



Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters

Hello everyone!

Spring is finally arriving and I hope that some warm and dry days aren't too far behind. This year continues to fly by and the Fair is only a few months away! We are forging ahead with our plans for our 4-H Fair.

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.

For those of you who are new to the White County 4-H program, we are so glad that you are joining us and we hope you enjoy your White County 4-H experience! Information about 4-H activities and events are included in the bimonthly "Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters" White County 4-H newsletter. We also post frequent updates on our Facebook page (WhiteCounty4H) and Instagram (whitecounty4hofficial).

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

- **Important Deadlines—Don't forget!**
- **FairEntry information**
- **Future Workshops and Meetings**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office at (219) 984-5115. Please let us know if there is anything that we 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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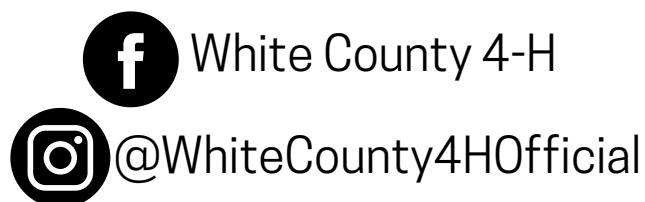


Photo: Jacqui Hoover shares about poultry during 4th Grade Ag Day in April

2026 White County 4-H Handbook

Please email whiteces@purdue.edu to request a digital copy of the 2026 White County 4-H Handbook. Printed copies are available upon request. Please give us at least one hour's notice if requesting a physical copy so we can have it printed and ready for you. 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.

Important Deadlines

- ✓ **May 9th** - Last day to register to attend 4-H Academy or Round-Up
- ✓ **May 15th** - Last Day to Enroll in White County 4-H and be eligible to exhibit at the 2026 White County 4-H Fair (4HOnline or Extension Office)
- ✓ **May 15th** - Last Day to Add/Drop Projects in 4HOnline or by contacting Extension Office
- ✓ **May 15th** - Livestock Identification deadline in 4HOnline. All livestock must be identified in 4-H online to exhibit at the White County 4-H Fair AND Indiana State Fair.
- ✓ **May 15th** - DNA Hair Samples due for state fair Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep & Swine
- ✓ **June 1st** - FairEntry opens for youth to enter which projects they will bring to the fair.
- ✓ **July 1st** - ALL projects that you plan to bring to the 2026 4-H Fair due in online FairEntry program by midnight. This includes both static and livestock projects.
- ✓ **July 1st** - Live Animal (Beef, Cat, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Small Animal, Swine) Educational Activities and record sheets (if applicable) due in the Extension Office by 4 PM
- ✓ **July 1st** - Livestock Quality Assurance certification must be completed to exhibit beef, dairy, swine, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits.

****Please note whether the item is due to the Extension Office or in 4HOnline or FairEntry. Items due to the Extension Office must be received in the Office by the close of business (4 p.m.) on all due dates. 4HOnline & FairEntry deadlines are midnight on the date listed.***

4-H Enrollment- Last Day is May 15th!

There is still time to enroll in 4-H for the 2025-2026 year! Youth can still enroll in White County 4-H using 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com>. The last day to enroll in White County 4-H, and still be eligible to exhibit at the 2026 White County 4-H Fair, is May 15th. Anyone who needs assistance or does not have access to 4HOnline should contact the White County Extension Office at (219) 984-5115 or stop by our office, which is located at 12 N. 25 E. in Reynolds.

Office hours are Monday—Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fair Entry Program

We will again be using the FairEntry program this year to register projects for the Fair. All projects (animal and building projects) will be registered prior to the Fair through this online program. This program pairs with the 4HOnline program and is being implemented throughout Indiana. The FairEntry program will be open for use on June 1st. Instructions for completing the FairEntry process will be mailed and emailed to all 4-H Families. It is crucial that you complete the FairEntry process, doing so makes checking in your projects and seeing results much easier.

All Live Animal

(Beef, Dairy, Goats, Horse & Pony, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbit, Cats, Dogs, and Small Animals)

Fair entries will be due in Fair Entry by July 1st.

All Exhibit Hall (Building) Projects and Events

(includes Tractor Driving, Mini 4-H Projects and Mini Lead Classes)

Fair entries are also due in FairEntry by July 1st.

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program (Formerly YQCA)

Each year, livestock exhibitors are required to complete a quality assurance program in order to show their livestock at the White County and Indiana State Fairs. This program is designed to educate producers (exhibitors) on the care of their animals in order to provide a safe product for consumers. This training is for every 4-Her in grades 3 through 12 who is exhibiting beef, dairy, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, or poultry at the White County Fair and/or Indiana State Fair. **This is a mandatory program. You must be certified in order to exhibit.**

(In-Person) Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program

1. Register for the event via 4-H Online (v2.4honline.com). You may only sign up for ONE training event. If you need to change your sign up, call the extension office.
2. Show up to the training, sign in, and stay for the entire length of the training.
3. Receive your training certificate from the educator. This certificate will be your proof of completion, more information on this will come during the training event.
4. By July 1st, check your 4-H online profile under the "trainings" tab to make sure your training has been marked complete. If it is not marked complete, call the extension office.

The following in-person trainings will be available at the White County 4-H Building in Reynolds.

- May 28th 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- June 17th 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Instructions for the online YQCA option were detailed in the letter sent to all livestock exhibitors via mail and email. If you missed this letter, please reach out to the Purdue Extension White County Office.

This letter also included registration instructions for the in-person offering. Answers to frequently asked questions regarding this program can also be found on the website.

Animal Identification

All Livestock Animals (Beef, Dairy Beef, Dairy, Goats, Horses, Llamas, Sheep, and Swine) that will be exhibited at either the 2026 White County 4-H Fair or the 2026 Indiana State Fair need to be identified in 4HOnline by **May 15th, 2026**. Information has been sent to all Livestock project members with instructions on completing this process. Please enter your animals online as soon as possible and contact the Extension Office with any questions or concerns. Animals may be shared between members of the same family (as long as they are enrolled under the same 4HOnline family profile). These animals must be entered under at least one member.

Already completed the 4HOnline Animal Identification? Please login to 4HOnline to double check that your entries were submitted correctly and that you identified every animal that you may want to exhibit before the May 15th deadline.

State Fair DNA Samples

Those planning to show Beef, Dairy Beef, Dairy Cattle, Meat Goats, Sheep, and Swine at the Indiana State Fair must submit a DNA hair sample for each animal by May 15th.

Detailed information about state fair animal Identification requirements can be found here:
<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/animal-identification.html>



State Fair Information and the State Fair Premium Book can be found on the Indiana State Fair website at: <http://www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/competitionscontests/4-h-competitions/>. All

Indiana State Fair entries will be done online at <https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com/>.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the entry process, please contact the Indiana State Fair Entry Department at (317) 927-7515 or entry@indianastatefair.com.

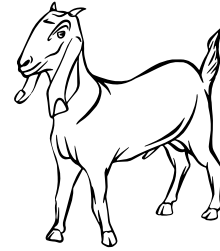
Please be sure to read through the information in the Indiana State Fair Premium Book carefully.

Families may consent to having their Animal ID information from 4HOnline shared with the State Fair by checking the appropriate box within each animal record in 4HOnline.

Premise ID- Don't Wait!

Do you have your livestock premises registered? Indiana State Law requires premise identification for all sites associated with the purchase, sale, or exhibition of livestock in the State of Indiana. This includes cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. To obtain a Premise ID#, please see the information listed on the Indiana State Board of Animal Health website at: <http://www.in.gov/boah/2328.htm>. You may also contact BOAH at animalid@boah.in.gov or (317) 544-2400. Be sure to leave enough time to receive your Premise ID # before the May 15th Animal ID deadlines.

Goat Weigh-In



When: Saturday, May 9th, 2026

Time: 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

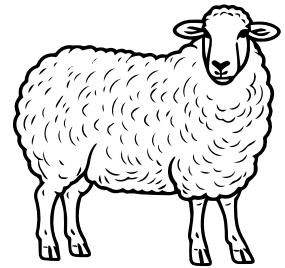
Where: Multi-Purpose Arena, 4-H Fairgrounds, Reynolds

What: The 4-H Goat Committee will be ear tagging and weighing goats for the 2026 Fair. To participate in all Rate-of-Gain competitions, all wethers and meat market does must be weighed at this event.

All goats must be tagged by a member of the Goat Committee. If you cannot attend this event, please contact a member of the Goat Committee ASAP. Be sure to refer to the White County Handbook to make sure you have all ID requirements met.

State fair bound Meat Goats must obtain RFID tag and submit DNA sample by May 15.

Sheep Weigh-In



When: Saturday, May 9th, 2026

Time: 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Sheep must be in line by 10:30 a.m.

Where: Sheep Barn, 4-H Fairgrounds, Reynolds

What: The 4-H Sheep Committee will be ear tagging and weighing sheep for the 2026 Fair. **All Sheep must be tagged by a member of the Sheep Committee.** If you cannot attend this event, please contact a member of the Goat Committee ASAP. Be sure to refer to the White County Handbook to make sure you have all ID requirements met.

State fair bound sheep must obtain RFID tag and submit DNA sample by May 15.

Mini 4-H Day Camp

Youth in grades K-2 are invited to our Mini 4-H Day Camp! Spend the day at the White County Fairgrounds learning more about projects with some of our Junior Leaders, as well as play games, make crafts, and more! Camp will take place on **June 24th** from 9 AM– 3:30 PM and will start in the 4-H Building in Reynolds. Please keep an eye on your emails and/or our social media for more details on this.

We need **teen and adult helpers** for this program, reach out to Molly at childer9@purdue.edu | 219-984-5115 if interested.

Upcoming Mini 4-H Workshops:

May 21st and June 18th

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 12 N 25 E Reynolds, IN



Poster Board and Sleeves

Plastic sleeves for 22" x 28" 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! Cash or check payment only. Sleeve prices increased to \$1 each this year.

Lawn & Garden Tractor Workshops

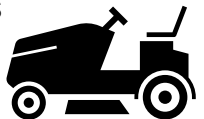
Dates have been set for this year's Lawn & Garden Tractor Workshops for White County 4-H Lawn & Garden Tractor project members. Workshops will be held on:

Wednesday, June 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Memorial Farm in Reynolds

Wednesday, June 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Memorial Farm in Reynolds

Wednesday, July 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Memorial Farm in Reynolds

Wednesday, July 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Memorial Farm in Reynolds



The White County 4-H Lawn & Garden Tractor Operator's Contest will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at 8:30 a.m. at the White County Fairgrounds Memorial Farm. A letter with additional information will be mailed to registered exhibitors soon.

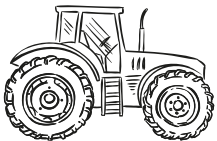
Farm Tractor Workshops

Dates have been set for this year's Lawn & Garden Tractor Workshops for White County 4-H Lawn & Garden Tractor project members. Workshops will be held on:

Tuesday, June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds

Tuesday, June 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds

Tuesday, July 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds



The White County 4-H Farm Tractor Operator's Contest will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at 9:00 a.m. at the White County Fairgrounds. A letter with additional information will be mailed to registered exhibitors soon.

Computers & Robotics Workshops

White County 4-H is sponsoring workshops for you through the months of April, May, and June. The workshops are scheduled on Tuesdays from 4:30pm - 6pm in the Exhibit building at the Fairgrounds in Reynolds. You are welcome to bring your own computers and tablets to create with. Laptops are available for use during workshops as well. White County 4-H supplies Lego Mindstorms EV3 education robot kits that can be used in the Exhibit building to create a robot. You can come and work on a robot even if you are not in the robotics/computer project, but we do invite you to sign up for the Computer Science project to show off what you can do! The Drop/Add date is May 15, so come try it out and then join the project!

Mr. David Hoover
Computer Science Project Leader
teachandlead@gmail.com



Upcoming Opportunities



State and National 4-H experiences help 4-H members build connections outside of White County. These are great opportunities to break out of your comfort zone and build new life skills. New opportunities are always being added, so be sure to follow our social media pages for more information.



4-H Academy is a program held at Purdue University which offers hands-on, exciting opportunities to dive deep into a 4-H'ers subject of choice. Participants in **grades 9-12** learn from professors, graduate students and other experts in their respective fields and participate in interactive activities and experiential learning. Participants stay in a Purdue University Residence Hall for two nights while exploring the Purdue University campus and meeting 4-H members from across Indiana.

When: June 10-12, 2026

Registration ends May 9th

Learn More: bit.ly/in4hacademy

4-H Round-Up is an opportunity for youth who have completed **grades 7 & 8** to visit Purdue University's campus and explore a variety of career paths by attending hands-on classes created just for Round-Up attendees. Supported by 4-H chaperones, participants get a taste of college life by living in a Purdue Residence Hall for two nights, eating in a University dining hall, and exploring campus. Youth enjoy building friendships with 4-H'ers from across the state during recreation events planned in the evenings and blocks of free time.

When: June 10-12, 2026

Registration opens March 15th

Learn more: bit.ly/in4hroundup

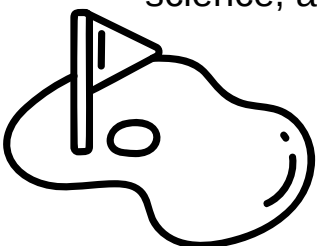
A full listing of state and national events can be found on the Indiana 4-H Website at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/>

Golf Day Camp

Join us for a fun-filled 4-H Day Camp designed especially for youth **ages 8-12!**

The camp will be held on **July 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the White County 4-H Fairgrounds in Reynolds. Participants will enjoy hands-on activities, creative projects, and interactive learning experiences centered around golf, turf science, and teamwork. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn, create, and have fun with friends—stay tuned for registration details!

We need **teen and adult helpers** for this program, reach out to Molly at childer9@purdue.edu | 219-984-5115 if interested.



Hosted by the Carroll
County Jr. Leaders



Madam Carroll 4-H Cruise

- **Who:** 6th-12th grade 4-H members
- **When:** Monday, June 8th, 2026, 6:00-9:00 p.m. (*boarding at 5:30*)
- **Where:** 12244 N Upper Lakeshore Dr. Monticello, IN 47960
- **Cost:** \$20 per person.
 - Payment due by June 5th to the Purdue Extension White County Office (Cash or Check only)

Register through 4-H Online at
<https://2026MCcruise.4honline.com>
Registration closes June 5th

Purdue University prohibits discrimination against any member of the University community on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, or status as a veteran. If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Molly Childers prior to June 5th at 219984-5115 | childer9@purdue.edu.



Music and Communications Judging



Music and Communications exhibitors, mark your calendars for **July 8th!**

Judging of these 2 projects will take place at **6:00 p.m. at St. James Church in Reynolds.** Be sure to complete your FairEntry for these projects by this date!



This event is open to anyone who wants to come watch and support our wonderful speakers and performers!

4-H Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the 4-H members that applied for and received a 4-H scholarship.



- **Bailey Hanna**
- **Jacqui Hoover**
- **Chase Pekny**
- **Alivia Pritts**

White County Fair Queen

Applications for White County 4-H Fair Queen will open May 1st! All of the information will be available via the White County 4-H Fair Queen Facebook

Page: <https://www.facebook.com/MissWhiteCounty4HFairQueen>



Age Groups:

Jr. Miss- 15-17 years old

Miss- 18-21 years old



More details can be found on page 147 of the White County 4-H Handbook.

Fair Schedule

We are working hard finalizing the fair schedule. It should be available by Mid-June. Watch our social media pages, website, and/or emails for details! If you have questions about judging dates, please reach out to the extension office.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

The add/drop deadline for projects is May 15th, consider adding one of these “lesser known” 4-H projects to your list this year! Explore all of the 4-H projects and guidelines in the White County 4-H Handbook.

Grow It. Show It. Pop Into 4-H Crops!

Looking for a hands-on project that gets you outdoors and growing something amazing? The 4-H Crops Project is a great way for youth in grades 3–12 to explore agriculture, plant science, and crop production right here in our county!

This year, we’re especially excited to highlight the **Popcorn Project**—a fun and unique option for members in grades 3–12. Participants grow their own popcorn and exhibit:



- Three stalks for judging
- A completed exhibit card
- A General Record Sheet



Whether you’re planting your first seeds or already have a green thumb, this project helps you build skills in responsibility, science, and agriculture—all while growing something you can actually enjoy!

Other crops exhibit options include: Soybeans, Small Grains, Hay/Alfalfa, and/or a poster.

Design It. Create It. Love Your Space!

Looking for a project that lets you be creative and practical? The **4-H Home Environment Project** is perfect for youth in grades 3–12 who are interested in design, organization, decorating, or DIY projects!

Members can choose from several exhibit options, including:

- Refinishing or creating a furniture piece
- Designing a room or color scheme
- Building a portfolio of ideas and inspiration



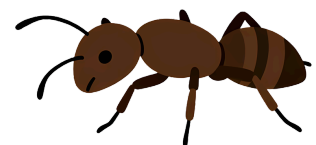
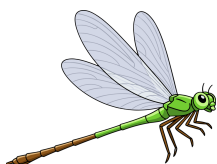
Whether you’re redesigning your bedroom, creating a storage solution, or exploring future careers in interior design, this project helps you develop real-life skills while expressing your personal style.

Explore the Tiny World Around You!

Did you know insects are everywhere—and they play a huge role in our world? The **4-H Entomology Project** is perfect for youth who are curious about bugs, nature, and science!

In this project, members will:

- Learn how insects live and interact with people
- Collect, preserve, and identify insects
- Create an exhibit to showcase what they’ve learned



Exhibitors can choose to display an insect collection or create an educational poster—making this project a great fit for both hands-on learners and creative thinkers.

Whether you’re fascinated by butterflies, beetles, or anything that crawls or flies, this project helps you discover a whole new world right outside your door!

Club Name	When	Where
Jr. Leaders	May 4th, 6:30 p.m. June: See Google Classroom	4-H Building, Reynolds
Goat	May 5 th , 6:30 p.m. May 9 th (I.D. Day) June 2 nd , 6:30 p.m. June 9 th , 6:00 p.m.	4-H Building, Reynolds MP Arena, Fairgrounds
Princeton	May 6 th , 6:00 p.m. June 3 rd , 6:00 p.m.	Tri-County Intermediate
Prairie	May 11th, 7 p.m.	Frontier Elementary Cafeteria
Horse and Pony	May 12 th , 6:30 p.m. May 16 th (Open Show) June 9th, 6:30 p.m. June 13 th (NBHA & IBRA) June 27 th (Open Show)	4-H Horse Barns
West Point	May 13th, 7 p.m. June 10 th , 7 p.m.	Meadow Lake Church
Shooting Sports	Every Thursday, 6:30 p.m.	Camp Buffalo
Rabbit	May 19 th , 7 p.m. June 20 th , Tattooing and RA June 23 rd , 7 p.m.	4-H Building, Ryenolds
Honey Creek	May 20th, 6:30 p.m. June 17th, 6:30 p.m.	4-H Building, Reynolds
Union	May 20 th , 6:30 p.m. June 17 th , 6:00 p.m.	Roosevelt MS Cafeteria
Liberty	May 17 th , 2 p.m. June 29th, 7 p.m.	Buffalo Firehouse
Poultry	May 18 th , 6:30 p.m. June 15 th , 6:30 June 21, 2 p.m.	4-H Building, Reynolds (May) Poultry Barn for Bloodtesting (June)



Volunteer Information

Anyone who wishes to work with the White County 4-H program must be an approved 4-H Volunteer. All new volunteers will need to contact the White County Extension Office for information on how to complete the volunteer approval process.

All returning 4-H volunteers will need to re-enroll annually using 4HOnline. Volunteers should log into 4HOnline using the login email and password that was used when enrolled in 4HOnline last year. If you have forgotten your email or password or enrolled using a paper form last year, please contact the Extension Office.

REMINDER: All volunteers are required to complete an online Youth Safety and Reporting Child Abuse training course called Operating Procedures for Programs Involving Minors. The training can either be completed in 4HOnline or by coming into the Extension Office, and takes about 45 minutes to complete.

Please be sure to enroll as a 4-H Volunteer before you begin working with 4-H youth. This is for the safety of the youth and volunteers alike, and is required. Please contact the White County Extension Office at (219) 984-5115 with any questions or concerns.

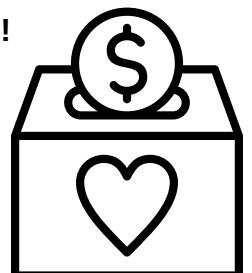
Thank you for volunteering with the White County 4-H Program. Without all of you, our program would not be as successful as it is!

Thank You

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the White County 4-H program and the White County Agricultural Association so far in 2026! Thank you to everyone who has made a donation—your donations go a long way in helping run the 4-H program and the White County 4-H Fair. We also want to thank everyone who has donated their time and hard work on many different projects so far this year. Our program could not be nearly as successful without all of you!

If you are interested in making a donation to the White County 4-H program or to the Fair, please contact the Extension Office.

Thank you all again for everything you do to make our program great!





Dear Community Friend,

We have exciting news to share with everyone in White County and the surrounding areas. The White County Committee for The Wall That Heals is honored to have been selected as one of only two sites in Indiana hosting this special event in 2026.

The Wall That Heals is a traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. It honors the 58,281 service members who lost their lives and all who served defending our country during the Vietnam War by bringing the memorial to local communities. The Wall That Heals is a three-quarter sized exact replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (375 feet long and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point) and includes a Mobile Education Center.

White County will host this mobile exhibit 24 hours a day beginning on Thursday, June 4, 2026, and ending on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at the White County 4-H Fairgrounds located at 12 N 25 E, Reynolds, IN.

One of the greatest benefits of bringing The Wall That Heals to our community is the opportunity for education at a level impossible even at The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) staff members who accompany the exhibit are trained to engage people of all ages and backgrounds. When combined with access to The Wall That Heals memorial and Mobile Education Center, you have the unique ability to learn about the Vietnam War, the Memorial, and the impact each had on our nation.

The Wall that Heals is free to the public and will be open 24 hours a day until closing at 2:00 pm on Sunday, June 7, 2026. Scheduled guided tours will be available during the morning and afternoon from Thursday, June 4th through Saturday, June 6th. Each tour group will be guided by an experienced VVMF staff member and lasts approximately 45 minutes, including time for questions.

To schedule a tour, please text or call Carol Conrad at (574) 870-1331.

Sincerely,

White County Education & Tours Committee for The Wall That Heals



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