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Extension - Sullivan County

New extension educator

We welcomed Bailey Draper as the new Purdue Extension Sullivan County Extension Educator on Feb. 26.

She is the Agriculture and Natural Resources and 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator.



Bailey was born and raised on a family farm in Hutsonville, Illinois, where she developed a strong foundation in agriculture. As a dedicated 10-year member of 4-H and an active participant in her local FFA chapter, she gained valuable hands-on experience through various projects, including showing pigs and beef calves at the Crawford County Fair.

After high school, Bailey pursued an Associate's degree at Lake Land College, later transferring to Illinois College to earn her bachelor's degree in agricultural business. Today, her family continues to raise calves for sale as freezer beef. In her free time, Bailey enjoys thrifting, gardening, taking photos at livestock shows, and spending time with her dogs.

Bailey is excited to embark on the next chapter of her life, eager to continue sharing her passion for agriculture and making a positive impact in the industry.

Contact Bailey at bldraper@purdue.edu or 812-268-4332.



Mark your calendar — April 30!

The countdown is on for Purdue Day of Giving on April 30 — the perfect opportunity to provide financial support for Purdue Extension Sullivan County programming!

This annual spring fundraising event brings everyone together for 24 hours of collective giving and support.

The best part is that ALL funds raised by Sullivan County Extension on this day go directly to Sullivan County Extension programming.

We look forward to some friendly competition, as the top 10 county Extension offices will receive bonus funds.

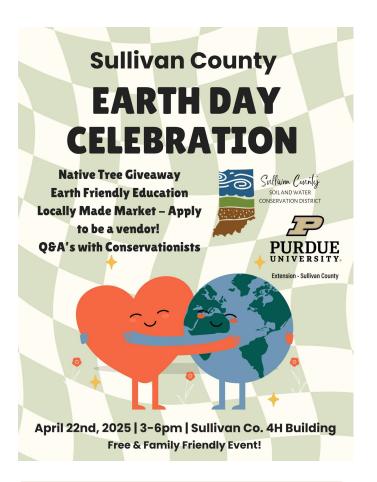
On April 30, please watch our Facebook page, Purdue Extension - Sullivan County, for the link to give! (The link will only be available on April 30.)

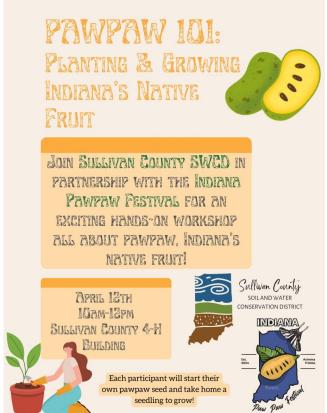
For more information, contact Cheryl Casselman at 812-268-4332 or ccassel@purdue.edu.



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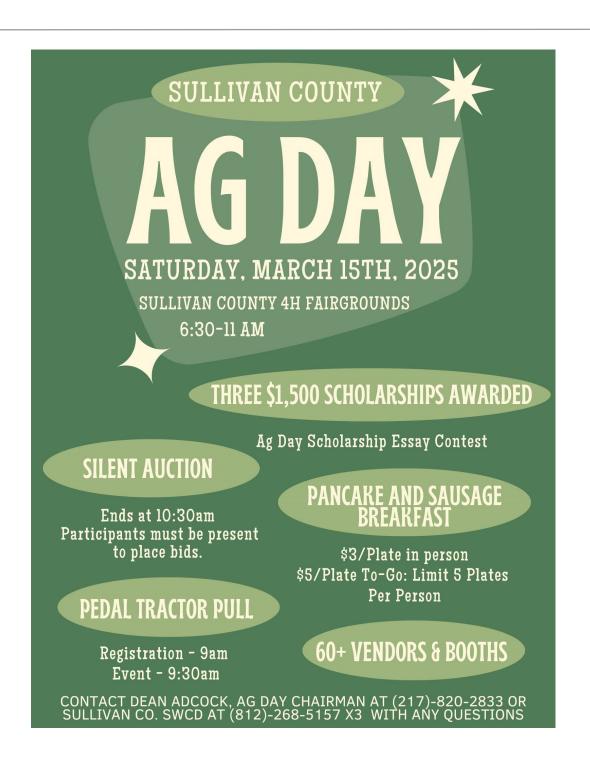
Indiana Extension Homemakers Association Sullivan County President's Message

We're starting a new Extension Homemaker club!

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about being a member of a new Sullivan County Homemakers Club, please plan to attend the new club's first meeting:



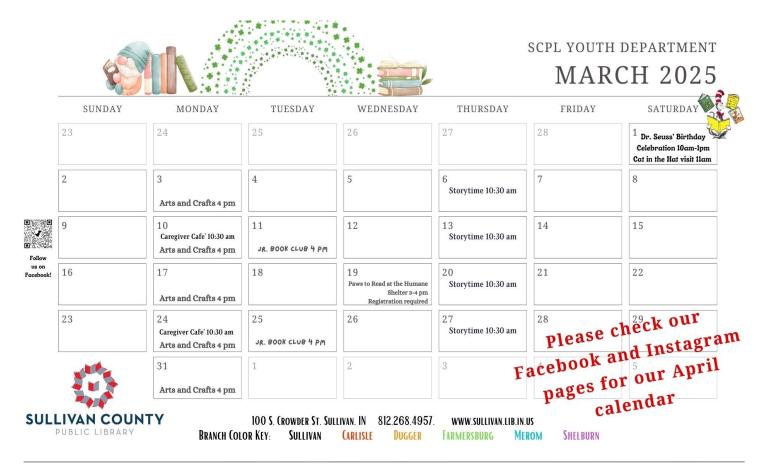
Thursday, March 20, 2025 6:00 p.m. at the Homemaker Food Stand, Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds





Friends of the Sullivan County Public Library Book Sale March 8 from 9 a.m. to Noon

Location: white garage in the parking lot across from the library



Where Does Your Money go?

2-Part workshop

Does it seem like your income is shrinking and your bills are expanding? Find extra money by considering some of your spending leaks:

Dining out at \$30 per week equals \$1,560 per year

One bottle of cola at \$1.50 per day equals \$547.50 per year

Where Does Your Money Go? is a program designed to help consumers better understand how they spend their money. Program activities include determining your spending priorities and habits as well as creating a spending-savings plan.

Session 1—Wednesday, April 2, 2025. Time: 10:30 a.m. to Noon Session 2—Tuesday, April 8, 2025. Time: 10:30 a.m. to Noon (Pre-register before 4 p.m. on April 1 by calling 812-268-4332.)

Location: Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds Purdue Extension Sullivan County office conference room 1361 E CR 75 N, Sullivan, IN 47882 Presented by Cheryl Casselman

Clover Monthly **March 2025**

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

Important Dates

Ag Day: March 15, 6:30-11 a.m., 4-H Building

New 4-H family orientation: March 15, 9:30-10am,

Homemakers Food Stand at Fairgrounds

Performing Arts Contest: April 3, 6:30 pm, Crossroads Church

4-H flower order forms due to leaders: April 21

4-H flower distribution: May 1, 3:30-7pm, Exhibit building

Livestock ID deadline (4-H online): May 15

4-H Camp: June 8-11, 2025 (Shakamak State Park)

Sullivan County 4-H Fair: July 12-19, 2025

Indiana State Fair: Aug. 1-17, 2025 (closed Mondays) Indiana State Fair: Aug. 7-23, 2026 (closed Mondays)



4-H Project Guidelines and Manual Pick-up during Ag Day

Extension office will be open for you to pick up 4-H project guidelines and manuals, to pay 4-H fees, or any other Extension office business on Saturday, March, 15 from 9 am to 11 am. Please call or email ahead to request project materials and your information will be ready to pick up that morning. Call 812-268-4332 or email sullivances@purdue.edu.



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 2025 Sullivan County 4-H Fair.

Thank you to the Mike Sprinkle family!

Get enrolled today at v2.4honline.com.

Contact the Extension office if you have questions or need assistance at 812-268-4332 or sullivances@purdue.edu.

You can still register for 4-H — tell a friend!

You can still sign up for 4-H! Go to **v2.4honline.com** to enroll and re-enroll for 4-H and to be a volunteer. Instructions are on our website at www.extension.purdue.edu/sullivan. Call the Extension office if you have questions: 812-268-4332.

To apply for financial assistance for the \$15 enrollment fee, contact Cheryl Casselman at ccassel@purdue.edu or 812-268-4332 and she'll be happy to give direction.

4-H Fees

Regular 4-H state fee is \$15 per 4-Her. The maximum fees for families is \$45. I.e. families with more than three 4-Hers pay no more than \$45. There is no additional county 4-H fee for Sullivan County. There are no fees for Mini 4-Hers. Make checks payable to Purdue CES Ed Fund.

INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE 2025

To exhibit **BEEF CATTLE**, **DAIRY CATTLE**, **SWINE**, **SHEEP**, **MEAT GOATS**, **DAIRY GOATS**, **POULTRY**, and **RABBITS**, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training OR the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. This certification must be done an annual basis. 4-H members must be registered BEFORE attending a training. 4-H members may attend any training dates listed OR a training in another county OR complete the online YQCA training.



Tues, March 25, 6-7 p.m. (Spring Break) Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds
Tues, April 8, 5:45-6:45 p.m., Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds
Thurs, May 8, 5:30 p.m., Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds
Sun, June 29, 2-3 p.m., Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds

Register for classes on events at www.v2.4honline.com. Cost is \$3 at the door.

Those planning to be certified through the YQCA program will register at www.yqcaprogram.org and will present their completion certificate to their 4-H Extension Educator.



Those exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair must show a hard copy of the completion certificate (not digital) at check-in.

STATE 4-H PROJECT GUIDELINES UPDATES FOR 2025



The following State 4-H Projects have had changes made to the guidelines for 2025. If you are enrolled in one of the listed projects, please be sure to check the guidelines on the Purdue Extension Sullivan County website or pick up a copy at the Extension office.

Animal Education (NEW), Beekeeping, Cake Decorating, Computer Science, Consumer Clothing, Entomology, Fashion Revue Consumer Clothing, Foods Recipe Card, Foods Baked, Fashion Revue Sewing, Foods Preserved, Garden, Geology, Construction & Architecture Replica, and Photography.

Also, the state projects below have had this verbiage added to them., "Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be used, with parent permission, when creating this exhibit and is to be documented as a reference. A majority of the work to create this exhibit is to be the 4-H member's original work."

Projects are Aerospace Rockets/Drones. ATV Safety, Bicycle, Child Development, Communications, Electricity, Floriculture, Forestry, Genealogy, Health, Home Environment, Lawn & Garden Safety & Operator Skills, Shooting Sports, Small Engine, Soil & Water Science, Tractor Safety & Operator Skills, Sportfishing, Veterinary Science, Weather & Climate Science, Wildlife, Woodworking, and Zero Turn Mower & Operator Skills.

NEW STATE 4-H PROJECT ANIMAL EDUCATION

Owning or showing an animal is not required to enroll in this project! Enroll in 4honline as Animal Education, then when Fair Entry opens, you can choose with species of animal you will be making a poster or display about. Animals included are Beef, Cat, Dairy Cattle, Dog, Goat, Horse, Llama/Alpaca, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine. Please see the Purdue Extension Sullivan County website for project guidelines or stop by the office for a copy. This project will check –in with the non-perishable building projects and be on display in the Exhibit building Fair week. Call or come into the office with questions.

4-H Flower sale

It's time for the 2025 4-H Geranium and Wave Petunia Sale! This fundraiser helps pay for Sullivan County 4-H trips, scholarships, activities and events throughout the year. 4-Hers in 3rd-12th grade should look for order forms in your mailbox in March. Mini 4-Hers do not participate. Orders and money due to club leaders by April 21. Flower orders pick-up will be May 1 at the fairgrounds from 3:30 to 7 pm in the Exhibit building.

4-H Adult Volunteers

NOW is the time for all 4-H adult volunteers to enroll or re-enroll in 4Honline.

The online training has been updated this year and will take about 30 minutes to complete. Go to v2.4honline.com to complete the annual training.

Instructions are on our website: www.extension.purdue.edu/sullivan. From the home page, scroll down and click on the "4-H Information" link, then scroll down to the "NEW Adult Volunteer" or "Returning Adult Volunteer" links.

The application process for new volunteers is all online now, including the applications and listing references.

If you have questions or need computer access, don't hesitate to contact the Extension office at 812-268-4332. We look forward to helping you complete everything.

Thank you, volunteers, for completing this important process right away.

4-H Blacksmithing Schedule 2025

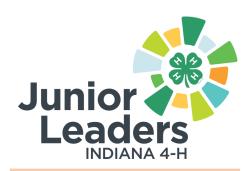
March 31 (Monday) 5:00-8:00 April 14 (Monday) 5:00-8:00 April 28 (Monday) 5:00-8:00 May 5 (Monday) 5:00 - 8:00 May 19 (Monday) 5:00 - 8:00

June 2 (Monday) 5:00 – 8:00

June 7 (Saturday) DEMO AT MEROM CHAUTAUGQUA after parade!

June 16 (Monday) 5:00-8:00 (Last workshop before the fair!)

Please note: all meetings will be held at Bob Hunley's blacksmith shop unless specified otherwise.



2024-2025

Junior Leader meetings

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

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

July 8

Junior Leader Update

Junior Leaders will "man" the 4-H booth at Sullivan County Ag Day on Saturday, March 15, as we have done in the past.

Instead of a scavenger hunt, we'll be doing a cow pie toss activity and sharing cattle industry facts and information with visitors.

At the March 11 Junior Leader meeting, you'll be making the supplies needed for the Ag Day activity and organizing the educational information you will share.

Please let Cheryl Casselman know by calling the Extension office or letting her know at the March 11 meeting if you are able to be at Ag Day anytime during the 6:30-11 a.m. event.

We'll need 2 or 3 Junior Leaders each one-hour shift.

Board members: please plan to be at the monthly meetings at 6:45 p.m. Thank you!

Announcement: New Fairbanks 4-H Club!

Sullivan County is bringing back the Fairbanks Township 4-H Club.

Adult Club Leader Emma Brunger and Assistant Club Leaders Bailey Potts and Gwen Drake are energized and ready for 2025 and beyond!

Meeting location is the Fairbanks Community Center (the former Fairbanks School): 6535 W County Rd 925 N, Fairbanks, IN

The club is listed as "Fairbanks Township Club" in 4honline. Whenever the club chooses their name, it will be updated.

The first meeting was in February. Stay tuned for next meeting dates.

Mini 4-H Kick Off Meeting

The first Mini 4-H meeting will be on **March 19, 6-7 pm in the 4-H Building.**

Junior Leaders will be there to share about the Junior Leader project and other 4-H projects.

Kindergarten-2nd graders can enroll in Mini 4-H now at v2.4honline.com!

There is no enrollment fee for Mini 4-H.

Mini 4-H Leaders: Carrie Baker Ashley Myers



Sullivan County 4-H Performing Arts Contest

April 3, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Crossroads Community Church 2 South Court St, Sullivan



Curtain Act – Musical (1-4 performers with a 3-5-minute instrumental or vocal performance	e)
Curtain Act - Non-Musical (1-4 performers with a 3-5-minute act. Skits, gymnastics, read cheerleading, lip sync, juggling, puppetry & dance)	ing,
Group Act (5+ performers of skits, sketches, choral numbers, dance, lip sync, or any new exciting group version of a non-musical curtain act. 5-8 minutes)	&
Person in charge of group	
Phone number	
4-H Club Name	
Tell us a little about the act. How would you like to be introduced?	
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Is a piano needed? Yes No	
Other items needed	

Submit this form by **4 p.m. Thursday, **March 27**, **2025**, at the Extension Office or email ccassel@purdue.edu. For additional info, please call the Extension Office at 812-268-4332.

If you need accommodations to attend this program, please indicate on the registration form, or contact Cheryl Casselman prior to the event at 812-268-4332 or ccassel@purdue.edu by noon on April 1, 2025. Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action university.



2025 Club Meeting Schedule

Grand Champion Sycamores

Meeting will begin at 6:00 pm in the 4-H building unless announced otherwise.

March 5

April 1

May 7

June 3

July 2

Club Leaders:

Kennedy Gofourth 812-236-0763

Emma Thrasher 764-341-6084

Curry Nomads

All meetings are at the Shelburn Legion at 6 pm, unless specified below.

Please make sure to get added to the GroupMe app to receive instant updates pertaining to the club events, changes & anything else we need to share.

March 11 March 27 April 8 April 24

May 6 May 22 Spring Cookout

June 3 June 19 July 8 @ Curry Nomads Stand

July 12 - 19 FAIR WEEK July 26 Completion Trip

September TBD Corn Festival Parade

October TBD Fall Cookout

November TBD Ringing the Bell Community

Service

Club Leaders:

Corrina Houser 812-607-0800 Kailee Cloutier 812-240-5759

Gill Go Getters

Meetings are held at the New Lebanon Community Building at 6pm.

March 13

April 10

May 8

June 12

Cass Champs

Meetings will be the 1st Monday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Dugger Community Building: 840 S Hicum St, Dugger.

March 3 April 7 May 5

June 2 July 7

Club Leaders:

Cara Gofourth 812-564-3517 Betty Monroe 812-264-9298 Kerri Shreve 812-665-9316

Haddon Blue Ribbon Hustlers

All meetings will be at the Carlisle Community building at 6:30pm.

March 18 May 20 June 17 July TBD

Old Oak Old Hickory

Meetings will be held at 7pm at the Hymera Ruritan.

March 6

April 3

May 1

June 5

July 3

Turman Lads and Lassies

Meetings are held at Graysville Community Center (corner of highways 63 & 54) at 6pm.

March 12

April 7

April 17– Turn in flower order forms & money.

May 12

June 5

June 23

July 1

Bridges to Adventure

Survival Skills

An immersive outdoor survival experience to learn essential wilderness skills, including shelter building, fire starting, and foraging.

February 26th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

March 1st - Ransburg Scout Reservation 10am-3pm

Sportfishing

Experience the thrill of fishing, discover how to filet, fry, and savor the delicious results of your catch!

April 2nd - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm April 5th - Raccoon Lake 10am-3pm

Flyfishing

A hands-on fly fishing adventure! Learn not only the art of fly casting, but also how to build fly rods and create custom flies.

March 19th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

March 22nd - Fairfax State Rec Area 10am-3pm

Outdoor Skills

Get a grip on nature, & learn skills to enjoy your time outside, from map and compass reading to knot tying and tracking.

May 14th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm
May 17th - Shakamak State Park 10am-3pm

\$35

Lots of Ways to Participate!

Go all in! Attend
all + virtual
sessions and all +
in-person sessions

Attend whatever sessions that fit into your schedule! Busy, but crave the knowledge? Virtual sessions will be recorded to watch at your leisure



REGISTER NOW

bridgestoodventure.4honline.com



YOUTH WORKER CAFÉ



Sullivan County

Building Resilience: Supporting Stressed and Anxious Youth

March 18, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. ET

Sullivan Civic Center

In-Person | iyi.org

Register at iyi.org

Register here: https://bit.ly/43jnsPV



Photo by "Altered momma"/Karen, flickr

Junk Journaling for Beginners Sunday, April 27, 2-4 p.m.

Grades 6-12 \$10 per person (cash or check by 4 p.m. April 21)

This is an intro to junk journaling — a book filled with recycled items and personal items for keeping memories, ideas, and inspiration. It's

great for relaxation and a great way to store mementos and thoughts.

Everyone will learn what it is, see examples, start a journal, and take it home to continue the junk journaling journey. All supplies are provided. Bring your creativity!

Must pre-register by 4 p.m. on April 21, by calling Sullivan County Extension at 812-268-4332.

