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Important 4-H Fair Dates:

- May 16 ~ Livestock Identification Due
- May 16 ~ Bred, Born & Raised Forms Due
- May 16 ~ 4-H YQCA Certifications Due
- June 1 – July 1 ~ FairEntry Sign-Up Dates
- June 15 ~ Add 4-H Projects Deadline

MEMORIAL DAY



REMEMBER AND HONOR

Todd John Brittney Jacki Lisa Candy

4-H Fair Entertainment - Grandstand

July 15 – 7:00 pm – Tough Truck
July 16 – 7:00 pm – Demolition Derby
July 17 – 5:00 pm – Truck/Tractor Pull
July 18 – 7:00 pm – Rodeo
July 19 – 7:00 pm – Farmer Olympics
July 20 – 7:00 pm – Demolition Derby

Fish and Tenderloin Supper - May 21

Please join us Saturday, May 21st at the fairgrounds from 4:00-7:00 p.m. for the annual Fish & Tenderloin Supper. It will look a little different this year. We had to postpone the March event due to community health concerns. This year we will be serving from the main concession stand. Seating will be available under the canopy and in the commercial building. 4-H Clubs will have carnival games in the far end of the commercial building. Drive thru is also available. All proceeds from the supper will go toward purchasing ribbons for the Whitley County 4-H Fair.



Ice Cream Social - April 30

Whitley County 4-H Fairgrounds
Main Concessions
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Six or More Flavors
\$3.00 per Cup/ \$7.00 per Quart



4-H Fun Night

All-U-Can Eat

Fish & Tenderloin Supper

While Supplies Last





**Reschedule
Date**

Saturday, May 21
4:00 - 7:00 PM





Sponsored in part by:



Come Out and Support Whitley County 4-H

Provide a Livestock as an equal opportunity/equal access university.

Adults: \$12.00
Children 5-10: \$8.00
Children Under 5: Free
Carryout: \$12.00

Commercial Building
680 W. Squawbuck Rd.
Columbia City, IN 46725

**PLEASE NOTE THE
LOCATION CHANGE**

98th Annual Whitley County 4-H Fair Planned for July 15-21, 2022

Come see us at the 98th 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 the pre-fair and schedule of events below:

June 18

9:00 am – Tractor Driving Contest - 4-H Fairgrounds

June 25

10:00 am – Dog Show - Commercial Building

1:00 pm – Cat Show – 4-H Center

June 30

6-8 am – Bicycle Contest – Commercial Building

July 2

8 am-12 pm – Bicycle Contest – Commercial Building

July 9

10:00 am – Fashion Revue – Peabody Library

11:00 am – Consumer Clothing – Peabody Library

July 11

6:00 pm – Little Miss/Miss Whitley County – First Church of God

July 12

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

10:00 am – Non-Perishable Projects Judging – 4-H Center

July 13

7-9:00 am – Mini/Perishable Projects Check-in – 4-H Center

10 am – Mini/Perishable Projects Judging – 4-H Center

July 15

8 am-5 pm – Poultry Com. Show/Showmanship – Small Arena

8 am-12:30pm – Dairy Show – Large Show Arena

12:00 pm – Foods Auction – 4-H Center

1-4 pm – Sheep Show – Large Show Arena

5-8:30 pm – Meat Goat Show – Large Show Arena

6:30-8 pm – Kiddie Tractor Pull – Small Animal Arena

July 16

8 am-5 pm – Rabbit Show – Small Animal Arena

8 am – 6:30 p.m. – Swine Show – Large Show Arena

9:00 am – Horse & Pony English Show – Horse Arena

5-7 pm – Goat Olympics – Small Show Arena

July 17

8-9 am – Worship Service – Ag Museum

9:00 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

12 pm-4 pm – Antique Tractor Pull – Grandstand

5 pm-6:30 pm – Parade of Champions – Large Show Arena

6:30 pm – Fashion Revue – Large Show Arena

July 18

8 am-3 pm – Dairy Goat Show – Large Show Arena

10:00 am – Horse & Pony Walk/Trot Contesting – Horse Arena

4 pm-7 pm – Dairy Steer Show – Large Show Arena

4:00 pm – Horse & Pony Contesting – Horse Arena

July 19

8 am-6 pm – Dairy Steer/Feeder Calf Showmanship and

Feeder Calf Show – Large Show Arena

5:30-6:30 pm – Parade

July 20

8:30 am-10:30 pm – Mini Mentor – Large Show Arena

1 pm-5 pm – Supreme Showman – Large Show Arena

3:00 pm – Horse & Pony Fun Show – Horse Arena

7-10 pm – All 4-H/Open Show Projects Pick-up – 4-H Center

July 21

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

July 22

9:00 am – Livestock Barns/4-H Center Cleanup

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



2022 Adult Open Show

Plan now to share your talents in the Open Class exhibits during the 2022 Whitley County 4-H



Fair. Entries will be accepted on Wednesday, July 13, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, July 14, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the west room of the 4-H Center and they will be released on Wednesday, July 20, 8:00 - 10:00 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, Vegetables & Dried Foods.

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

Sewing: Children's Garments, 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, Dolls, Floral Crafts, Gingerbread Houses, Jewelry, Leather, Macramé, Rugs,

Scrapbooking, Soft Sculpture, Stamping, Weaving, Woodcrafts, 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, Re-design items you no longer use for their original purpose.

"Caramel-icious" – Special Foods Contest

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 16, 2022. This event is free; open to all ages and open to the public. You must be a Whitley County resident to participate.

Entries accepted: 12:00 - 2:00 pm; **Judging:** 2:15 - 3:00 pm; **Winner Announced:** Approx. 3:00 pm

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

Guidelines:

- 1) All entries must include caramel.
- 2) Each participant may enter more than one entry.
- 3) Entries will not be returned to participant. Entries will be used as the cake walk prizes.
- 4) Classes are: cake, cookies, bread, jams, jellies & spreads, pie, candy, snack, and miscellaneous.
- 5) Recipe must be included with entry.
- 6) A cake walk begins immediately following judging.



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 25

Master Gardeners' Garden Walk is an event many local individuals look forward to each year. Event participants will view gardens near the Churubusco area. You may purchase tickets at the Extension office starting Monday, May 23. The cost is \$8 pre-sale, or \$10 the day of event.

NEWS NOTES TO PARENTS

"News Notes for Parents" is a newsletter geared towards parents with children ages 8 and under. You will find articles about parenting, early childhood education, nutrition and much more. If you would like this newsletter emailed to you, please email Jacki at bishop87@purdue.edu.

Extension Homemaker Happenings



Date	Event	Time	Location
May 16	Club dues are due to Janelle Burnworth		
30	Office Closed for Memorial Day		
June 6-8	IEHA Home and Family Conference		
15	President's Council Meeting.....	10:00 a.m.	Extension Office
23	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 – Elaine Langston, Carol Spillman, Jane Frazier, Dorothy Eberly and Marianne Van Emon and Tawasi Club – Carolyn Grawcock.

President's Council Meeting

June 15 (date change), 10:00 a.m., at the Extension Office

Extension Homemakers Cookbook – 2022



The NEW Whitley County Extension Homemakers cookbook are at the Extension Office. This cookbook 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.

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

Homemaker Highlights – Union Busy Bells

The Extension Homemakers Union Busy Bells Club started in 1956 with 15 members. The first Union Busy Bells president was Mrs. John Bockelman.

The Union Busy Bells Club is active today with 30 members. The club has a variety of informative topics at the meetings and do many community service projects during the year.

Union Busy Bells would welcome new members from any area. If interested in joining the Union Busy Bells Extension Homemakers, contact the Whitley County Extension office at 260-244-7615 or Union Busy Bells Club President Janet Hindbaugh at 260-609-6252.



to the Extension Homemakers who held leadership positions this year:

2021-2022 County Officers: President – Karen Hall, Vice-President – Janet Hindbaugh, Secretary – Ginny Faulkner, Treasurer – Janelle Burnworth

2021-2022 Club Presidents: Club 21 – Sheila Schilling, Double Dozen – Ada Mae Rebman, Evening Bells – Glenna Johnson, Jefferson – Jane Frazier, Tawasi – Marsha Hoffman, Town & Country – Linda Sevier and Union Busy Bells – Janet Hindbaugh.

2021-2022 Committee Chairwomen: Awards Night – Jane Frazier, Spring Fling – Beth Ann Sickafoose, Garage Sale – Barb Overdeer, Education Scholarship – Amy Richards, Holiday Bazaar – Janet Hindbaugh, Fair Food – Ada Mae Rebman and Adult Open Show – Nancy Lopshire

IEHA Home & Family Conference

Registration is open until May 10 for IEHA Home and Family Conference that is June 6-8. Register online at: <https://ieha-families.org/programs/home-and-family/> 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 8 clubs in 6 townships. Please note: This is an equal opportunity organization.

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



Spring Cleaning Your Home

Source: Good Housekeeping



Nothing feels quite as satisfying as coming home to a house that's so clean it practically sparkles. Cleaning your home from top to bottom can be overwhelming... not to mention, tiring and time-consuming. I recommend starting by cleaning room by room or appliance by appliance with [spring cleaning tips](#) from organizing and cleaning pros. Whether you only have five minutes to freshen things up or you happen to have an entire weekend to spare, I want to help you accomplish some spring cleaning! Here are ten research-based cleaning tips to give your home's nooks and crannies a much-needed refresh!

(1) Clean your doormats. You can trap more dirt by using two mats, one outside the door and one inside. To refresh, **hose off and air-dry outdoor mats.** [Vacuum indoor ones on both sides](#), going over the back will push trapped dirt out onto the floor where it will be easier to pick up.

(2) Spray down windows and dust blinds. Wait for an overcast day to [clean your windows](#) and start on the shady side of the house (direct sun can lead to streaking). Try raising your blinds or shades and then **wash the windows with glass cleaner and a microfiber cloth.** Then lower the blinds and vinyl shades and dust with a duster and finish by vacuuming the fabric shades and drapes.

(3) Wipe down walls. Keeping your walls free of greasy fingerprints, dust and stains is as easy as wiping them with a damp microfiber cloth. Be sure to start from top to bottom, and bonus points if you wipe the door frames and baseboards too!

(4) Freshen up musty carpets. Refresh your carpets in between deep cleanings by using a [portable carpet cleaner](#) with a rotating brush. **To rid your carpet of pet odors, sprinkle baking soda or carpet deodorizer** on your carpet. Using a soft brush, work the baking powder into your carpet and let it set for 15 to 30 minutes. Vacuum the baking powder off the carpet with a fresh bag or clean dirt cup.

(5) De-stink the kitchen sink. Got kitchen stink you just can't kick? Try **running a couple of lemon rind slivers through your garbage disposal** and follow with cold water to get rid of any unwanted odors.

(6) Steam clean the microwave. Clean up those pesky tomato stains once and for all. To [clean your microwave](#), fill a **large microwave-safe bowl with 1 cup of water and a chopped-up lemon, lime, or orange or several tablespoons of vinegar** and stick it inside. Turn the appliance on high for several minutes or until the solution boils and the window is steamy, then let it cool for five minutes before opening the door. Remove and wipe the inside and outside with a sponge.

(7) Bring stained cutting boards back to life. If you think that nasty mark is permanent, you're wrong! **Run the cut side of a lemon over the board to help remove food stains and smells.** For an extra oomph, sprinkle it with salt or baking soda first.

(8) Remove hard water buildup from your shower head. Hard water buildup can cause stains and even affect your shower head's water flow. If scrubbing with a sponge doesn't clear the debris from the holes, you can [clean your shower head](#) and restore its flow using a few kitchen products you already have in your home. Mix **equal parts white vinegar and water in a plastic bag and tie the bag around the shower head**, making sure to immerse the shower head entirely in the

mixture. Tie the bag around the shaft for up to an hour, then wipe away any residue left behind and run the hot water of the shower to rinse the vinegar out of your shower.

(9) De-gunk your oven. [Cleaning your oven](#) is an essential part of spring cleaning. Use your appliance's self-cleaning function to remove stubborn, baked-on grime. If your oven doesn't have one, **place a hot, wet cloth on top of burned spots to help soften the gunk.** Then scrub with a sprinkle of baking powder and a heavy-duty pad. Rinse and wipe dry.

(10) Scrub down kitchen cabinets. Unsightly kitchen grime is a mix of dust and grease that builds up over time. Run the exhaust hood over your range every time you cook to keep grease from settling. To de-gunk, **use a cabinet cleaner to cut through dirt and leave wood moisturized.** Do an extra pass around any places that grease collects, like door and drawer pulls.

Slow Cooker or Instant Pot Chicken Tinga

Source: Pinch of Yum

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 6 hours

Servings: 6

Calories: 217 kcal

Chicken Tinga is an authentic Mexican stewed chicken that is subtly sweet, smoky, and spicy. This recipe requires minimal prep and can be made in a slow cooker or instant pot! Serve it folded into tortillas for tacos, piled onto crispy tortillas for tostadas, on top of a salad, or stuffed into sweet potatoes for easy, quick meals any day of the week!



Ingredients:

- 1 10.75 ounce can tomato puree
- ½ cup water
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 2 chipotle peppers in adobo sauce *Reserve the leftover chipotle peppers for another use
- 1 tablespoon adobo sauce from the chipotle peppers
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 white onion roughly chopped
- 5 garlic cloves
- 2 teaspoons cumin
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons coriander
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- ½ teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2½ pounds boneless skinless chicken breast or chicken thighs
- 2 bay leaves

Instructions:

Slow Cooker: (1) Add all ingredients except chicken and bay leaves to a blender and blend on high until smooth. Add sauce to slow cooker with chicken and bay leaves. Stir to coat chicken. (2) Cook on high for 4-6 hours or low for 6-8. (3) Remove chicken to a large bowl and shred with two forks. Once shredded, return to sauce and toss to coat chicken. Serve with your favorite ingredients. See the instructions above for some suggestions!

Instant Pot: (1) Add all ingredients except chicken and bay leaves to a blender and blend on high until smooth. Add sauce to Instant Pot with chicken and bay leaves. Stir to coat chicken. (2) Cook on high pressure for 10 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Quick release pressure when Instant Pot is done cooking. (3) Remove chicken to a large bowl and shred with two forks. Once shredded, return to sauce and toss to coat chicken. Serve with your favorite ingredients. See the instructions above for some suggestions!

Storing it in the fridge?
This Slow Cooker Chicken Tinga will keep in the fridge for up to 5 days.

Storing it in the freezer? This Slow Cooker Chicken Tinga will keep in the freezer for up to 3 months.

4-H Youth Development

Todd Geiger, Extension Educator



May 4-H Calendar (Events, dates and times are subject to change)

Date	Event	Time	Location
1	Extension Homemakers, Hester Adams, Jim Teghtmeyer, Lester & Joy Worrick, Helping Hands Endowment Fund and B.V. Widney AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS DUE.....	4:30 p.m.	Extension Office
1	ADULT AWARDS NOMINATION FORMS DUE.....	4:30 p.m.	Extension Office
2	Cleveland Showmen Meeting	7:00 p.m.	South Whitley Town Hall
2	Union Sodbusters Meeting	6:30-8:00 p.m.	4-H Center Middle Room
2	Cat Club Meeting	6:30 p.m.	4-H Center West Room
2	Bicycle Club Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.	4-H Middle Room
3	Shooting Sports Archery Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building
4	Tractor Club Meeting	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center West Room
5	Shooting Sports BB/Rifle Air Pistol Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Ideal Fish & Game – Churubusco
5	Thorncreek Sons of the Soil Meeting	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center Middle Room
5	Dog Club Workshop	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Commercial Building
6	Scrapbooking Club Workshop	6:30-8:30 p.m.	4-H Center West Room
6	Sheep Tagging/Weigh-in.....	5:00-8:00 p.m.	Dairy Barn – 4-H Fairgrounds
7	Goat Tagging	8:00-11:00 a.m.	4-H Fairgrounds
7	ARBA Rabbit Show	9:00 a.m.	Commercial Building
8	Smith Worker Bees Meeting.....	2:00 p.m.	Collins Methodist Church
9	4-H Leaders/4-H Council Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.	4-H Center
10	4-H Clubs Inc Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.	Ag Museum
10	Shooting Sports Archery Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building
12	Thorncreek Northern Stars Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center Middle Room
12	Dog Club Workshop	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Commercial Building
12	Jr. Leaders Gathering.....	6:30 p.m.	4-H Center West Room
12	Shooting Sports BB/Rifle/Air Pistol Meeting	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Ideal Fish & Game – Churubusco
14	Bicycle Club Bike Repair Day	8:00 a.m.	Main Concessions
16	ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION (ALL ANIMALS)	MIDNIGHT	4-H Online
16	ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION FORM FOR POULTRY ONLY.....		Extension Office
16	DAIRY AND HORSE & PONY LEASE AGREEMENTS DUE		Extension Office
16	BEEF/JR BEEF, DAIRY STEET & FEEDER CALF, GOAT AND SWINE BRED, BORN & RAISED FORMS DUE.....		Specie Club Leader
16	YQCA Certification Due.....		In-Person or Online
16	Columbia City Clovers Meeting	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center West Room
16	Etna Troy Willing Hearts Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Etna Troy Community Building
16	Jefferson Hustlers Meeting	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Jefferson Township Fire Station
16	Smith Harvesters Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Churubusco Fire Station
16	Washing 4-H Busters/Blue Ribbon Meeting.....	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Washington Community Building
17	Shooting Sports Archery Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building
17	Etna Troy Hustlers Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Etna Troy Community Building
17	Horse & Pony Club Meeting	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center West Room
17	Rabbit Club Barn Clean-Up.....	6:00 p.m.	Rabbit Barn – 4-H Fairgrounds
18	Poultry Club Meeting/Workshop	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center West Room
19	Dog Club Workshop	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Commercial Building
19	Richland Ramblers Meeting	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Larwill Fire Station
19	Beef Club Meeting	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center West Room
19	Shooting Sports BB/Rifle/Sir Pistol Meeting	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Ideal Fish & Game – Churubusco
21	Scrapbooking Club Workshop	9:00-11:30 a.m.	4-H Center West Room
23	Dairy Steer Feeder Calf Club Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center West Room
24	Columbia Peaches Meeting	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center West Room
24	Goat Club Meeting/Workshop.....	7:00 p.m.	Goat Barn – 4-H Fairgrounds
24	Shooting Sports Archery Meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building
26	Dog Club Workshop	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Commercial Building
26	Shooting Sports BB/Rifle/Air Pistol Meeting	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Ideal Fish & Game – Churubusco
26	Swine Club Meeting/Workshop/Show Set-up	6:30 p.m.	Swine & Show Barn – 4-H Fairgrounds
28	Bicycle Club Ride	8:00 a.m.	4-H Center Parking Lot
29	Whitley County Memorial Classic Swine Show		4-H Fairgrounds
30	MEMORIAL DAY	CLOSED	EXTENSION OFFICE
31	Shooting Sports Archery meeting.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building



June 4-H Calendar (Events, date and times are subject to change)

1	Bicycle Club Time Trial.....	5:30 p.m.	Indian Springs Middle School
1	Mini 4-H Bicycle Project Ride	6:00 p.m.	4-H Center Parking Lot
2	Dog Club Workshop.....	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Commercial Building
2	Thorncreek Sons of the Soil Meeting	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center Middle Room
3	Scrapbooking Club Workshop	6:30-8:30 p.m.	4-H Center West Room
3-5	Horse & Pony Clinic		6804 E 500 S-57, Churubusco
4	Bicycle Club Ride	8:00 a.m.	4-H Center Parking Lot

Date	Event	Time	Location	(JUNE Continued)
5	Smith Worker Bees Meeting	2:00 p.m.	Collins Methodist Church	
6	Etna Troy Willing Hearts Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Etna Troy Community Building	
6	Jefferson Hustlers Meeting	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Jefferson Township Fire Station	
6	Union Sodbusters Meeting	6:30-8:00 p.m.	3246 E Old Trail Rd, CC (Amy Pettigrew Home)	
6	Cat Club Meeting	6:30 p.m.	4-H Center West Room	
6	Bicycle Club Meeting	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center Middle Room	
7	Shooting Sports Archery Meeting	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building	
7	Cleveland Showmen Meeting	7:00 p.m.	South Whitley Town Hall	
7	Horse & Pony Workshop	5:00-8:00 p.m.	Horse Arena	
8	Bicycle Club Time Trial	5:30 p.m.	Indian Springs Middle School	
8	Mini 4-H Bicycle Project Ride	6:00 p.m.	4-H Center Parking Lot	
8	Horse & Pony Jumping	5:00-8:00 p.m.	Horse Arena	
9	Horse & Pony Contesting	5:00-8:00 p.m.	Horse Arena	
9	Dog Club Workshop	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Commercial Building	
11	Bicycle Club Ride	8:00 a.m.	4-H Center Parking Lot	
11	Mini 4-H Day Camp	10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	4-H Center	
11	Jr. Leaders Gathering	2:00 p.m.	4-H Center	
13	JULY & AUGUST NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	4:30 p.m.	Extension Office	
13	Smith Harvesters Meeting	7:00 p.m.	71 E 400 S, Albion (OPI Inc)	
13	Washington 4-H Busters/Blue Ribbon Meetings	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Washington Community Building	
14	4-H Leadership Team Meeting	6:00 p.m.	4-H Center	
14	4-H Leaders/4-H Council Meetings	6:00 p.m.	4-H Center (after Leadership Team Meeting)	
14	Horse & Pony Workshop	5:00-8:00 p.m.	Horse Arena	
14	Rabbit Club Meeting	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center West Room	
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	ADD/DROP 4-H PROJECT DEADLINE		4-H Online	
15	Etna Troy Hustlers Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Etna Troy Community Building	
15	Bicycle club Time Trial	5:30 p.m.	Indian Springs Middle School	
15	Mini 4-H Bicycle Project Ride	6:00 p.m.	4-H Center Parking Lot	
15	Poultry Club Meeting	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center West Room	
16	Horse & Pony Contesting	5:00-8:00 p.m.	Horse Arena	
16	Dog Club Workshop	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Commercial Building	
16	Richland Ramblers Meeting	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Larwill Fire Station	
16	Thomcreek Northern Stars Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Tri-Lakes Park	
16	Columbia Peaches Meeting	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center Middle Room	
17	Tractor Driving Contest Practice	7:00 p.m.	4-H Fairgrounds	
18	Scrapbooking Club Workshop	9:00-11:30 a.m.	4-H Center Wet Room	
18	Bicycle Club Ride	8:00 a.m.	4-H Center Parking Lot	
18	Poultry Club Leg Banding	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Poultry Barn – 4-H Fairgrounds	
18	Sheep Club Meeting/Workshop	10:00 a.m.	Show Barn – 4-H Fairgrounds	
18	Tractor Driving Contest	9:00 a.m.-Noon	4-H Fairgrounds	
20	Columbia City Clovers Meeting	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center Middle Room	
21	Horse & Pony Workshop	5:00-8:00 p.m.	Horse Arena	
21	Shooting Sports Archery meeting	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building	
22	Bicycle Club Time Trial	5:30 p.m.	Indian Springs Middle School	
22	Mini 4-H Bicycle Project Ride	6:00 p.m.	4-H Center Parking Lot	
22	Horse & Pony Judging	5:00-8:00 p.m.	Horse Arena	
23	Dog Club Workshop	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Commercial Building	
23	Horse & Pony Contesting	5:00-8:00 p.m.	Horse Arena	
23	Swine Club Meeting/Workshop	6:30 p.m.	Show Barn – 4-H Fairgrounds	
24	Richland Ramblers Meeting/Book Turn-in	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Larwill Fire Station	
25	Bicycle Club Ride	8:00 a.m.	4-H Center Parking Lot	
25	4-H Dog Show	10:00 a.m.	Commercial Building	
25	4-H Cat Show	1:00 p.m.	4-H Center	
26	Etna Troy Hustlers Meeting/Community Serv Project	3:00 p.m.	Etna Troy Community Building	
27	Bicycle Club Meeting	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center Middle Room	
27	Dairy Steer Feeder Calf Club Meeting/Workshop	7:00 p.m.	4-H Center West Room	
27	Smith Harvesters Meeting/Book Turn-in	7:00 p.m.	71 E 400 S, Albion (OPI Inc)	
27	Washington 4-H Busters/Blue Ribbon Meeting/Book Turn-in	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Washington Community Building	
28	Goat Club Meeting/Workshop	7:00 p.m.	Show Barn – 4-H Fairgrounds	
28	Horse & Pony Workshop	5:00-8:00 p.m.	Horse Arena	
28	Shooting Sports Archery Meeting	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building	
29	Dog Club Workshop	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Commercial Building	
30	Columbia Peaches Meeting/Book Turn-in	6:00-7:30 p.m.	4-H Center Middle Room	
30	Jefferson Hustlers Book Turn-in	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Jefferson Township Fire Station	
30	Thomcreek Sons of the Soil Book Turn-in	7:00-8:00 p.m.	4-H Center Middle Room	
30	Cleveland Showmen Meeting/Book Turn-in	7:00 p.m.	South Whitley Town Hall	
30	Bicycle Contest	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Commercial Building	
30	Horse & Pony Contesting	5:00-8:00 p.m.	Horse Arena	





2022 FAIR DATES



Whitley County 4-H Fair: July 15-21 ~ Indiana State Fair: July 29 – August 21

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 800+ 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 2022 Rule Book and/or Project Manuals

Check our website: <http://www.extension.purdue.edu/whitley> 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 7th annual 4-H Leadership Team meeting on Tuesday, June 14th, 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...2022 4-H Animal Identification Deadline!!

May 16th: Online 4-H animal identification for ALL animals:

Go to <https://v2.4honline.com> to enroll these animals by May 16th. Please see instructions on the Purdue Extension Whitley County website at

www.extension.purdue.edu/whitley 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 16th. Forms are available at the Extension Office or can be printed from the Purdue Extension Whitley County website at www.extension.purdue.edu/whitley **Do not confuse the Animal Identification Form with the Animal Record Sheet – the Record Sheet is due at Record Book deadline on July 1st and turned in to your 4-H Leader.**

Stop at the Extension Office or go to the Purdue Extension Whitley County website at www.extension.purdue.edu/whitley 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 16th.

Add Project Deadline

4-H projects may be added until June 15th. Go to <https://v2.4honline.com> to sign in to your family account. Go to each child's page and make the changes under the "Participation" area, under the Projects tab. **Please let your 4-H Township Club Leader know if you are adding a project, especially to get project materials to you in a timely manner!**

State Fair Entry Book

Copies of the State Fair Entry Books are available online at: [https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/4-h-](https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/4-h-competitions-entry-information)



[competitions-entry-information](https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions-entry-information). 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.

Websites to Know

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, IN 4-H](https://www.facebook.com/PurdueExtension-WhitleyCounty&WhitleyCounty,IN-4-H)

Whitley County 4-H Clubs, Inc.: www.whitleycounty4-h.com

Whitley County Ag Museum: www.whitleycountyagmuseum.com



"Thank You" Posters for 2021 Auction Buyers

Now is a good time to start thinking about acknowledging the 2021 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"!

2022 4-H Parade Theme

The theme for the 2022 4-H Parade is "4-H – Is Your Ticket to Fun." Congrats to the Richland Ramblers 4-H Club for winning.

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

The 2022 Whitley County 4-H Fair is just around the corner!! For 2022, 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, 2022 to July 1, 2022 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 4hOnline. 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 Purdue Extension Whitley Co.nty website at: www.extension.purdue.edu/whitley.

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

Important 4-H Fair Items

To ensure a successful 2022 4-H Fair, be sure to do the following:



- Get your green 2022 4-H Information Book from your 4-H Leader.
- Manuals and record sheets need to be picked up from your 4-H Township Leader. If they do not have something, please contact the Extension Office and we will make sure that you get it.

- Turn in record sheets for your project(s) to your Township 4-H Leader by 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1st.
- Make sure you have health papers for animals if they are needed – refer to the 4-H rules online.

- Check the 4-H Fair Schedule located at the Purdue Extension Whitley County website at: www.extension.purdue.edu/whitley

Check the 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 \$2.50.

- 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 12: 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 11: Our monthly "Gathering" at 2:00 p.m. at the 4-H Center (following the Mini 4-H Day Camp)! Make sure that you tune in as we make final plans before the fair!!

- July 7: Jr. Leader pre-fair meeting & concession stand set-up at the fairgrounds from 6-9 p.m.

Mini 4-H News

Mini 4-H Day Camp will be on June 11th from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center!! Bring your Mini 4-H'ers out for some fun, hands on activities: kids will participate lots of fun activities throughout the 4-H Fairgrounds and much more!! Lunch will be served. Any additional volunteers this day will be greatly appreciated.

Project News

YQCA Options in 2022

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.

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

DEADLINE TO COMPLETE YQCA is May 16th!

Goat Club News



We are having an exciting year so far. The tagging event on May 7 is **mandatory** for all wethers and meat goat market does. We will be collecting club dues at this time along with tagging fees. This will also be the last chance to order a club t-shirt for this year (same design as last year). Our May meeting will take place in the goat barn and we will be having live goat clipping demonstrations. Please bring your lawn chairs. The June meeting will be our last workshop, we will be doing hands on showmanship practice in the show barn and you are strongly encouraged to bring your goat. Remember all wethers have to be castrated/banded and completely healed to come to the fair. Also remember that all horn scurs need to be under 2" long to exhibit at the fair. If you have any questions or concerns about

July 2nd 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

anything, please get in contact with an advisory board member sooner rather than later. Thanks to all who participated in the flower fundraiser, we sold just over 200 items. This is amazing for our first year.

Your Leader, Lynnette

4-H Bowling Project



All bowling papers need to be turned in by July 1, 2022. Read rules and make sure you have everything you need to finish bowling. Thank you for a great year in Whitley County 4-Bowling program.

Any questions call my phone number is 244-7115. Thank you! Ethel Miller.

Submitted By: Ethel Miller, Bowling Leader

Horse & Pony Club News

There will be a Horse & Pony Clinic on Friday, June 3rd through Sunday, June 5th. It will focus on beginners - club members 1 to 3 years in the club or with a new horse. Location for the clinic is: 6804 E 500 S - 57, Churubusco

To sign up or questions Contact Karen Stump 260-615-5715. Please sign up by May 27th.

4-H Project Label Requirement for 2022!!

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 13th and July 14th. They WILL NOT be made available ahead of time.

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.

The 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 Black at 260-248-6390.

4-H Project Supplies

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

- *Foam Poster Board - \$2.50
- *Poster Sleeve - \$1.00
- *Salon Print Sleeve - \$0.50
- *Mini 4-H Poster Sleeve - \$0.50

*Electric – Division III

Trouble Light Kit - \$35.00

(Includes wire, male/female ends)

*Entomology

Insect Boxes - \$16.00

Insect Kit (Pins & Vials) - \$6.00

Items are available while quantities last!



Date	Event	Time	Location
MAY:			
5	Whitley Co. Master Gardeners (MG) Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.....	Woodlands Sr Activity Center & via Zoom
11	Emergency Animal Management Program.....	Noon - 4:00 p.m.	Whitley Co. 4-H Center
30	Office Closed for Memorial Day		
JUNE:			
2	Whitley Co. Master Gardeners (MG Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.....	Woodlands Sr Activity Center & via Zoom
6	Whitley Co. Pork Producers Mtg. (Interview Queen/Ambassador Candidates)...	6:00 p.m. ...	Extension Office
6	Whitley Co. Pork Producers Mtg. (Annual Meet/Event Planning)	7:00 p.m.....	Extension Office
21	Commercial Ag Diagnostic Training Clinic/Seed Treatment		Northeast Purdue Ag Center
25	Master Gardener's Annual Garden Walk.....	9:00 – 3:00 p.m.	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

July 15-21	Whitley County 4-H Fair
July 19	Master Gardeners Seminars at Whitley County 4-H Fair – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
July 29-Aug 21	Indiana State Fair (Closed on Monday and Tuesdays)
Aug 2	Organic Field Day
Aug 25	NEPAC Field Day



Be Patient on Roads During Planting Season



It's time for my annual appeal to all to be patient and safe on roads during the spring planting season. From recent conversations I've had with farmers, I know they would echo that appeal as they try to get their work done as safely and efficiently as possible.

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.

Safety is always an important consideration, whether at home, on the road, or on the farm. Take time to be safe, be patient, and share the road this spring.

2022 Northeast Purdue Agricultural Center (NEPAC) Field Days



Whitley County is home to Purdue's Northeast Purdue Agricultural Center 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 2022 events. Check our website and subsequent newsletters for further

details and registration information closer to event dates.

- June 21: In-Field Diagnostic Training Clinic (Commercial Ag Focus/Seed Treatment)
- Aug. 2: Organic Field Day, W.O.L.F. Co-Op, Wolcottville.
- Aug. 25: Field Day (Local/Area farmers), 8:00 am, early afternoon. For info/to register, call 260-244-7615. Free to attend, register by Aug. 19.

Emergency Animal Management Program

How do you deal with escaped livestock after a traffic incident? Thankfully, that is not a situation that all first responders have to deal with. However, if it happens and you are the person on the scene, how do you handle it?

Purdue Extension is offering an Emergency Animal Management Program on May 11, from 12:00 (noon) until 4:00 p.m. at the Whitley Co. 4-H Center, 680 West Squawbuck Road, Columbia City, IN. The program will start with a sponsored meal.

The purpose of the program is to provide Whitley County law enforcement, first responders, and related individuals a basic understanding of farm animal behavior and handling practices in order to better prepare to respond to an incident involving livestock.

Topics to be covered include:

- Escaped Animal Handling
- When, How, and Where to use Deadly force
- How an Animal Thinks
- Handling Animals and People under Stress

The program is free to our target audience, thanks to meal sponsor Whitley County Farm Bureau, Inc.

Please RSVP by May 4 by calling 260-244-7615. RSVP is required for meal count. Attendance may be capped, depending on response.

2022 Purdue Crop Diagnostic Training & Research Center Workshops

The Purdue University Crop Diagnostic Training and Research Center is known across the Midwest for its unique "hands-on" approach for teaching the art and science of accurately diagnosing agricultural crop problems.

Specific growing season workshop dates and details are available on the DTC calendar, including a link to registration:

<https://ag.purdue.edu/agry/dtc/Pages/Calendar.aspx>.

Mark your calendars if you are interested in any of the workshops below.

May 19: Field Scout Intern Training (Beck Agricultural Center, West Lafayette, IN)

July 7: Mid-Season Diagnostic Workshop (Beck Agricultural Center, West Lafayette, IN)

Sept. 1: Forage Management Workshop (Feldun-Purdue Agricultural Center, Bedford, IN)

Master Gardeners' Garden Walk - June 25



Master Gardeners' Garden Walk is an event many local individuals look forward to each year. Event participants will view gardens near the Churubusco area. You may purchase tickets at the Extension office starting Monday May 23. The cost is \$8 pre-sale, or \$10 the day of event.

[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://ppp.purdue.edu/commercial-applicators/certification/>

Additional information can be found at the Office of Indiana State Chemist website:

<https://www.oisc.purdue.edu/>

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

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

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

[Whitley County Pork Producers - Queen/Ambassador Selection](#)

Whitley County Pork Producers will interview Pork Queen & Ambassador candidates on June 6, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension office. Contact the office for an application, or find in mailing (to eligible swine club members recently) containing an application. Consider applying by May 20 if you are at least 16 years old.



[Pork Producers' Swine Evaluation Show Discontinued](#)

Due to a number of factors, Whitley County Pork Producers have discontinued the Swine Evaluation (Carcass) Show in 2022.

[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:

- **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.

- **Chat 'n Chew Café**, by Robert L. "Bob" Nielsen: <http://www.agry.purdue.edu/ext/corn/cafe/>

Bob is Purdue's long-time Extension corn specialist, slowly transitioning to retirement status. Until we hear otherwise, he will be maintaining his website covering what Bob terms your "corny" needs with a comprehensive "menu" of timely agronomic information from Purdue and other land-grant universities around the U.S.

- **Soybean Station**: <http://www.agry.purdue.edu/ext/soybean/index.html>

This page, maintained by Purdue soybean and small grains specialist, Shaun Casteel, offers current information on soybean production.



- **Purdue Forage Information**: <http://www.agry.purdue.edu/ext/forages/index.html>

Purdue forage specialist, Keith Johnson, maintains this page to keep you informed of current forage information.

- **Purdue Agronomy Extension**: <https://ag.purdue.edu/agry/extension/Pages/default.aspx>

For many other cropping issues, you may wish to start here.

- **Purdue Pest & Crop Newsletter**: <https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/pestcrop/>

Pest & Crop Newsletter provides timely information about pests and crops throughout Indiana, with the most effective, economic, and environmentally sound pest management strategies.

- **Purdue Animal Sciences Extension**: <https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc/Pages/ExtHome.aspx>

Start here to be directed to various specie-specific information and other news affecting livestock production.

- **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 & 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/>.

[May/June Garden Calendar](#)

(From Purdue Extension publications HO-91, HO-92)

[Indoor Plants & Activities](#)

May

- Many indoor plants can be moved to a shady location outdoors after danger of frost is past (May). Plants will dry out more when kept outdoors, so check soil moisture often. Sinking the pots in the ground will help slow down moisture loss, but regular watering will still be necessary.

- Use cuttings of houseplants to increase your collection or share with your friends. Root the cuttings in media such as vermiculite, perlite, or potting soil rather than water. Roots grown in water tend to be weak from lack of oxygen and do not adjust well to being planted in soil.

June

- Indoor plants require more frequent watering and fertilizing as they increase their summer growth.

- Houseplants can be moved outdoors to a shady location, but pay close attention to their watering needs.

- Cut garden flowers for indoor beauty. Recut the stems again just before placing in water. Add a floral preservative and change the solution frequently.

- Root cuttings of houseplants and garden plants to increase your collection or share with a friend. Take cuttings from vigorously growing plants. Place cut end in rooting media, such as perlite, vermiculite, or peat moss soil mix. Enclose in perforated plastic, and keep out of direct sunlight.

[Woody Landscape Plants & Fruit Trees](#)

May

- Thin fruits of apple (and other fruit trees if needed) about 3 weeks after petal fall. Apples should be spaced on the average of about 8 inches apart; peaches at 6 inches apart. If a large crop is set and no thinning is

practiced, all fruit will be small and branches may break.

- Apply fungicide sprays to roses to control diseases such as black spot.
- Prune early spring flowering trees and shrubs after flowers fade.

June

- Prune spring-flowering shrubs after blooms fade.
- Apply fungicide to prevent and control black spot on roses.
- Water newly planted trees and shrubs. Water deeply every 7 to 10 days when rain is lacking.
- Propagate deciduous shrubs, such as forsythia, lilac, pyracantha, and weigelia by stem-tip cuttings.
- Remove faded flowers and seed pods on lilac and other spring-flowering shrubs.
- Many Indiana trees are plagued by "lawn-mower blight." Be careful to avoid nicking tree trunks while mowing.
- Do not become alarmed at June drop of tree fruit. It is a natural thinning process for most trees to prevent excessive loads. Thin remaining excess fruit, if any exists, or prop up heavy branches to avoid breaking. Most fruit should be spaced 6 to 8 inches apart on a branch.
- Continue applications of home orchard fruit sprays to maintain problem-free fruit.



Lawn

May

- Allow foliage of spring flowering bulbs to remain in place after blooms fade. Leaves manufacture the food reserves, which are then stored in the bulb for a repeat showing next year.
- Plant frost-tender plants after danger of frost is past for your area (mid-May in Northern Indiana, late April-early May in Southern Indiana).
- Pinch chrysanthemums and annual flower plants to keep them compact and well-branched.
- Make successive plantings of beans and sweet corn to extend the season of harvest.
- Thin seedlings of earlier planted crops such as carrots, lettuce, spinach, and beets to their proper spacing.
- Harvest early plantings of radishes, spinach, and lettuce.
- Harvest asparagus by cutting or snapping spears at, or just below, the soil level.



- Harvest rhubarb by cutting or by grasping the stalk and pulling up and slightly to one side.

- To prevent bacterial wilt in cucumbers, control cucumber beetles, the carriers of the disease, as soon as plants germinate or are transplanted.

- Remove blossoms from newly set strawberry plants to allow better runner formation.

- Remove unwanted sucker growth in raspberries when new shoots are about a foot tall.

June

- Keep grass mowed regularly, maintaining height at about one-half an inch higher than usual to help protect the crown of the plant from heat stress.

- Don't remove clippings from the lawn unless the grass is excessively tall or weedy. Clippings return some nutrients to the soil and do not add to thatch buildup.

- Water the lawn as needed to supply a total of 1 to 1-1/2 inches of water per week. Water deeply in a single application. Frequent, light sprinklings encourage roots to stay shallow, making them more susceptible to drought.

Flowers, Vegetables, and Small Fruits

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- Discontinue harvest of asparagus and rhubarb around mid-June to allow foliage to develop and store food reserves for next year's harvest. Fertilize and water when dry to promote healthy growth.

- Mulch to control weeds and conserve soil moisture after soil has warmed. Many materials such as straw, chopped corn cobs, bark chips, shredded paper, and grass clippings can be used.

- Blanch (exclude light from) cauliflower when heads are just 2 inches in diameter. Tie leaves up and over the developing head.

- Keep weeds controlled. They're easier to pull when they are still young.

- Plan now for your Halloween pumpkin. Determine the days to harvest for the particular cultivar you want to plant (usually on the seed packet), and count backwards from mid-October to determine the proper planting date.

- Harvest spring plantings of broccoli, cabbage, and peas.

- Remove cool-season plants, such as radish, spinach and lettuce as they bolt, or form seed stalks, during hot, summer weather.

- Continue planting carrots, beans, and sweet corn for successive harvests.

- For staked tomatoes, remove suckers (a branch that forms where the leaf joins the stem) while they are 1 to 1-1/2 inches long to allow for easier training.

- Remove spent blooms of peony, iris, delphiniums, and other flowers.

- Pinch shoot tips of chrysanthemums, impatiens, petunias, and coleus to promote bushier growth.

- Remove tops of spring-flowering bulbs only after they have yellowed and withered.

- Continue planting gladiolus for a succession of bloom.

- Pick strawberries from the garden or a pick-your own operation.

- Protect ripening strawberries from birds by using netting.

- Supplement natural rainfall to supply a total of 1 to 1-1/2 inches of water per week to the garden. Water deeply once per week rather than frequent light sprinkling.





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