

# EXTENSION CONNECTION



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## THANK YOU!!

Another 4-H Fair has come and gone.

- ✓ THANK YOU for being flexible!
- ✓ THANK YOU for your patience!
- ✓ THANK YOU to 4-H Clubs, Inc., 4-H Club Leaders, and 4-H Council for your many hours of hard work and support to help us carry out our 4-H program this past year!
- ✓ THANK YOU for the volunteers who helped throughout fair week in the 4-H Center, in the barns, in the concessions, and with entertainment activities!
- ✓ THANK YOU to the Ag Museum, Extension Homemakers, and Master Gardeners for returning your programs, activities, displays, and food at this year's fair!
- ✓ THANK YOU for helping us celebrate our youth through our 2022 Whitley County 4-H Fair.



Whitley County has a great Extension family and an awesome 4-H family! Whether you are an adult or youth, please remember to thank those people that helped you this summer. Remember, if you need 4-H thank you notes, contact the Extension Office.

Extension programming continues. Many programs will be offered this fall. Let us know your educational wants and/or needs; contact Todd, John, or Brittney for your program requests.

Have a great fall!! Be safe!!

Todd 🍁 John 🍁 Brittney 🍁 Jacki 🍁 Lisa 🍁 Candy

## 4-H Checks Ready for Pickup

4-H AUCTION CHECKS can be picked up at the Extension Office. Please remember to send thank you cards to all of your buyers who supported you this year.



## Fall Garage Sale

September 24



Sponsored by:  
Whitley County  
Extension Homemakers  
8 – 3 pm ~ Commercial Bldg.

## Holiday Bazaar



Sponsored by:  
Whitley County  
Extension Homemakers  
**November 5**  
9 – 3 pm ~ 4-H Center

## 4-H Clubs, Inc. Annual Meeting is November 17

The annual meeting for 4-H Clubs, Inc. will be held on Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 PM at the 4-H Center, following the spaghetti dinner. At this meeting, all who are members of 4-H Clubs, Incorporated (\$10 for a lifetime membership) will elect 5 people to serve on the Whitley County 4-H Inc. Board of Directors (Fairboard) for the next 3 years. Anyone interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, or requesting an application can email [whitleycounty4h@gmail.com](mailto:whitleycounty4h@gmail.com).

Also, that evening we will review the finances of the Fairboard, as well as share updates on the fairground activities and improvements throughout the year.

Join us for the spaghetti dinner, then stay for the business meeting at 7:00 PM.



### Join us for a Spaghetti Dinner!

Thursday, November 17th

4:30pm-7:00pm

Whitley County 4-H Center

\$10 meal

includes spaghetti, breadsticks, salad,  
drink, and dessert.

*\*All proceeds benefit Whitley County 4-H*

Followed by the 4-H Inc. Annual Meeting at 7:00 PM.

## Volunteer T-Shirts

If you volunteered at concessions during the 2022 fair and did not get your T-shirt, please stop by the main concession stand during the Autumn Harvest Festival and pick one up!



## BAKE SALE



Whitley County Extension Homemakers will be having a variety of delicious homemade baked items at the 2022 Autumn Harvest Festival on October 15 at the 4-H Fairgrounds. All proceeds will go to Whitley County Extension Homemakers Scholarship Program. Come see us!

## Whitley County 4-H Fairgrounds

# WINTER STORAGE

Campers, Boats, Cars  
Trucks, Motorcycles, RVs  
and More

Short Term (through March 11th) -\$1/sq ft  
Long Term (through May 6th) -\$1.30/sq ft.  
Motorcycle/Golf Cart-\$40 short term/\$60 long term

### Check In Dates

Oct. 22	9am to noon
Oct. 29	9am to noon
Nov. 5	9am to noon
Nov. 12	9am to noon

No reservations. First Come, First Served.  
If you have questions, call 260-212-2143

## Whitley County 4-H Clubs, Inc. Directors Needed

The Fairboard is seeking individuals with strong leadership and communication skills, and experience and knowledge in: marketing, finances, non-profit organization management, entertainment events, buildings and grounds, concessions, and/or strategic planning. Fairboard terms are 3 years with 1/3 of the board being elected each year. This year we will be electing 5 people to be on the board.

The Whitley County 4-H Clubs Inc (Fairboard) is the organization that is in charge of running the fairgrounds year round. This organization raises the funds needed to maintain the fairgrounds, and support the 4-H Programming in Whitley County.

The essential functions of the board members are:

- Attend monthly board meetings (2nd Tuesday of the Month), as well as, other occasional functions and special events.
- Serve on at least 2 standing committees commensurate with skills and needs of the board.
- Be available for assigned tasks, and frequent long shifts, for the days leading up to and week of the fair, as well as, clean-up of the grounds and buildings.
- Support the other Board members and the work of the Board at all times. Help other directors with their areas as assistance is needed, especially during the week of the fair.
- Deal fairly, respectfully, and appropriately with other Board members, vendors and others at the fairgrounds,
- Support all 4-H Clubs, Inc activities (fundraising, marketing, Fun Night, 4-H trip sponsorships, 4-H workshops, 4-H fair activities, etc).

This also includes MANDATORY involvement with the Autumn Harvest Festival (2nd Saturday in October).

If you are interested, please download the application form from the [whitleycounty4h.com](http://whitleycounty4h.com) website. Any questions can be directed to Shane Caudill at 260-503-8882 or Lori Heuer at 260-609-8337.

## **BECOME A BOARD MEMBER**

There are 5 board positions up for re-election this fall. Term is 3 years. If you have questions about what being on the board involves or are interested, please contact Shane Caudill at 260-503-8882 or Lori Heuer at 260-609-8337.



## 9th Annual Autumn Harvest Festival Planned for October 15

Sponsored by and proceeds to the  
Whitley County 4-H Program

Whitley County 4-H Clubs, Inc. will be hosting the 9th Annual Autumn Harvest Festival at the Whitley County 4-H Fairgrounds on October 15, 2022. There is no admission fee and free parking for this event. All proceeds from the event will go to support the Whitley County 4-H Program.

The traditional Autumn Harvest Festival events will be back including the Craft Show and Flea Market, Car Show, music acts, Food Trucks, and many other activities throughout the day. Several food options will be available including "Fair Ice Cream" featuring several "fall" flavors at the Main Concessions area. Homemade pecan rolls and other baked goods in the morning, chili cooked in a cast iron pot over the open fire for lunch, and Kettle Corn in the afternoon will be offered near the Shelterhouse.

The fall Columbia City Farm Toy Show will be in the 4-H Center with the same hours of 9 am to 3 pm. We are also adding more activities for kids for the festival. Several community groups are helping with these activities.

The Whitley County Ag Museum will be open that day with several learning centers open, and there will be antique tractors on display near the shelter house.

Many kids activities are planned as well, including a Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull. Weigh-in for this will be at 12:00 noon. The pull will start at 12:30 p.m.

Several local music and entertainment acts will be performing starting at 9 am under the canopy by main concessions.

The Autumn Harvest Festival Demolition Derby will start at 2 pm in the grandstand. Rules can be requested by emailing [whitleycounty4h@gmail.com](mailto:whitleycounty4h@gmail.com). General Admission to the Derby is \$10 (under 5 free) and pit passes will be available for \$15.

Forms to reserve a place for the Craft Show and Flea Market, Toy Show, Car Show, and Food Vendors are available on the Facebook Page at: Whitley County 4-H Fair or by emailing: [whitleycounty4h@gmail.com](mailto:whitleycounty4h@gmail.com).

Any questions can be emailed, or directed to Shane Caudill at 260-503-8882.





# Extension Homemaker Happenings



Date	Event	Time	Location
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
5	<b>LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
20	Awards Night .....	6:00 p.m. ....	4-H Center
24	Fall Garage Sale .....	8:00-3:00 p.m. ....	Commercial Building
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
-3	Northeast Indiana Extension Homemakers Camp (Sept 7,8,9) .....	10:00 a.m. ....	4-H Center
5	President's Council Meeting .....	10:00 a.m. ....	Extension Office
10	<b>COLUMBUS DAY – OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
17-22	Indiana Extension Homemakers Week		
20	November/December Newsletter Mailing: Union Busy Bells/Club 21 .....	10:00 a.m. ....	Extension Office



**Thank you** to Cheryl Wilkinson, Vice President and member of Double Dozen Extension Homemakers Club for helping with the July/August Extension Connection Newsletter.

### President's Council Meeting

Oct. 5, 10:00 a.m. - 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. Cookbooks will also be available at Autumn Harvest Festival at the Whitley County 4-H Fairgrounds on October 15.

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

### 4-H Clothing Tenure Winner

Whitley County Extension Homemakers honor an outstanding 4-H'er who has completed 10 years of sewing and fashion revue. 2022 winner is Jaidyn Gilbert. Congrats!

### Fair Food Chairs

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** Without the help of many volunteers, we would not be able to serve food during the 2022 Fair in the 4-H Center kitchen. If you worked one hour or many hours, your help was appreciated. Special thanks to our chair people of the day: Vickie Fleischauer, Karen Hall, Dee Blackburn, Barb Overdeer, Shannon Ramsey, Amy Richards, Janet Hindbaugh and to Whitley County HHS Educator Brittney Schori.

### Awards Night

The Whitley County Extension Homemakers Awards Night will be held on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m. RSVP by September 13. Registration starts 5:30 at the 4-H Center in Columbia City. Cost is \$8.00

### Fall Garage Sale

Extension Homemakers are sponsoring the fall garage sale on Sept. 24 at the Commercial Building on the 4-H fairgrounds from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Booth space will be \$25/space (limit of 2 spaces). Any questions, please call Barb Overdeer at 260-244-5210. Call the Extension Office at 244-7615 to get on the mailing list or to receive a form. Reservations received by Sept. 12 or until sold out. Forms can also be found at: [www.extension.purdue.edu/whitley](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/whitley).

### Adult Open Show/Specialty Winners

Entries: 153 ~ Participants: 62

### **People's Choice Award Winner Ruth Phillips**



### Baked Goods – Ethel Miller

- Cakes – Joyce Berry
- Pies – Ethel Miller
- Cookies – Cindy Zollinger
- Loaf/Rolls/Yeast Breads – Ethel Miller
- Fancy Yeast Breads –  
Ada Mae Rebman
- Snacks – Sharon Gilbert

### Food Preservation – Jacki Bishop

- Fruits/Tomatoes – Jacki Bishop
- Jams/Jellies – Sharon Gilbert
- Pickles/Relish – Shannon Ramsey
- Fruits/Tomatoes – Jacki Bishop
- Vegetables – Jacki Bishop

### Candy – Melanie Hull

- Fudge – Charlotte Barnett
- Fancy Chocolates – Sharon Hesting
- Other Candies – Melanie Hull

### Sewing – Jann Johnson

- Misc. – Jann Johnson

### Needlework – Ruth Rivard

- Counted Cross Stitch –  
Jann Johnson
- Crochet – Shannon Ramsey
- Knitting – Joyce Linder
- Embroidery (Machine) – Ruth Rivard
- Craft – Valynnda Slack
- Decorated Clothing –  
Sharon Hesting



- Diamond Painting – Ashley Williamson
- Scrapbooking – Valynnda Slack
- Stamping – Valynnda Slack
- Woodcrafts – Eric Houser
- Weaving – Beverly Yingst
- Wreaths – Vickie Fleischauer
- Misc. – Dennis Oliver

### Fine Arts – Bob Lang

- Water Color – Bob Lang
- Photography – Kathryn Woodard
- Color Single Print – Kathryn Woodard
- Black/White Single Print – Val Slack
- Misc. – Judy Kreider

### Quilting – Ruby Phillips

- Small Patchwork (Machine) –  
Ruby Phillips

- Misc. (Machine) – Connie Forrester

### Herbs – Kathryn Woodard

- Fresh Spring – Kathryn Woodard

### Flowers – Barb Oliver

- Single Stem – Cindy Zollinger
- Container – Angela King
- Artificial Arrangement – Barb Oliver
- Fresh Arrangement – Barb Oliver

### Vegetables – Sherry Brown

- Single Vegetable – Sherry Brown
- (5) Vegetables – Sherry Brown

### Recycle/Redesigning – Jacki Bishop

- Redesign – Jacki Bishop

**(See Specialty Class Winners on page 5)**



## Reasons Why You Need at Least a \$500 Emergency Fund

Source: Kia Young,  
Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES)

Have you ever heard of the saying, "When it rains it pours?" This is especially true when an unexpected emergency pops up, as if you had nothing better to do than fork out \$500 on new tires or visiting a doctor. Did you know that almost half of Americans don't have \$400 available in an emergency fund (Federal Reserve)? Yes, almost HALF! I see this as a savings crisis. Are you prepared for life's unexpected moments by having at least \$500 in a savings account? Here are just a few reasons why you should have at least a \$500 emergency fund!

### A Few Reasons:

1. Shattered iPhone/broken phone/computer hard drive crash
2. Emergency visit to the dentist for a chipped tooth or a root canal
3. Replace car AC (especially in hot climates) or car transmission
4. Speeding ticket
5. Broken refrigerator, stove repair, washer/dryer repair
6. Unexpected travel
7. Airline lost your baggage (may have to purchase clothes and toiletries)
8. Emergency plumber for clogged plumbing line in home
9. Emergency stitches from cutting your finger while preparing dinner = trip a to the emergency room and a copay/deductible
10. Work travel that you have to pay for upfront and then get reimbursed
11. Home evasion (may have to replace items before insurance claims come through)
12. Car gets towed, car accident, flat tire or new tires
13. Missing work due to illness when you're paid hourly and don't have sick leave/vacation/etc.
14. Limb/branch/tree falling on house or car
15. Replacement key fob for car
16. Calling a locksmith when you're locked out of your house
17. Lost glasses (either you or your children)
18. Prescription costs
19. Increase in utility bills
20. Uniforms for kids sports or extracurricular activities



Of this list, chances are you've already experienced quite a few of them? And since we can't really prevent them or know when something is going to happen, the one thing we can do is be prepared! Saving isn't a burden, it's a mindset. Create a simple goal to get you to your \$500 goal.

You may say, "That's as easy as it sounds." Saving looks different for everyone and it can be feasible and sustainable. I don't recommend completely cutting off all the things that make you happy just to "save." This will make saving that much harder. Try choosing one thing to give up. This will be sustainable and easier to stick to!

Now that you're in the savings mindset, set a goal! Then you will be prepared for whatever life throws your way. What will be your savings goal? How do you plan on achieving it?

## Grilled Vegetable Packet Recipe

Hands-on time: 15 minutes ~ Cooking time: 20-30 minutes  
5 servings (¾ cup or 316 grams is one serving)

### Ingredients:

- 2 small zucchini, sliced
- 2 small yellow squash, sliced
- 4 small red potatoes, scrubbed well and sliced
- ½ red onion, sliced
- ½ red or green bell pepper, seeded and sliced
- ¼ cup light Italian salad dressing



*Tip #1:* Try adding different vegetables (tomatoes, green beans, sweet potatoes, mushrooms, broccoli, carrots).

*Tip #2:* Try using herbs/spices instead of dressing (Chili powder, Italian or oriental seasoning, basil, oregano).

*Tip #3:* Try adding a little protein (cooked grilled chicken or shrimp).

### Instructions:

1. Heat grill to medium heat (about 350 degrees Fahrenheit) or bake in the oven at 400 degrees Fahrenheit
2. Wash vegetables and slice them.
3. Add dressing and toss with vegetables in a large bowl until vegetables are coated.
4. Tear two large squares of aluminum foil and place half of the vegetable mixture on each piece of foil. Then place the other piece of foil over the top of the vegetable mixture. Fold the bottom piece of foil with top sheet. This should form into a packet.
5. Place packet on the heated grill for 20-30 minutes. If you don't have a grill, you can use the oven. If you are using an oven, set the packet on a baking sheet and then bake for 20-30 minutes or until the potatoes are tender.
6. Before opening the foil packets, poke a couple holes into the foil with a fork. *\*Be careful opening the foil because the steam will be very hot.*
7. Empty packet onto serving plate or serve from foil packet.

### Nutrition Estimate:

Per serving 160 calories  
3 grams total fat  
30 grams carbohydrates  
4 grams fiber - 5 grams protein;  
5 grams sugar - 130 milligrams sodium

## Specialty Contest Winners

### "Caramel-icious"

**Overall Winner – Brenda Angier**  
Caramel/Chocolate Truffles



- Cake – Joan Western
- Candy – Brenda Angier
- Pie – Janet Hindbaugh
- Cookie – Marsha Hoffman
- Jam/Jelly/Sauce – Brenda Angier
- Bread – Ada Mae Rebman
- Snack – Sharon Gilbert
- Misc. – Tara Maddox

# 4-H Youth Development

## Todd Geiger, Extension Educator



### September 4-H Calendar

(Events, dates and times are subject to change)

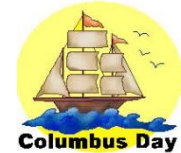
Date	Event	Time	Location
5	LABOR DAY .....	CLOSED .....	EXTENSION OFFICE
8	Jr. Leaders Gathering .....	6:30 p.m. ....	4-H Center West Room
12	4-H Leaders & 4-H Council Meeting .....	6:30 p.m. ....	4-H Center
12	Cat Club Meeting .....	6:30 p.m. ....	4-H Center West Room
13	4-H Clubs, Inc. Meeting .....	7:00 p.m. ....	Ag Museum



### October 4-H Calendar

(Events, date and times are subject to change)

1	4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT BEGINS .....		v2.4honline.com
3	Cat Club Meeting .....	6:30 p.m. ....	4-H Center West Room
10	COLUMBUS DAY .....	CLOSED .....	EXTENSION OFFICE
10	4-H Leader/4-H Council Meeting .....	7:00 p.m. ....	4-H Center
10	Record of Achievement Forms (due from leaders) .....	7:00 p.m. ....	4-H Center
11	4-H Clubs, Inc Meeting .....	7:00 p.m. ....	Ag Museum
11	ITEMS FOR NOV/DEC NEWSLETTER DUE .....	4:30 p.m. ....	Extension Office
13	Jr. Leaders Gathering .....	6:30 p.m. ....	4-H Center West Room
15	Autumn Harvest Festival .....	9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. ....	4-H Fairgrounds



## Updates & Reminders

### THANK YOU!

Thank you all for a job well done! The 2022 4-H Fair could not have happened without all your work, planning, and help. Thank you especially to 4-H Clubs, Inc., 4-H Council, 4-H Leaders, and all the parents and volunteers.

### Important 4-H Enrollment Information

4-H enrollment for the 2022-2023 year will start October 1, 2022 and will run through January 15, 2023. **This applies to all youth re-enrolling and new 4-H Members and 4-H Volunteers!!**

The 4-H Online system is a web-based system. You have access to your information. If there is a change in address, etc. you will be able to change it directly on the site and do not have to contact the Extension Office to make the changes!

Another advantage to the 4-H Online system is easier access for leaders of 4-H township clubs to get their members contact information. With 4-H enrollment beginning in October there is the possibility of doing more educational and fun activities with your club earlier in the year.

You will need to go to the Indiana 4-H Online website at <https://v2.4honline.com> to begin the enrollment process. You will need to

use a personal computer or laptop with Google Chrome to complete the enrollment.

If you are re-enrolling into the 4-H program, you will need your previous email address and password to re-enroll. If new to the 4-H program, you will need an email address. If you do not have any means to enroll online, you can still enroll with a paper form or you may use the computer in the lobby at the Extension Office.

If you enrolled in 4-H last year with 4-H Online, your information should be there along with 4-H project information. We are looking forward to another positive experience for all 4-H youth and their families for the 2022-2023 4-H year!

### 4-H...All Year Round!!

Just because the 4-H Fair is over does not mean 4-H is over for the year! 4-H educational opportunities occur 12 months of the year!!

4-H Clubs, Inc., 4-H Council, and 4-H Leaders organization meet each month to discuss projects and programs to add or improve. As well as help design, arrange, and set-up workshops and other events for 4-H'ers and the community to have the opportunity to attend. Most 4-H clubs meet throughout the year and workshops occur nearly every month. It's never too early to begin working on next

year's project!! Invite a friend to attend a club meeting, workshop, or 4-H event this year!!

### Attention Leaders

Be sure you have turned in your 4-H Club members' white Record of Achievement Cards to the Extension Office by October 10<sup>th</sup>. If this is not possible, be sure to turn them in at least 2 weeks prior to your Township Achievement Program.

Also, be sure your Township Achievement Program gets scheduled and notify Lisa of the date and pertinent information for the newsletter. Parents, if you have a question about your Township Achievement Program, please contact your Township 4-H Leader or a Council member.

### Attention 4-H Members...Thank You Cards

Remember to send a "Thank You" card to those individuals and businesses that made your 4-H Fair special by sponsoring/donating awards and by purchasing your Foods/Livestock in the auction(s). The sponsor's name is listed on the auction payment voucher attached to your check.

Remember to send a "Thank You" to all those people who helped with your 4-H projects – 4-H Leaders, 4-H volunteers, neighbors, and family members.





## Thinking Ahead...

It is hard to believe the 2022 4-H Fair just ended and now is the time to begin planning for the 2023 4-H Fair. Many 4-H projects for next year will need to be worked on this fall and winter.



4-H'ers involved in large animal specie projects, the fall and winter months are filled with selecting or breeding for their next year's project.

If you're interested in Entomology, Geology or Forestry, this is the time to begin collecting insects, rocks or minerals, or tree seeds. There are many great shots for Photography at this time of year or the early part of winter. For Collections you might want to put those hard-to-get items on your Christmas list; or for Genealogy members, talk to grandparents or other relatives during holiday get-togethers.

Even Foods projects may need to be preserved this fall, or try a new recipe at family dinners. The time to start planning is now when you aren't in a rush and there's more time. You may want to explore other projects to see if you want to sign up for a new project. It would be good to set a time-table for when you want to accomplish different activities and parts of your projects. You may not always meet your deadline, but you may get things completed earlier for next year. It may even be possible to have a relaxing summer as you finish those projects early for the coming 4-H year.

Be sure to read the *Extension Connection* newsletter each month and share it with your parents and other adults. Several people missed an important deadline this past year even though all the information was printed in the *Extension Connection*. You can avoid this next year by staying on top of those dates printed in the Extension Educator and turning forms in early. The Extension Office may catch mistakes if your forms come in early and there would be time to make corrections. It's extremely difficult to watch for errors on a busy deadline

day when several hundred forms come in.

So...start looking over those projects for next year and try not to procrastinate. It will all be worth it come next summer.

See you at the 2023 4-H Fair!

## Making the Best Better!

Do you have an idea on how to make our Whitley County 4-H program better? If so, this is the time to make your ideas known! Do you have an idea for a new or different award? New 4-H activity? If so, contact your 4-H Leader.

Do you have an idea for new entertainment or an activity at the 4-H Fair? If so, you can visit 4-H Clubs, Inc. during one of their upcoming meetings or contact Shane Caudill, President at (260) 503-8882.

Maybe you have an idea about a rule change or a new 4-H project! If so, please visit the 4-H Council during one of their upcoming meetings or contact Tammy Studebaker, President (260) 248-1368.

You may also send your ideas on how to help make Whitley County 4-H better to [4hwhitleyin@gmail.com](mailto:4hwhitleyin@gmail.com).

## Foods/Livestock Auction Checks



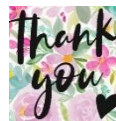
4-H Clubs, Inc. is requesting the checks be cashed soon in order to close the books. If there is a mistake, please contact Star Financial Bank at (260) 248-6000. **Checks will be void after 60 days. Checks must be picked up by October 11<sup>th</sup> or they will be returned to the Fairboard.**

## 4-H Record Books

Thank You to all 4-Hers who completed their 2022 4-H record sheets and record books. Your 4-H leaders appreciated your cooperation in meeting the July deadline.

## Summer 4-H Staff

We would like to say a big thank you to our great summer 4-H staff: Candy Sroufe, Alissa Roberts and Stacy Geiger. All of them put in a lot of hours this summer assisting the 4-H



program and we truly appreciate their help!! Candy Sroufe is currently at the Purdue Extension Whitley County Office as a program assistant. Alissa Roberts is currently a FACS teacher at Columbia City High School. Stacy is currently store manager at BABE of Whitley County and a teacher at TROY School.

## 4-H Program Volunteers Wanted to Share...SPARK Clubs

Do you have a hobby? Maybe you have an interest or expertise in something. Say maybe woodworking, computers, computer coding, web design, robotics, cooking, sewing, painting, etc. It can be anything! We are looking for adults that would like to share their hobby, interest, expertise, talent, with youth through some hands-on workshops we call "SPARK Clubs." If you have something that comes to mind and would be willing to commit to six total hours sharing with youth, give Todd a call at the Extension Office for more details. 260-244-7615. Or maybe you are interested in helping with some of our traditional projects. We are looking for some great adult volunteers to become leaders of our Woodworking, Beekeeping, and Photography project areas. If you have a passion in these areas think about sharing that passion with the youth of Whitley County.

## TSC & 4-H Paper Clover Fundraiser – Oct. 5-16, 2022

Get involved with Columbia City's Tractor Supply store to raise money for our county and state 4-H programs! Let us try to beat the Spring 2022 donations!

## THANK YOU TO OUR 4-H VOLUNTEERS!

As the 4-H year for 2021-2022 ends at the end of September, we have some great things to reflect on. Youth enrollment continues to be strong! Over 760 youth participated in 4-H! Over 160 adults volunteered to help with the Whitley County 4-H program in 2021-2022! Without our adult volunteers, our 4-H program does not happen. Thank you to all of you that give of your time and energy for the youth of our county!

## Project News

[Call for Rule Changes/Updates, Project Guideline Changes, New Projects](#)



Rule changes for 2023 must be submitted by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

so they can be added to the 4-H Council Meeting agenda. If the rule change affects an animal project, it must first be presented to that specie's advisory board, then that advisory board must present the rule change to 4-H Council. 4-H Council has ruled that

it will not accept new projects, rules or changes to our County rules after the October meeting in order for the 2023 Rule Book to be updated and distributed on time for next year. Please submit your suggestions in writing to Todd Geiger at [geiger@purdue.edu](mailto:geiger@purdue.edu).

## Youth Activities

### 4-H Awards & Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to these 4-H'ers:

#### Hester Adams Memorial Award

##### Winners

Megan Heuer  
Jackson Geiger

Greta Minthorn

Shealyn Stoppenhagen

Matt Hoskins

Jacob Westerberg

#### B.V. Widney Memorial Award

##### Winner

Abigail Heuer

#### Jim Teghtmeyer Memorial Award

##### Winner

Hannah Weirick

#### Farm Bureau Tenure Award

Danielle Schuman

Hannah Weirick

#### Helping Hands 4-H Endowment

##### Scholarship

Hannah Weirick

#### Lester & Joy Worrick Memorial

##### Scholarship

Danielle Schuman

Hannah Weirick

### Ag Youth Loan

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to individual young persons to start and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, FFA, a Tribal youth group, or similar agricultural youth organization. The project being financed with an FSA Youth Loan needs to provide an opportunity for the young person to acquire experience and education in agriculture-related skills.

The Youth Loan application requires a recommendation from a project advisor who verifies that he/she will sponsor the loan applicant, has the correct training and experience to supervise your project, and is available to help whenever needed.

If you are between the ages of 10 and 20 years at the time of loan closing, parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) must consent to the loan application. Young people applying for a Youth Loan are personally responsible for repaying

the loan. A co-signer is required only if the project shows possible difficulty in repaying the loan or does not meet security requirements.

Contact the Farm Service Agency - Farm Loan Programs office that covers Northeast Indiana at 788 W Connexion Way, Columbia City, IN 46725 for help preparing and processing the application forms. They can also be reached at 260-244-6266 ext. 105.

Whitley County  
Represented at  
the Indiana State  
Fair!!



Congratulations to our Whitley County participants on a job well done!! Check out Indiana State Fair results posted on the Indiana State Fair website at [www.indianastatefair.com](http://www.indianastatefair.com). Click on "Competitions" and then choose "Results".



### Floats:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Smith Harvesters
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Etna Troy Willing Hearts
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Etna Troy Hustlers
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Richland Ramblers
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Thorncreek Sons of the Soil
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Cleveland Showmen
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Mini 4-H

### 4-H Parade Results



### Non-Float:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Smith Worker Bees
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Washington 4-H Busters
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Horse & Pony

### Walking Unit:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Junior Leaders



## Congratulations to the 10-Year 4-H Members for 2022

4-H teaches leadership, teamwork and life skills. 4-H is 106 years old and our members and volunteers will continue to learn and teach others and will improve our nation's ability to tackle the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Thank you to everyone for participating and/or supporting Whitley County 4-H. Congratulations to the 4-H members who have completed ten years of membership: Anna Schrader, Anna Zimmerman, Ashleigh Hoskins, Austin Hall, Branigan Gayheart, Breeyn Fulkerson, Camren Sproles, Clay Ousley, Cole Mosier, Colleen Britten, Dalila Geiger, Danielle Schuman, Evelyn Stein, Faith Myers, Garrett Klefeker, Hailey Arnold, Hannah Weirick, Hayley Puckett, Henacie Ott, Jacob Westerberg, Jaidyn Gilbert, Jonathon Emmert, Justin Garcia, Kameron Eiler, Kameron Laux, Cassidy Porter, Katherine Sharp, Kenneth Hinen, Lila Ward, Maggie Kauffman, Mallory Johnson, Matthew Hoskins, Morgan Leininger, Noelani Stahl, Reese Bradford, Robert Werstler and Zane Bray.





Date	Event	Time	Location
<b>SEPT:</b>			
1	Whitley County Master Gardener Association Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.....	Woodlands Sr. Activity Ctr. or via Zoom
6	Master Gardener Basic Training Class..... (for paid and registered enrollees only – this and future classes)	6:00-9:00 p.m.....	Whitley County Extension Office
8	Gardening for Pollinators Class (RSVP: Library-Katy Southern-260-244-5541)...	9:30 a.m.....	Peabody Library
12	Master Gardener Basic Training Class.....	6:00-9:00 p.m.....	Albion
14	Debunking Farm Myths Field Day.....	2:00-6:00 p.m.....	South Whitley
14	Venison Processing Workshop.....	6:00-9:00 p.m.....	NEPAC
19	Master Gardener Basic Training Class.....	6:00-9:00 p.m.....	Whitley County Extension Office
26	Master Gardener Basic Training Class.....	6:00-9:00 p.m.....	Albion
<b>OCT:</b>			
3	Master Gardener Basic Training Class.....	6:00-9:00 p.m.....	Whitley County Extension Office
6	Whitley County Master Gardener Association Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.....	Woodlands Sr. Activity Ctr. or via Zoom
10	Master Gardener Basic Training Class.....	6:00-9:00 p.m.....	Albion
17	Master Gardener Basic Training Class.....	6:00-9:00 p.m.....	Whitley County Extension Office
24	Master Gardener Basic Training Class.....	6:00-9:00 p.m.....	Albion
31	Master Gardener Basic Training Class.....	6:00-9:00 p.m.....	Whitley County Extension Office



### Master Gardener Basic Training

A new in-person basic training class for potential Master Gardener interns is set to begin Sept. 6. You'll notice on the calendar that classes are for paid and registered enrollees only, however current Master Gardeners may attend for an educational refresher. Additionally, current Master Gardeners may be helping with other aspects of the program, such as providing refreshments and serving as guest speaker. Those hoping to take the class in the future may call our office to leave your name and contact information. We'll notify you of the details of the next class.



"Right now, the Indiana DNR (Dept. of Natural Resources) is asking for all citizens to search for and report spotted lanternfly," he said. "The bright color of late-stage immatures and adults are easily recognized at this time of the year." Report by calling 866-NO EXOTIC (866-663-9684) or send and email with photo to [DEPP@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:DEPP@dnr.IN.gov).



Adult Spotted Lanternfly with wings extended showing red coloration on 2<sup>nd</sup> pair of wings.  
Photo: Lawrence Barringer, Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture, Bugwood.org



Adult Spotted Lanternfly resting on the bark of a tree of heaven Vevay, Indiana. Photo: Ren Hall (DEPP).

### New Invasive Insect Pest Found in Northern Indiana

Last August, I wrote about an invasive insect pest new to Indiana that was found in far southeastern Indiana, implying that it may take some time to reach northern Indiana. This insect apparently found other means of transportation to reach our region.

Cliff Sadof, in the *Purdue Landscape Report*, recently reported that the spotted lanternfly (SLF) was found in late July in Huntington, Indiana. "This federally regulated invasive species is a serious new pest that harms plants by slowing their growth and reducing fruit production, especially in vineyards and orchards," he said. "Finding this pest this far north of last year's find along the Ohio River in Vevay, IN makes it possible for SLF to be anywhere in Indiana."



Red immature stage of SLF (fourth instar) feeding on leaves of tree of heaven in Vevay, IN. Photo taken by Ren Hall (DEPP).

Spotted lanternfly (SLF) is a planthopper native to Asia. It was first discovered in Pennsylvania in 2014, and Penn State Extension has led research efforts on the pest in recent years in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

"If not contained, spotted lanternfly potentially could drain

Pennsylvania's economy of at least \$324 million annually, according to a study carried out by economists at Penn State," stated Penn State Extension's website on SLF. It demonstrates why we are seriously concerned with the discovery of this pest in Indiana, the farthest west in the United States that it has been confirmed.

"Adult spotted lanternfly has two sets of wings, and the underwing has a very distinct red color with spots on the outer wings," Sadof said. "The fourth instar of the insect is bright red with black and white markings." Instars are immature and smaller forms of the insect. As it feeds and grows, it molts (sheds an exoskeleton) to advance to the next and larger instar stage. First through third instars of SLF are only black with white spots. The fourth instar exhibits the striking red color with black markings and white spots. It is the last stage before becoming a mature adult with fully developed spotted wings.

What makes this insect particularly difficult to contain is that it excels as a hitchhiker, and it feeds on a wide variety of plants. They can spread by vehicle transport, including recreational vehicles, trucks and freight trains. They can also move on shipped materials.

Although it has not been determined how the insect found its way to Huntington, the find was near to a railroad track. Officials are determining how large the infestation is and where it could have come from, as well as how to limit the spread and eradicate the population.

"Spotted lanternfly prefers to feed on tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), but it has been found on



before putting the plants near other houseplants.

- Reflower last year's poinsettias for this year's holiday by providing complete darkness for 15 hours daily beginning about October 1 until about December 10.

#### **October**

- Pot-up spring-flowering bulbs with tips exposed, to force into bloom indoors. Moisten soil and refrigerate 10 to 13 weeks. Transfer to a cool, sunny location, and allow an additional three to four weeks for blooming.
- Water indoor plants less frequently, and discontinue fertilizer as plants slow down or stop growing for the winter season.

#### Woody Ornamental Landscape Plants and Tree Fruits

##### **September**

- Fall is a good time to plant many container-grown or balled-and-burlapped nursery stock. Prepare a good-sized hole, plant at the same depth it grew in the nursery, and water thoroughly. Mulching will help protect against large fluctuations in soil temperature and moisture. Be sure to stake or guy-wire tall plants to protect them from strong winds

- Do not be alarmed if your evergreens, particularly white pine and arborvitae, drop some of their older needles. All evergreens shed needles at some time, but not all at once as deciduous plants do.

- Harvest apples when flavor is sweet but before fruits soften.
- Harvest pears when the dots on the skin begin to turn brown. Pears are best ripened to yellow off the tree.
- Clean up fallen fruits, twigs, and leaves around apple (including crabapple) and other fruit trees to reduce disease and insect carry-over.



##### **October**

- Keep plants, especially newly planted stock, well-watered until the ground freezes.
- Have soil ready for mounding roses for winter protection. Do not mound or cover the roses until after leaves drop and soil is near freezing, usually in late November or early December.

#### Lawns

##### **September**

- To promote the lawn's recovery from summer stress, apply high-nitrogen fertilizer at the rate of 1 pound actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet.
- Mow lawn to maintain a 2 to 2 1/2-inch height, removing no more than 1/3 of the height of the grass at any one time.



- Leave clippings on the lawn or add them to the compost pile.
- Vertical thinning or power raking of the lawn

will help control thatch build-up, if needed.

- Reseed bare spots or new lawns with a good quality seed mixture.
- Early fall is a good time to apply broadleaf weed killers. Be sure to follow all label directions, and choose a calm day to prevent spray drift.

##### **October**

- Rake the fallen leaves from lawn, particularly larger-sized leaves, such as maple and sycamore leaves; they can smother the lawn as they become wet and mat down. Raking of smaller leaves, such as honeylocust, is optional.

#### Flowers, Vegetables, and Small fruits

##### **September**

- Dig onions and garlic after tops falls over naturally and necks begin to dry.
- Dig potatoes with a fork or shovel and allow to air dry for a week or two and then store in a cool (40-45°F), dark location.

- Plant radishes, sets for green onions, lettuce, and spinach for fall harvest.

- Thin fall crops, such as lettuce and carrots, that were planted earlier.

- Harvest crops such as tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, melons, and sweet potatoes before frost, or cover plants with blankets, newspaper, etc. (but not plastic) to protect them from light frost.

- Harvest mature, green tomatoes before frost and ripen indoors. Individually wrap fruits in newspaper, or leave them on the vine, pulling the entire plant out of the garden. Store in a cool location, about 55 to 60°F.

- Harvest winter squash before hard frost. Skin of the squash should be tough with deep, solid color. Some cultivars will show an orange blush when mature.

- Plant, transplant, or divide peonies, daylilies, iris, and phlox.

- Save plants such as coleus, wax begonias, impatiens, or fuchsia for indoor growing over winter. Dig plants, and cut them back about halfway, or take cuttings of shoot tips, and root them in moist vermiculite, soil mix, or perlite.

- Watch for garden chrysanthemums to bloom as days grow shorter. Some may already have bloomed earlier in summer, which will decrease the number of fall blooms.

- Plant spring-flowering bulbs beginning in late September. Planting

too early can cause bulbs to sprout top growth before winter. However, allow at least four to six weeks before the ground freezes for good root formation.

- Cut flowers, such as strawflower, statice, baby's breath, and celosia for drying; hang upside down in a dry, well-ventilated area.

- Dig and store tender garden flowers for winter storage. Gladiolus corms should be dug when leaves begin turning yellow. Caladiums, geraniums, and tuberous begonias should be lifted before killing frost. Dig canna and dahlia roots after a heavy frost. Allow to air dry, then pack in dry peat moss or vermiculite, and store in a cool location.

- Harvest grapes, everbearing strawberries, and fall raspberries. For most fruits, flavor is the best indicator of ripeness, although color change can also be a good indicator. However, grapes change color long before they are fully flavored, so sample the fruit to be sure.

- Remove raspberry canes after they bear fruit.

##### **October**

- Harvest root crops and store in a cold (32°F), humid location. Storing produce in perforated plastic bags is a convenient and easy way to increase humidity.

- Harvest brussels sprouts as they develop in the axils of the leaves from the bottom of the stem. Brussels sprouts will continue to develop up the stem.

- Harvest pumpkins and winter squash when rind is hard and fully colored but before frost. Store in a cool location until ready to use.

- Harvest gourds when stems begin to brown and dry. Cure at 70 to 80°F for two to four weeks.



- Asparagus top growth should not be removed until foliage yellows. Let foliage stand over the winter to collect snow for insulation and moisture.

- Remove plant debris from the garden to protect next year's planting from insect and disease build-up. Compost plant refuse by alternating layers of soil, plant material, and manure or commercial fertilizer.

- Carve a Halloween jack-o'-lantern.
- Complete planting of spring-flowering bulbs.

- Strawberry plants need protection from winter's extremes, but applying winter mulch too early may cause crowns to rot. Wait until later in November.





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