

# Clover Monthly January 2026

Sullivan County 4-H monthly communication for 4-H members, families, leaders, fair board, and council.

## Important Dates

- 4-H preferred enrollment 2025-2026: Oct. 1-Jan. 15 (4-H members and adult volunteers)
- Extension office closed: January 19 (MLK Jr, Day)
- Indiana 4-H Scholarships: Due January 25 in 4honline.com
- Sullivan County 4-H Fair: July 11-18, 2026
- Indiana State Fair: Aug. 7-23, 2026 (closed Mondays)



## Cancellation Reminder

Please remember that ALL Extension meetings are cancelled if school is dismissed early or cancelled due to inclement weather. This applies if only one or more Sullivan County school corporations cancel classes due to inclement weather.

## 4-H Project Guidelines & Manual Pick-up

4-H Project Guidelines and Manual Pick up—The Extension office will be open for you to pick up 4-H project manuals and/or pay 4-H fees at Ag Day on Saturday, March, 14, 2026 from 9 am to 11 am. Please call ahead and your information will be ready to pick up that morning.



## First year Sullivan County 4-Hers are free!

Woo hoo! Thank you to the Mike Sprinkle Memorial Fund, all 4-Hers who complete their first year of 4-H will be reimbursed \$15 with their project premium money after the 2026 Sullivan County 4-H Fair.

Thank you to the Mike Sprinkle family!



**Enrollment for the 2025-2026 program year is now open!**

# v2.4honline.com

**Preferred enrollment and re-enrollment is Oct. 1-January 15!**

## Save the date for these 2026 4-H opportunities

- Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse, February 10th 2026—Open to grades 7-12
- Teen Leadership Weekend @ Camp Tecumseh March 27-29, 2026—Open to Junior Leaders
- 4-H Camp: June 7-10, 2026 @ Shakamak State Park—Campers are grades 3rd-6th, counselors are grades 8th-12th
- 4-H Round-Up for grades 7-8 at Purdue, June 10-12
- 4-H Academy for grades 9-12 at Purdue, June 10-12
- 4-H Chorus @ Purdue June 20-23, 2026—Open to grades 9-12
- 4-H Band @ Purdue June 20-22, 2026—Open to grades 9-12

## New 4-H SPARK Club focused on the Wabash River

Mark your calendar now — more information, such as monthly session descriptions, cost and when to register on 4honline coming soon! There will be a 90 minute virtual session with wildlife experts presenting the Wednesday evening before each of the Saturday in-person dates below:

February 28 (Vincennes in Knox County)

March 28 (Merom in Sullivan County)

April 18 (West Terre Haute in Vigo County)

May 23 (Turkey Run State Park in Parke County)

Hopefully participants are able to attend all four months, but making it to less is also an option.



**2026**

### **Junior Leader meetings**

7-8 p.m. in the 4-H Building

March 10

April 14

May 12

June 9

July 7

Are you a Sullivan County student in grades 7–12? If so, you can join the 4-H Junior Leaders Project for the 2025–2026 program year!

Junior Leaders is a youth-led leadership program that helps members build leadership skills, make new friends, and promote 4-H throughout Sullivan County. Members work together on service projects, fundraising, and fun monthly meetings that include activities, guest speakers, and refreshments.

To complete the Junior Leaders project, members must finish the Junior Leader manual, complete one additional 4-H project, attend at least three meetings, participate in one fundraiser, and take part in one service project.

Join a team that gives back and makes a difference in our community—become a 4-H Junior Leader!

To Stay in the loop with Junior Leaders, add yourself to:

Remind: text @g4a2dg to the number 81010

Facebook: Sullivan County 4-H Junior Leaders

Instagram: sullivancojuniorleaders

### **Junior Leader Board of Directors Meeting**

January 12

5-6 pm

Extension Office

## New drones prepare Sullivan County 4-H youth to be #BeyondReady

Thank you to the Indiana Energy Association, Indiana Soybean Alliance, Indiana Corn Marketing Council, and the Indiana 4-H Foundation for providing funding to purchase a couple drones for local 4-H youth, preparing them to be beyond ready for the future in a rapidly changing world.

With these new resources, Sullivan County 4-Hers now have the opportunity to compete in upcoming UAV/drone events:

- Southern Regional 4-H UAV/Drone Competition—February 21, 2026 — Bartholomew County Fairgrounds, Columbus, IN
- Statewide 4-H UAV/Drone Competition—March 14, 2026 — Madison County 4-H Fairgrounds, Alexandria, IN

We are seeking 4-Hers in 5th through 12th grade who are interested in learning and practicing with drones and volunteers to help coach. Interested 4-Hers are encouraged to get involved. To learn more or sign up, please contact the Extension Office at 812-268-4332 or email [sullivanaces@purdue.edu](mailto:sullivanaces@purdue.edu).



## Please cash your livestock auction check

If you have not yet cashed your 2025 Sullivan County 4-H Fair Livestock Auction check, we ask that you do this as soon as possible to keep our books up-to-date. We appreciate your effort and are looking forward to a successful 2026 4-H season. Thank you.

## Apply! 4-H Scholarships for sophomores, juniors and seniors

You are eligible for 4-H scholarships for college. (Even if you're not going to Purdue.) There are 4-H scholarships for all — no matter what college you choose.

**You must be enrolled in 4-H to apply for a scholarship. Applications are submitted through [4honline.com](https://4honline.com).**

Here's the link & QR code to the online workshop: <https://bit.ly/3M1I7Sb>

It's an excellent workshop (26 minutes)



— See full page flyer in this newsletter with more details on scholarships. —

# What's New for 2026

## 4-H Non-Livestock Projects

### ALL POSTERS

Posters are to be 22"x28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect contents. **The poster must be mounted on a firm backing to add stiffness to the exhibit, for example: a foam core board.** Display boards should be designed to sit on a table using no more than 36" of tabletop space. Space should be left in the lower right-hand corner to place an exhibit tag provided by Purdue Extension staff.

### ANIMAL EDUCATION

ALL Animal Education posters will check-in in the Exhibit Building on the designated check-in day for building projects. **Animal Education posters will not be checked in at the livestock barns, during livestock check-in, or judged at the livestock shows.**

### COMPUTER

The Computer project has had several changes and additions for 2026. Please stop in the Extension Office to get a copy of the new project guidelines for the Computer project. We are also seeking a Superintendent for this project, please call the office for more information if you are interested, 812-268-4332.

### SPORTS

The 4-H Sports project is a new county project for 2026 that encourages youth to learn about the sport of their choice. A 4-H'er may choose any sport that they are interested in to create a poster about. Please stop in the Extension Office for a copy of the project guidelines.

### RETIRED PROJECTS

The following county projects have been retired from Sullivan County 4-H and will no longer be available beginning in 2026. Aviation, Basketball, Bowling, Discover the River, and Golf. Basketball, bowling, and golf can now be participated in under the new Sports project.

# 2026 Sullivan County 4-H Projects

## County Projects

These projects exhibit only in Sullivan County and do not advance to the Indiana State Fair.

Aquatics	Gift Wrapping
Blacksmithing (6th grade and above)	Junior Leaders (7th grade and above)
Crops	Scrapbook
Cupcake Decorating	Sports <b>NEW</b> - Create a poster about any sport
Farm Mapping	Welding
Fire Science	

## Livestock Projects

Beef	Poultry (chickens, pigeons, quail, gamebirds, waterfowl)
Dairy Cattle	Rabbit
Dairy Goats	Sheep
Horse & Pony	Swine
Llama and Alpaca	Meat Goats

## State Projects

These projects can advance to the Indiana State Fair.

Aerospace: Rocketry/Drones	Geology
Animal Education	Health
Arts & Crafts	Home Environment
ATV Safety	Lawn & Garden Tractor Safety & Operator Skills
Beekeeping	Model Craft
Bicycle	Needle Craft
Cake Decorating	Photography
Cat	Sewing
Child Development	Sewing Fashion Revue
Consumer Clothing	Shooting Sports
Consumer Clothing Fashion Revue	Small Engines
Computer	Soil & Water Science
Communication	Sport Fishing
Includes Creative Writing, Public Speaking	Tractor Safety & Operating Skills
Construction and Architectural Replica	Weather & Climate Science
Includes Legos and Farm Toy Scene	Wildlife
Dog	Woodworking
Electric	Zero Turn Mower Safety & Operating Skills
Entomology	
Fine Arts (paintings & drawings)	
Floriculture	
Foods (baked and preserved)	
Forestry	
Garden	
Genealogy	

Scan to learn more  
about projects





# 2026 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

## Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

## Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

## Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

**Categories:** Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

**Awards:** A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Visit [bit.ly/4hscholarship](https://bit.ly/4hscholarship) to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.

Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.

**\$174,250 AWARDED IN 2025**





# Important Meeting Dates '25-'26



## 4-H Council

7:00 p.m., Extension office conf. room  
 September 11, 2025  
 November 13, 2025  
 January 8, 2026  
 March 12, 2026  
 May 14, 2026  
 August 25, 2026, 7:30p (post fair eval)  
 September 10, 2026  
 November 12, 2026

**Selection of 4-H achievement,  
 Friends of 4-H & 4-H Alumni Awards**  
 (Includes council members and adult leaders)  
 October 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

## 4-H Fair Board

7:30 p.m., 4-H Building  
 September 30, 2025  
 October 28, 2025  
 November 25, 2025  
 January 27, 2026  
 February 24, 2026  
 March 31, 2026  
 April 28, 2026  
 May 26, 2026  
 June 30, 2026  
 August 25, 2026 (Post Fair Evaluation)  
 September 29, 2026  
 October 27, 2026  
 November 24, 2026

## 4-H Club Adult Leaders

6:00 p.m., Extension office conf. room  
 October 20, 2025  
 January 17, 2026, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (Retreat)  
 February 16, 2026  
 April 20, 2026  
 June 15, 2026  
 August 25, 2026, 7:30p (post fair evaluation)  
 October 8, 2026 achievement award selection  
 October 19, 2026

## Jr. Leaders

7:00-8:00 p.m., 4-H Building  
 November 11, 2025 Kick off  
 February 10, 2026  
 March 10, 2026  
 April 14, 2026  
 May 12, 2026  
 June 09, 2026  
 July 7, 2026  
 November 10, 2026 Kick off

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Sullivan County 4-H Clubs



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