

Summer 2025

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Thank You!

Yesterday we celebrated Purdue Day of Giving from 12AM to 12PM. We want to take a moment to say thank you to those who donated to Switzerland County Extension! Your participation and donations will help us continue to implement fundamental programming.

Meet Our Summer Intern

Please welcome Gracie White back to the Extension of-fice, as the Summer Program Assistant. Gracie is currently a student at Purdue University.



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



The following are current news items and events that may be of interest to you. If you have any questions regarding any of the information covered in this newsletter, please call us at 427-3152.

Sincerely,

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Mark Your Calendar

- ♦ **FairEntry Deadline** is June 13 for all livestock & exhibit hall projects. Please have all of your projects entered by this date.
- ♦ **Mini 4-H Day Camp** will be Wednesday, June 18, 8:30 - 2:30. Registration is required in the events section of your 4honline account. Cost is \$10 per participant
- ♦ **Fair Board Meeting** is Wednesday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the community building.
- ♦ **Poultry & Rabbit Identification** is June 20 from 6-8 p.m.
- ♦ **Fairgrounds Clean Up Day** is Saturday, June 21 from 9-11 a.m.
- ♦ **Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Meeting** is Saturday, June 21 at 11 am. **Mandatory Livestock Meeting** will immediately follow the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care meeting. The meetings will be held in the community building. Pre-registration is required in the event section of your 4honline account.
- ♦ **Indiana State Fair** is August 1—August 17.



2025 Fair Dates
June 28—July 5.

Exhibit Hall projects are
due on
Saturday, June 28
from 8 –11 a.m.

No Exceptions!!

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4-H Motto

To Make The Best Better



Are you ready for the fair?

- ◇ Have you entered ALL of your projects in FairEntry yet (this is required)? All projects need to be entered by June 13 except poultry & rabbit. Call the office for specific instructions.
- ◇ Poster Boards are available at the Extension Office for \$3.00
- ◇ Plastic Sleeves for posters and salon prints are available at the Extension Office for \$1.00
- ◇ Most poster projects and animal record sheets are to be completed using your project manual.
- ◇ **All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list.**
- ◇ All exhibit hall projects require a record sheet to be completed and turned in at project check-in. Do you have ALL of your record sheets and your Green Record Book? Livestock records sheets are due on Tuesday, July 1.
- ◇ Record Sheets must be signed by your club leader!
- ◇ All exhibit hall projects need an exhibit card. Cards are available at the Extension office.
- ◇ Have you attended all of your required club, livestock & shooting sports meetings?

Updated Livestock Grooming Assistance Rule for 2025

Follow the link below to find more information on the rule change and to fill out an application.

[Switzerland County 2025 Indiana 4-H Grooming Assistance](#)

Selling Animals at the Auction

A reminder to all 4-Her's who plan to sell an animal at the livestock auction: you must attend at least 3 club meetings, the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care meeting and a livestock meeting (this meeting can count for 1 club meeting) and complete one exhibit hall project to be eligible to sell your

2025 Auction Order

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| 1. Dairy | 5. Goat |
| 2. Beef | 6. Sheep |
| 3. Poultry | 7. Rabbit |
| 4. Swine | |

Contact Your Buyers

For the auction to be successful, all 4-Her's are strongly encouraged to make a special point to personally invite vendors and businesses to attend and buy at the 4-H livestock auction on Saturday, July 5 at 2 p.m. **All buyers will be provided lunch at the auction barbecue BEFORE the auction beginning at 12:30 pm.**

Fair Schedules

The official fair schedule with all of the events and deadlines for the 2025 4-H fair will be available soon at the Purdue Extension office and numerous locations throughout the county. This flier will tell you when animals are to be at the fairgrounds, what time livestock shows are, when pictures are taken, when livestock record sheets are due, and etc.

Exhibit Hall Project Record Sheets & Record of Achievement

Once you have had all of your projects judged, you need to bring your green record book and completed record sheets to the fair office (located on the stage in the Community Building) along with your judging sheet (record of achievement) that shows all of the ribbons you receive for each project. Your record sheets will be checked and you will receive your tenure pin and premium money. Make sure you have a record sheet for each project.



10 Year 4-H Members

Congratulations to the following members who will be completing their 10th year in 4-H this year. We need a 4x6 picture and other information from each 10 year member. Please drop them off at the Purdue Extension office by June 13th.

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|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| ♦Braydon Archer | ♦Jenal Flynn | ♦Dawson Scott |
| ♦Makayla Bowling | ♦Camille Hettinger | ♦McKira Scudder |
| ♦Aryonna Cunningham | ♦Alli McClellan | ♦Klayre Smith |
| ♦Amber Detmer | ♦Ashton Purvis | ♦Brianna Stow |
| ♦Dakota Fields | ♦Rayne Roberts | ♦Jackson White |



Window Painting Contest

The theme for the contest this year will be “Come to the Fair.” The deadline to apply is 4 p.m. on Friday, June 20. Judging will take place on Friday, June 27. Certificates will be given to the top three clubs. All clubs are encouraged to participate and to choose highly visible locations, as this is a great way to promote the 4-H program and our fair! Applications are available at the Extension office.



Barrel Painting Contest

This year's theme is “Come to the Fair”. Complete your barrels and bring to the fairgrounds to be judged on June 28 during project judging. Certificates will be given to the top three clubs. Barrels are available during fairgrounds clean up.

Miss Switzerland County Queen Contest

The Switzerland County Queen Contest will be held on Sunday, June 22 at 7 p.m. at the High School. Each contestant must be at least 18 years of age and cannot have reached their 22nd birthday on or before June 1, 2026. The queen and her court must be prepared to spend June 28—July 5 at the County Fair as the official hostesses. The court will be expected to pass out ribbons, trophies and various other tasks. The queen will then represent the county at the State Fair Queen Pageant at a date TBA. Applications and a complete list of rules are available at the Purdue Extension office. Completed applications need to be returned with a \$50 sponsor fee to the Extension office by June 10.



4-H Garden & Single Vegetable Exhibits

Just as a reminder that anyone that exhibits single vegetables or garden collection at the county fair are eligible to exhibit vegetables for the state fair competition. All vegetables exhibited at the state fair are donated to food pantries after judging is complete. We encourage all exhibitors to consider this opportunity.



2025 Cleanup Day Schedule • Saturday, June 21 • 9—11 a.m.

- **Pleasant Outlaws**— Exhibit Hall & Commercial Building
- **Posey Pioneers** — Community Building & Restrooms
- **Moorefield Celebrities** — Beef Barn & Show Arena
- **4-H Rockers**— Sheep/Goat Barn & Shelter House
- **Center Square Champs** — Rabbit/Poultry Barn
- **Kountry Kids** — Swine Barn & Restrooms by Kitchen

Remember to bring wheelbarrows, weed eaters, rakes, brooms, gloves, buckets, garden hoses, pitchforks, hammers, shovels, etc..

This is also a **GREAT** time to work on your barrel painting!

2025 Concession Stand Work Schedule

Monday, June 30	11a.m.— 2 p.m.	Volunteers
	2 —9 p.m.	4-H Rockers
Tuesday, July 1	11 a.m.— 9 p.m.	Pleasant Outlaws/Moorefield Celebrities
Wednesday, July 2	11 a.m.— 4 p.m.	Center Square Champs
	4 – 9 p.m.	Posey Pioneers
Thursday, July 3	11 a.m.— 4 p.m.	Kountry Kids
	4 – 9 p.m.	Center Square Champs
Friday, July 4	11 a.m.—2 p.m.	Volunteers
	2 —6 p.m.	Moorefield Celebrities

All Shifts:

- Please be on time for your shift.
- Shoes & shirts must be worn at all times.
- Wash hands every time you enter or reenter the kitchen.
- Gloves, hairnets, hats or ponytails are necessary when cooking or preparing food.
- Deep fryer and grill must be operated by **ADULTS ONLY!!**
- Leaders please make sure the person(s) at the cash register are responsible with the handling of money.
- Concession workers pay full price for any food eaten.
- All people working the second shift should stay until the last event of the evening is over. Help cleaning the kitchen after the last shift would be very much appreciated. If your club splits into shifts for your time to work, please make sure that you have enough to run the kitchen.

Morning Shift

- Pick up trash and hose down bleachers in show arena.
- Check condition of bathrooms, clean and restock as needed.
- At the end of your shift, please clean used utensils and counters.

Evening Shift

- Check condition of bathrooms, clean and restock as needed.
- At the end of your shift, please clean used utensils and counters.
- Stock coolers and pop machines.

Thank you for your volunteer hours in the kitchen.

Remember this is your fair and it depends upon your volunteer hours to be considered a success. Money profited in the kitchen helps pays for camp dues, workshop fees & 4H scholarships.

Fight the Hunger

STOCK THE TRAILER

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While it is hard to imagine, food insecurity continues to affect the communities we live in every day. That's why Farm Credit Mid-America launched the **Fight the Hunger, Stock the Trailer** challenge in 2021. Along with Rural 1st® as a sponsor, Farm Credit Mid-America challenges local communities to help feed those in need while supporting junior fairs.

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

WHAT: Switzerland County 4-H Fair

WHEN: June 30th - July 5th

WHERE: Bring non-perishable food donations to trailer on the fairgrounds

WHO: Reach out to Switzerland County SWCD with questions at 812-427-3126 ext 3

CONTEST PRIZES AND RULES

All participating* county fairs will receive \$500.00

Additional prizes are awarded based on total pounds donated

1ST PLACE: \$5,000

2ND PLACE: \$1,500

3RD PLACE: \$500



*Participation money will be awarded during the county fair to fairs that collect at least 1000 pounds of food, top prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of all participating county fairs. No purchase necessary. Additional terms and conditions may apply. For a full listing of terms and conditions, please visit fcma.com/fighthunger.

AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE

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June Garden Calendar By Rosie Lerner

HOME (Houseplants and indoor activities)

Indoor plants will require more frequent watering and fertilizing as they increase their summer growth. You can move houseplants 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.

YARD (Lawns, woody ornamentals, and fruits)

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 seven to 10 days when rain is lacking.

Remove faded flowers and seed pods on lilac and other spring-flowering shrubs.

Many fruit trees experienced freeze damage to flower buds, but a few trees may still have some fruit set. In a normal year if there is a heavy crop, don't be alarmed by a June drop of some fruit. It is a natural thinning process for most trees to prevent excessive loads, although there might not be as much to thin this year. If your trees did manage to set a heavy crop, thin the remaining fruit or prop up heavy branches to avoid breakage. Most fruit should be spaced 6 to 8 inches apart on a branch.

Mow grass regularly but mow high. Unless excessive, leave lawn clippings on the lawn.

To keep the lawn green and growing, water as needed to supply a total of 1 to 1.5 inches of water per week. If left unwatered, lawns will turn brown and become dormant during extended hot, dry spells, but will green up again when conditions are more favorable.

GARDEN (Vegetables, small fruits, and flowers)

Discontinue harvesting asparagus and rhubarb around mid-June to allow foliage to develop and store carbohydrate reserves for next year's harvest. Fertilize after last harvest and water as needed to promote healthy growth.

Mulch to control weeds and conserve soil moisture after soil has warmed. You can use many materials, including straw, chopped corncobs, bark chips, shredded paper, and grass clippings.

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

Control weeds. They're easier to pull when they are still young.

Start seeds of cabbage, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, and cauliflower for fall garden transplants.

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 backward to determine the proper planting date.

Harvest spring plantings of broccoli, cabbage, and peas.

Remove cool-season plants, such as radish, spinach, and lettuce, because they will bolt (that is, form seed stalks) and become bitter during hot summer weather.

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

For staked tomatoes, remove suckers (branches that form where the leaf joins the stem) while they are 1 to 1.5 inches long to allow easier training. No need to remove suckers on caged plants.

Remove the spent blooms of peony, iris, delphiniums after they fade.

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

Remove the 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 U-pick operation.

Protect ripening strawberries from birds by covering with netting.

Supplement natural rainfall (as needed) to supply a total of 1 to 1.5 inches of water per week to the garden.

Health & Human Sciences

Switzerland County Extension Homemakers



Monthly Lessons

Homemaker monthly lessons are available in the Extension Office. Don't forget to stop by and pick them up.

May

Making the Nutrition Label a Tool

"Strong women don't have attitude, they have standards and boundaries."- Unknown

June

Reverse Mortgages

"The glory of gardening, hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is not just to feed the body, but the soul." -Alfred Austin

Dates to Remember

May

1___The Handy Homemakers Club Meeting

14___East Enterprise Club Meeting

17___SC Homemakers 3rd Annual Hunger Walk

20-21___Madison Retreat-Higher Ground

June

2-4___Home & Family Conference

5___The Handy Homemakers Club Meeting

11___East Enterprise Club Meeting

13___SC Council Meeting 1:00PM

30___End of Club Year

**2025
SWITZERLAND COUNTY
OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS**

General Rules for Open Class:

1. Bring your entries to the Commercial Building at the following times:
Wednesday, July 2nd 6-8 pm & Thursday July 3rd 9 am to noon
Public Viewing is Thursday & Friday 5-8 pm
2. Entries may not be removed until Saturday July 5th, from 9-11 am.
3. Entries are open to all Switzerland County residents and all members of the SCEHomemakers.
4. No Entries may be submitted if shown at this Open Class previously.
5. Exhibitors may enter no more than 5 items per class unless otherwise noted.
6. In each class, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place ribbons MAY be given as deemed appropriate by the judges.
7. Judges decisions are final.
8. Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show will be chosen by the judges. Best of Show will go to the 2025 IN State Fair. \$30 entry fee paid for by SCEHomemakers.
9. \$1.00 will be given to each entry compliments of Switzerland County Farm Bureau.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Class 1	Basketry
Class 2	Beading
	a. Jewelry
	b. Miscellaneous
Class 3	Christmas & Holidays
	a. Ornaments
	b. Miscellaneous
Class 4	Decoupage
Class 5	Decorated T-Shirt/Sweatshirt
Class 6	Diamond Art
Class 7	Floral Arrangements
Class 8	Hand Bag/Tote Bag
Class 9	Jewelry
Class 10	Primitives
Class 11	Quilling
Class 12	Scrapbooking
Class 13	Wall Hanging
Class 14	Woodworking
	a. Small item
	b. Large item
Class 15	Wreaths/Swag
Class 16	Miscellaneous

CANNING

Add date to jar. One year or less

Class 1	Butter (fruit & vegetable)
Class 2	Canned Meat
Class 3	Fruit
Class 4	Green Beans
Class 5	Jam-no paraffin
Class 6	Jelly-no paraffin
Class 7	Juices

CANNING-Continued

Class 8	Pickles
Class 9	Pickled Foods
Class 10	Preserves
Class 11	Relish
Class 12	Salsa
Class 13	Tomatoes
Class 14	Tomato Products
Class 15	Miscellaneous

COUNTED CROSS STITCH

Class 1	14 Count and under
Class 2	16-22 Count
Class 3	Special Cloth
Class 4	Stamped

CROCHETING

Class 1	Afghan
Class 2	Doilies
Class 3	Miscellaneous

EMBROIDERY

Class 1	Hand
Class 2	Machine

FLOWERS

Exhibit in container proportioned to flower size.

Class 1	Cut-Bloom size up to 3"
Class 2	Cut-Bloom size over 3"
Class 3	Potted-Bloom size up to 3"
Class 4	Potted-Bloom size over 3"

Switzerland County Open Class Continued

FOODS

Breads

- Class 1 Quick Bread
- Class 2 Yeast

Cakes

- No cream/custard filled
- Class 1 Coffee Cake
- Class 2 Decorated
- Class 3 Iced
- Class 4 Un iced

Cookies

- Three (3) cookies per plate.
- Class 1 Drop/Bar
- Class 2 Decorated

Pies

- No cream/custard filled or meringue.
- Class 1 Single crust
- Class 2 Double crust

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

- Small-3 on a plate. Large-1 on a plate
- Class 1 Fruit-Small
- Class 2 Fruit-Large
- Class 3 Vegetable-Small
- Class 4 Vegetable-Large

KNITTING

- Class 1 Afghan
- Class 2 Garments
- Class 3 Miscellaneous

QUILTING

- Class 1 Hand Pieced Quilts
 - a. Hand quilted
 - b. Machine quilted
 - c. Machine/hand
 - d. Tacked
- Class 2 Machine Pieced Quilts
 - a. Hand quilted
 - b. Machine quilted
 - c. Machine/hand
 - d. Tacked
- Class 3 Applique

QUILTING-Continued

- Class 4 Baby Quilt
- Class 5 Clothing
- Class 6 Pillow
- Class 7 Wall hanging
- Class 8 Miscellaneous

PAINTING

- Class 1 Oil or Acrylic
- Class 2 Drawing
- Class 3 Watercolor
- Class 4 Decorative item
- Class 5 Miscellaneous

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Pictures matted and framed. No larger than 22"x 28".
- Limit 4 items per category.
- Class 1 Black & White
- Class 2 Color

PLANTS

- Class 1 Small potted
- Class 2 Large potted
- Class 3 Dish Garden
- Class 4 Herbs
- Class 5 Succulents/Cacti

RECYCLABLES

- Class 1 Adult Apparel
- Class 2 Children's Apparel
- Class 3 Purses
- Class 4 Stockings
- Class 5 Miscellaneous

SEWING

- Class 1 Adult Apparel
- Class 2 Baby Apparel
- Class 3 Children's Apparel
- Class 4 Miscellaneous

WEAVING

- Class 1 Hand-macrame or caning
- Class 2 Hooked Rug
- Class 3 Loom
- Class 4 Wall Hanging

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1.
1.	2.	3. 4-H Camp Begins	4.	5.	6.	7.
8.	9.	10. Shooting Sports Range Meeting 6:30 pm	11.	12.	13. Fairentry deadline	14.
15.	16.	17.	18. Mini 4-H Day Camp 8:30 am Shooting Sports Range Meeting 6:30 pm	19.	20. Poultry & Rabbit Identification	21. Fairgrounds Cleanup 9 am Livestock Meeting 11 am
22.	23.	24. Shooting Sports Range Meeting 6:30 pm	25.	26.	27.	28. Project Check in 8-11 am 29.

Upcoming Events:

- FAIR IS JUNE 28-July 5 !!!!!!!
- Indiana State Fair is August 1—August 17.

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