

4-H News

July 2024

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

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| July | July 12 | Carcass Show - 11:00 - WP Meat Company |
| July 1 Support Committee Scholarship Due | July 16 | GIFT Garden Class - 8:30-10:30 - Garden |
| July 2 GIFT Garden Class 8:30-10:30 - Garden | July 23 | GIFT Garden Class - 8:30-10:30 - Garden |
| July 4 4th of July Observance - Office Closed | July 30 | GIFT Garden Class - 8:30-10:30 - Garden |
| July 6 Fairground Clean Up - 8:00am
<u>(Meet at the new flag pole at the livestock barn)</u>
Large Livestock Kids - Barn
Small Livestock & Other 4-H members - Floral Hall
9:30 - Poultry Blood Testing - Livestock Barn
Dog/Cat/Small Pet Show - Judging 1:00 - Floral Hall | August | |
| July 7 Shooting Sports Shoot - 2:00pm - Rifle Club | August 6 | GIFT Garden Class - 8:30-10:30 - Garden
Wrap-up meeting 5:00 |
| July 8 Food/Clothing Shows - Judging 9:00 - Floral Hall
Poultry/Rabbit Show - 5:00 - Livestock Barn
General Projects Brought to Floral Hall - 4:00-8:00pm | August 3-10 | White County Fair |
| July 9 GIFT Garden Class - 8:30-10:30 - Garden
General Projects/Cloverbuds - Judging 9:00am
Tractor Driving Contest - 9:00
Livestock Weigh In - 5:00 | August 11 | White Co. day at the State Fair |
| July 10 Livestock Show - 8:00am
Pedal Pull - 3:00pm
Pork Chop Sales - 3:00-7:00pm
Awards Show - 5:00pm
Auction - 7:00pm | August 13, 15, 17 | Hunter Safety Course—Tentative |
| | August 17 | DuQuoin General Show |
| | August 23 | Records due to leaders |
| | August 23-24 | 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 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>7</i> <i>Sasha</i> <i>Jordan</i> <i>White</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Silas</i> <i>Vinyard</i> <i>County</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Garden</i> <i>8:30-10:30</i> <i>4-H</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Fair</i>	<i>11</i> <i>Linus</i> <i>Magnotta</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Nate</i> <i>Schimp</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Garden</i> <i>8:30-10:30</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Kenley</i> <i>Davis</i> <i>Karen</i> <i>McKinney</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Kinze</i> <i>Wilson</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> <i>Ethan</i> <i>Dobbs</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Chelsea</i> <i>Sutton</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Garden</i> <i>8:30-10:30</i> <i>Aaron Davis</i> <i>Aysa Weber</i> <i>Erica Zieren</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> <i>Caroline</i> <i>Simmons</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> <i>Garden</i> <i>8:30-10:30</i>	<i>31</i> <i>Lola Brooks</i>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Fairgrounds Clean Up On Saturday, July 6, 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. Small Livestock & All other members are assigned to help with the Floral Hall. <u>(Everyone meet at the new flag pole</u> <u>at the livestock barn at 8:00!!!)</u></p> </div>		

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 8th.

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 2024 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 8, 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 6.

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 Saturday, August 12 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, 2023 to qualify. If you wish to participate in the Illinois State Fair, you must let the Extension Office know by **Monday, July 22.** 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 **Sunday, August 11.**
- 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 2023-2024 4-H year. The shoot will take place at the Carmi Rifle Club at 2:00pm on Sunday, July 7. Come and watch your fellow 4-H'ers compete.



Tractor Driving Contest

The Tractor Driving contest will be Tuesday, July 9 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 2024 Youth Pedal Pull event on Wednesday, July 10. 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.

For complete rules for the pedal pull event go to www.whitecfb.com/pedalpull.

MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **NO ONE, EXCEPT SUPERINTENDENTS, WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE BUILDING BEFORE 8 AM ON MONDAY, JULY 8 AND TUESDAY, JULY 9.**
- 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 10, 2024 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 P.M. Wednesday, July 10, 2024
 4-H Livestock Barn at White County Fairgrounds



Auction sponsored by the White County 4-H Extension Support Committee in support of 4-H members in White County



For information about the event, contact any of the White County Support Committee members

For additional information on 4-H youth participation, contact the White County Extension Office at 382-2662.

Southern Region 4-H Showcase
 at DuQuoin State Fair

General Projects Show
Saturday, Aug 17
 (Maximum of 3 entries per participant)

Livestock Shows
 (Maximum of 1 livestock animal per class.)

Friday, Aug 23
 Goat and Sheep Shows,
 Swine Weigh-in

Saturday, Aug 24
 Beef, Dairy, and Swine Shows

Participants must be 4-H members.

For more information or to register go to go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowcase or scan the QR code.

Registration deadline is August 1.

Check out the Showbook at go.illinois.edu/RegionalShowbook



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Saturday, July 6

FAIRGROUND CLEAN UP

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

9:30 Poultry Blood Testing

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 7

SHOOTING SPORTS CONTEST, CARMI RIFLE CLUB

2:00PM Shooting Sports Contest

Monday, July 8

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 9

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 10

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 12

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 or <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/ghhpsw/>.

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DIMENSION	COLUMN A # of club / individual experiences	COLUMN B # of county experiences	COLUMN C # of unit-wide/ regional experiences	COLUMN D # of state/ national experiences
PARTICIPATION	Norris City Mayor Signing Grayville Mayor Signing Enfield Mayor Signing	Sept 1 - National 4-H Week Theme Contest Sept 7 - Federation Sept. 7 - 4-H Rally Oct Carmi Mayor Signing Oct 5 - Federation Nov. 2 - Federation Dec. 7 - Federation/Lights Judging Feb 1 - Federation Apr 4 - Federation Graduation Party Meet & Greet Meeting	Hamilton County Haunted Trail Unit 24 4-H Fall Party Experience Award Banquet	National 4-H Spirit Week Activities Ag Week Events March 17-23 4-H Day with the Cardinals
COMMUNITY SERVICE		Sept 2 - Grayville Days Parade Hygiene Products for CCC Sept. 11 - Serving at Retired Teacher's Dinner Sept 23 - Mule Days Parade October 7 - Enfield Parade Oct 12 - Cake Walk October 14 - Corn Day Parade Dessert Baking Contest (Donation to Grayville Senior Center) Salvation Army Bell Ringing Support Comm. Pork Loin Sale Clean up Night at GIFT Garden - April 25 First Aid Kits - May 2	Thank you cards for Southern Illinois Veterans Honor Flight October Food Challenge Socks for 4C's Homeless Shelter T-Shirt Bag Workshop Centerville Ripsnorter's Veteran's Day Drive Cosmic Bowling - School Supplies Chemo Buddies Bags	National 4-H Day of Service - Honor Flight Blankets
LEADERSHIP	Club Officers	PSA's Leadership Role at: Federation Meeting Cloverbud Meetings GIFT Garden Classes Expansion & Review Comm. Meet & Greet		National 4-H Conf. Legislative Conn. Speaking for Ill. 4-H Jr. Leadership Conf. Nov 4-5
PROJECT LEARNING		Shooting Sports SPIN Club GIFT Garden SPIN Club Leather SPIN Club Grayville Pie Baking Contest Pumpkin Decorating Contest Gingerbread House Workshop Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Hunter Safety Course Livestock Weigh-ins/Rabbit Tattooing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • String Art Workshop • Virtual Ornament Making Workshop • Eclipse Glasses Design Contest • Hamilton Co. Cabin Fever Day • Maple Syrup Wksp • Electrical Workshop • Public Presentations - March 21 • Livestock/Dairy Judging Mar 23 • Southern Region 4-H Showcase Aug 17-24 • War Horse Swine Show - Apr 20 • Livestock Fitting Wksp - Apr. 27 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Shotgun Shoot • QAEC/YQCA • Morning Ag Clips Photo Contest • Taste of Language • Native American Heritage Month • Ukrainian Cuisine • Calling All Artists, Creators, & Performers • Virtual Graphic Design SPIN Club • Georgia Boot Contest • Illini Summer Academies • "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H photo contest • Health Rocks • State Fair - Aug 11



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