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I hope everyone had an enjoyable spring break! With the weather getting warmer and the end of the school year quickly approaching, we have started planning for all of the summer activities! In this newsletter you will find registration information for the summer trips and camps. Keep an eye out for more opportunities as they arise. Follow our Clay County 4-H Facebook page and check out our calendar on the County Website for the most up to date information!

As a 4-H'er beginning to work on your exhibit hall projects and training your livestock animals, be sure that you are reviewing the terms and conditions. Mark your calendars for the important tag days and project judging dates. May 15th is the deadline to enter all animals into 4-H Online, any animals not entered by this date will be ineligible to show. Contact the office if you have questions during this process.

If you have not enrolled for the year or if you know any new friends who might want to join, it's not too late! Send them to our county Website: extension.purdue.edu/clay or have them reach out to the Extension Office at 812-448-9041. We are always happy to help answer any questions!

~Natalie

# 2024 CLAY COUNT FAIR PAGEANT



Registration is now for the Clay County Fair Queen, Princess, Duchess pageants and the Little Miss and Mister contest. Registration is from March 15 through May 18 Entry fee is \$30 for all divisions. For more information and to register, visit https://bit.ly/41mfYHL.



Contact Us! 812-448-9041

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Clay County 4-H

**County Website:** https://bit.ly/41qF7DU

# Important Dates to **Remember:**

- Sheep Tag Days
  - May3&4
- Goat Tag Day
  - May 4
- **Animal ID Deadline** 
  - May 15
- State Fair DNA Due
  - May 15
- **Poultry Blood Testing** 
  - May 18
- Mini 4-H Day Camp
  - June 6
- 4-H Camp
  - June 9-12
- 4-H Academy
  - June 12-14
- 4-H Round Up
  - June 24-26
- Fair Entry Deadline
  - June 28
- **Exhibit Hall Project Judging** 
  - July 10-11
- Clay County 4-H Fair
  - **July 13-19**



# 4-H CAMP - JUNE 9-12 @ SHAKAMAK STATE PARK

4-H Camp registration is now open for 4-H members in grades 3-6. Join us for a fun filled time of recreation, learning, and making new friends! Camp is held at Shakamak State Park June 9th through the 12th and is for our 3rd through 6th graders. We will spend the week with Sullivan, Daviess, Owen, and Vigo County 4-H'ers. The camp fee is \$120 for 3 nights/4 days full of fun! There is limited funding to assist those with financial need, please contact Natalie to learn more prior to registration. This is an awesome opportunity to meet 4-H'ers from other counties, learn new skills, and have lots of fun! There will be recreation time, art, swimming, and lots more. Enjoy the experience of sleeping in cabins, eating meals in the mess hall, and exploring nature.

CLAY COUNTY 4-H CAMP

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4-H CAMP

SHAKAMAK STATE PARK

REGISTRATION IS OPEN APRIL 1ST - MAY 10TH

Visit <a href="https://claycounty4Hcamp.4honline.com">https://claycounty4Hcamp.4honline.com</a> to register for camp today!

# MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

#### 4-H ACADEMY @ PURDUE JUNE 12 - 14, 2024 for grades 9-12

4-H Academy @ Purdue is a program held at Purdue University specifically designed to offer hands-on, exciting opportunities to learn about a diverse selection of subjects and careers. During this conference previously known as 4-H Science Workshops, participants will meet and learn from professors, graduate students and other experts in their respective fields and participate in interactive activities and experiential learning. Participants stay in a Purdue University Residence Hall for two nights while exploring the Purdue University campus and meeting 4-H members from across Indiana. **Registration opens March 15!** Contact the Extension Office to begin your registration.

#### 4-H ROUND-UP JUNE 24 - 26, 2024 for grades 7-9

4-H Round-Up is an exciting opportunity offered to youth who have completed grades 7, 8, and 9. Attendees have an opportunity to explore a variety of careers by attending classes created just for Round-Up attendees at Purdue University. Participants will get a taste of college life and will live in a Purdue Residence Hall for two nights. Youth have an opportunity to meet others from across the state and further develop their leadership skills. Recreation events are planned in the evenings and blocks of free time allow attendees the opportunity to build friendships on their own. **Registration is due by May 15!** Contact the Extension Office to begin your registration.

### TRACTOR CLUB LEADER NEEDED!

The Clay County Ag Tractor/Lawn Mower Safety & Operation project is looking for a new club leader. This position not only offers a chance to share knowledge but also helps in preparing young individuals for tractor driving contests, fostering a sense of responsibility and safety awareness. Interested in learning more about the position? Contact Natalie at the Extension Office!





### WORKING ON YOUR POSTERS YET?

#### GET YOUR STATE APPROVED POSTER BOARD AND SLEEVES AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE!

We are offering foam core poster boards for \$3 and clear plastic covers for \$1. The clear plastic covers are designed like an envelope where you simply slip your foam core poster inside and seal it with its own self-adhesive strip.

Just a couple of things to keep in mind: All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained and giving credit to the original author.

This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is required for the reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed. Make sure to carefully review the project requirements prior to the fair. These can be found on our county website (<a href="https://tinyurl.com/37z2cjt8">https://tinyurl.com/37z2cjt8</a>) or in the Extension Office.





## AWARD SPONSORS NEEDED!

If your family or your business would like to sponsor awards for the 2024 Clay County Fair, please contact Ashley at the Extension Office (aevinger@purdue.edu). The awards that are still needing sponsored range in price from \$8 - \$37. New for 2024, for an additional \$10.00 you can have your farm/business logo displayed on all of the vinyl banners & Acrylic awards that you sponsor.

Our 4-H members put a lot of time & effort into the projects that these awards go towards, they are all well earned and greatly appreciated!

## 4-H PROGRAM FEES

If you have not paid you \$15 State 4-H fee for your 2024 membership, please contact the Extension Office. Your 4-H membership is not complete or approved until we have received your program fee for the year. You will not be able to add your livestock or add/drop projects until your 4HOnline profile is marked active.

# RESERVATIONS FOR FAIR CAMPING OPEN MAY 1ST!

Starting May 1t you'll be able to reserve a spot to park your camper during fair. Visit <a href="https://clayfairgrounds.com/">https://clayfairgrounds.com/</a> and use the map to select your space. The cost this year for the week is \$280 for 50 amp with water or \$200 for a regular site. Don't wait long, spots will fill up fast! If you have any questions, please contact Bryce Schopmeyer at 812-243-4210.





## DEADLINE TO ADD ANIMAL INFORMATION INTO

### 4-H ONLINE - MAY 15, 2024

May 15th is the deadline to enroll all your animals (Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Goats, and Rabbits)\* into 4-H Online. In order to be eligible to show at the fair, this step must be completed! Refer to the livestock packet you should have received in the mail for instructions. If you did not receive a packet or have questions on this, please contact the Extension Office. **After May 15 we will not be able to add animals, making them ineligible to show, so please don't hesitate to get them registered!**\*Poultry will be registered by paper form this year, due <u>May 18th</u>.

# Sheep Tag Days



**Friday, May 3 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** are the annual 4-H sheep identification days in the Sheep Barn. All sheep exhibitors are required to bring their sheep to the fairgrounds for identification. During tag-in, all market animals and commercial ewes will be tagged with a five-digit county tag number. All registered ewes must be brought to tag-in for identification purposes. All animals tagged with a county tag will be charged \$3.00 each for the tag expense. Any sheep that potentially plan to exhibit at the State Fair must be tagged with a Shearwell RFID tag as well for a fee of \$3.00 each.

### STATE FAIR DNA - MAY 15

If you are planning on exhibiting swine, beef or dairy cattle, sheep or meat goats at the Indiana State Fair, you are required to submit a DNA hair sample to the Extension Office by May 15. DNA envelopes can be obtained at the office or on tag day.

# Goat Tag Day



#### 4-H GOAT TAG-IN: MAY 4, 2024

WHAT NEEDS TO ATTEND TAG-IN?

- Any goat that does not have a tattoo or scrapie tag or microchip
- All Meat Goat Wethers and Market Does who plan on exhibiting at the State Fair
- Any Wether Goat that plans to be eligible for the Clay County 4-H Rate of Gain (Pygmy Goat Wethers over a year old are not eligible for the Clay County 4-H Rate of Gain Class)

# Swine RFID Tags

All swine must be assigned an 840-RFID ear tag to be eligible to show at the Clay County & State Fair. These tags can be purchased at the Extension Office for \$3.00 each. You will need to enter the assigned 840 number for each animal when you identify them on 4HOnline by May 15. There will not be a swine tag day, if you need assistance in tagging please call the Extension Office & we can put in contact with someone who can assist.

# Poultry Blood Testing



In 1981 Indiana became an official U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean state. To maintain this classification, all poultry (excluding waterfowl & pigeons) with intent to come to the county fair must be officially blood tested. **Blood testing will be offered on May 18th at the fairgrounds from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.** This will be the only day that blood testing is offered. The cost for testing is to be determined, but is expected to be about \$1 per animal. Please make arrangements to attend! If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 812-448-9041.



# LIVESTOCK



# 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 6:30 pm in the Exhibit Hall on the following dates:

- April 30, 2024 https://claycoapril30qlctraining.4honline.com
- May 22, 2024 https://claycomay22qlctraining.4honline.com
- June 19, 2024 <a href="https://claycojune19qlctraining.4honline.com">https://claycojune19qlctraining.4honline.com</a>

# 4-H FAIR SHOW DAYS:

7/1/24 - Dog Obedience Show @ 4:00 pm

7/2/24 - Dog Agility Show @ 4:00 pm

7/12/24 - Livestock check-in @ 6:00 to 9:00 pm

7/13/24 - Livestock check-in @ 7:00 to 10:00 am

7/13/24 - Rabbit Show @ 12:00 pm

7/13/24 - Horse & Pony Contesting @ 2:00 pm

7/14/24 - Horse & Pony Western Show @ 9:00 am

7/14/24 - Meat Goat Show @ 12:00 pm

7/15/24 - Horse & Pony English Show @ 9:00 am

7/15/24 - Beef Show @ 10:00 am

7/15/24 - Poultry Show @ 11:00 am

7/16/24 - Sheep Show @ 9:00 am

7/16/24 - Dairy Show @ 4:00 pm

7/17/24 - Swine Show @ 1:00 pm

7/18/24 - Dairy Goat Show @ 9:00 am

7/18/24 - Round Robin @ 7:00 pm

7/18/24 - Livestock Released @ 9:00 pm

7/19/24 - Livestock Auction @ TBD





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## 2024 INDIANA STATE FAIR

The Indiana State Fair will be held August 2nd - 18th at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis. They are again planning to be closed on Mondays this year. The livestock show schedule and entry books can be found here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/58rm9tpy">https://tinyurl.com/58rm9tpy</a>

# CLAY COUNTY 4-H CLUB DATES

#### **4-EVER ACHIEVERS**

#### **Staunton Community** Center 6:00 pm

- April 2, 2024
- May 7, 2024
- June 4, 2024
- July 2, 2024

#### **GOAT CLUB**

#### Clay Co. Fairgrounds 2:30 pm

- April 28, 2024
  May 18, 2024 -Workshop
  June 15, 2024 -
- Workshop
- June 30. 2024

#### HHHH

- April 30 @6:00 4-H stand, Goshorn Park
- June 18 @10:00 4-H stand. Goshorn Park

#### **Bookmark the** main Clay County 4-H calendar to see what all is happening today!



#### **HORSE & PONY**

#### Clay Co. Fairgrounds 7:00 pm

- April 18, 2024
- May 16, 2024
- June 20, 2024

#### **CLEVER CLOVERS**

#### First United Methodist Fellowship Hall in Clay City

- 7:00 pm
  - April 8, 2024
  - May 13, 2024
  - June 10, 2024
  - July 8, 2024

#### **CATTLE CLUB**

#### Clay Co. Fairgrounds 6:30 pm

- May 13, 2024
- June 10, 2024
- July 8, 2024

#### **POULTRY CLUB**

#### Clay Co. Fairgrounds 7:00 pm

- April 9, 2024
- May 14, 2024
- May 18, 2024 -Blood Testing June 11, 2024

#### Jr. Leaders

#### Clay Co. Fairgrounds 7:00 pm

- April 15, 2024
- May 20, 2024
- June 17, 2024

#### **VAN BUREN HUSTLERS**

#### Clay Co. Fairgrounds 7:00 pm

- April 11, 2024
- May 9, 2024

Lost Creek

6:00 pm

5:00 pm

6:00 pm

- June 13, 2024
- June 27, 2024

**TOP SHOTS** 

April 10 - shotgun

April 18 - rifle • May 8 - shotgun

May 16 - rifle June 12 - shotgun

June 20 - rifle

**RABBIT CLUB** 

Clay Co. Fairgrounds

April 21, 2024

• June 23, 2024

JACKSON TWP.

**FARMHANDS** 

Clay Co. Fairgrounds

April 22, 2024May 23, 2024

June 27, 2024

May 5, 2024

Conservation Club

### **SWINE CLUB**

#### Clay Co. Fairgrounds 5:00 pm

- April 21, 2024
- May 19, 2024

#### **MINI 4-H**

#### Clay Co. Fairgrounds 6:00 pm

- April 15, 2024
- May 20, 2024
- June 17, 2024

#### **DOG CLUB**

#### Clay Co. Fairgrounds 5:00 pm

- April 5
- April 8
- April 15
- April 19
- April 22
- April 26
- April 29
- May 3
- May 6
- May 10
- May 13
- May 17
- May 20
- May 24
- May 31

#### LIVESTOCK JUDGING

#### **Extension Office** 6:30 pm

• April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2024

