

Have you enrolled for the new 4-H year yet?
Don't miss out, enroll today! v2.4honline.com

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Spring has officially sprung! I hope everyone had a great spring break and is enjoying the warmer weather. 4-H activities are now in full swing. We have clubs out in the community making a difference, the 4-H calendar is filling up, and we have started planning all of our summer activities! Make sure to check your emails for updates and upcoming events, and follow us on Facebook to see highlights of the program. If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out, we love the opportunity to speak with you.

In this newsletter you will find important livestock enrollment information, upcoming events, and the 2025 fair theme! Also check out the summer trip and camp opportunities, these are always a highlight of the year. Remember, as you are starting to work on your 4-H projects and training your 4-H animals, be sure to review the terms and conditions for each project. These, along with a lot of other helpful information, can be found on our Clay County 4-H website.

It's not too late to sign up! If you have any friends in grades K-12 who might be interested in enrolling, have them reach out to the Extension Office with any question or send them to 4-H Online to register (v2.4honline.com). 4-H is a FREE program for all Clay County 4-H youth thanks to the overwhelming success of the Jr. Leader pie auction at the fair! We look forward to seeing you soon!
Natalie



Important Dates to Remember:

- Sheep Tag Day
 - May 2
- Goat Tag Day
 - May 3
- Animal ID Deadline
 - May 15
- State Fair DNA Due
 - May 15
- Poultry Blood Testing
 - May 17
- Mini 4-H Day Camp
 - June 5
- 4-H Camp
 - June 8-11
- 4-H Academy
 - June 11-13
- 4-H Round Up
 - June 23-25
- Fair Entry Deadline
 - July 1
- Exhibit Hall Project Judging
 - July 9-10
- Clay County 4-H Fair
 - July 12-18



COUNTY 4-H NEWS



4-H CAMP - JUNE 8-11 @ SHAKAMAK STATE PARK

4-H Camp registration will open for 4-H members in grades 3-6 on **April 1st**.

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.

Visit <https://4-HCamp2025.4honline.com> to register for camp on April 1st!



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

4-H ACADEMY @ PURDUE JUNE 11 - 13, 2025 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. For more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/bdh47nbs>.

Registration is due by May 9! Contact the Extension Office to begin your registration.

4-H ROUND-UP JUNE 23 - 25, 2025 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. For more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/mtwevnjf>

Registration is due by May 9! Contact the Extension Office to begin your registration.



CALLING ALL 4-H PERFORMERS!



Get ready to shine on stage at the Historic Tivoli Theatre on Tuesday, April 22nd at 6:30 PM! If you're a 4-H'er in Clay, Greene, Monroe, Owen, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion, or Vigo Counties, this is YOUR chance to showcase your talents!

◆ Performance Categories:

🎵 Musical Acts – Singing, playing an instrument, etc. (1-4 performers, 3-5 min)

🎭 Non-Musical Acts – Skits, magic, dance, gymnastics, comedy & more! (1-4 performers, 3-5 min)

👥 Group Acts – (5+ performers, 5-8 min)

⏰ Don't wait – Registration closes April 17th! Sign up here ➡ bit.ly/4Hperformingarts





COUNTY 4-H NEWS



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.

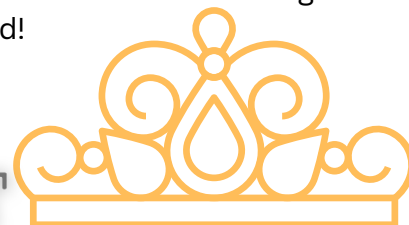
Just a couple of things to keep in mind: All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained and giving credit to the original author. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, 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. Make sure to carefully review the project requirements prior to the fair. These can be found on our county website (<https://tinyurl.com/37z2cjt8>) or in the Extension Office.



AWARD SPONSORS NEEDED!

If your family or your business would like to sponsor awards for the 2025 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. 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!

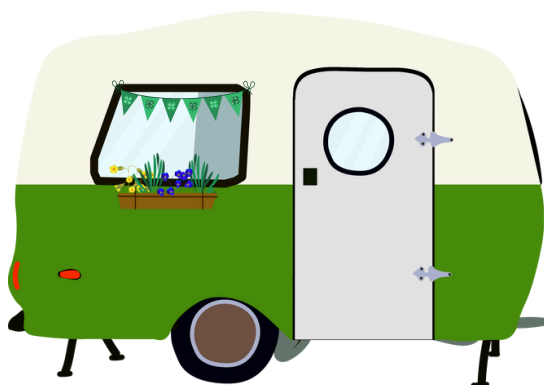


2025 CLAY COUNTY FAIR PAGEANT

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 17. Entry fee is \$30 for all divisions. For more information and rules please visit, <https://claycoinroyalty.wixsite.com/pageants>. To register, visit:

Little Miss & Mister - <https://tinyurl.com/rvsmas2j>

Queen, Princess, and Dutchess - <https://tinyurl.com/mr2jxn timer>



RESERVATIONS FOR FAIR CAMPING WILL OPEN SOON!

4-H council will be using their website (<https://clayfairgrounds.com/>) again this year for you to be able to view the map to select and reserve your space. **We will send an email out to all 4-H members and post on Facebook letting you know the exact date that reservations will open and pricing/campsite.** Don't wait too long to reserve your spot as they usually fill up fast!



LIVESTOCK NEWS



DEADLINE TO ADD ANIMAL INFORMATION INTO 4-H ONLINE - MAY 15, 2025

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 May 17th.

Sheep Tag Day



4-H SHEEP TAG DAY: FRIDAY MAY 2, 2025

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.

Goat Tag Day



4-H GOAT TAG DAY: SATURDAY MAY 3, 2025

What needs to attend Tag Day?

- 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)

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 Extension Office or on tag day.**

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 17th at the fairgrounds from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.** 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 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 6:30 pm in the Exhibit Hall on the following dates:

- **April 29, 2025** - <https://claycountyqlcapril29.4honline.com>
- **May 22, 2025** - <https://claycountyqlcmay22.4honline.com>
- **June 30, 2025** - <https://claycountyqlcjune30.4honline.com>



4-H FAIR SHOW DAYS:

- 7/6/25 - Dog Obedience Show @ 4:00 pm
- 7/7/25 - Dog Agility Show @ 4:00 pm
- 7/11/25 - Livestock check-in @ 6:00 to 10:00 pm
- 7/12/25 - Livestock check-in @ 7:00 to 9:00 am
- 7/12/25 - Rabbit Show
- 7/12/25 - Horse & Pony Contesting
- 7/12/25 - Mini 4-H Livestock Show (all species but horse)
- 7/13/25 - Horse & Pony Western Show
- 7/13/25 - Mini 4-H Horse Show
- 7/13/25 - Meat Goat Show
- 7/14/25 - Horse & Pony English Show
- 7/14/25 - Beef Show
- 7/14/25 - Poultry Show
- 7/15/25 - Sheep Show
- 7/15/25 - Dairy Show
- 7/16/25 - Swine Show
- 7/17/25 - Dairy Goat Show
- 7/17/25 - Round Robin @ 7:00 pm
- 7/17/25 - Livestock Released @ 9:00 pm
- 7/18/25 - Livestock Auction

**FULL FAIR
SCHEDULE TO BE
RELEASED SOON!**

2025 CLAY COUNTY 4-H FAIR THEME:



2025 INDIANA STATE FAIR

The Indiana State Fair will be held August 1st - 17th 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:

<https://tinyurl.com/58rm9tpy>





2025 4-H Club MEETING DATES

Clay County

CLAY COUNTY 4-H FAIR
JULY 12-18, 2025

Livestock Skillathon

- MARCH- 26
 - APRIL- 23
 - MAY- 28
 - JUNE- 1025
- 6:00 PM
EXTENSION
OFFICE**

Jackson Twp. Farmhands

- APRIL- 24
 - MAY- 22
 - JUNE- 26
- 6:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL**

Sharp Shooters Archery

- MARCH-24 & 31
 - APRIL- 7, 14, 21 & 28
 - MAY- 5 & 19
 - JUNE- 2, 16 & 23
 - JULY- 7
- 6:00 PM
FAIRGROUNDS**

Mini 4-H

- APRIL- 21
 - MAY- 19
 - JUNE- 16
- 6:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL**

Cattle Club

- APRIL- 7
 - MAY- 5
 - JUNE- 2
- 6:30 PM
EXHIBIT HALL**

Harrison Handy Happy Helpers

- MARCH-25
 - APRIL-22
 - MAY-12
 - JUNE-19
- 6:00 PM
CLAY CITY FIRST
FINANCIAL BANK**

Swine Club

- APRIL- 14
 - MAY- 12
 - JUNE- 9
- 6:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL**

Rabbit Club

- APRIL- 8
 - MAY- 13
 - JUNE- 10
- 7:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL**

Poultry Club

- APRIL-22
 - MAY-27
 - JUNE-24
- 7:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL**

Clever Clovers

- APRIL- 7
 - MAY- 5
 - JUNE- 9
- 7:00 PM
CLAY CITY FIRST
CHURCH**

Horse & Pony

- APRIL- 17
 - MAY- 15
 - JUNE- 19
- 7:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL**

Junior Leaders

- APRIL- 21
 - MAY- 19
 - JUNE- 16
- 7:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL**

Van Buren Hustlers

- APRIL- 10
 - MAY- 8
 - JUNE- 12 & 26
- 7:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL**

Sheep Club

- APRIL-7
 - MAY-14
- 6:00 PM
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Dog Club

- MARCH- 24 & 31
- APRIL- 7,14,21 & 28
- MAY- 2,5,9,12,16, 19,23 & 30
- JUNE- 2,6,9, 13,16,20,23,25, 27 & 30

**6:00 PM
SHOW ARENA**

Top Shots Firearms

- APRIL- 2 & 10
 - MAY- 14 & 22
 - JUNE- 11 & 19
- 6:00 PM
LOST CREEK
CONSERVATION
CLUB**

Goat Club

- APRIL-27
 - JUNE-29
- 2:30 PM
EXHIBIT HALL**


EXTENSION NEWS



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May is mental health awareness month! Every person, no matter age or location, must consider their mental health along with their physical health. No one is alone in experiencing mental health issues and challenges. One in five adults and one in six youth in the U.S. experiences mental illness (NAMI, 2023).

The best thing to do to combat the stigma and struggles surrounding mental health is to talk about it! Talking about our struggles normalizes what we are going through and provides a sense of support and relief. Find your support system; those who will listen when you need it. Mental Health America has created a template and tips for discussing mental health when things get challenging. You can find that here: <https://mhanational.org/resources/time-to-talk-tips-for-talking-about-your-mental-health/>

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**DO YOU HAVE Concerns
about falling?**

**A MATTER OF
BALANCE**
MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

**Many older adults experience concerns about falling and
restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is an award-winning
program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.**

**This program emphasizes
practical strategies to
manage falls.**

YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- anyone concerned about falls
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- anyone who has fallen in the past
- anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

Classes will be held at: **Brazil
Public Library**

10:00 am- 12:00 pm
on Wednesdays April 30,
May 7, 14, 21, 28 June 4, 11,
and 18

Program cost is \$25, and
space is limited to 12
participants. Please RSVP.

To register for the class call:
Purdue Extension- Clay County
1-812-448-9041

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CLAY COUNTY GARDENING 2025 EXPO



Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds
6656 N. State Rd. 59
Brazil, IN 47834



812-448-9041 For more information

Saturday, March 29th
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

FREE
ADMISSION & PARKING



Handicap Accessible



Food Concessions served
by the Clay County 4-H
Jr. Leaders

WHAT TO EXPECT:



PLANT SALES



AREA GARDEN VENDORS



PRESENTATIONS EACH HOUR



ASK AN EXPERT

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