

CLAY COUNTY



NEWS LETTER

2026
January

4-H



Important Dates to Remember:

CATTLE TAG DAY
February 20

SHEEP TAG DAY
May 8

GOAT TAG DAY
May 9

ANIMAL ID DEADLINE
May 15

STATE FAIR DNA DUE
May 15

MINI 4-H DAY CAMP
June 4

4-H CAMP
June 7-10

FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE
July 1

**2026 CLAY
COUNTY 4-H FAIR**
JULY 18-24

Have you enrolled for the new 4-H year yet?

Don't miss out, enroll today!

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Enroll ASAP to get the most out of your 4-H experience and to stay up to date on important information & deadlines!

Enrollment is FREE for all youth in Clay County this year!!! When you go to enroll, be sure to select the pay by check/cash option and we will take care of it. You DO NOT need to submit payment to the Extension Office.

 **SERVE**  **GROW**  **THRIVE**  **MAKE**

PROJECT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All officially updated Exhibit Hall and Livestock project terms and conditions are now available to view on our [website](#). These updates are an important resource for 4-H members and families as they prepare for the upcoming fair season and work on project requirements throughout the year.

The terms and conditions outline expectations, eligibility requirements, exhibit guidelines, and judging criteria for each project area. Reviewing this information early can help members stay on track, avoid last-minute surprises and ensure projects meet all county and state requirements.

If you have questions about a specific project or would like clarification on any of the updated information, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Extension Office. We are happy to help guide you through project requirements and provide additional support as needed.



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County Website:

<https://bit.ly/41gF7DU>



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LIVESTOCK NEWS



Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training

The Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program is a comprehensive training REQUIREMENT for all 4-H youth participating in beef, dairy, goats (all types), poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. This is both a county and state requirement. Failure to complete this training will result in youth unable to exhibit their animals at the county and/or state fair.

Please call the Extension Office (812-448-9093) to RSVP for an Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training session or follow the link next to your select date to register.

Members must be registered **BEFORE** attending a training.

All training's will be held at 6:00 pm in the Exhibit Hall on the following dates:

- **March 18, 2026** – <https://clayqlcmarch18.4honline.com>
- **April 27, 2026** – <https://clayqlcapril27.4honline.com>
- **May 21, 2026** – <https://clayqlcmay21.4honline.com>
- **June 30, 2026** – <https://clayqlcjune30.4honline.com>



Cattle Tag Day

The 4-H Beef and Dairy Steer Tag-In will take place on February 20, from 4:00–8:00 PM, in the Cattle Barn at the Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds.

All beef steers, crossbred beef heifers, and dairy steers are required to be tagged at this event. Registered beef heifers and dairy heifers do not need to be brought to tag-in, but must have an RFID tag in order to exhibit. If you are unable to tag your registered beef heifer or dairy heifer with an RFID tag, please contact a leader to schedule an appointment.

All enrolled cattle members will receive an enrollment packet by mail in early February that explains these requirements in greater detail.

Clay County Livestock Ambassadors

This is a great leadership opportunity for those interested and passionate about the livestock industry! Come make a positive impact on the Clay County 4-H Livestock Program. Reach out to the Extension Office if you have any questions.

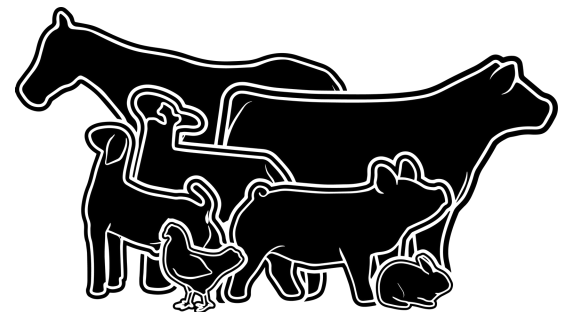
Our Ambassadors will get to:

- Experience mentorship opportunities
- Provide youth voice on livestock projects
- Lead educational initiatives
- Have fun!



All interested youth in grades 7-12 can apply here:

<https://tinyurl.com/8368ehhc> (deadline **February 14th**)



**LIVESTOCK SHOW
SCHEDULE ON THE
BACK PAGE**

Full fair schedule coming soon!



4-H PROGRAMS



WONDERS OF THE WABASH

INDIANA 4-H SPARK CLUB

Learn about water quality, wildlife habitats, history of the Wabash River, wetlands, nature photography, and how water has shaped the landscape of Indiana. The final session will be a canoe trip down Sugar Creek!

Join us for this hybrid SPARK Club with virtual in-depth sessions and hands-on Saturday adventures!

Virtual Sessions Wednesdays 7 to 8:30 pm

February 25, March 25, April 15, and May 20

In Person Sessions Saturdays 10 am to 3 pm

February 28 - George Rodgers Clark Museum in Vincennes

March 28 - Merom Bluff in Sullivan County

April 18 - Wabashiki in Terre Haute

May 23 - Canoeing at Sugar Creek in Parke County

Choose your own adventure!

Go all in and attend all 4 virtual and in person sessions, participate in whatever fits your schedule, or watch the recorded sessions at your leisure.

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Register Now!

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4-H PROGRAMS



INDIANA 4-H

TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Where: Camp Tecumseh
When: March 27-29, 2026
Ages: Grades 7-12



CONFERENCE INFO

The Teen Leadership Weekend is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to build their leadership skills, connect with peers from across the state, and prepare to make a positive impact in their communities. Held annually, this conference is designed for youth in grades 7-12 who are ready to take their leadership journey to the next level. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, interactive team activities, and inspiring sessions led by experienced mentors and fellow 4-H members. With a focus on personal growth, teamwork, and service, the weekend empowers youth to step into leadership roles, develop practical skills, and create lasting memories!



**CONTACT YOUR
LOCAL PURDUE
EXTENSION OFFICE
TO LEARN MORE
AND REGISTER**



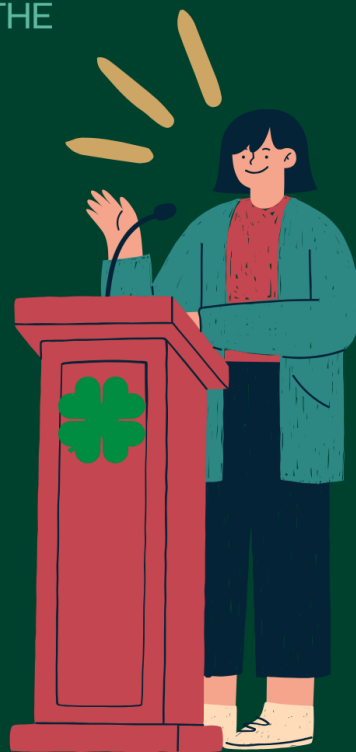


COUNTY 4-H NEWS



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CLAY COUNTY 4-H AND THE
COMMUNITY THEATER OF CLAY COUNTY:

READY. SET. SPEAK!



MASTER PUBLIC
SPEAKING WITH OUR
SPEECH WORKSHOPS
AND LEAVE ANY
AUDIENCE SPEECHLESS!

JOIN US ON 01/24/2026
FROM 10-11:30AM IN THE
4-H EXTENSION OFFICE

UPCOMING WORKSHOP DATES:
2/14 - 3/28 - 4/18

FOLLOW THE
LINK TO SIGN
UP!

[HTTPS://4-
HSPEECHWORKSHOPS.
4HONLINE.COM](https://4-HSPEECHWORKSHOPS.4HONLINE.COM)





2024-4-H Club MEETING DATES

CLAY COUNTY 4-H FAIR
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Clay County

Jackson Twp. Farmhands

- JAN 22
- FEB 26
- APRIL 23
- MAY 21
- JUNE 18



6:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

Swine Club

- JAN 12
- FEB 9
- MARCH 9
- APRIL 13
- MAY 11
- JUNE 8



6:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

Junior Leaders

- JAN 19
- FEB 15
- MARCH 16
- APRIL 20
- MAY 18
- JUNE 15



7:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

Horse & Pony

- JAN 15
- FEB 19
- MARCH 19
- APRIL 16
- MAY 21
- JUNE 18



7:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

Mini 4-H

- MARCH 16
- APRIL 20
- MAY 18
- JUNE 15



6:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

Clever Clovers

- JAN 5
- FEB 2
- MARCH 2
- APRIL 6
- MAY 4
- JUNE 1



7:00 PM
CLAY CITY FIRST CHURCH

Van Buren Hustlers

- JAN 8
- FEB 12
- MARCH 12
- APRIL 9
- MAY 14
- JUNE 11
- JUNE 25



7:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

Dog Club

- JAN 26
- FEB 23
- MARCH 23
- APRIL - 6,13,20,27
- MAY - 4,11,18
- JUNE - 1,5,8,12,15,19,22,26,27



5:00 PM
SHOW ARENA

Harrison Handy Happy Helpers

- JAN 19
- FEB 16
- MARCH 15
- APRIL 20
- MAY 18
- JUNE 15



6:00 PM
CLAY CITY FIRST FINANCIAL BANK

Sharp Shooters Archery

- MARCH 23, 30
- APRIL 6, 20, 27
- MAY 4, 18
- JUNE 1, 8, 22, 29
- JULY 6



6:00 PM
FAIRGROUNDS

Top Shots Firearms

- JANUARY 17
- FEBRUARY 21
- MARCH 21
- APRIL 8
- APRIL 16
- MAY 13
- MAY 21
- JUNE 10
- JUNE 18



6:00 PM
LOST CREEK CONSERVATION CLUB

Rabbit Club

- JAN 11
- FEB 15
- MARCH 15
- APRIL 12
- MAY 3
- JUNE 14
- JULY 12



3:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

Goat Club

- JAN 25
- FEB 22
- APRIL 19
- MAY 16
- JUNE 13



2:30 PM
EXHIBIT HALL





2024-H Club MEETING DATES

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Poultry Club

- JAN 13
- FEB 10
- MARCH 10
- APRIL 14
- MAY 12
- JUNE 9



**7:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL**

LAKER LEADERS

- JAN 6
- JAN 19
- FEB 23
- MARCH 30
- APRIL 27
- MAY 18
- JUNE 8
- JULY 6

**6:00 PM
SHAKAMAK AGRICULTURE
DEPARTMENT**

Sheep Club

- ~~JAN-8~~
- FEB 5
- MARCH 5
- APRIL 2
- MAY 7
- JUNE 4
- JULY 2



**6:00 PM
EXTENSION OFFICE**

Cattle Club

- FEB 2
- MARCH 2
- APRIL 6
- MAY 4



**6:30 PM
EXHIBIT HALL**

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training

- MARCH- 18
- MAY- 21
- APRIL- 27
- JUNE- 30

**REQUIRED FOR ALL 4-H YOUTH
PARTICIPATING IN BEEF, DAIRY, GOATS,
POULTRY, RABBITS, SHEEP, AND SWINE.**

**6:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL**

*MEMBERS MUST HAVE THIS TRAINING COMPLETE BY JULY 1, 2026 IN
ORDER TO SHOW THEIR LIVESTOCK.

Livestock Tag Days

- CATTLE - FEBRUARY 20, 4-8 PM
- SHEEP - MAY 8, 4:30-7:30 PM
- GOATS - MAY 9, 9-11 AM

**PLEASE REFER TO THE TERMS & CONDITIONS
TO DETERMINE IF YOU NEED TO ATTEND TO
HAVE YOUR LIVESTOCK IDENTIFIED.**

**CLAY COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS**

2026 Clay County 4-H Fair Show Days

- DOG OBEDIENCE - MON, 7/13
- DOG AGILITY - TUES, 7/14
- RABBIT SHOW-SAT, 7/18
- CONTESTING-SAT, 7/18
- MINI 4-H SHOWS-SAT, 7/18
- MEAT GOAT SHOW-SUN, 7/19
- WESTERN SHOW-SUN, 7/19
- POULTRY SHOW-SUN, 7/19
- BEEF SHOW-MON, 7/20
- ENGLISH SHOW-MON, 7/20
- DAIRY SHOW-TUE, 7/21
- SHEEP SHOW-TUE, 7/21
- SWINE SHOW-WED, 7/22
- DAIRY GOAT SHOW-THU, 7/23

***SHOW TIMES WILL BE
RELEASED CLOSER TO FAIR.**

****ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO
CHANGE.**