

## 4-H News

July 2025

### Hello White County 4-H

It's that time of year again. SHOWTIME!!! We are just at a week away from the first 4-H Show events. I remember it was always something I looked forward to as a member many years ago. I hope you feel the same.

Please make sure you read this newsletter from cover to cover. There are several important "show" related items that you will need to be informed of.

Thanks to everybody for their fantastic help, and I'll see you at the shows.  
— Amy McCarty  
White County 4-H

### *Mark your calendars*

<b>July</b>		<b>July 11</b>	Carcass Show - 11:00 - WP Meat Company
<b>July 1</b>	<b>Support Committee Scholarship Due</b> GIFT Garden Class 8:30-10:30 - Garden	<b>July 15</b>	GIFT Garden Class - 8:30-10:30 - Garden
<b>July 4</b>	<b>4th of July Observance - Office Closed</b>	<b>July 22</b>	GIFT Garden Class - 8:30-10:30 - Garden
<b>July 5</b>	Fairground Clean Up - 8:00am <b><u>(Meet at the flag pole at the livestock barn)</u></b> <b>Large Livestock Kids - Barn</b> <b>Small Livestock &amp; Other 4-H members - Floral Hall</b> Dog/Cat/Small Pet Show - Judging 1:00 - Floral Hall	<b>July 29</b>	GIFT Garden Class - 8:30-10:30 - Garden
		<b>August</b>	
		<b>August 5</b>	GIFT Garden Class - 8:30-10:30 - Garden Wrap-up meeting 5:00
<b>July 6</b>	Shooting Sports Shoot - 2:00pm - Rifle Club	<b>August 8</b>	White Co. day at the State Fair
<b>July 7</b>	Food/Clothing Shows - Judging 9:00 - Floral Hall Poultry/Rabbit Show - 5:00 - Livestock Barn <b>General Projects Brought to Floral Hall - 4:00-8:00pm</b>	<b>August 5, 7, 9</b>	Hunter Safety Course—Tentative
<b>July 8</b>	NO GIFT Garden Class General Projects/Cloverbuds - Judging 9:00am Tractor Driving Contest - 9:00 Livestock Weigh In - 5:00	<b>August 16</b>	DuQuoin General Show
<b>July 9</b>	Livestock Show - 8:00am Pedal Pull - 3:00pm Pork Chop Sales - 3:00-7:00pm Awards Show - 5:00pm Auction - 7:00pm	<b>August 22</b>	<b>Records due to leaders</b>
		<b>August 22-23</b>	DuQuoin Sheep, Goat, Cattle, and Swine Shows

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any of these program, please contact the University of Illinois Extension  
Office at 618-382-2662.



# July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Fairgrounds Clean Up</b> <b>On Saturday, July 5, 8:00-10:00 ALL 4-H'ers are asked to assist with cleanup at the fairgrounds. Bring rags, work gloves, rakes, etc. Members in large livestock should work on the barns.</b>		<b>1</b> <i>Garden</i> <i>8:30-10:30</i>  <i>Emmett Escoto-Aponte</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Jacob Allen</i>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>Garden</i> <i>8:30-10:30</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>   <i>Nate Schimp</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Kenley Davis</i> <i>Karen McKinney</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>Kinze Wilson</i>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <i>Preston Seely</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Garden</i> <i>8:30-10:30</i>  <i>Chelsea Sutton</i>	<b>23</b>  <i>Aaron Davis</i> <i>Aysa Weber</i> <i>Erica Zieren</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <i>Caroline Simmons</i>	<b>29</b>  <i>Garden</i> <i>8:30-10:30</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  <i>Lola Brooks</i>	<b>Small Livestock &amp; All other members are assigned to help with the Floral Hall.</b> <b><u>(Everyone meet at the flag pole at the livestock barn at 8:00!!!)</u></b>	

## Required Forms on Web

There are a few events which require forms to be filled out and brought with you to the event at the 4-H Show. If you are participating in the fashion revue, you should have received a form in with your show tags to fill out and return to Amy by Monday afternoon July 7th.

If you will be absent from the shows please email Lindsay or Amy for a form to fill out to be placed with your projects.



If you are showing a photography project and you have pictures with another person in them, you must fill out the photo release, and have that person, or their legal guardian, sign, and then bring it with you to the show.

Go to the following link and click on the form(s) you need: <https://extension.illinois.edu/ghhpsw>

## Before the Show - Read this carefully - New info

1. **PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT** - Getting good takes practice. So, if you are enrolled in a food project, you need to practice making many of the recipes in your food manual. If you are enrolled in woodworking, you need to make several woodworking items to get used to working with the tools. If you are enrolled in sewing, you need to make more than one item to get the hang of using a sewing machine. Then check the Show/ Guidebook to see **EXACTLY** which item you should bring to the 4-H Show.

2. **CLUB MEETINGS** - You can learn a lot about the Show from your club members. Be sure to attend this month. You must have attended at least 4 club meetings by July 1 to be allowed to exhibit at the Show. Your leader will tell me if you do not qualify.

3. **TAGS** - You should have received the exhibit tags for each of the 4-H projects you entered for this year's 4-H Show in the mail. There are no tags for livestock projects, rabbits or poultry. **PLEASE DO NOT LOSE THESE TAGS.** Attach the tag to some part of your exhibit when you bring it to the show. If you are missing a tag, call the office.

4. **RULES FOR EXHIBITS** - Check the 2025 White County 4-H & Policy Manual: Guidebook & Show book. You can download a copy of the book at: <http://extension.illinois.edu/ghhpsw/>.

The first few pages have general rules about the Show. The rest of the book has *specific exhibit rules* for each project. **READ THE RULES CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW THEM EXACTLY.** These rules change every year, so it's very important to use the guidebook from this year when preparing your exhibit.

5. **GENERAL SHOW PROJECTS** - General show projects can be dropped off Monday evening July 7, from 4-8:00 at the floral hall.

6. **JUDGING TIMES ASSIGNED THIS YEAR!** Amy will email, text, or call you with your judging times the week before the shows. **PLEASE PLAN ON BEING A LITTLE EARLY FOR YOUR JUDGING TIMES, WE DON'T WANT TO BE WAITING ON YOU!**

7. **RULES FOR LIVESTOCK** - All livestock exhibitors, including rabbits and horses, were mailed specific health requirement rules for exhibiting their animals; follow them carefully. Check the schedule to know when your animals must be at the fairgrounds.

8. **ADULT HELP NEEDED** - Many adults are needed to make the Show run smoothly. Club leaders are asked to provide as many helpers as possible for the Show. If your parent can help, please call the office at 382-2662 as soon as possible.

### Dog & Cat Exhibitors

Dog and Cat Exhibitors are reminded to bring their animals' current and up-to-date shot record to the 4-H shows on July 5.

**NO ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THESE SHOWS WITHOUT SHOT RECORDS.**

Also, no choke collars or harness for the dogs. All animals are to be on a leash.

# The Day of the Show

- Check the schedule/email to see which day your project is to be exhibited and judging times..
- Check to see what time your project must be in place. (General Projects drop off is Monday 4:00-8:00)
- Check to see how long your exhibit must stay at the fairgrounds.
- 4-H'ers must be present and speak with the judge while their project is being judged. (Absentee forms are available)
- Check the schedule to see how long each Show lasts. Some days you may be at the fairgrounds for several hours. Take along fun things to keep you busy.

You will talk with a judge about each exhibit you bring. RELAX! A judge will not try to trick or scare you. The judge will probably ask how you made the exhibit, what steps you used, and what materials you used. They may ask what you learned. They may ask what areas you had trouble with. They may ask what other things you made in the project. They may ask if you had fun! The most important thing is to **be honest** with the judge. If you don't know an answer, simply say, "I don't know." If you got help from your family, tell the judge that too (for safety reasons, some parts of projects *should* be done with adults).

## GRADES AND RIBBONS

4-H rewards you for all you've learned by giving you a grade, ribbon, and money based on how well you complete your project for the Show. Your "grade" at the 4-H Show is determined by the score you receive from the judge. The judge uses a score sheet designed just for your project.

If your project "**MEETS ALL THE STANDARDS**" on the score sheet, it will receive a BLUE RIBBON.

If your project "**NEEDS SOME IMPROVEMENT**," it will receive a RED RIBBON.

If your project "**NEEDS MUCH IMPROVEMENT**," it will receive a WHITE RIBBON.

*If your exhibit doesn't follow all the rules in the Guidebook, IT CANNOT RECEIVE A BLUE RIBBON.* That's why it is so important to read the GUIDEBOOK.

In addition to your blue, red or white ribbon, the judge can award extra ribbons and prizes.

**BEST OF SHOW**—One top exhibit in each class can be picked as the "best" that day and will receive a "Best of Show" ribbon. Only blue-ribbon projects can be picked as "Best of Show" winners.

**SUPERIOR**—If a judge thinks that an exhibit is outstanding and is far better than some of the other exhibits, he/she may give it a "Superior" ribbon. It's all up to the judge. He/She may give one, several, or no superiors. Just because an exhibit gets a Best of Show ribbon doesn't mean it will win a Superior. Some judges give lots; some give none.

**STATE FAIR**—4-H members who were at least 8 years old before September 1, 2023 may be selected to take their exhibit to the State Fair. Many times, 4-H'ers get selected to go to the State Fair in many projects, but you may only pick one. The State Fair is held Friday, August 8 in Springfield.



## IF YOU ARE SELECTED FOR Illinois State Fair

**...it should be displayed with a green ribbon on your project and also an Illinois 4-H Show postcard taped to your project.** You must have been 8 before Sept. 1, 2024 to qualify. If you wish to participate in the Illinois State Fair, you must let the Extension Office know by **Monday, July 21.** Alternates will be notified of any openings on or before July 25. No entries will be allowed after July 28.

- ALL White County exhibits will be judged at the State Fair on **Friday, August 8.**
- Members may exhibit in only 1 project. If you were selected in more than 1 project, you must choose which project you wish to exhibit at the State Fair.

- Participants must take their own projects to the State Fair. All projects must be signed in between 8:00-9:00am and will be released after 3:30pm. No security will be provided.
- The White County Extension Office will not order any parking passes or entry tickets. You may purchase tickets at the fair gate. You will not be able to park in the normal lot, but suitable parking is available.
- It is important for participants to understand all the rules, times, and requirements before they leave for the Fair.

## A Note to Parents...PUT IT IN PERSPECTIVE

First, try to put the 4-H Show in perspective. The county 4-H show is one part of the 4-H learning experience. Serving as an officer or on a committee, giving a talk or demonstration, attending workshops, completing a project, and going to camp are some of the hundreds of experiences a 4-H'er gains throughout the year.

The development of young people is our first consideration in 4-H work. **We are more concerned about what the 4-H'er learns than with the exhibit.**

If you have concerns during the 4-H Show, **DO NOT approach judges or superintendents directly.**

FIRST, go to your club leader. If your leader is not present, express your concern to a staff member. Remember, we may not always agree with a judge's decision, but they are the expert for the day, and as so, deserve our respect. Most have donated their time for YOUR child. **It is never appropriate to be verbally abusive to a judge or superintendent.**

Part of learning to win is learning to lose. Praise your child accordingly, and teach by example.

## Archery/Rifle/Shot Gun Shoots

The archery, rifle, pistol, and shot gun shoots are available to all White County Shooting Stars SPIN Club members who have been active in the club this past 2024-2025 4-H year. And have come to at least 3 shoots. The shoot will take place at the Carmi Rifle Club at 2:00pm on Sunday, July 6. Come and watch your fellow 4-H'ers compete.



## Tractor Driving Contest

The Tractor Driving contest will be Tuesday, July 8 from 9:00 - ? for members during the general show. This year we are not planning on having a later time scheduled, so come early if you can! Show up to cheer on your tractor driving friends. Boys and girls ages 8 and up are welcome!



### Community invited to Youth Pedal Pull

Area youth are invited to the 2025 Youth Pedal Pull event on Wednesday, July 9. The event will begin at 3:30 p.m. and will take place at the White County Fairgrounds beside the Floral Hall pavilion.

All area youth are invited to participate in the pedal pull. Three classes for both girls and boys will be offered. Weight classes will be: CLASS 1 – 50 lbs. and under; CLASS 2 – 51 lbs. to 75 lbs.; CLASS 3 – 76 lbs. and over. There is a maximum age limit of 12

years old. First and second place trophies will be awarded in each class.

Registration will begin at 3:00 p.m. the day of the event. The event will run from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.



**MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- **NO ONE, EXCEPT SUPERINTENDENTS, WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE BUILDING BEFORE 8 AM ON MONDAY, JULY 7 AND TUESDAY, JULY 8.**
- 4-H'ers should first report to their club table at the front of the exhibit building. They should notify the check-in person of any exhibit they DID NOT bring. Also, check judging times set for you. Then, 4-H'ers should go set up their exhibit at the appropriate project table, (General Show Projects - if unable to deliver on Monday evening.) REMEMBER: There is no size restrictions on projects, except county projects.
- Your project must stay at the Floral Hall until Wednesday at 6pm! YOU MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE SOMEONE PICK UP YOUR PROJECT IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO PICK IT UP AFTER THE AWARDS PROGRAM!
- **NOTE: No parents are allowed in the judging area until all judging is completed!** Please respect this rule. I encourage you to bring things to keep busy. 4-H'ers will be called to speak to the judge by the superintendent for each area. Donuts, milk and orange juice will be available for breakfast donated by Casey's General Store. Activities will be available to do outside both days to keep the congestion down inside the floral hall.
- It's important to remember that no matter what ribbon your project receives, **YOU ARE A BLUE-RIBBON KID!** As long as you did your best, that's all that matters. Be polite to all the adults working and helping with the 4-H Show.

Wabash Valley Service Company  
\$6 Pork Sandwich Meal

Includes: Sandwich, Chips, Cookie, and Drink  
(Drinks donated by Peoples National Bank)



July 9, 2025 3-7:00 p.m.

White County Fairground  
Livestock Barn

PROCEEDS DONATED TO WHITE COUNTY 4-H SUPPORT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL  
**4-H BLUE RIBBON**  
AUCTION

7 PM WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

at the 4-H Livestock Barn at White County Fairgrounds



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in support of  
4-H members in White County



For more information about the event contact any of the White County  
4-H Extension Support Committee members.

For information on 4-H youth participation, contact the  
White County Extension office at 618-382-2662



## Saturday, July 5

### FAIRGROUND CLEAN UP

8:00–10:00AM Clean Up Livestock Barn/Floral Hall

### DOG, CAT & SMALL PETS SHOW, Floral Hall

12:00 Superintendents Arrive

12:30 Reg. of Dog, Cats & Small Pets(all in place by 12:45)

1:00 Dog, Cat, and Small Pet show Begins

1:30 Dog Obedience

## Sunday, July 6

### SHOOTING SPORTS CONTEST, CARMI RIFLE CLUB

2:00PM Shooting Sports Contest

## Monday, July 7

### FOOD/CLOTHING SHOWS, FAIRGROUNDS

8:30AM Food/Clothing Superintendents arrive

8:45 Registration, *All Food/Clothing Must be in Place by 9:00*

9:00 Food/Clothing Shows Begin

4:00-8:00 – General Projects May Be Brought to Floral Hall for General Show Judging on Tuesday

### POULTRY/RABBIT SHOW, FAIRGROUNDS

5:00PM Poultry/Rabbit Show begins

## Tuesday, July 8

### GENERAL PROJECTS SHOW, FAIRGROUNDS

7:45AM All Superintendents & Helpers Report In

8:00 Registration & Set Up of Projects

9:00 Judging begins in all project area

### TRACTOR DRIVING CONTEST, FAIRGROUNDS

9:00 - 8 and up/boys and girls

### LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN, FAIRGROUNDS

5:00 PM Livestock Weigh - in

## Wednesday, July 9

### LIVESTOCK SHOW, FAIRGROUNDS

8:00AM Sheep, Goats, Swine, Dairy, Beef Shows

### PEDAL PULL, FAIRGROUNDS

3:00PM Registration

### PORK CHOP SALES, FAIRGROUNDS

3:00-7:00 Come and support White Co. Support Committee

### AWARDS PROGRAM, FLORAL HALL

5:00PM Awards Program and Dress Revue

### BLUE RIBBON AUCTION OF LIVESTOCK

6:00PM Informal Reception

7:00PM Auction Begins

## Friday, July 11

### CARCASS SHOW, WP MEAT COMPANY

11:00 Carcass Show Begins

If you have questions, contact the University of Illinois Extension, White Co. Office, 1715 College Ave., Carmi, IL 62821, 618-382-2662, or [amccarty@illinois.edu](mailto:amccarty@illinois.edu) or <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/ghhpsw/>.

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<b>DIMENSION</b>	<b>COLUMN A # of club / individual experiences</b>	<b>COLUMN B # of county experiences</b>	<b>COLUMN C # of unit-wide/ regional experiences</b>	<b>COLUMN D # of state/ national experiences</b>
<b>PARTICIPATION</b>	Norris City Mayor Signing  Grayville Mayor Signing  Enfield Mayor Signing  National 4-H Spirit Week Activities	Sept 1 - National 4-H Week Theme Contest Sept 5 - Federation Sept. 5 - 4-H Rally Oct Carmi Mayor Signing October 3 - Federation Nov. 2 - Evening of Excellence November 7 - Federation National 4-H Week Activities Gingerbread House Workshop Christmas Tree Decorating Contest	Hamilton County Haunted Trail  Unit 24 4-H Fall Party  Unit 24 Cosmic Bowling  Experience Award Banquet	4-H Camp  4-H Day with the Cardinals
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>		August 31 - Grayville Parade Hygiene Products for CCC Sept 28 - Norris City Parade October 5 - Enfield Parade October 12 - Corn Day Parade Salvation Army Bell Ringing—12/14 Donate a Dessert Norris City Decorated House & Business Judging	Fall Food Challenge Letter Drive for WNC Hurricane Victims Halloween Costume Drive 4 C's Comm. Service Fill a Purse Veterans blanket/Cabin Fever Day Ronald McDonald House Comm Service	<b>National 4-H Day of Service</b> - 4-H Green Communities Tree Program, Ronald McDonald Charity, Veterans Blankets
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	Club Officers	PSA's Leadership Role at: Federation Meeting Cloverbud Meetings GIFT Garden Classes Teen Teachers SPIN Club		National 4-H Conf. Legislative Conn. Speaking for Ill. 4-H Jr. Leadership Conference Illinois 4-H My Experience Award Training 9/18 Illinois 4-H Scholarship Webinar 10/7 Cultivating Cloverbuds Training 11/7 Jr. Livestock Conference 1/25-26 Art Ambassador Team
<b>PROJECT LEARNING</b>		Shooting Sports SPIN Club GIFT Garden SPIN Club Leather SPIN Club  Pumpkin Decorating Contest  Livestock Weigh-ins  Cowboy Cookie in a Jar Workshop 5/3  Cupcake Decorating Workshop 6/12  Rabbit Tattooing 6/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unit 24 Photography Wksp - Pope/Hardin, Hamilton Co., Saline Co., White Co.</li> <li>Fall Nature Scavenger Hunt</li> <li>Unit 24 Fall Bouquet Wksp 11/7</li> <li>Maple Syrup Wksp</li> <li>Unit 24 Cupcake Wksp 11/21</li> <li>Virtual Ornament Wksp 12/14</li> <li>Unit 24 Photography Calendar Contest</li> <li>Hamilton Co. Cabin Fever Day</li> <li>Unit 24 Horse SPIN Club</li> <li>Unit 24 Public Speaking 3/20</li> <li>Unit 24 Showmanship Clinic 5/10</li> <li>Unit 24 Welding SPIN Club</li> <li>Southern Region 4-H Showcase Aug 16-23</li> </ul>	State Shotgun Shoot  QAEC/YQCA  Livestock Skillathon Contest & Workshop 11/9/24  Hispanic Heritage Month  Native American Heritage Month  Moments That Matter Photography Contest  Scraps to Stories Wkhp  Fun with Food Science!  State Fair Aug 8



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