



Highlights Happening Here at Headquarters

**September/October
2025**

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Hello Everyone! I'd like to start by saying congratulations to all of the White County 4-H youth, who did a great job at the White County 4-H Fair and at the Indiana State Fair! A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped to make the 2025 White County 4-H Fair a success! Thanks to everyone's hard work we had a very successful week, and words cannot express how grateful we are. We hope that everyone enjoyed their week at the Fair and we can't wait to see what the next year brings!

Now that Fair is over, it's almost time to start a new 4-H year! The 2025- 2026 4-H year will begin on October 1st, 2025. Be sure to read the enrollment information in this newsletter and watch for additional information to come in September.

As you read through this newsletter I hope you will take note of several important pieces of information. A couple of the highlights include:

- 4-H Enrollment
- Fair Review
- County Medal Awards

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office at (219) 984-5115 or send me an email at childer9@purdue.edu.

Sincerely,

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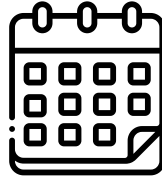


White County 4-H



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4-H Calendar



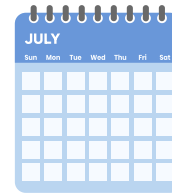
September

October

- Sept. 1 Labor Day- Extension Office Closed
- Sept. 3 Fair Committees Meeting, 6 p.m. 4-H Building, Reynolds
- Sept. 3 Ag Association Meeting, 7 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
- Sept. 5/6 Monon Fundraiser Event (see pg. 3)
- Sept. 11 **Shooting Sports**, 6:30 p.m., Camp Buffalo
- Sept. 20 **Prairie 4-H Club**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Apple Popcorn Fest.
- Sept. 25 **Shooting Sports**, 6:30 p.m. Camp Buffalo
- Sept. 27 Jr. Leaders Completion Trip
- Oct. 1 2026 Rule Changes due to Extension Office
- Oct. 1 4-H Enrollment Opens
- Oct. 5-11 National 4-H Week
- Oct. 9 **Shooting Sports**, 6:30 p.m. Camp Buffalo
- Oct. 13 Federal Holiday, Extension Office Closed
- Oct. 13 **Prairie 4-H Club** Meeting 4-H Building, Reynolds
- Oct. 20 **Poultry Meeting**, 6:30 p.m. 4-H Building, Reynolds
- Oct. 23 **Shooting Sports**, 6:30 p.m. Camp Buffalo
- Oct. 27 4-H Open House, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 28 **Monon Club** Call-Out, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 1 Horse and Pony Awards, 1 p.m., 4-H Building

Mark Your Calendars!

2026 White
County 4-H Fair
will be July 18th-
23th, 2026



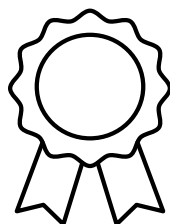
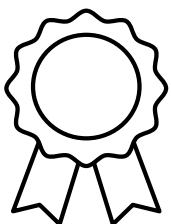
Remember to Say "Thank You!"

Attention 4-H members!

Did you receive a trophy, trip, or special award this year, or did you sell an animal in the 4-H Livestock Auction? Did someone help you with your 4-H project this year? This may include parents, siblings, 4-H Leaders, auction buyers, Ag Association members, other 4-Hers, or 4-H Volunteers. If so, please remember to write your sponsor, donor, buyer, or helper a thank you - even if you thanked them at the time you received the award. Individuals and businesses donate to the 4-H program because they believe in you and in what 4-H offers. Without this support, our program would not be as successful. Let's show White County 4-H Supporters that we really do care about all of the things they do for us in the White County 4-H Program!

State Fair Results

Congratulations to all of the White County 4-H members who participated in the 2025 Indiana State Fair. Everyone did a fantastic job and represented White County well! Check out the Indiana State Fair 4-H results online at the Indiana State 4-H webpage at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/fair/fair-results.html>



4-H Enrollment Begins October 1st!

It's hard to believe, but it's almost time to start thinking about enrolling in 4-H for the 2025–2026 year! Enrollment officially opens on **October 1st**, and both youth (4-H and Mini 4-H) and volunteers are invited to sign up through the 4HOnline system at <https://v2.4honline.com>. We are looking forward to another exciting year filled with learning, leadership, and fun, and we hope you'll be a part of it!

Enrolling early is the best way to ensure you don't miss out on important updates, reminders, and opportunities throughout the year. If you have any questions about the process or about 4-H in general, the Purdue Extension – White County Office is here to help. Give us a call at (219) 984-5115, and we'll be happy to assist you.



Looking for instructions? Scan the QR code or visit <https://purdue.link/wc4h>



Happy New (Program) Year!

Monon 4-H Fundraiser Supporting Monon Meats

You're invited to Monon Township 4-H Club's Garage Sale, Bake Sale, and Silent Auction benefiting Monon Meats! In July, Monon Meats, a huge 4-H supporter, suffered a devastating fire. Luckily nobody was injured, but the owners and employees have incurred a huge financial blow. Monon 4-H Club is hosting a fundraiser to help give back to the Monon Meats family.



When: September 5th 3:00-7:00 p.m.

September 6th 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Where: 4-H Building, Reynolds

They are still in need of **donations of garage sale items** and **volunteers to work shifts** during the event. Donations can be dropped off at the 4-H Building Thursday, Sept. 4th from 3-7 p.m. or Friday, Sept 5th from 10 a.m.-Noon

If you are interested in helping out, call Rebecca Hamm at 979-224-3756, Joy Lucas at 574-240-5488, or Theresa Hoover at 765-491-4812

Monon 4-H Club Kick-Off

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Monon Township 4-H Club? Don't miss their exciting Kick-Off Meeting! Enjoy **pizza, games, and demonstrations**. Bring a snack and a project to share with fellow 4-H members. The meeting will feature an informal demonstrations where participants can set up their projects on tables and answer questions from other 4-Hers.

When: October 28th at 6:30 PM

Where: 4-H Building, Reynolds

White County 4-H Open House

Come talk to 4-H volunteers and members about potential projects and other activities you can be a part of. See examples of past projects. Enroll on the spot!

Date: October 27, 2025

Location: 12 N 25 E Reynolds, IN 47980

Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

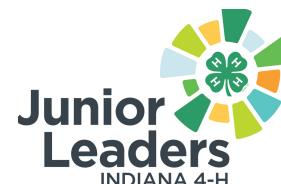
Who: Families with children in grades K-12, bring the whole family for fun activities and giveaways!

Help Wanted

We need assistance for this event in several ways. Here's how you can contribute:

1. **Host a Table:** If you're enthusiastic about a 4-H project and wish to inspire more kids to join, consider signing up to host a table!
2. **Loan Past 4-H Projects:** Provide past projects for display at the event. (*Will be returned afterwards*)
3. **Help with Planning or Setup:** If you have creative ideas for giveaways, themes, or activities, we invite you to join the planning committee!
4. **Provide Financial Support or Items:** We are seeking financial contributions and giveaway items to attract attendees. Consider making a donation to support this event!

People of all ages are welcome to help. For more information, please reach out to Molly Childers at childer9@purdue.edu or call 219-984-5115.



What is Junior Leaders?

Junior Leaders is a group of White County 4-H members currently enrolled in grades 7-12 that meet once a month and have lots of fun! Upcoming activities: fall fun at Belstra, escape room and ice cream, We focus on community service and building relationships with other 4-H members, while providing opportunities to develop leadership skills. This is a great chance to make new friends and become a leader in White County 4-H. Join the email list by emailing Molly at childer9@purdue.edu to stay in the loop!

 Follow the Jr. Leaders on Instagram! [@jrleaders_whiteco](https://www.instagram.com/jrleaders_whiteco)

Volunteer Information

Anyone who wishes to work with the White County 4-H program needs to be an approved and enrolled White County 4-H Volunteer. All new volunteers will need to contact the White County Extension Office for information on how to complete the volunteer approval process.

All returning 4-H volunteers will need to re-enroll annually using the 4HOnline system. **Beginning October 1st, volunteers should log into 4HOnline using the login email and password that was used when enrolled in 4HOnline last year @ v2.4honline.com.**

Thank you for volunteering with the White County 4-H Program. Without all of you, our program would not be nearly as successful!

Please contact the White County Extension Office at (219) 984-5115 with any questions or concerns.

Looking for SPARK Club Volunteers!

Do you have a passion, skill, or special interest that you would like to share with the youth in White County? We are currently looking for volunteers to start a few Spark Clubs! Spark Clubs are special interest 4-H Clubs that match your skills and talents with youth who are interested in the same topics. Spark Clubs are open to both current 4-H youth and youth who are not involved in 4-H. Spark Clubs meet on a schedule that is convenient for the volunteers, but must meet for at least six (6) hours. We would like to see more new Spark Clubs in 2025-2026! If you are interested in starting a Spark Club or have ideas that you would like to share, please let us know! We would be more than happy to help you in any way we can. Please help us to encourage our youth to learn by doing and share your skills, talents, and interests!

4-H Project Pickup

There are a few projects left for pickup at the White County Extension Office. Please make arrangements to pick up your projects as soon as possible. The office is open Monday -Friday from 8 am - 4 pm. State Fair projects are also available for pick-up at the extension office. Projects not picked up will be disposed of in October.

Fair Review

We have received extensive and valuable feedback aimed at enhancing both the White County 4-H Program and the White County 4-H Fair. Our commitment to continuous growth and improvement remains steadfast each year. Below is a summary of the feedback we are currently considering as we plan enhancements for 2026.

- Ultimate Showmanship timing
- Battle of the barns- too much water
- Campground security
- Fairgrounds sound system improvements
- Broken/damaged items (benches, toilets, concrete, doors, etc.)
- 4-H Building security
- Parking in undesignated areas during fair
- Keeping livestock animals out of certain areas
 - Species need to remain in their own barn areas
 - Animals should not be walked in commercial areas of Fairgrounds or in Campground
- New poultry facilities
- Consistency when enforcing rules
- Unauthorized items on fairgrounds (dogs, bikes, golf carts, etc.)
- Curfew enforcement
- New arena stage

We are continually growing and improving. As a reminder, White County 4-H is primarily led by volunteers, and progress requires time. If you have any feedback regarding improvements to the fair or fairgrounds, please reach out to an Ag Association Director. Should you encounter difficulties with a 4-H volunteer, do not hesitate to contact Molly Childers. Engaging in discussions on social media or other platforms will not lead to positive change and may reflect poorly on the 4-H organization as a whole. Thank you for your ongoing support of the 4-H program.

2025 County Medal Recipients

Congratulations to all of the 2025 White County Medal Winners! These individuals were selected based on their accomplishments in specific project areas over the course of their 4-H careers. These medals are available for pick up at the White County Extension Office.

Achievement

Murphy Misch
Kinsey Felker

Agriculture

Kadyn Rice
Adam Blume

Citizenship

Noah Scherer
Jacqui Hoover

Community

Service

Chase Pekny
Kendall Bridwell

Leadership

Hannah Alberts
Carson Purcell

Fashion Revue

Lela Dreblow

Shooting Safety

Elizabeth Mosher

Shooting Sports

Aiden Wheeldon

Engines/Tractor

Kyle Green

Beef

Katherine Kennedy

Cats

Ashley Anderson

Dairy

Hannah Helt

Dogs

Kayleb Hamer

Goats

Adam Blume

Horse & Pony

Ariel Hall

Small Animals

Brody Andrews

Poultry

Jonas Bruder

Rabbits

Sami Fields

Sheep

Chase Pekny

Swine

Hannah Arvin





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