

CLAY COUNTY

NEWS LETTER

2023

4-H

December

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

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2023 Brazil Christmas Parade

Greetings, I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and have started getting into the holiday spirit. The Brazil Christmas Parade was a great kickoff to the season!

2023 has been a great year for the Clay County 4-H Program. Together we were able to make a big impact on our community, several members were able to participate in summer trips, and there was an increase in 4-H enrollment which means that more Clay County youth are getting involved in the program! We also got to see some amazing projects at our county fair and were competitive in both the livestock barns and exhibit hall at the Indiana State Fair. A big thank to our club leaders and all other volunteers, it wouldn't be possible without you. I am looking forward to the opportunities ahead in this 4-H program year, don't forget to get enrolled in 4-H to get the most up to date info. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

~ Natalie Korniak, Clay County 4-H Youth Development Educator



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Find us on 

Clay County 4-H

County Website:

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

Important Dates to Remember:

BREAKFAST WITH
SANTA:
DECEMBER 9

HOLIDAY WREATH
WORKSHOP:
DECEMBER 11

SCHOLARSHIP
WORKSHOP:
JANUARY 4

NEW MEMBER
MEETING:
JANUARY 24

2024
4-H CAMP:
JUNE 9-12

2024
CLAY COUNTY
4-H FAIR:
JULY 13-19

Holiday HAPPENINGS



BREAKFAST WITH
SANTA
DECEMBER 9
9-11:30 AM
Clay County 4-H
Fairgrounds -
Exhibit Hall



Saturday, December 9th, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. the Clay County Jr. Leaders will be hosting a **FREE** Breakfast with Santa event in the Exhibit Hall. This is open to all 4-H families and our community. Come have a pancake breakfast, make a craft and get a picture with Santa!

All Jr. Leaders interested in helping with this event, please email stephadams37@gmail.com. Jr. Leaders that are helping should arrive by 8:15 am and should be done by noon. Please dress festive if you're able.

Holiday wreath making workshop

The whole family is invited for some holiday cheer to celebrate this special time of year! Join us for an evening of holiday crafting led by the A&B Farmhouse owner Andy Stone on Monday, December 11 @ 6:00 PM in the Exhibit Hall.

The cost per wreath will be \$20 and you must RSVP by calling the Extension Office by Friday, December 8.



New 4-H Member Meeting

Our New 4-H Member meeting is for those who are in their first year of regular 4-H, regardless of age. We will review how to utilize the county website, 4-H Online, and where to find the best resources. We will talk about the significance of our 4-H Clubs and do an overview of everything that the 4-H program has to offer! This is a great time to ask any questions and get an idea of what you might be interested in participating in.

Know anyone who is thinking about joining 4-H? Invite them! This is the perfect opportunity to get more information for those who haven't quite decided if 4-H is for them yet. We look forward to speaking with you!

New Member Meeting

**JANUARY
24**

**6:30 PM
in the Exhibit Hall**



4-H CLUB NEWS



RABBIT CLUB NEWS

Our first official meeting for the year will be on January 7th at 5pm at the Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. The Terms and Conditions will be updated this year and important information will be discussed and potentially could affect all rabbit exhibitors this year.

We will be having our last meeting for our 2nd annual fundraiser show on December 17, 2023, at 5pm. The meeting will take place in the Exhibit Hall. We will be finalizing Best of Breed and Best Opposite of Breed awards, kitchen menu, donation items and much more. Everyone is welcome!

- January 19th- Show Set Up: Time is TBD
- January 20th- Double Open & Youth Rabbit Show with Rare Breed Specialty.

* The show is pre-entry only and starts at 9am sharp. All entries and breed sanction sweepstakes sponsors can be emailed to claycountyrabbitclub@yahoo.com. Entries are due by midnight on January 17th.

Join our show event page on Facebook: [Clay County 4-H Double Open/Youth Rabbit Show with Rare Breed Specialty](https://www.facebook.com/groups/4HRabbitClub/)

Check out our club page on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/4HRabbitClub/>, and our Band app - <https://band.us/n/a1a993t6Ed918>.

We can't wait to see you!
Derick Modesitt & Dani Miller



Jr. Leader News

Come join us at our next monthly meeting on Monday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Exhibit Hall. We will be playing some fun Christmas games along with having cookies and hot chocolate. This would be a fun evening to bring a friend considering joining 4-H and our club.

Our laundry soap/trash bag fundraiser will begin at our December meeting. We encourage each Jr. Leader to set a goal of selling 10 items so that we can receive free shipping on our products. The top seller will receive \$100!! Please return form with payment by our February 19th meeting. Let me know if you have any questions.



4-H ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2022 - 2023 4-H program year is now open!

Enroll at v2.4honline.com

4-H is America's largest youth development organization, empowering nearly six million young people who are learning leadership and many other skills.

We have over 500 youth in our Clay County program alone! Through various workshops, projects, and activities 4-H'ers learn skills that will last a lifetime, Mini 4-H is a free program offered for youth K-2 and regular 4-H has a \$15 program fee and is for kids in grades 3-12.

PROJECT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All of the officially updated project terms and conditions will be available on our website by the end of January. If you have questions or would like more information on a particular project, don't hesitate to reach out! We also have free project manuals available for select projects in the Extension Office.

FORCES Of Nature



\$35

January

Join us as we kick-off our Forces of Nature SPARK Club! We will be taking a deeper dive into the Wildlife and Soil & Water Conservation 4-H Projects. Come to the Goose Pond FWA property to learn about and see a restored wetland, migratory birds, and the flora/fauna of this unique Hoosier property!

January 17th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

January 20th - Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area 10am-3pm

February

Join us at IU's Geology Learning Lab! One part each museum, lab, and classroom, you can compare thousands of rocks, minerals, and fossils, create art, and participate in interactive activities. 450 million years of Hoosier history will be at our fingertips as we explore Geology, Weather & Climate Science, and more!

February 21st - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

February 24th - Indiana University Geology Lab 10am-3pm

March

Join us as we learn more about Forestry and Weather & Climate Science! We will use tools to help with tree identification, learn about producing maple syrup, the role of slopes in microclimates and even learn about sandstone geology at Turkey Run State Park. We will also discuss career opportunities in both of these fields of study.

March 13th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

March 16th - Turkey Run State Park 10am-3pm

April

Exploration of benthic macroinvertebrates like what is the significance of a left or right handed snail for water quality? Local limestone geology and soil formation will be discussed. From the Indiana 4-H soil and water science project curriculum, we will conduct the clod comparison activity and learn about soil health.

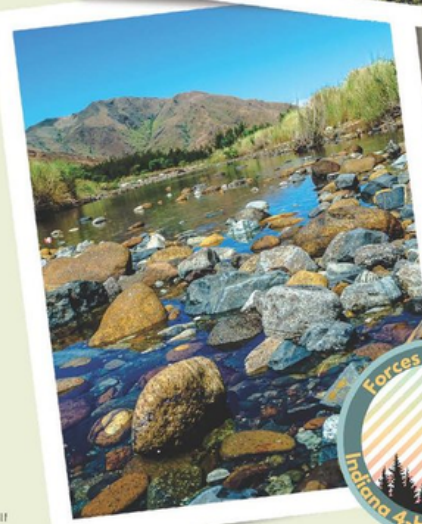
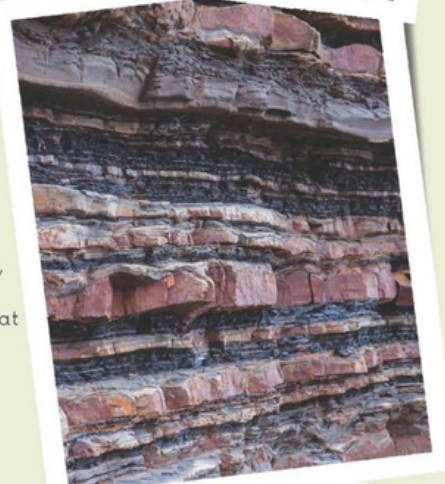
April 3rd - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

April 6th - DePauw Nature Park 10am-3pm

Lots of Ways to Participate!!

- 1 Go all in! Attend all 4 virtual sessions and all 4 in-person sessions
- 2 Attend whatever sessions that fit into your schedule!
- 3 Busy, but still crave the knowledge? All virtual sessions will be recorded & you can watch them at your leisure

REGISTER NOW
FORCESOFNATURE.4HONLINE.COM





4-H Scholarship Applications are now available! Visit <https://bit.ly/3iETwZi> to learn more!
There are scholarships available for youth in grades 10-12. Applications are due January 25th via 4-HOnline.
*Please note that you must have an active 4-H Online profile to be able to submit your applications.



2024 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 to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.

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

\$166,725 AWARDED IN 2023



We will be having a Scholarship Workshop on Thursday, January 4th at 6:30 pm in the Extension Office if you are interested in receiving some extra help on things the judges are looking for and reviewing some helpful tips and tricks for completing scholarship applications. Come prepared having reviewed the applications to know which ones you are interested in applying for. This is helpful information for all scholarship forms, not just 4-H ones!!

Visit the State 4-H website to review scholarship applications (<https://bit.ly/3iETwZi>).

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.

CLAY COUNTY 4-H CLUB DATES

JR. LEADERS

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
7:00 pm

- December 18, 2023
- January 15, 2024
- February 19, 2024
- March 18, 2024
- April 15, 2024
- May 20, 2024
- June 17, 2024

HORSE & PONY

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
7:00 pm

- December 14, 2023
- January 18, 2024
- February 15, 2024
- March 21, 2024
- April 18, 2024
- May 16, 2024
- June 20, 2024

VAN BUREN HUSTLERS

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
7:00 pm

- January 11, 2024
- February 8, 2024
- March 14, 2024
- April 11, 2024
- May 9, 2024
- June 13, 2024
- June 27, 2024

SWINE CLUB

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
4:30 pm

- January 28, 2024

MINI 4-H

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
6:00 pm

- March 18, 2024
- April 15, 2024
- May 20, 2024
- June 17, 2024

CATTLE CLUB

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
6:30 pm

- January 8, 2024
- February 12, 2024
- March 11, 2024
- April 8, 2024
- May 13, 2024
- June 10, 2024
- July 8, 2024

CLEVER CLOVERS

First United Methodist
Fellowship Hall in Clay
City

7:00 pm

- December 11, 2023
- January 8, 2024
- February 12, 2024
- March 11, 2024
- April 8, 2024
- May 13, 2024
- June 10, 2024
- July 8, 2024

TOP SHOTS

Lost Creek
Conservation Club
12:30 pm

- January 20 - air rifle
- February 3 - air rifle
- February 17 - air rifle

6:00 pm

- April 10 - shotgun
- April 18 - rifle
- May 8 - shotgun
- May 16 - rifle
- June 12 - shotgun
- June 20 - rifle

DOG CLUB

Van Buren Elem.
School

5:30 pm

- Jan 8
- Feb 12
- March 11

*Watch email for more dates.

POULTRY CLUB

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
7:00 pm

- January 9, 2024
- February 13, 2024
- March 12, 2024
- April 9, 2024
- May 14, 2024
- May 18, 2024 - Blood Testing
- June 11, 2024

RABBIT CLUB

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
5:00 pm

- January 7, 2024
- February 18, 2024
- March 17, 2024
- April 21, 2024
- May 5, 2024
- June 23, 2024

JACKSON TWP. FARMHANDS

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
6:00 pm

- January 25, 2024
- February 22, 2024
- March 28, 2024
- April - TBA
- May 23, 2024
- June 27, 2024

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

