Aug. 18 from 2-7pm

-Public shops
Aug. 19-20
from 2-7pm

WHERE:

**WHITE CO. FAIRGROUNDS
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