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Come to the Whitley
County 4-H Fair and enjoy
the following: 4-H shows,
homemade meals on top
of the hill, Master
Gardener programs, ice
cream, basket class, 4-H
projects on display,
antique tractors, events at
the grandstand and
concludes with the
livestock auction.

IMPORTANT 2025 4-H DATES

JULY 1: 4-H Animal Project Record Sheet & Worksheet to Extension Office by 7:00 PM

JULY 1: Whitley County 4-H FairEntry Deadline

JULY 1: Whitley County 4-H Auction – Sign-up Deadline

JULY 3: Consumer Clothing Books due to Extension Office by 4:30 PM

JULY 5: Fashion Revue Judging & Consumer Clothing Judging Peabody Public Library

JULY 8: NON-PERISHABLE JUDGING – 4-H Center
JULY 9: PERISHABLE JUDGING – 4-H Center

2025 4-H Foods & Livestock Auctions

Foods Auction – The Foods Auction will be on Friday, July 11 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. in the 4-H Center The order of the auction is: Baked Foods, Decorated Cakes and Decorated Cupcakes.

Livestock Auction - The Livestock Auction will be on Thursday, July 17 starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Landmaster Show Barn. Auction order: Sheep, Goat, Swine, Rabbit, Beef/Junior Beef, Poultry, Feeder Calf, Dairy Steer and Dairy Cheese.

Extension Office at Branch Court is closed from July 10 – 18. See the office at the Whitley Co. 4-H Fair – Show Barn.

<u>Indiana State Fair</u> - Pre-Fair Discount Ticket Info – see page 3

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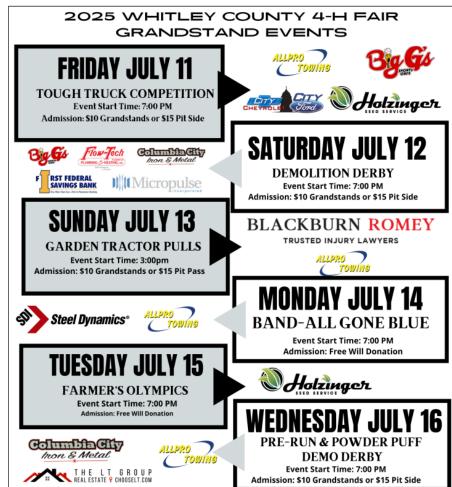
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2025 4-H Fair Pre-Fair Events

| Thursday, June 26 |
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| 6:00-8:00 pmBicycle Contest |
| Saturday, June 28 |
| 8:00 am-12:00 pmBicycle Contest |
| 9:00 amTractor Driving Contest |
| 1:00 pmCat Show |
| Monday, June 30 |
| 6:00 p.mLittle Miss & Miss Whitley Co. Scholarship |
| Program, First Church of God, Col. City |
| Tuesday, July 1 |
| 7:00 pm4-H Auction Online Sign-Up Due |
| for Foods and Livestock |
| 7:00 pm Animal Record/Work Sheets DUE to Ext. Office |
| Saturday, July 5 |
| 9:00 am 4-H Center Set-up |
| 9:00 am Poultry Barn Set-Up |
| 10:00 amFashion Revue Judging |
| 11:00 am Consumer Clothing Judging |
| Sunday, July 6 |
| 1:00 pmBeef, Dairy, Dairy Steer/Feeder Calf, Swine, |
| Rabbit Barns Set-Up |
| 7:00 pmSheep Barn Set-Up |
| Tuesday, July 8 |
| 7-9:00 amNon-Perishable 4-H Projects Due |
| 10:00 amNon-Perishable 4-H Project Judging |
| Wednesday, July 9 |
| 7-9:00 am Perishable & Mini 4-H Projects Due |
| 10:00 am Perishable/Mini 4-H Project Judging |
| 10:00 am Pocket Pets Entered and Judging |
| 6:30-8:30 pm Adult Open Show Projects Due |
| 6:30 pmGoat and Horse/Pony Barn Set-Up |
| Thursday, July 10 |
| 8-10:00 am Adult Open Show Projects Due |
| 10:15 am Adult Open Show Project Judging |
| 10:00 am-9:00 pmNorth Concession Stand Open |
| 6-9:00 pmJr. Leader Concession Stand Open |
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101st Annual 2025 Whitley County 4-H Fair Schedule – EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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6:30 pmFashion Revue

10-Yr. Recognition/Awards/Scholarships



10:00 am......Livestock Auction: Sheep, Goat, Swine, Rabbit, Beef/Jr Beef, Poultry, Feeder Calf, Dairy Steer and Dairy Cheese

Friday, July 18

9:00 am......... ALL Livestock Barns/4-H Center Clean-Up 4-H Fairgrounds Clean-Up

On Top of the Hill Menu – See Page 11

Attend Whitley County Master Gardeners' 4-H Fair Seminars

The Monday afternoon, July 14, stop by the air-conditioned comfort of the Ag Museum for educational seminars sponsored by Whitley County Master Gardeners.

"Green and Grounded: A Seminar on Sustainable and Supportive Gardening"

1:00 p.m. - Sean Nolan, owner of Sanctuary Native Nursery & Landscapes and president of Northeast Chapter of the Indiana Native Plant Society. He will share his wisdom on native plants and sustainable landscaping.

2:00 p.m. - Amanda Pranger-Amstutz, Allen County Master Gardener. She will talk about gardening with disabilities.

3:00 p.m. - Community Sharing

3:30 p.m. - Amber Myers from Parkview Physical Therapy will speak about body mechanics to prevent injury while gardening.

Additionally, an information table with MG literature and reference books will be available.



FRIDAY: 7:00am - 10:30pm SATURDAY: 7:00am - 10:30pm

SUNDAY: 7:00am - 10:30pm

MONDAY: 7:00am - 10:30pm

TUESDAY: 7:00am - 10:30pm

WEDNESDAY: 7:00am - 10:30pm

AUCTION DAY: 7:00am - 5:00pm

"FAIR ICE CREAM" flavors: Vanilla, Chocolate, Mint, Strawberry, Maple, Lemon, Raspberry & Peanut Butter

*Tenderloin *Corn Dog *Breakfast *Specialty Items

*So much more... check it out!

NORTH CONCESSIONS

THURSDAY 10am-10pm Red Velvet & Birthday Cake

FRIDAY 10am-10pm NY Cheesecake & Blueberry

SATURDAY 10am-10pm Cherry & Peach

SUNDAY 10am-10pm Orange Creamsicle & Vanilla

MONDAY 10am-10pm Butterscotch & Coffee

TUESDAY 10am-10pm Blue Moon & Cotton Candy

WEDNESDAY 10am-10pm Chocolate & Pistachio

THANK YOU to all of the groups, individuals, and businesses who volunteer their time in the North Concession Stand!

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Indiana State Fair Tickets/Parking Pass

The Indiana State Fair runs from Aug. 1 – 17. Pre-Fair State Fair tickets and parking passes can be purchased after the Whitley County 4-H Fair at the Purdue Extension – Whitley County 💽



Office starting on Mon., July 22 - 31(while supplies last).

Tickets purchased at the state fair can be purchased at \$16.00 and parking passes are \$10.00. Children 5 and under are FREE.

Pre-Fair Tickets - \$11.00 each Parking Pass - \$9.00 each

BRAT STAND HOURS OPEN NIGHTLY FRI-WED FROM 5-9 PM







Whitley Co. 4-H Fair July 17 - 23 Indiana State Fair August 7 - 23

Extension Homemaker Happenings



| Date | Event | Time | Location |
|---------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| JULY 4 | Fourth of July Holiday – OFFICE CLOSED | | 4-H Center |
| 7 | Set-Up Kitchen – Fair Food Committee | 5:00 p.m. | |
| 9 | Set-Up Adult Open Show area | 5:30 p.m | 4-H Center West Room |
| 9 | Adult Open Show Exhibits Entered | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m | 4-H Center West Room |
| 10 | Adult Open Show Exhibits Entered | 8:00 – 10:00 a.m | 4-H Ctr. West Room (Judging: 10:15) |
| 12 | Specialty Contest - "Apple-A-Licious" Exhibits Entered | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | 4-H Ctr. West Room (Judging: 12:30) |
| 16 | Adult Open Show Exhibits Released | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m | 4-H Center West Room |
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| 5 | President's Council Meeting | 9:30 a.m | Extension Office |
| 21 | September/October Newsletter Mailing: Jefferson/Tawasi | 10:00 a.m | Extension Office (or TBA) |

THANK YOU to Whitley Co. Extension Homemakers who helped with the May/June Extension Connection Newsletter: Club 21 – Judy Rhoads and Donna Rubrake and Union Busy Bells – Cheri Geiger.

<u>President's Council</u> <u>Meeting</u> – August 5, 9:30 a.m. at the Extension Office

Extension Homemakers Cookbook

The Whitley County Extension Homemaker



has Whitley County Extension Homemaker and other recipes. The cost to purchase a cookbook is \$10.00.

Please bring correct change if you are purchasing a cookbook or make checks payable to: Whitley County Extension Homemakers. Cookbooks will also be available at the Whitley County 4-H Fair from July 11-16 at the 4-H Center, 4-H Fairgrounds in Columbia City, the Fall Garage Sale on September 27 and Holiday Bazaar on November 1.

<u>Congratulations to the Extension Homemakers</u> <u>FACS Award Winner</u>

One Whitley County senior were awarded the Family & Consumer Science (FACS) Achievement Award sponsored by the Whitley County Extension Homemakers. The student was selected based on their FACS classes and activities, school/community activities, and future plans by their high school FACS teacher. **2025 winner: Aleighya Noe** - daughter of Denise Noe and Karmen Noe of Columbia City High School.





Fall Garage Sale

SALE SALE

Extension Homemakers will sponsor a Fall Garage Sale, Sept. 27 at the 4-H Center in Columbia City 8:00 am – 3:00 pm Forms will be available at the office or on the Extension Office website. Booth space will be \$30/space

(limit of 2 spaces). Questions - please call Barb Overdeer at 260-609-5210 or call the Extension Office at 244-7615.

Fall District Meeting

The Whitley County Extension Homemakers Fall District Meeting is October 6 in Whitley County. More info to come.

Holiday Bazaar

The Whitley County Extension Homemakers
Holiday Bazaar is November 1. Booth space is
\$30/space (limit of 2 spaces). Questions/forms: call the
Extension Office at 244-7615.

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Health & Human Sciences (HHS)

Brittney Schori, Extension Educator



The next CHAMPS (Community Health Advisory Members Providing Solutions) meeting will be held on Monday, August 11 at 10 AM. For additional details about the meeting location or about the task force, contact Brittney Schori at bpender@purdue.edu.



Members of this task force have been dedicating time to improving Whitley County for the past two years. Do you want to make a difference in the community by collaborating with community organizations? Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings.

One of the goals of CHAMPS is to identify needs and then create and distribute education to the community. To view CHAMPS monthly educational factsheets, visit https://extension.purdue.edu/county/whitley/hhs.html

The month of July focuses on food safety, specifically the importance of cooking meat to reach the proper cooking temperature. August focuses on car seat safety.

Financial Tip of the Month: Tackling High-Interest Debt

Why it matters: High-interest debts, like credit cards, can quickly grow, making it harder to save or reach other financial goals. Focusing on paying them down can save you money and reduce stress. Here are a few simple steps that you can take to tackle high-interest debt.

- Step 1: List your debts. Write down each one, its interest rate, and balance. This gives you a clear picture of where you stand.
- Step 2: Choose a payoff method. There are two basic methods. One method is called the avalanche method. This gives you the option to focus on the highest interest rate first while making minimum payments on the rest. This saves the most money over time. Method two is called the snowball method. This gives you the option to focus on the smallest balance first for quick wins, then you move on to the next one. This can build motivation as you eliminate debts.
- <u>Step 3</u>: Find ways to pay a little more. Even an extra \$25 or \$50 per month can reduce interest

and help pay down balances faster. Identify a want that you spend money on and see if you can decrease how many times you purchase it in a week. Use that extra savings and put it toward your debt! For example, if you get a

coffee five times a week, see if you can decrease that to three times a week.

- Step 4: Avoid adding new debt. Try to use cash or debit when making new purchases to break the cycle of relying on credit cards.
- <u>Step 5</u>: Stay motivated. Check your progress each month and celebrate milestones, no matter how small! Small steps lead to big results. Tackling high-interest debts takes patience, but every dollar you put toward those balances is one step closer to financial freedom.

Upcoming Workshops and Activities Open to the Public:

- July 2 at 10A Chair-Based Exercise & Education @ Woodlands Senior Center (no registration needed)
- July 9 6:30-8:30 PM 4-H Adult Open Show Exhibit Entry
- July 10 8:00-10:00 PM 4-H Adult Open Show Exhibit Entry
- July 12 10 AM 4-H Apple-a-licious! Specialty Show (open to all residents of Whitley County)
- July 12 6:00 PM 4-H Fair Basket Class (open to anyone, must register before class)
- July 16 6:00–8:00 PM 4-H Adult Open Show Exhibit Project Release
- July 30 at 10A Chair-Based Exercise & Education @ Woodlands Senior Center (no registration needed)
- August 1 at 6:00 PM Members from CHAMPS Taskforce and Extension will be at First Friday in Columbia City! Come and visit us!
- August 8 Protect Your Life from Scams and Frauds (session 1) @ Woodlands Senior Center (call Woodlands to register)
- August 15 Protect Your Life from Scams and Frauds (session 2) @ Woodlands Senior Center (call Woodlands to register)
- August 22 Protect Your Life from Scams and Frauds (session 3) @ Woodlands Senior Center (call Woodlands to register)

*For more info about registering for local classes, contact the Purdue Extension Office in Whitley County.

*If you are interested in volunteering during workshops focusing on food, money, family, or health, let us know!

Berry Yogurt Parfaits

Ingredients:

- 2 cups plain Greek yogurt (or a dairy-free yogurt)
- 2 cups fresh mixed berries (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries)
- 2–3 tbsp honey or maple syrup (optional)
- 1/2 cup granola (choose a low-sugar or homemade version)
- A few fresh mint leaves for garnish (optional)

Instructions:

- 1. In a small bowl, mix yogurt with honey or maple syrup (if desired).
- 2. In a glass or small mason jar, layer yogurt, then a handful of berries, then a sprinkle of granola.
- 3. Repeat layers until you've used your ingredients.
- 4. op with a few mint leaves for a fresh finish.
- 5. Enjoy right away or refrigerate for later (just add granola right before serving to keep it crisp)!

This berry yogurt parfait is a delicious and nutritious way to fuel your body. The creamy Greek yogurt provides protein and probiotics, which support strong muscles and a healthy gut. The fresh strawberries, blueberries, and raspberries are rich in fiber, vitamin C, and antioxidants, making them great for immunity, digestion, and overall wellness. The granola adds whole grains and heart-healthy fiber, offering lasting energy and a satisfying crunch. Together, these ingredients create a balanced snack or dessert that promotes better digestion, stable blood sugar, and long-term health, making it an ideal choice for a wholesome, delicious treat any time of day.

Nutritional Facts for 1 Parfait: Calories: ~180-220, Protein: ~10-12g, Carbohydrates: ~25-30g, Dietary fiber: ~4-5g, Sugar: !12-15g (including natural fruit sugars), Fat: ~3-5g (depending on the granola)



4-H Youth Development

Todd Geiger, Extension Educator



July 4-H Calendar

(Events, dates and times are subject to change)

| 1 | 4-H AMIMAL RECORD SHEET/WORK SHEET DEADLIN | NE7:00 p.m | EXTENSION OFFICE | |
|----|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | WHITLEY COUNTY 4-H FAIR EXHIBIT ENTRY DEADLI | | | |
| 1 | WHITLEY COUNTY 4-H AUCTION SIGN-UP DEADLINE | E | Google Form (see your ema | iil for instructions & link) |
| 1 | Indiana State Fair Animal Exhibition Registration DUE | For Beef, Cat, Dairy, Dog | g, Goat, Horse & Pony, | • |
| | Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine | | INDIANA STATE FAIR | WEBSITE |
| 1 | Horse & Pony Open Arena | 5:00-8:00 p.m | Horse Arena | |
| 2 | Horse & Pony Open Arena | | | |
| 2 | Bicycle Club Time Trial | 5:30 p.m | Indian Springs Middle | School |
| 2 | Mini 4-H Bicycle Project Ride | 6:00 p.m | 4-H Center Parking Lo | |
| 3 | CONSUMER CLOTHING NOTEBOOKS DUE | 4:30 P.M | EXTENSION OFFICE | |
| 4 | FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY | CLOSED | EXTENSION OFFICE | Come To The |
| 5 | 4-H Center Fair Set-Up | 9:00 a.m | 4-H Fairgrounds | A LY VIID |
| 5 | Poultry Barn Set-Up | 9:00 a.m | Poultry Barn | |
| 5 | Fashion Revue Judging | 10:00 a.m | Peabody Library | |
| 5 | Consumer Clothing Judging | 11:00 p.m | Peabody Library | |
| 5 | Mini 4-H Workshop | | | |
| 5 | Bicycle Club Ride | 8:00 a.m | Indian Springs Middle | School |
| 6 | Beef, Dairy, Dairy Steer/Feeder Calf, | | | |
| | Swine Barn Set-Up | | | 2025 FAIR DATES |
| 6 | Rabbit Club Work Day/Set-Up Day | | | |
| 6 | Sheep Barn Set-Up | | | Whitley County |
| 8 | Non-Perishable 4-H Projects Due | | | 4-H Fair: |
| 9 | Perishable 4-H Projects Due | | | July 11-17 |
| 9 | Mini 4-H Projects Due | | | |
| 9 | Goat, Horse & Pony, Rabbit Barns Set-Up | | | Indiana State Fair |
| 10 | Swine Due @ Fair | 7:00-10:00 a.m | Swine Barn | August 1-17 |
| 10 | Dairy, Meat & Dairy Goats, Horse & Pony, | | | (Closed Mondays) |
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13Parade of Champions & 10-Year Recognition5:00 p.m.Landmaster Show Barn13Fashion Revue6:30 p.m.Landmaster Show Barn154-H Parade5:30 p.m.4-H Fairgrounds18Fair Clean-Up9:00 a.m.Barns and Grounds

24 State Fair Projects: ALL PROJECTS EXCEPT

BAKED & PRESERVED FOODS & GARDEN Due8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.Extension Office

August 4-H Calendar

(Events, dates and times are subject to change)

| 1-1 | 7 INDIANA STATE FAIR | | INDIANA STATE FAI | RGRO | UNDS |
|-----|---|------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 4 | State Fair BAKED & PRESERVED FOODS & GARDEN Due | 9:00 a.m | Extension Office | -Fi-1 | 7. |
| 4 | Bicycle Club Banquet | 6:30 p.m | 4-H Ctr Middle Rm | NV// | INDIA |
| 21 | SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER NEWS DUE | - | EXTENSION OFFICE | y //k | SOU |
| 18 | State Fair Projects Released | 8:00 a.m8:00 p.m | Indiana State Fair | | OF S |
| 20- | Sept 5 State Fair Projects Pick-Up | 8:00 a.m4:30 p.m | Extension Office | | INDIA SOU OF S |



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2025 WHITLEY CO. 4-H FAIR PARADE THEME:

"4-H Hatches New Opportunities"

CHECK THE RULE BOOK ONLINE – IT CONTAINS THE VALUABLE INFORMATION YOU NEED!

https://bit.ly/whitleycounty4-Hhub

4-H FAIR PARADE

The 4-H Fair Parade "4-H Hatches New Opportunities" will kick off on Tuesday, July 15th at 5:30 p.m. The parade route will be posted in the 4-H Center and the Show Barn at the beginning of the 4-H Fair. Parade entries can begin lining up starting at 4:30 p.m. The location of the staging area for all parade entries will be in the drive north of the show barn. Once entries have been finalized the 4-H club leaders will be contacted with the line-up location and further information.

WHITLEY COUNTY 4-H FAIR OFFICE

The Extension Office will be located in the Show Barn office during the 4-H Fair. For all your 4-H questions, walk up the steps and walk in the door, 8 am – 9 pm daily.

>Updates/Reminders<

Essential Elements of 4-H Youth **Development**

BELONGING...

caring, supportive, relationships with other youth and adults.

MASTERY...

the development of skills, competence, and self-confidence through 4-H projects. INDEPENDENCE...

self-motivation, thinking for oneself, and leadership opportunities. GENEROSITY...

understanding that we are part of a larger world through giving back and service to others.

IMPORTANT FAIR ITEMS

In order for your 2025 4-H Fair to be successful, make sure you do the following:

- Complete 4-H Rule Book is online at the Whitley County 4-H Hub at: https://bit.lv/whitlevcounty4-Hhub
- Get your 4-H project papers from the **Extension Office**
- Turn in completed 4-H animal record sheet and animal worksheets to the Extension Office by 7:00 P.M. by Tuesday, July 1st.
- Check the 4-H Fair Schedule Online on the Whitley County 4-H Hub for times to exhibit your projects/animals.

Notary Public

Do you need a notary public for some of your 4-H paperwork? A notary public is available most of the times at the Extension Office. Cost is \$5.00 for the first document; \$1.00 for each additional document.

4-H Non-Livestock Project Judging

For 2025 Whitley County 4-H Non-Livestock Project judging will be open to only 4-H youth who are exhibiting a project. This means the 4-H'er can be present and talk with the judge as the judging takes place. This is an excellent educational process for many reasons. It allows the judge to ask the 4-H'er questions, the judge can point out what the 4-H'er has done well and it's easier to show the areas of improvement than to write them.

According to the Whitley County 4-H Rule Book, once the blue, red, and white ribbons have been placed on projects everyone must leave the room/area while the judge selects the

champion exhibits. We expect youth to respect the judges and their decisions, and abide by the rules.

Attention Non-Animal Project Exhibitors - PARADE OF **CHAMPIONS**

All Champions for static projects on exhibit in the 4-H Center will be recognized at the Parade of Champions on Sunday, July 13th at 5:00 p.m. in the Landmaster Show Barn. This year we will also be awarding Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion honors to non-animal projects. These will be announced at the Parade Champions. You will need to check your project in the 4-H Center to see if your project is Champion. If your project has a purple Champion rosette, then you will need to report to the Show Barn by 4:45 p.m. to line up.

There will also be an opportunity for all Champions to have your picture taken with your project(s) in the 4-H Center. These pictures will be taken by office staff and posted on our social media platforms. This will take place on Sunday, July 13th - 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. just before the Parade of Champions.

Attention 10-Year 4-H Members!! Recognition at the PARADE OF **CHAMPIONS**

We will recognize all the 4-H 10-year members at the Parade of Champions on Sunday, July 13th at 5:00 p.m. in the American Landmaster Show Barn. We ask that all 10-year members report to the Show Barn by 4:45 to line up.

Mini 4-H Mentor Exhibition Show

The Mini 4-H Mentor Exhibition Show will be on Wednesday, July 16th beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Landmaster Show Barn. Order of animal species will be sent out in the

next few weeks to both the Mini 4-Hers and their mentors.

Can You Spare One?

Wanting to volunteer but don't feel like you can commit to a project, club, or committee? If you can only spare one evening before, during,

or after the fair, you're still a huge help to us and the youth of Whitley County! Call 244-7615 if you're willing to pitch in!

Food & Livestock Auction Checks

If helping with clean-up, checks will be available 3 weeks from the last day of fair. If not helping with clean-up, the checks will be available 4 weeks following the last day of fair. Checks

Websites to Know

are valid for 60 days from the date of

Purdue Extension - Whitley County: www.extension.purdue.edu/whitley Indiana 4-H:

www.four-h.purdue.edu Indiana State Fair: www.state.in.us/statefair Whitley County Facebook: Purdue Extension - Whitley County

A 4-H Member Should Know...



printing.

4-H Motto:

"To Make the Best Better"

4-H Colors:

Green and White

4-H Symbol:

4-Leaf Clover with "H" in each leaf 4-H Pledge:

"I pledge my head to greater thinking, My heart to greater loyalty, My hands to larger service, My health to better living, For my club, My community, My country and My world."

Can You Believe it's Almost Fair Time?!!

Our 4-H Fair is quickly approaching! But we all need to take a minute to remember that the 4-H program is about our youth. It is about their development and giving them the opportunity to shape themselves into the leaders of tomorrow. We all know that competition can sometimes get the best of us, and sometimes that competitive drive of one person/family may not be as positive as another. Do your best to be encouraging and celebrate your successes humbly while also celebrating the successes of others enthusiastically. We, as part of Purdue Extension and the Indiana 4-H Program, are much more interested in what you learn than what you earn. Enjoy this upcoming journey and

County Fair Dates in Northeastern Indiana

ADAMS: July 20-24 ALLEN: June 17-22 HUNTINGTON: July 18-24 DEKALB FALL FAIR: Sept. 22-27

KOSCIUSKO: July 6-12 LAGRANGE: July 5-12 NOBLE: July 12-18 WELLS: July 12-17 STEUBEN: June 20-26 WABASH: July 14-19

reflect on the great things you were able to learn and the great friends you were able to spend time with this summer!

<u>Drive Your 4-H</u> Pride!



Show your clover pride by purchasing an Indiana 4-H Foundation Specialty License Plate!

Plate fees support programs for young people state-wide, and a portion of the money from each plate that is sold goes right back to 4-H in the county where the plate was purchased! You can purchase or renew your Indiana 4-H Foundation Specialty Plate at your local BMV Branch or at http://www.in.gov/bmv.

If you are interested in a low digit Indiana 4-H Foundation Specialty Plate, please contact the Indiana 4-H Foundation Office via email info@in4h.org or by calling (765) 494-8483. Low digit plates are administered on a first-come first-served basis.

Other ways you can help:

- Promote the Indiana 4-H Foundation plate to your friends and family
- Talk about the plate on your Facebook page and Twitter
- Promote the plate at all of your meetings
- Display a banner ad on your website
- Promote the Indiana 4-H Foundation plate in your club newsletters and emails
- Talk to local companies about supporting Indiana 4-H with a plate on their company fleet or vehicles

THANK YOU Stations at 4-H Fair

Did you know that on average less than 30% of all 4-H sponsors, donors, and buyers are sent or given a "thank you" card?!! It is so important that you take a moment to write out a card to say "thank you" to those that support our great Whitley County 4-H program and 4-H Fair. So, this year at the fair you will see two "Thank You" stations that will have Thank You cards, envelopes and pens available for you to take a and write out vour moment appreciation for their support of your 4-H project/award. We will also have a box at each station where you will be able to just drop your finished card in and we will take care of sending it for you. The stations will be located in the

Landmaster Show Barn and the 4-H Center. We will continue to have "Thank You" cards available when 4-H'ers pick up their auction checks at the Extension Office and we are adding a "Thank You" station at the Extension Office as well. So, when 4-H'ers stop in the office to pick up their check, please sit down for a minute, write out your "thank you" to your buyer(s) and drop it in the box.

> Project News <

4-H Project Labels

FairEntry, the program used by Indiana 4-H for exhibit entry for its 4-H Fairs and the Indiana State Fair will require specially formatted 4-H exhibit entry tags to be used on non-animal exhibits.

Each 4-H exhibit tag will have the 4-H'er exhibit information that was entered by the 4-H'er in the FairEntry system prior to the Whitley County 4-H Fair. This information will be linked to a bar code that will be scanned at check-in and will be utilized in other areas, such as judging, placings and results

Tags are 2 7/8" wide x 5 ½" tall and the 4-H'er will need to leave this amount of space in the lower right corner of posters blank to accommodate their entry tag.

THIS EXHIBIT TAG INFORMATION DOES NOT APPLY TO MINI 4-H. MINI 4-H'ERS SHOULD CHECK THEIR MANUALS FOR LABEL/EXHIBIT TAG GUIDELINES.

THESE PROJECT LABELS WILL ONLY BE MADE AVAILABLE AT PROJECT CHECK-IN.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE 4-H RULE BOOK FOR ANY OTHER SPECIAL LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR 4-H PROJECT!! SOME PROJECTS DO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL LABELS!!

If you have any questions please contact the Extension Office at (260) 244-7615 or (260) 625-3313.

Consumer Clothing Notebooks



Notebooks for the Consumer Clothing project are due at the Extension Office on Friday, July 3 by 4:30 P.M. due to the

Extension Office. Be sure that the project label is attached when you turn it in to the Extension Office.

> Youth Activities <

State Fair Project Information

If you have a project chosen as a State Fair entry in a non-livestock project, please pick up an envelope at the desk in the 4-H Center. This envelope will include all the details for your State Fair entry.

Large projects and/ or ones that take more than one person to handle, whether due to weight, awkwardness, or is very fragile (i.e., large model displays or large tiered decorated cakes), will be YOUR responsibility to transport to the Indiana State Fair. If you decide not to send your project to State Fair, PLEASE have the courtesy to call the Extension Office ASAP after judging so that 1.) an alternate person may have the opportunity to have their project exhibited, and 2.) we do not wonder where your project is and spend time trying to contact you.

Selected for State Fair Static Projects are due to the Whitley County Extension Office:

- ALL PROJECTS EXCEPT BAKED & PRESERVED FOOD & GARDEN: Thursday, July 24th 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
- BAKED & PRESERVED FOODS & GARDEN: Monday, August 4th by 9:00 a.m.

STATE FAIR 4-H ANIMAL AFFIDAVIT



Again, this year 4-H
exhibitors showing Beef Cattle, Dairy
Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Goat, Boer
Goat, and Meat Goat Wethers at the
State Fair will be required to complete
a 4-H Animal Affidavit for each animal
shown. The affidavit must be signed in
the presence of a Notary Public by both
the parent and the 4-H member. The
notarized affidavit must then be
presented at the registration table the
day of check-in at State Fair.

Affidavit forms will be available at the Extension Office.

JULY 1 - INDIANA STATE FAIR ANIMAL EXHIBIT REGISTATION DUE FOR BEEF, CAT, DAIRY, DOG, GOAT, HORSE & PONY, POULTRY, RABBIT, SHEEP AND SWINE.

> "4-H After High School" See Page 11

Agricultural & Natural Resources (ANR)

John Woodmansee, Extension Educator



| Date | Event Time Location |
|--------------|---|
| JUNE: | |
| 28 | hitley County Master Gardeners Garden Walk9:00 a.mJefferson Township |
| JULY: | |
| 3 | O Whitley County Master Gardeners Assn. Meeting(please attend fair seminars!) |
| 4 | TENSION OFFICE CLOSED FOR JULY 4 TH |
| 14 | hitley Co. Master Gardener Education Seminars1:00-4:30 p.mAg Museum (see info. on page 3) |
| 25 | t Flower Farm Tour in Whitley County10:00 a.m. – NoonMillstream Farm, Churubusco |
| AUG: | |
| 7 | nitley County Master Gardeners (MG) Assn |
| 25 | nal date for MG Application/Agreement Form submittalExtension Office (MG Basic Training Class) |
| 25 | holarship Applications due with Master Gardener Application/Agreement FormExtension Office (MG Basic Training Class |
| 26 | TR Program Advisory Committee Meeting |
| SEPT: | |
| 1 | yment due for Master Gardener Basic Training |
| 4 | hitley County Master Gardeners Assn |
| 8 | rst day of Noble/Whitley Co. Master Gardener Basic Training Class 6:00-9:00 p.m 109 N York St, Albion IN |
| 10 | EPAC Field Day |

Another Busy Summer is <u>Underway</u>

Another busy summer is underway with daily client phone calls, walk-in questions, field days, field scouting, writing news articles, and the home/farm visits that are necessary to discuss and solve problems for local residents during the growing season. Add to this the normal behind-thescenes support of 4-H during 4-H fair season, not to mention an impending office move.

Besides this newsletter, find news and information about agriculture and natural resources at our website, www.extension.purdue.edu/whitley.

Under the heading "Whitley County Resources," click on "Agriculture & Natural Resources."

If you have a pest, crop, livestock, landscape or garden issue you'd like to discuss, don't hesitate to call me at the Purdue Extension office at 260-244-7615 or 260-625-3313. I will make my best effort to help you in a timely manner.

--John Woodmansee

<u>Purdue Cut Flower Tour Series to</u>

Support Indiana Growers

Aspiring and established cut flower growers across Indiana will soon have a unique opportunity to learn, connect, and grow through a new series of **Cut Flower Tours** offered by Purdue Extension and hosted throughout the state this season.

Hosted in collaboration with leading local growers and agricultural partners, these on-site tours are designed to give current and future cut flower producers hands-on insights into successful farm operations, sustainable growing practices, floral business strategies, and more.

Whether you're just starting out or are an experienced grower looking to expand or refine your practices, these tours will offer:

- A guided tour of a working cut flower farm, walking through seasonal crops and growing systems
- In-depth discussion on soil prep, crop planning, succession planting, and harvesting techniques
- Tips on variety selection, pest management, and growing for floral designers or farmer's markets
- Talk about startup costs, tools, and lessons learned
- Time for Q&A, networking, and sharing ideas with fellow aspiring growers

Each tour costs \$15 per person. Preregistration is required due to limited capacity.

Hosts sites for these tours include Vigo, LaPorte, Marion, Owen, Whitley, Hancock, Porter, Clark, and Scott counties. The Whitley County tour will be on July 25 from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

For information on the Whitley County Cut Flower Tour at Millstream Farm near Churubusco, see https://extension.purdue.edu/events/cou

nty/whitley/2025/07/cut-flower-farm-tour.html. To register for the Whitley County tour, go to: https://cvent.me/L1oLDE. Register by July 20.

Monitoring Drought/Weather

To track current conditions using the U.S. Drought Monitor for Indiana, see

https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Current Map/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?IN.

Additionally, the Indiana State Climate Office manages a Mesonet (network of high-quality weather stations) across the state that includes much more data. Find at https://ag.purdue.edu/indiana-state-climate/purdue-mesonet/purdue-mesonet-data-hub/

Purdue Weed Science Field Day

Join Purdue experts for the 2025 Weed Science Field Day at Throckmorton Purdue Agricultural Center, 8343 U.S. 231 South Lafayette, IN.



- Learn the most current weed research
- Tour our research plots
- Network with industry professionals
- Meet our graduate students
 Registration is open! Visit the Purdue website at: https://ag.purdue.edu/department/btny/weed-science-field-day.html for more details and the registration link.

Office of the Indiana State Chemist "Clean Sweep" Pesticide Disposal

OISC will be collecting old pesticides to properly dispose of them through the "Clean Sweep" program. By Aug. 8, you need to fill out a form and reserve your spot. Find the registration form and full information at https://oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/clean_sweep.html.

Then, in Whitley County, go to Ag Plus, 5501 S. State Road 9, Columbia City, IN on Aug. 20 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Extension Master Gardener Basic Training Class (Noble & Whitley Counties)

We are planning to offer the popular Extension Master Gardener Basic Training class for Noble and Whitley Counties on Monday evenings, 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. this fall, beginning Sept. 8 and running every Monday evening thereafter through Dec. 15. I will be working with the educator in Noble County to conduct the training. Plans are to hold the training at sites in Noble County (first half) and Whitley County (last half).

The class fee is \$175 for an individual, and \$270 for two people in the same household who

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will share one manual.

If you are interested in enrolling in the class, please contact the Whitley County

Extension office and leave your name and address. We will send you a direct mailing with full details about the class and an application, or stop by our office and we'll send you home with a packet in-hand. Alternatively, materials will be available by June 30 at:

https://extension.purdue.edu/county/whitley/extension-master-gardeners---we-want-you.html.

For those who plan to volunteer in Whitley County following the class, the Whitley County Master Gardeners Association is offering limited scholarships of \$90 as a partial rebate of the individual class fee. A completed scholarship application, along with a completed Master Gardener Application and Agreement Form, must be submitted by Aug. 25 for

NEPAC Field Day - September 10

Purdue Extension educators in northeast Indiana will host the NEPAC field day for regional farmers on Sept. 10. Thanks to our sponsors, admission is free. Private applicator (PARP) credit will be available, and the \$10 fee will be sponsored by the Indiana Corn Marketing Council and the Indiana Soybean Alliance. Pre-register by calling the Purdue Extension office at 260-244-7615 by Aug. 15, or sign up online at https://purdue.link/NEPAC2025. If using your phone, you may scan the QR code. Commercial applicator CCHs and Certified Crop Advisor CEUs will also be available.

We need you to pre-register so that we have a count for lunch.

We cannot guarantee you lunch if you do not pre-register.

FIELD DAYS

Some features of this year's program include:

Corn Production Update, by Dan Quinn, Purdue corn specialist
Update on Cover Crops, by Shalamar Armstrong, Purdue agronomist
2025 Pesticide Regulatory Update, by James Wolff, Extension Educator
Update on Crop Diseases, by Darcy Telenko, Purdue field crops pathologist
Soybean Production Update, by Shaun Casteel, Purdue small grains specialist

consideration. See the website above for the form, or call/stop by the Purdue Extension office.

It's best to accomplish these items well before the deadlines when applying for the class. This is especially

true this year, because our office is slated to be moving locations near that time.

The application process looks like this:

- By August 25: Read the "Purdue Extension Master Gardener Policy Guide" and see also the preliminary schedule. Complete and return a Master Gardener Application and Agreement Form. Also, return a completed scholarship form if you plan to volunteer in Whitley County following the class. It's best to return completed forms in person because we must also verify your identity by viewing your driver's license.
- By Sept. 1: After we complete the screening process, successful applicants will be notified on how to access official class enrollment and pay online with a credit card by Sept. 1 through a system called *cvent*.
- >> If you wish to pay with a check, that payment will be due Aug. 25, so make sure you've started the

application process no later than Aug. 18.

• Sept. 8: First class

If you have questions, please call us
at 260-244-7615.

On-line newsletters and information from Purdue

Purdue Extension publishes several on-line newsletters, blogs and websites that you may be interested in to stay up-to-date: Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture

https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag/home/

• Purdue Agricultural Economics Report

https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag/home/purdue-agricultural-economics-report/

 The Kernel - corn production information from new Purdue corn specialist, Dan Quinn

https://ag.purdue.edu/department/agry/faculty-pages/the-kernel/index.html

- Soybean Station
- https://ag.purdue.edu/department/agry/faculty-pages/soybean-station/index.html
- Indiana Forage Council https://indianaforage.wordpress.com/

Pest & Crop Newsletter (field crops)

https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/pest crop/

- Facts for Fancy Fruit https://fff.hort.purdue.edu/
- Vegetable Crops Hotline https://vegcropshotline.org/
- Purdue Landscape Report https://www.purduelandscapereport.org /
- Got Nature? blog

https://www.purdue.edu/fnr/extension/g ot-nature-blog/

<u>Purdue Small Farm Education</u> <u>Field Day</u>

Presented at the Purdue Student Farm. the Purdue Small Farm



Education Field Day will be Thursday, July 24. Registration will be from 8-9am, with demonstrations from 9am – noon. For more information, go to https://ag.purdue.edu/news/2025/05/s mall-farm-education-field-day-will-feature-new-research-demonstrations-and-purdue-experts.html



WHITLEY COUNTY 4-H FAIR

"ON TOP OF THE HILL" MENU

Lunch: 11am-2pm Supper: 4pm-7pm

Friday Supper: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Mac & Cheese, Salad Bar, Pie

Saturday Lunch: Sandwiches, Mac & Cheese, Salad Bar, Pie

Saturday Supper: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans

Sunday Lunch: Pork Chop, Green Bean Casserole, Baked Potato or Baked Sweet Potato

Sunday Supper: Sandwiches, Mac & Cheese, Salad Bar, Pie

Monday Lunch: Sandwiches, Mac & Cheese, Salad Bar, Pie

Monday Supper: Meat Loaf, Corn, Side Dish

Tuesday Lunch: Sandwiches, Mac & Cheese, Salad Bar, Pie

Tuesday Supper: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Peas

Wednesday Lunch: Sandwiches, Mac & Cheese, Salad Bar, Pie

Wednesday Supper: Lasagna, Lettuce Salad, Bread Sticks

Meal Deal: 11am-7pm Daily

Hot Dog, Chips, Cookie, Drink Hot Beef or Sloppy Joe or Coney Dog, Side Dish, Cookie, Drink

4-H AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

Ever think about what to do with your time now that your 4-H career is coming to a close after you graduate high school? Well, guess what?! You do not have to end your 4-H career! Currently there are five Collegiate 4-H Clubs in the state of Indiana. These clubs are Purdue University, Ball State University, Indiana University, IUPUI, and Southwestern Indiana (University of Evansville, University of Southern Indiana, and Ivy Tech). If you choose to go to one of these schools you can join their club and continue to work in the 4-H organization. There are also plenty of other universities outside of Indiana who have a club. There are chances to go to Regional and National Conferences that as a member, you may be able to attend to meet even more people and travel. Ball State's Collegiate 4-H Club is very active within Delaware County's 4-H program. Our members are from all over Indiana. Therefore, we are able to give insight to Delaware County 4-H on what our 4-H experience was like in our home counties. That is something you can do when you join one of the clubs. Also, we do community service projects just like you have done throughout your 4-H career! Collegiate 4-H is basically 4-H without the projects. You can always do an open class poster project to continue to get the 4-H experience though. Collegiate 4-H helps you build lifelong friendships with many people. If you go to a college that does not have a Collegiate 4-H club and you know people who would be in the club, it normally is not very hard to create one if you have the ambition to create the club. Plus, you have the opportunity to communicate with other members from other universities who are always willing to help you out with ideas and suggestions. If you have any questions about any of the following clubs, you can check out their Facebook pages:

- 1 Purdue University: Purdue Collegiate 4-H Club
- 2 Ball State University: Ball State University Collegiate 4-H Club
- 3 Indiana University: Collegiate 4-H Volunteers at Indiana University
- 4 University of Evansville, University of Southern Indiana
- 5 Ivy Tech: Southwestern Indiana Collegiate 4-H



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