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Mandatory 4-H Fair Dates:

- May 15 ~ Animal Identification Due
- May 15 ~ Bred, Born & Raised Forms Due
- June 1 – July 1 ~ FairEntry Sign-Up Dates
- July 1 ~ Add 4-H Projects Deadline
- July 1 ~ 4-H QLC or YQCA Certifications Due



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4-H Fair Entertainment – Grandstand

July 12 – 7:30 pm – Tough Truck
 July 13 – 7:00 pm – Demolition Derby
 July 14 – 12:00-4:00 pm – Antique Tractor Pull
 July 14 – 5:00 pm – IPL Truck/Tractor Pull
 July 15 – 7:00 pm – 3-J Rodeo
 July 16 – 7:30 pm – Farmer Olympics
 July 17 – 7:30 pm – Powder Puff/Re-Run Derby
Events/Dates/Times subject to change!

Tenderloin Supper/Fun Night – June 1

Please join us Saturday, June 1st for the famous 4-H Tenderloin Supper and Fun Night! We will again be serving from the main concession stand, and will have breaded and grilled tenderloin, along with baked beans, coleslaw, applesauce, and drinks. Seating will be available under the canopy and inside the commercial building. We will be firing up the ice cream machines for an extra treat! Kids games will be provided by our 4-H Township Clubs in the other end of the commercial building. Carry-Out will also be available. All proceeds from the supper will go toward purchasing ribbons for the Whitley County 4-H Fair.

4-H FUN NIGHT & ALL-U-CAN EAT TENDERLOIN SUPPER

ADULTS: \$14
CHILDREN 5-10: \$8
UNDER 5: DONATION
CARRY-OUT: \$14

4-7PM

SATURDAY JUNE 1

COMMERCIAL BUILDING - BELOW THE HILL

Help support Whitley County 4-H, serving over 800 youth in our community.

100th Annual Whitley County 4-H Fair Planned for July 12-18, 2024

Come see us at the 100th Annual Whitley County 4-H Fair. Admission to the fair is FREE and there is no charge for parking.

Local vendors are excited to be back in our commercial building, and don't forget to stop in and check out the Ag Museum and Learning Centers, as well as the antique tractor display. See a portion of the pre-fair and schedule of events below:

June 22

10 am – Dog Show – Commercial Building

June 27

6-8 pm – Bicycle Contest - Commercial Building

June 29

8 am-12 pm – Bicycle Contest – Commercial Bldg.
 9 am – Tractor Driving Contest – 4-H Fairgrounds
 1 pm – Cat Show – 4-H Center

July 6

10 am – Fashion Revue – Peabody Library
 11 am – Consumer Clothing – Peabody Library

July 8

6 pm – Little Miss/Miss Whitley County – First Church of God

July 9

7-9 am – Non-Perishable Projects Check-in – 4-H Center
 10 am – Non-Perishable Projects Judging – 4-H Center

July 10

7-9 am – Perishable & Mini Projects Check-in – 4-H Center
 10 am – Perishable & Mini Projects Judging – 4-H Center

July 12

8 am-5 pm – Poultry Com. Show/Showmanship – Small Arena
 8 am-12:30pm – Dairy Show – Large Show Arena
 12-3 pm – Foods Auction – 4-H Center
 1-4 pm – Sheep Show – Large Show Arena
 5-8:30 pm – Meat Goat Show – Large Show Arena



July 13

8 am-5 pm – Rabbit Show – Small Animal Arena
 8 am-6:30 p.m. – Swine Show – Large Show Arena
 9 am – Horse & Pony English Show – Horse Arena
 5-7 pm – Goat Olympics – Small Show Arena

July 14

9 am – Worship Service – Ag Museum
 9 am – Horse & Pony Western Show – Horse Arena
 10 am-3 pm – Beef Show – Large Show Arena
 10 am-6 pm – Poultry Exhibition Show – Small Show Arena
 5-6:30 pm – Parade of Champions/10-Yr Recognition – Large Show Arena

6:30 pm – Fashion Revue – Large Show Arena

July 15

8 am-3 pm – Dairy Goat Show – Large Show Arena
 10 am – Horse & Pony Walk/Trot Contesting – Horse Arena
 4-7 pm – Dairy Steer Show – Large Show Arena
 4 pm – Horse & Pony Contesting – Horse Arena

July 16

8 am-6 pm – Dairy Steer/Feeder Calf Showmanship and Feeder Calf Show – Large Show Arena
 5:30-6:30 pm – Parade – 4-H Fairgrounds

July 17

8:30-11:30 am – Mini Mentor Livestock Exhibition – Large Show Arena
 1-5 pm – Supreme Showman – Large Show Arena
 3 pm – Horse & Pony Fun Show – Horse Arena
 5-7 pm – 100th Yr. Event – Square Dance – Commercial Building
 7-10 pm – 4-H/Mini Projects Released – 4-H Center

July 18

10 am- 6 pm – Livestock Auction – Large Show Arena

July 19

9 am – Livestock Barns and 4-H Center Cleanup

4-H FAIR DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

2024 Adult Open Show

Plan now to share your talents in the Open Class exhibits during the 2024 Whitley County 4-H Fair sponsored by the Whitley County Extension Homemakers. Entries will be accepted on Wednesday, July 10, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Thursday, July 11, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the west room of the 4-H Center and they will be released on Wednesday, July 17, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Call the Extension Office for a registration form or visit our website: www.extension.purdue.edu/whitley

Adult Open Show divisions include:

Foods: Cakes, Decorated Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Quick Breads, Muffins, Yeast Breads & Snacks.

Food Preservation: Jams & Jellies, Pickles & Relishes, Fruits, Tomatoes, Vegetables & Dried Foods.

Candy: Fudge, Peanut Brittle, Fancy Chocolates & Other Candies.

Sewing: Children's Item, Dresses, Suits & Jackets & Miscellaneous.

Needlework: Counted Cross Stitch, Crochet, Knitting, Crewel, Embroidery, Needlepoint & Miscellaneous.

Fine Arts: Paintings, Drawings & Miscellaneous.

Crafts: Baskets, Caning, Ceramics, Christmas Ornaments, Coloring, Decorated Clothing, Decorative Painting, Diamond Ginting, Dolls, Floral Crafts, Gingerbread Houses, Jewelry, Leather, Macramé, Rugs, Scrapbooking, Soft Sculpture, Stamping, Weaving, Wreaths & Miscellaneous.

Photography: Color, Black & White & Miscellaneous.

Quilting: Small Patchwork, Baby Quilts & Miscellaneous.

Herbs: Fresh, Herbal Design & Container Herbs.

Flowers: Container Plants, Dried Arrangements, Single Stem, Fresh Arrangements & Artificial Arrangements.

Vegetables: (1) Vegetable & (5) Vegetables.

Redesigning: Creative ways to Redo, Reuse, Remake or Re-design items you no longer use for their original purpose.

Woodcrafts: Woodcarving & Woodworking.



"PEACH - A - Licious" – Special Foods Contest

This will be the 10th year that the Whitley County Extension Homemakers are sponsoring their special foods contest in the 4-H Center (west side) at the Whitley County Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 13, 2024. Each year there is a different focus, 2024 being peaches. This event is free; open to all ages and open to the public. You must be a Whitley County resident to participate.

Entries accepted: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm; **Judging:** 12:30 pm; **Winners Announced:** When judging is complete

Grand Prize: \$25.00; **Class Winner:** 4-H Fair Food Coupon; **Participants:** Ice Cream Coupon



Guidelines:

- 1) All entries must include PEACH and a RECIPE CARD (include participate name, ingredients and directions for the item you are entering).
- 2) There is no limit on the amount of entries per participant.
- 3) Entries will not be returned to participant. Entries will be used as the cake walk prizes that will begin immediately following judging.
- 4) Classes are: cake, cookies, breads, bars/brownies, jams/jellies/spreads, pies, candies, snacks, and miscellaneous.

For a registration form or more information, contact committee chairwomen, Brenda Angier (260-503-0072) or Vickie Fleischauer (260-609-4942) or the Extension Office at 260-244-7615 or you may email bishop87@puurdue.edu or go online at:

www.extension.purdue.edu/whitley

Master Gardeners' Garden Walk – June 22 9 am – 3 pm

Master Gardener's Garden Walk is an event many local individuals look forward to each year. Event participants will take a self-directed view of the gardens near the Tri-Lakes/Shriner Lake area. Family friendly. Digital tickets are available on Eventbrite per QR code (below) or find the registration link at:

<https://www.mastergardenerswc.com/home>.



Cash tickets are available until June 21 at the Whitley County Extension Office or day of event. The cost per ticket is \$10.



Learn Best Practices at Pond & Fish Management Workshop

Learn how to get the best out of your fishing pond at Purdue Extension's Pond & Fish Management Workshop on May 13 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at the Whitley County Ag Museum (on the grounds of the Whitley Co. 4-H Fairgrounds), 680 W. Squawbuck Road, Columbia City, IN.



The public is invited to learn from two of Purdue Extension's most knowledgeable Extension Educators on pond management and fish management. David Osborne, Extension Educator in Ripley County, and Jonathan Ferris, Extension Educator in Wayne County, will be sharing their training and experience.

Subjects to be covered include understanding the pond ecosystem, managing aquatic vegetation, pond maintenance, fish species best suited to Indiana ponds, fish stocking rates, and fish population management.

Anyone may attend, but landowners with ponds should find the information particularly helpful. Emphasis will be placed on managing ponds for fish.

To register, complete online registration by May 10 at: <https://purdue.link/pond-fish-public>. Alternatively, you may call the Purdue Extension office at 260-244-7615 and give us your name, phone number, and email address. The workshop is free.

Extension Homemaker Happenings



Date	Event	Time	Location
May 2	President's Council "Extra" Meeting.....	9:30 a.m.....	Extension Office
27	Office Closed for Memorial Day		
31	Club dues are due to Janelle Burnworth		
June 4	President's Council Meeting.....	9:30 a.m.....	Extension Office
10-12	IEHA Home & Family Conference		Noblesville , IN
20	July-August Newsletter Mailing: Double Dozen and Evening Bells.....	10:00 a.m.....	Extension Office



Thank you to these Extension Homemakers who folded and labeled the March-April Extension Connection: Jefferson Club – Carol Spillman, Jane Frazier, Dorothy Eberly and Sharon Raypole.

Club Dues

Whitley County Extension Homemaker Clubs, please have your dues to Janelle Burnworth by May 31.

President's Council Meetings

May 2 AND June 4 - 9:30 a.m. at the Extension Office

Extension Homemakers Cookbook

The Whitley County Extension Homemakers cookbook are available to purchase at the Extension Office for \$10.00. This cookbook has Whitley County Extension Homemaker and other recipes. Please bring correct change if you are purchasing a cookbook or make checks payable to: Whitley County Extension Homemakers. They will be available to purchase at the Whitley County 4-H Fair from July 12 – 17 at the 4-H Center.



This cookbook will celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of Whitley County Extension Homemakers.



to the Extension Homemakers who held leadership positions this year:

2023-2024 County Officers: President – Karen Hall, Vice-President – Janet Hindbaugh, Secretary – Vickie Fleischauer, Treasurer – Janelle Burnworth

2023-2024 Club Presidents: Club 21 – Judy Rhoads, Double Dozen – Ada Mae Rebman, Evening Bells – Sally Hull, Jefferson – Dorothy Eberly, Tawasi – Marsha Hoffman and Union Busy Bells – Donna Batchelder.

Whitley Co. Extension Homemaker 100th Anniversary Giveaway



- \$2.00 donation per chance.
- Proceeds to benefit community youth programs.
- Donation locations to be announced.
- Tickets will be available at various community events throughout the year.
- Giveaway at the 2024 Adult Open Show at Whitley Co. 4-H Fair - July 12 – 18.

IEHA Home & Family Conference

Registration deadline is May 10 for IEHA Home and Family Conference that is June 10-12 at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in Noblesville IN. Register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/iehawebiste/hfconference24> and print off form or call the Extension Office at 260-244-7615.

What Are Extension Homemakers, You Ask?

Extension Homemakers are an Indiana statewide organization, begun in 1913. Whitley County's group was organized in 1924 as a Women's Auxiliary of the Farm Bureau. A constitution was drawn up and accepted on July 2 of this year and stayed in effect until 1952 at which time anyone could become a member not just those affiliated with the Farm Bureau. Further revisions were made in 1972 in order to comply with the Civil Rights Laws of Membership Affirmative Action and remains in effect today.

Whitley County Extension Homemakers, in 1924, consisted of 9 clubs with 243 members. The objectives of this group back then were educational in nature and served to promote the advancement of home and community life along with encouraging children to achieve the highest ideals in citizenship through the 4-H program.

Along with the educational aspect, fund raising projects were begun in the late 1960's by serving meals to community groups with profits used for a variety of activities. Today, fundraising is predominantly focused on scholarships for high school seniors and an assortment of other community service projects.

Extension Homemakers have always been involved with the 4-H Fair. The early groups began serving food in the shelter house with a menu consisting of hot beef, hot dogs, sloppy joes and have become known for their pies. A fund to build a new building was begun, and in 1953, the 4-H Center, we know today, opened complete with a new kitchen to prepare food for the fair. The favorite hot beef sandwiches and homemade pies continue to be served and a variety of daily dinners were added to the menu. To this day, the Extension Homemakers still volunteer to cook and serve food for the fair.

Today, many annual functions (some begun over 20 years ago), bring in the needed revenue to finance projects such as: 4-H Fair Adult Open Show, Holiday Craft Bazaar and the spring and fall Garage Sale are the biggest.

It is interesting, but concerning, to note that in 1951, the statewide membership in Extension Homemakers was 58,800 individuals consisting of 2,220 clubs; however, in 2020, that number has dwindled to only 6,664 members throughout the state. In order to become a bigger presence in our community and be of service to all, it has become necessary to focus on increasing our membership.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN there are no requirements. Currently, Whitley County has 6 clubs in 6 townships. Please note: This is an equal opportunity organization.

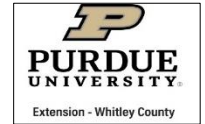
INTERESTED??? Contact the Extension Office at 260-244-7615.



Don't Forget to Check Out the HHS Website!

What is HHS? Who oversees this program in Whitley County? This website has been created specifically to meet the needs of Whitley County. To learn more about what this program looks like and the impact in the county, visit <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/whitley/hhs.html>

***Monthly factsheets will be on the county HHS website for you to view. The topics chosen have been identified as needs by CHAMPS. May focuses on the dangers of vaping. June focuses on being safe in the sun and preventing melanoma.



[Community Health Advisory Members Providing Solutions](#), a community group established in March 2022. CHAMPS Members of this task force have been dedicating time to improving Whitley County for the past two years. This is being done through collaboration among organizations. Our mission is to improve the quality of life for community residents by supporting agency collaboration. Our vision is to create opportunities for all residents to thrive by providing awareness of and access to quality programs and resources.

The next task force meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6. For more information, contact

How Can You Spot Identity Theft?

You probably know of someone who has been a victim of identity theft. So, what can you do to protect yourself? I recommend reading your statements from credit card companies, banks, and/or credit unions. I also recommend checking credit reports for suspicious activity. When you look at your statements, look closely for charges you did not make. Even a small charge can be a dangerous sign! Thieves sometimes will take a small amount from your checking account and then return to take much more if the small debit goes unnoticed.

Did you know that there are three different major credit bureaus where you can check your credit reports? They are Equifax, Experian, and Transunion. If an identity thief is opening financial accounts in your name, these accounts will most likely show up on your credit report. Be on the lookout for inquiries from companies you've never contacted, accounts you didn't open, and wrong amounts on your accounts.

Tip: Be sure that all of your personal information is correct! If you have a problem with your credit report, submit a complaint by visiting <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint/>

Upcoming Workshops That are Open to the Public:

- May 8 at 10 AM - Chair-Based Exercise & Education Class at Woodlands Senior Activity Center (no need to register)
- May 13 at 10 AM - Chair-Based Exercise & Education Class at Woodlands Senior Activity Center (no need to register)
- May 15 at 1 PM - Foods/Nutrition Workshop at Whitley Co. Bowen Center (no need to register)
- May 20 at 10 AM - Chair-Based Exercise & Education Class at Woodlands Senior Activity Center (no need to register)
- May 22 - Where Does Your Money Go? financial workshop (session 1) at Peabody Public Library (register by calling the library)
- May 29 at 10 AM - Chair-Based Exercise & Education Class at Woodlands Senior Activity Center (no need to register)
- May 30 - Where Does Your Money Go? financial workshop (session 2) at Peabody Public Library (register by calling the library)
- June 6 at 10 AM - CHAMPS Taskforce meeting - location is TBD

*For more information about registering for any of the classes above, contact Brittney Schori at the Purdue Extension Office.

Garlic Herb Chicken, Asparagus and Cauliflower Rice

Garlic Herb Chicken & Asparagus Ingredients:

2 teaspoons onion powder
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1½ teaspoons Italian seasoning
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 Tablespoons olive oil
1-pound boneless and skinless chicken thighs (about 4)
1½ pounds trimmed asparagus, woody ends removed

Cauliflower Rice Ingredients:

2-2½ pounds cauliflower, 1-2 heads depending on size
1 Tablespoon olive oil
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon onion powder
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper



Instructions:

1. Be sure to wash your hands and have a clean surface before you begin cooking.
2. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F and line two baking sheets with parchment paper. For the chicken and asparagus, mix the onion powder, minced garlic, Italian seasoning, pepper, and olive oil until combined.
3. Place the chicken thighs on the end of the baking sheet. Then arrange the trimmed asparagus spears on the other end.
4. Next divide the garlic herb mixture evenly over the two, and bake until the chicken is done. This should be about 25 minutes, or until chicken reaches 165 degrees F. If you have thin asparagus, add it to the pan during the last 10 minutes of cooking, so it doesn't overcook.
5. Meanwhile, let's make the cauliflower rice. To make rice out of a whole head of cauliflower, trim away the outer leaves. Then cut the florets from the core. Break up any large pieces, (over 2") and place the florets into a large food processor. I recommend doing this in 2 batches.
Tip: You'll need about 2-2½ pounds of cauliflower or 1-2 heads depending on the size. This will yield 1½ pounds or about 7 cups of cauliflower rice.
6. After you make your rice, toss it together with the olive oil, salt, garlic powder, onion powder, and pepper. Spread it evenly on one of the prepared baking sheets.
7. When the chicken and asparagus are done, remove them from the oven to cook slightly. Then put your prepared cauliflower rice sheet in the oven. Bake for 10-15 minutes, or until tender.
8. Once the rice is done, let cool for 5-10 minutes. Add rice to bowl, then top with asparagus and chicken.

Notes:

- If you choose to not make your cauliflower rice, you can purchase this at your local grocery in the pantry or frozen food section!
- To store - place any leftovers from dinner into a sealed container and refrigerate for up to 4 days.
- Reheat - place the leftovers into a small skillet with a touch of water and heat covered over medium heat until warmed through making sure the pan doesn't run dry. Or you can microwave the leftovers.
- To freeze - I don't recommend freezing the asparagus or cauliflower rice because they come out mushy. You can freeze any leftover chicken in an airtight container for up to 3 months though!

4-H Youth Development

Todd Geiger, Extension Educator



PLEASE CONTACT YOUR TOWNSHIP CLUB AND/OR YOUR PROJECT CLUB LEADER TO KEEP UP TO DATE ON IMPORTANT 4-H INFORMATION AND HOW YOUR LEADER IS KEEPING IN CONTACT WITH CLUB MEMBERS.

Date/Event	(MAY 4-H CALENDAR – ALL DATES/EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	Time	Location
1	EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS, HESTER ADAMS, JIM TEGHTMEYER, LESTER & JOY WORRICK, HELPING HANDS ENDOWMENT FUND and B.V. WIDNEY AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS DUE.....	4:30 p.m.	EXTENSION OFFICE
1	ADULT AWARDS NOMINATION FORMS DUE.....	4:30 p.m.	EXTENSION OFFICE
1	Shooting Sports - BB & Air Pistol Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building
2	Shooting Sports - Rifle Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Ideal Fish & Game-Churubusco
2	Columbia Peaches Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center West Room
3	Sheep Tagging/Weigh-In.....	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Dairy Barn
4	Goat Tagging.....	8:30-9:30 a.m.	Dairy Steer Feeder Calf Barn
4	Horse & Pony Vaccination.....	9:00 a.m.	4-H Fairgrounds
4	Scrapbooking Club Workshop.....	9:00-11:30 a.m.	Washington Comm Building
6	Cat Club Meeting.....	6:45 p.m.	4-H Center West Room
6	Bicycle Club Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.	4-H Middle Room
6	Dog Club Workshop.....	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building
7	Shooting Sports - Archery Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building
8	Dairy Steer Feeder Calf Club Meeting/Workshop.....	6:30 p.m.	4-H Center West Room
8	Shooting Sports - BB & Air Pistol Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building
8	Thorncreek Northern Stars Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center West Room
9	Shooting Sports - Rifle Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Ideal Fish & Game-Churubusco
9	Jr. Leaders Gathering.....	6:30 p.m.	4-H Center West Room
10	ARBA Rabbit Show Set-Up.....	6:00 p.m.	Comm Bldg – 4-H Fairgrounds
11	ARBA Rabbit Show.....	9:00 a.m.	Comm Bldg – 4-H Fairgrounds
11	Mini 4-H Workshop.....	10:00-11:30 a.m.	4-H Center
13	4-H Leaders/4-H Council Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.	4-H Center
13	Jefferson Hustlers Meeting.....	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Jefferson Township Fire Station
13	Dog Club Workshop.....	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building
14	Shooting Sports - Archery Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building
14	4-H Clubs, Inc. Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.	Ag Museum
15	Shooting Sports – BB & Air Pistol Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building
15	ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION (All ANIMALS).....	MIDNIGHT.....	4-H Online
15	ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION FORM FOR POULTRY ONLY.....	MIDNIGHT.....	Extension Office
15	DAIRY AND HORSE & PONY LEASE AGREEMENTS DUE.....		Extension Office
15	BEEF/JR BEEF, DAIRY STEER & FEEDER CALF GOAT AND SWINE BRED, BORN & RAISED FORMS DUE.....		Specie Club Leader
15	Poultry Club Blood Testing & Banding.....	5:00 p.m.	Poultry Barn – 4-H Fairgrounds
15	Poultry Club Meeting/Workshop.....	7:00 p.m.	Poultry Barn – 4-H Fairgrounds
16	Shooting Sports - Rifle Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Ideal Fish & Game-Churubusco
16	Beef Club Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center West Room
17	Scrapbooking Club Workshop.....	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Washington Comm Building
19	Smith Worker Bees Meeting.....	2:00 p.m.	Collins Methodist Church
19	Rabbit Ambassador Contest/Workshop.....	2:00 p.m.	Rabbit Barn – 4-H Fairgrounds
20	Etna Troy Hustlers Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.	Etna Troy Community Building
20	Smith Harvesters Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.	Smith Township Fire Station
20	Union Sodbusters Meeting.....	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Ag Museum
20	Washington 4-H Busters/Blue Ribbon Meetings.....	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Washington Community Bldg
20	Dog Club Workshop.....	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building
21	Shooting Sports - Archery Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building
21	Rabbit Club Barn Clean-Up.....	6:00 p.m.	Rabbit Barn – 4-H Fairgrounds
21	Cleveland Showmen Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.	South Whitley Town Hall
21	Thorncreek Sons of the Soil Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.	Ag Museum
21	Horse & Pony Club Meeting/Safety Ed & Workshop.....	7:00 p.m.	Show Barn – 4-H Fairgrounds
22	Dairy Club Meeting/Workshop.....	TBD.....	Kuehnert Milk House
22	Shooting Sports - Shotgun Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Ideal Fish & Game-Churubusco
23	Swine Club Meeting & Workshop/Show Set-up.....	6:30 p.m.	Swine & Show Barn
25	Bicycle Club Ride.....	8:00 a.m.	4-H Center Parking Lot



Date/Event (MAY 4-H CALENDAR – CONTINUED)	Time	Location
25-26 Whitley County Memorial Weekend Extravaganza Swine Show.....		4-H Fairgrounds
27 MEMORIAL DAY.....	CLOSED.....	EXTENSION OFFICE
28 Shooting Sports - Archery Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.....	Commercial Building
28 Goat Club Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.....	Ag Museum
29 Bicycle Club Time Trial.....	5:30 p.m.....	Indian Springs Middle School
29 Mini 4-H Bicycle Project Ride.....	6:00 p.m.....	4-H Center Parking Lot
29 Shooting Sports - Shotgun Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.....	Ideal Fish & Game-Churubusco
31 Horse & Pony Clinic.....	6:30-7:30 p.m.....	Horse Arena – 4-H Fairgrounds

Date/Event (JUNE 4-H CALENDAR – ALL DATES/EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	Time	Location
1 Bicycle Club Ride.....	8:00 a.m.....	4-H Center Parking Lot
1 Scrapbooking Club Workshop.....	9:00-11:30 a.m.....	Washington Comm Building
1-2 Horse & Pony Clinic.....	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.....	Horse Arena – 4-H Fairgrounds
3 Horse & Pony Clinic.....	5:00-8:00 p.m.....	Horse Arena – 4-H Fairgrounds
3 Cat Club Meeting.....	6:45 p.m.....	North Point @ 4-H Fairgrounds
3 Bicycle Club Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.....	Show Barn
3 Dog Club Workshop.....	7:00-8:00 p.m.....	Commercial Building
4 Horse & Pony Safety Ed & Workshop.....	5:00-8:00 p.m.....	Horse Arena
4 Shooting Sports - Archery Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.....	Commercial Building
5 Horse & Pony Open Practice.....	5:00-8:00 p.m.....	Horse Arena
5 Bicycle Club Time Trial.....	5:30 p.m.....	Indian Springs Middle School
5 Shooting Sports - Shotgun Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.....	Ideal Fish & Game-Churubusco
5 Mini 4-H Bicycle Project Ride.....	6:00 p.m.....	4-H Center Parking Lot
6 Horse & Pony Contesting.....	5:00-8:00 p.m.....	Horse Arena
8 Bicycle Club Ride.....	8:00 a.m.....	4-H Center Parking Lot
9 Smith Worker Bees Meeting.....	2:00 p.m.....	Collins Methodist Church
10 JULY & AUGUST NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE.....	4:30 p.m.....	Extension Office
10 4-H Leadership Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.....	4- H Center
10 4-H Leaders/4-H Council Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.....	4-H Center
10 Washington 4-H Busters/Blue Ribbon Meeting.....	7:00-8:00 p.m.....	Washington Com. Bldg
10 Dog Club Workshop.....	7:00-8:00 p.m.....	Commercial Bldg.
10 Horse & Pony Clinic.....	5:00-8:00 p.m.....	Horse Arena
11 Horse & Pony Safety Ed & Workshop	5:00-8:00 p.m.....	Horse Arena
11 Shooting Sports - Archery Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.....	Commercial Building
12 Shooting Sports - Shotgun Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.....	Ideal Fish & Game-Churubusco
12 Horse & Pony Open Practice.....	5:00-8:00 p.m.....	Horse Arena
12 Bicycle Club Time Trial.....	5:30 p.m.....	Indian Springs Middle School
12 Mini 4-H Bicycle Project Ride.....	6:00 p.m.....	4-H Center Parking Lot
13 Jr. Leaders Gathering.....	6:30 p.m.....	4-H Center West Room
13 Beef Club Meeting/Barn Beautification.....	TBD.....	Beef Barn-4-H Fairgrounds
13 Horse & Pony Contesting.....	5:00-8:00 p.m.....	Horse Arena
15 Bicycle Club Ride.....	8:00 a.m.....	4-H Ctr. Parking Lot
17 Horse & Pony Clinic.....	5:00-8:00 p.m.....	Horse Arena
17 Smith Harvesters Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.....	Smith Twp. Fire Station
17 Union Sodbusters Meeting.....	6:30-8:00 p.m.....	Kuehnert Milk House-Ft. Wayne
17 Jefferson Hustlers Meeting.....	7:00-8:00 p.m.....	Jefferson Twp. Fire Station
17 Dog Club Workshop.....	7:00-8:00 p.m.....	Commercial Building
17 Dairy Club Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.....	4-H Center Middle Room
18 Horse & Pony Safety Ed & Workshop	5:00-8:00 p.m.....	Horse Arena
18 Shooting Sports - Archery Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.....	Commercial Bldg.
18 Rabbit Club Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.....	4-H Ctr. West Rm.
18 Cleveland Showmen Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.....	S. Whitley Town Hall
19 Horse & Pony Open Practice.....	5:00-8:00 p.m.....	Horse Arena
19 Bicycle Club Time Trial.....	5:30 p.m.....	Indian Springs Mid. School
19 Mini 4-H Bicycle Project Ride.....	6:00 p.m.....	4-H Center Parking Lot
19 Shooting Sports - Shotgun Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.....	Ideal Fish & Game-Churubusco
19 Dairy Steer Feeder Calf Club Meeting/Workshop.....	6:30 p.m.....	Show Barn – 4-H Fairgrounds
19 Poultry Club Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.....	4-H Center Middle Room
19 Thorncreek Northern Stars Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.....	4-H Center West Room
20 Horse & Pony Contesting.....	5:00-8:00 p.m.....	Horse Arena
20 Columbia Peaches Meeting.....	6:00-7:30 p.m.....	4-H Center West Room
20 Richland Ramblers Meeting.....	6:30-7:30 p.m.....	Larwill Fire Station



Date/Event (JUNE 4-H CALENDAR..... CONTINUED)

Date/Event	Time	Location
20 Swine Club Meeting/Workshop.....	6:30 p.m.....	4-H Center Middle Room
21 Scrapbooking Club Workshop.....	6:30-8:30 p.m.....	Washington Comm Building
22 Mini 4-H Day Camp.....	10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.....	4-H Center
22 Bicycle Club Ride.....	8:00 a.m.....	4-H Center Parking Lot
22 Poultry Club Blood Testing & Banding/Barn Beautification.....	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.....	Poultry Barn – 4-H Fairgrounds
22 4-H Dog Show.....	10:00 a.m.....	Commercial Building
22 Sheep Club Meeting/Workshop.....	10:00 a.m.....	Show Barn-4-H Fairgrounds
24 Horse & Pony Clinic.....	5:00-8:00 p.m.....	Horse Arena
25 Horse & Pony Safety Ed & Workshop	5:00-8:00 p.m.....	Horse Arena
25 Shooting Sports - Archery Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.....	Commercial Bldg.
25 Goat Club Meeting/Workshop.....	6:30 p.m.....	Show Barn
26 Horse & Pony Open Practice.....	5:00-8:00 p.m.....	Horse Arena
27 Bicycle Contest.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.....	Commercial Bldg.
26 Shooting Sports - Shotgun Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.....	Ideal Fish & Game-Churubusco
27 Horse & Pony Contesting.....	5:00-8:00 p.m.....	Horse Arena
27 Thorncreek Sons of the Soil Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.....	4-H Center West Room
28 Tractor Driving Contest Practice.....	7:00 p.m.....	4-H Fairgrounds
29 Bicycle Contest.....	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.....	Commercial Building
29 Tractor Driving Contest.....	9:00 a.m.-Noon.....	4-H Fairgrounds
29 Etna Troy Hustlers Meeting & Community Service.....	10:00 a.m.....	Etna Troy Community Building
29 4-H Cat Show.....	1:00 p.m.....	4-H Center



Updates & Reminders

Welcome New Members

Welcome to 4-H! You are now a member of the world’s largest youth organization. You are part of the 750+ Whitley County Youth that belong to 4-H. The Extension Connection is one effort to give you information about projects and meetings/activities. Be sure to read it through carefully so you do not miss out!

If you have questions about the 4-H program in general, projects, or activities, make sure to:

- Attend Meetings
- Ask your 4-H Township Club Leader/4-H Project Leader
- Check in the 2024 Rule Book and/or Project Manuals
- Check the Whitley County 4-H Hub at <https://bit.ly/whitleycounty4-Hhub> or call the Extension Office at (260) 244- 7615 or (260) 625-3313

4-H Leadership Team Meeting

All 4-H Leaders, 4-H Council members, 4-H Clubs, Inc. members, project leaders, advisory committee members, 4-H parents and youth, Ag Museum supporters, Extension Homemakers and 4-H supporters are invited to our 12th annual 4-H Leadership Team meeting on Monday, June 10th, 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the 4-H Center



on the Whitley County 4-H fairgrounds.

The focus of this meeting will be the Whitley County 4-H Fair. We will discuss rules, schedules, events, volunteers, expectations, challenges, what has been done, what needs to be done and looking forward. The goal of this meeting is to offer the best Whitley County 4-H Fair ever!!! If you would like to attend or have an item you would like to share or have discussed, please communicate with one of the Extension Educators at (260) 244-7615 or (260) 625-3313.

Attention to all 4-H Families...2024 4-H Animal Identification Deadline!!

May 15th: Online 4-H animal identification for ALL animals:

Go to <https://v2.4honline.com> to enroll these animals by May 15th. Please see instructions on the Whitley County 4-H Hub at <https://bit.ly/whitleycounty4-Hhub> or contact the Extension Office at (260) 244-7615. **Please follow all steps of the instructions and do not wait until the last minute!**

For Poultry: An Animal Identification paper form must be completed and returned to the Extension Office by May 15th. Forms are available at the Extension Office or can be printed from Whitley County 4-H Hub at <https://bit.ly/whitleycounty4-Hhub> **Do not confuse the Animal**

2024 FAIR DATES
Whitley County
4-H Fair:
July 12-18
Indiana State Fair:
August 2 - 18

Identification Form with the Animal Record Sheet – the Record Sheet is due at Record Book deadline on July 1st and turned in to the Extension Office by 7:00 p.m.

Stop at the Extension Office or go to the Whitley County 4-H Hub at <https://bit.ly/whitleycounty4-Hhub> for the necessary forms that you will need to take your livestock project to the 4-H Fair. Please make sure you have the following:

- Bred, Born and Raised Form (if applicable) due to Livestock Leader by May 15th.

2024 4-H Fair Parade Theme



Congratulations to the Richland Ramblers 4-H Club for submitting the winning theme for our 2024 Whitley County 4-H Fair!! **“Whitley County 4-H - 100 Years of Making the Best Better!”**

Websites to Know

Whitley County 4-H Hub:
<https://bit.ly/whitleycounty4-Hhub>
Purdue Extension – Whitley County:
www.extension.purdue.edu/whitley
State 4-H Department:
www.four-h.purdue.edu
Indiana State Fair:
www.state.in.us/statefair
Whitley County Facebook: Purdue
Extension – Whitley County & Whitley
County, Indiana 4-H
Whitley County 4-H Clubs, Inc.:
www.whitleycounty4-h.com
Whitley County Ag Museum:
www.whitleycountyagmuseum.com

Attention: All 4-H Members...Important Information for Whitley County 4-H Fair Exhibits: Fair Entry

The 2024 Whitley County 4-H Fair is just around the corner!! For 2024, Whitley County and the state of Indiana will be utilizing computer online enrollment for all 4-H members to enter exhibits that will be shown at the Whitley County 4-H Fair. This program, called FairEntry, is an internet-based program that is integrated with the 4hOnline program. **THIS IS A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT!! ALL EXHIBITS – LIVESTOCK AND NON-LIVESTOCK – MUST BE ENTERED INTO FAIR ENTRY!!**

The FairEntry program will be open beginning June 1, 2024 to July 1, 2024 for entering all livestock **AND** non-livestock exhibits. FairEntry will be the place that you will select your livestock classes and will choose the specific animal to be shown in that class based on the animals that were identified in 4-H Online. For non-livestock exhibits, this will be where you will enter the information on exactly what will be exhibited at the Whitley County 4-H Fair; for example, Black & White Salon Print, Sewing Wearable or Non-wearable, etc.

This will also be how we can enter those non-livestock exhibits that are selected to go to the Indiana State Fair. We will also be able to use this system to give reports to the local media and keep records of placings and awards.



To access the FairEntry program you will need to go the following website:
<https://whitleycounty-in.fairentry.com>

Detailed instructions will be made available to all 4-H families on how to complete the entry of fair exhibits. You can go to the Extension Office to pick up a copy or you can view the instructions at the Whitley County 4-H Hub at <https://bit.ly/whitleycounty4-Hhub>. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at (260) 244-7615 or (260) 625-3313.

“Thank You” Posters for 2023 Auction Buyers



Now is a good time to start thinking about acknowledging the 2023 Auction Buyers for the Livestock Auction. A popular way to thank the buyer is by displaying a “thank you” poster above your livestock pen. If you cannot remember the name of the buyer, please contact either Jacki or Lisa at the Extension Office at 244-7616 or 625-3313. Remember...without these generous buyers we would not be able to have such a successful Livestock Auction - not just for 4-H but for the kids as well. Everyone appreciates a “Thank You”!

Important 4-H Fair Items

To ensure a successful 2024 4-H Fair, be sure to do the following:

- Read the 2024 Whitley County 4-H Rules Book available online at the Whitley County 4-H Hub at <https://bit.ly/whitleycounty4-Hhub>
 - Any 4-H Forms and manuals need to be picked up from the Extension Office ASAP!
 - Turn in your animal record sheet and any animal worksheets to the Extension Office by 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1st.
 - Make sure you have vaccination form for the Cat, Dog and Horse & Pony 4-H projects – refer to the 4-H Rules online.
 - Check the 4-H Fair Schedule located at the Whitley County 4-H Hub at <https://bit.ly/whitleycounty4-Hhub>
- Reminder to check the 4-H Rule Book Online – It Contains Valuable Information You Need To Know!**

4-H Donations

If you are looking for a place to donate to the 4-H Program to help youth and have a lasting impact on the community, you may want to consider the 4-H Helping Hands Endowment Fund. This fund is used to sponsor scholarships to 4-H'ers for post-secondary education. It can also be used to help youth try a new 4-H program. Send your donation directly to the Whitley County Community Foundation, 400 North Whitley St., Columbia City, IN 46725. Be sure the donation is marked “4-H Helping Hands Endowment Fund.”



Helpful Hints on 4-H Posters & Notebooks

All 4-H posters (regardless of project) must be displayed horizontal. Think of a 4-H exhibit poster like a dollar bill. You read the dollar bill horizontally and a poster is the same way.

- POSTERS MUST HAVE A HARD BACKING to make them stand when placed on the display easel. Use cardboard, foam board or lightweight wood.
- BE AWARE OF THE SIZE OF FOAM BOARD. A lot of foam board poster board for sale is 20”X30” – this is the wrong size – do not use! **Your poster must be 22”X28”**. Foam poster board can be used if it correctly measures the 22”X28” size. The 22”X28” foam poster board is available at the Extension Office. Price is \$4.00 per poster board.
- REMEMBER TO COVER YOUR POSTER with clear plastic for protection. Heavy duty acetate is available at hardware stores. Poster sleeves (\$1.00) and Salon print sleeves(\$.50) are available at the Extension Office
- Please accommodate layout of poster to support 4-H Fair Entry tag 2-7/8” wide x 5-1/2” length in the lower right-hand corner.



Attention 10-Year Members

- ✓ 10-Year Member photos need to be submitted this year electronically. You can email them to Todd or Candy at geigert@purdue.edu or sroufec@purdue.edu. We will need all 10-year member photos by June 15 for the digital display!! We will also need another 4-5 photos of you during your 4-H career. In addition to these photos, we would also ask that you submit a 1-2 sentence answer to the following question: "What has 4-H meant to you over your 10 years?"
- ✓ 10-Year Project: Reminder that 10-year Members that are enrolled in the 10-Year project, you have options this year. You can complete the regular project/display AND/OR complete the new digital project. The new digital project consists of the photos and answer to the question from the 10-Year member photo along with a video interview of you answering the questions found in the project rules under the 10-Year Project. You need to contact Todd or Candy at the Extension Office to notify them of which 10-Year Project you will be completing.

Junior Leader News

- ❖ May 9: Our monthly "Gathering" at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center. If you are in grades 7-12 and would like to see what Jr. Leaders is all about, contact Todd for more details.
- ❖ June 13: Monthly "Gathering" at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center. Our final meeting to decide menu for concessions booth, schedule, etc.
- ❖ June (TBD): This month we will have a fun outing! Stay tuned as more details will be announced as we get closer.
- ❖ June 22: Helping with the Mini 4-H Day Camp at the fairgrounds! We will need lots of hands for this fun and awesome experience for our minis!
- ❖ July 5: Jr. Leader pre-fair meeting & concession stand set-up at the fairgrounds from 6-9 p.m.

Mini 4-H News

May 11th will be our next Mini 4-H Workshop. Be watching for an email and our Facebook page Whitley County

Mini 4-H Club "The Mighty Minis" for details on this day. There is a potential of a special activity. We will let you all know.

Mini 4-H Day Camp will be on June 22nd from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center!! Bring your Mini 4-H'ers out for this awesome, fun experience with hands-on activities and games: kids will participate lots of fun activities and games throughout the 4-H Fairgrounds and much more!! Lunch will be served. Any additional volunteers this day will be greatly appreciated.

July 6th from 10 - 11 a.m.: Mini 4-H Leaders will be at the Extension Office for anyone who needs project poster board, poster sleeves and to answer any questions you or your kids have about our mini projects. If you know of any families with kids in grades K-2 who might enjoy being a part of our Mini 4-H program please invite them to join!! It's NOT TOO LATE for them to join!! The cost is only \$5 for the WHOLE YEAR!! We have lots of great hands-on curriculum that provides activities for kids to explore, create, and learn about lots of different topics in our Mini 4-H Program.

Mini 4-H Mentor Program: Please be watching your email and your regular mail as letters will be going out soon matching up our minis with their mentors for this program this year. Please make sure that you are connecting with each other and setting up at least 3 meetings for your mini and their mentor prior to fair.

Submitted By: The Mini 4-H Leaders

State Fair Entry Book

Copies of the State Fair Entry Books are available online at: <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair>.

Anyone may visit this site to view the handbook and print the section(s) of their choice. If you do not have internet access, the Extension Office will be glad to make copies of the project sections you need.



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4-H Projects >>>>>>>

Add Project Deadline

4-H projects may be added until July 1st. Please contact Lisa at the Extension Office at (260) 244-7615 soon, especially to get project materials to you in a timely manner!

QLC/YQCA Options in 2024

The last in-person opportunity in Whitley County to complete the 4-H Quality Livestock Care program (QLC) requirement for any youth planning on exhibiting market animal projects in 2024 is:

➤ Tuesday, May 7th @ 6 p.m. at the Whitley County 4-H Center
(Please register online via 4-H Online under the events tab for this training)

Youth can still complete their YQCA training in May online by visiting yqcaprogram.org, create a new account logging into the website, selecting online training for their correct age and then completing the course and taking the tests. Don't forget to print out your completion certificate and email a copy to geigert@purdue.edu or schradel@purdue.edu

Youth who are planning on exhibiting at the Whitley County 4-H Fair and the Indiana State Fair MUST complete QLC or YQCA this year. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office and talk with Todd or Lisa.

***DEADLINE TO COMPLETE QLC or YQCA is July 1st!!**

4-H Project Label Requirements for 2024!

Each 4-H exhibit tag will have the 4-Her exhibit information that was entered by the 4-Her 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 1/2" 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.

Project labels will be given to the 4-Hers at project check-in on July 9th and July 10th. They **WILL NOT** be made available ahead of time.

SHEEP TAGGING

The Sheep tagging date is Friday, May 3rd, 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 p.m. at the Whitley County 4-H Fairgrounds. All sheep must come to the weigh-in.



GOAT TAGGING

Dairy and meat wethers and meat goat market does that will be showing at the Indiana State Fair and any goat without identification must attend the Goat tagging day on Saturday, May 4th 8:30-9:30 a.m. on the east side of the Dairy Steer Feeder Calf Barn at the Whitley County 4-H Fairgrounds.

4-H Clubs >>>>>>>>>

Goat Club News

All Indiana State Fair bound meat and dairy wethers along with meat goat market



does MUST come to the tagging on Saturday, May 4 from 8:30-9:30 am. We will be set up in the wash rack area between the horse and feeder calf barns, you will enter thru the camp sites. We will give you the proper tags, have hair sample envelopes and collect club dues.

We will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 28 in the Ag Museum (note location change). Our last workshop will be on Tuesday, June 25 at 6:30 in the Show Barn. This will be a hands-on workshop so bring an animal as we will be discussing showmanship.

We would like all award sponsorship forms and money at the May 28 meeting. To allow time for ordering and delivery of awards.

Thanks to all who participated in the flower fundraiser, it was very successful. You will be notified of the delivery date; this should be the week of May 6.

Reminder NO horn re-growth over 2" at fair check-in and all castrations/bandings must be completely healed at fair check-in.

If you have any question, please contact an advisory board member.

Attention All 4-H Clubs

Just a friendly reminder to all 4-H clubs that use the 4-H Center for their meetings.

The building is unlocked 30 minutes prior to your scheduled start time. If you need the building opened sooner, please contact Eric at (260) 248-6390. 4-H Clubs, Inc. is asking that the club or the last club in the 4-H Center locks up. Please make sure tables and chairs are up and all the lights are turned off (bathrooms, too). If there are any questions, please contact Eric at (260) 248-6390.

This same policy is also in effect for opening buildings below the hill that are used by 4-H clubs. If there are any questions regarding buildings below the hill, contact Eric Blank (260) 248-6390.

4-H Project Supplies

The following supplies/kits are available or can be ordered through the Extension Office:

*Foam Poster Board - \$4.00 (increase)

*Poster Sleeve - \$1.00

*Salon Print Sleeve - \$0.50

*Mini 4-H Poster Sleeve - \$0.50

***Electric**

Extension Cord Kit - \$20.00

Limited Supply (Includes wire, male/female ends)

*Entomology

Insect Boxes - \$16.00

Insect Kit (Pins & Vials) - \$6.00

Items are available while quantities last!

COST: \$5.00

Thread & Dreams

Open to youth 3-12 grade

**MAY 14 & 15
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.
AG MUSEUM**

****PICK 1 NIGHT TO ATTEND
ONLY 10 SPOTS EACH NIGHT**

Register here:

Thread & Dreams

****Youth will be making a 12x12 pillow**

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Summer is coming



Date	Event	Time	Location
MAY:			
2	Whitley Co. Master Gardeners (MG) Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.....	Woodlands Sr Activity Center & via Zoom
13	Pond and Fish Management Workshop..... (see page 3 for info)	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Whitley Co. Ag Museum
21	Tree Identification Program.....	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Peabody Public Library
21	Field Scout Intern Training		Beck Center, West Lafayette
27	OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY		
JUNE:			
6	Whitley Co. Master Gardeners (MG Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.....	Peabody Public Library (Tentative)
22	Master Gardener's Annual Garden Walk)	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	(see page 3 for info)
22	Get a pork burger from Pork Producers at Old Settlers' Festival	4:00 p.m.....	Downtown Columbia City
27	Commercial Ag Training (Focus – Seed Treatment)		Northeast Purdue Ag Center
MARK YOUR CALENDARS:			
July 12-18	2024 Whitley County 4-H Fair		
July 15	(Monday) Master Gardeners Seminars in the Ag Museum (1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm) during the fair		
Aug 2 – 18	2024 Indiana State Fair (Closed on Mondays)		
Aug 22	NEPAC Field Day		



Road and Farm Safety this Spring



Be patient and safe on roads during the spring planting season.

Slow-moving vehicle (SMV) emblems should be displayed on farm equipment and other slow-moving vehicles. An SMV emblem is a triangle shape, with an orange fluorescent center and red reflective borders. Equipment and other vehicles displaying this emblem are capable of speeds no faster than 25 miles per hour. Driving at road speed, the gap between you and the equipment will close quickly, so immediate caution and slower speeds are prudent.

Most farmers have had some significant days in the farm shop to get equipment ready. However, I'd urge farmers to recheck the condition of SMV emblems to make sure they are still fluorescent. Over time, these emblems can fade, become less noticeable, and need replacing.

Other road-related safety equipment, such as headlights, taillights, flashing lights, hitch pins, tires, and wheel bearings also should be checked.

Large equipment should be fully folded to transport position for the safety of the farmer and other drivers when moving from field to field over the road.

Coupling road hazards with general farming risks, farming is a dangerous operation.

According to the Purdue University Agricultural Safety and Health Program's *2021 Indiana Farm Fatality Summary with Historical Overview*, "The 20 documented fatalities in 2021 are a

decrease from the 25 cases identified in 2020 and the fewest in the past eight years, reflecting the continuing historical trend of a declining number of annual fatalities." While any loss of life is tragic, the trend is good news.

However, the relatively few Indiana non-fatal farm-related injuries that were identified in 2021 as part of the fatality surveillance efforts were generally severe, including loss of a limb or head injuries. They may also have involved the use of medical helicopters for transport to a trauma center.

A disproportionate share of farm fatalities come from small or hobby farms and Amish/Old Order populations. Some of the risks include horses as a primary power source, bulls for breeding, and older machinery that does not meet current safety standards. On small or hobby farms, this especially includes older tractors without roll-over protective structures (ROPS).

Identified hazards on other farms included older, non-ROPS equipped tractors and self-propelled mowers on steep grades; working in wood lots and tree felling on farms; ATV and UTV operation on farms; working with livestock, including horses and bulls; and extra riders on equipment.

Find the fatality report for 2021 and prior years at <https://www.purdue.edu/engineering/ABE/INPREPared/indiana-farm-fatality-summaries/>.

Field Scout Intern Training - May 21

Grow your company's scouting knowledge by enrolling your team in the Field Scout Intern Training for 2024. This workshop primarily focuses on the fundamental basics of agronomic scouting. Purdue's specialist-led sessions cover pest identification and management, crop production and growth staging, as well as basic relevant practices in agriculture today. The program will be at Beck Agricultural Center, 4530 US-52 W, West Lafayette, IN 47906.

TOPICS COVERED: Crop Diagnostics 101; Weed Identification & Management; Plant Disease Identification & Management; Corn + Soybean Growth & Development; Insect Identification & Management

The registration deadline is May 19, 2024. Space is limited for this training, so be sure to register early. Register at: <https://am.ticketmaster.com/purdue/FST2024>. The cost is \$140. Find additional information at: <https://ag.purdue.edu/events/department/agry/2024/05/dtc-workshop-field-scout-intern24.html>

Spotted Lanternfly in Indiana



The state websites seem to be lagging a bit as far as the current distribution of spotted lanternfly in Indiana. The bottom line is that they could be anywhere and we'd like to ask you to help us scout for spotted lanternfly now. The most at-risk sites appear to be railroad corridors bordered by tree-of-heaven trees.

Especially at-risk among those sites would be places where the railcars sit idle for extended periods. New nymphs will be hatching out soon to crawl around on tree-of-heaven and other plants. If you see this little black insect with white polka-dots, please let us know, or report your finds at <https://www.eddmaps.org/>.

Although their preferred host is tree-of-heaven, this is a devastating insect of grape, and can also affect fruit trees, hardwood trees, and other plants. Although SLF feeds on over 100 host plants, not all of these incur economic damage. Grapes are the primary crop of concern according to our current understanding.

[Indiana Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing](#)

Find information from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources on hunting, fishing, trapping, licenses, and other resources at <https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/>.

[2024 NEPAC Field Days](#)



Whitley County is home to Purdue's Northeast Purdue Agricultural Center (NEPAC) southeast of Columbia City on county road 400 South (4821 East 400 South, Columbia City, IN 46725). Please mark the following dates on your calendars for 2024 events. Check our website and subsequent newsletters for further details and registration information closer to event dates.

- June 27: Commercial Ag Training & Field Day (Category 4 - Seed Treatment focus)
- Aug. 22: Field Day (local/area farmers), 8:00 a.m. - early afternoon.

[Changes to Pesticide Applicator Rules \(Again\)](#)

Last year, several pesticide application rule changes were announced by the Office of the Indiana State Chemist (OISC), focused primarily on supervision, Registered Technicians (RTs), and record-keeping. These rule changes were also covered in Private Applicator Recertification Programs (PARPs) throughout the year, as instructed by OISC. Since then, further modifications have been made to some of these policies, especially regarding RTs and supervision as it relates to the application of restricted-use pesticides (RUPs). Find fact

sheets from OISC on all the changes at: <https://oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/index.html>.

[Do You Need to Obtain a Pesticide Applicator License?](#)

If you need to obtain a private applicator license (to apply pesticides to your own crops, *not* for hire), go to this website for your options:

<https://ppp.purdue.edu/private-applicators/certification/>

If you need to obtain a commercial applicator license (to apply pesticides for hire), go to: <https://ag.purdue.edu/department/extension/ppp/commercial-applicators/index.html>

Additional information can be found at the Office of Indiana State Chemist website: <https://oisc.purdue.edu/>

If you wish to attend a Purdue training event to better prepare you for Core and/or Commercial Category exams, go to <https://ag.purdue.edu/department/extension/ppp/commercial-applicators/certification/training-programs.html>.

If you have further questions, feel free to call the Purdue Extension office at 260-244-7615.

[Stay on top of current crop and livestock news](#)

First of all, local producers should feel free to call Purdue Extension in Whitley County first with specific questions. I can consult with Purdue specialists or print off Purdue Extension publications that may address your issues. I can also make a farm visit.

Secondly, I'd like to recommend a few websites for crop and livestock farmers. Try these websites:

1) The Kernel, by Dan Quinn, Purdue Extension corn specialist: <https://thekernel.info/>

This website provides the latest corn research and management information for farmers and agricultural professionals.

2) Soybean Station: <https://ag.purdue.edu/department/agry/faculty-pages/soybean-station/> This page, maintained by Purdue soybean and small grains specialist, Shaun Casteel, offers current information on soybean production.

3) Purdue Forage Information: <https://indianaforage.wordpress.com/>

Indiana Forage Council with input from Purdue forage specialist, Keith Johnson

4) Purdue Agronomy Extension: <https://ag.purdue.edu/department/agry/agry-extension/index.html>. For many

other cropping issues, you may wish to start here.

5) Purdue Pest & Crop Newsletter: <https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/pest-crop/index.html> Pest & Crop Newsletter provides timely information about pests and crops throughout Indiana, with the most effective, economic, and environmentally sound pest management strategies.

6) Purdue Animal Sciences Extension: <https://ag.purdue.edu/department/ansc/extension.html>. Start here to be directed to various species-specific information and other news affecting livestock production.

7) Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture:

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

There are many resources at this site, including recorded ag outlook webinars, the *Purdue Agricultural Economics Report*, custom rates, and other resources for crop and livestock farmers.

[Current Info for Fruit and Vegetable Growers, Landscape Managers](#)

Purdue Extension has two excellent newsletters for fruit and vegetable growers - both commercial and "backyard" growers - to stay on top of current news. See the following newsletters online:

Facts for Fancy Fruit: <https://fff.hort.purdue.edu/>

Vegetable Crops Hotline: <https://vegcropshotline.org/>

Landscape managers (and homeowners) will find excellent and up-to-date information in the *Purdue Landscape Report*: <https://www.purduelandscape.org/>.

[Hydroponics for Everyone](#)



Hydroponics training is offered to everyone in May and June at Purdue University. Interested participants can choose either

May or June session. There will be four classes for each session on Saturdays from 9am-4pm. Training will be provided at the state-of-the-art Purdue hydroponics facility located in the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, 625 Ag. Mall Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907.

Registration fees are \$300 per participant. Contact the Extension office if interested and we'll send you the registration link. The registration deadline for May classes is April 30; the registration deadline for the June classes is June 5.



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