

CLAY COUNTY

NEWS LETTER

2026

4-H

MARCH



HAVE YOU ENROLLED FOR THE NEW 4-H YEAR YET?

Don't miss out, enroll today! v2.4honline.com

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4-H CAMP REGISTRATION WILL OPEN APRIL 1ST 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 7th through the 10th and is for our 3rd through 6th graders. We will spend the week with Sullivan, Daviess, Owen, Greene and Vigo County 4-H'ers.

The camp fee this year will be \$100 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://tinyurl.com/3dcf2ruv> to register for summer fun on April 1st!

CAMP COUNSELORS - CALLING ALL 9TH-12TH GRADE LEADERS!

Ready for four days of fun, leadership, and unforgettable memories at 4-H Camp? We're looking for high school 4-H members (grades 9-12) to serve as Camp Counselors!

Counselors help lead activities, keep camp running smoothly, and assist during meals.

Apply by April 1 on 4-HOnline:

<https://shakamak4hcamp2026.4honline.com>

Spots are limited and competitive—be sure to submit a detailed application!

Selected counselors must attend trainings:

- May 6 & 14 | 6-8 p.m. | Sullivan County Fairgrounds
- May 26 | 5-7 p.m. | Shakamak State Park



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Important Dates to Remember:

SHEEP TAG DAY
MAY 8, 4:30-7:30

GOAT TAG DAY
MAY 9, 9:00-11:00

ANIMAL ID DEADLINE
MAY 15

STATE FAIR DNA DUE
MAY 15

POULTRY BLOOD TESTING
MAY 16, 8:00-10:00

MINI 4-H DAY CAMP
JUNE 4

4-H CAMP
JUNE 7-10

4-H ACADEMY
JUNE 10-12

4-H ROUND UP
JUNE 10-12

FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE
JULY 1

EXHIBIT HALL PROJECT JUDGING
JULY 15-16

CLAY COUNTY 4-H FAIR
JULY 18-24



Extension - Clay County

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Find us on Clay County 4-H

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



COUNTY 4-H NEWS



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

4-H ACADEMY @ PURDUE JUNE 10 - 12, 2026 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 8! Contact the Extension Office to begin your registration.

4-H ROUND-UP @ PURDUE JUNE 10 - 12, 2026 for grades 7-8

4-H Round-Up is an exciting opportunity offered to youth who have completed grades 7 and 8. 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 8! Contact the Extension Office to begin your registration.

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.



POSTERS \$3.00
SLEEVES \$1.00

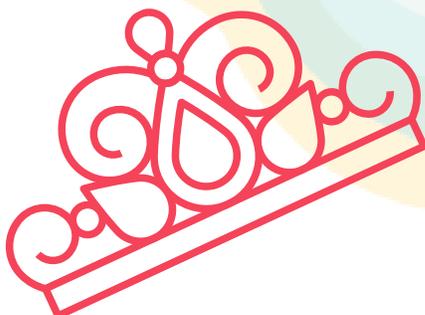


2026 CLAY COUNTY FAIR PAGEANT

Registration will open on April 1 and run through May 23 for the Clay County Fair Queen, Princess, Duchess pageants and the Little Miss and Mister contest.

Keep an eye on their social media pages the registration link & other important information!

[@claycountyfairroyalty](#) (FB and Instagram) and [@clay_county_fair_royalty](#) (TikTok)





COUNTY 4-H NEWS



AWARD SPONSORS NEEDED!

Support our 4-H members by sponsoring awards for the 2026 Clay County Fair! Families and businesses are invited to help recognize the hard work and dedication of our youth.

Award sponsorships range from \$8-\$37, with an optional \$10 add-on to display your farm or business logo on vinyl banners and acrylic awards.

To sponsor, contact Ashley at the Extension Office (aevinger@purdue.edu). Your support helps celebrate achievements that are truly well-earned and greatly appreciated!

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!



2026 INDIANA STATE FAIR

The Indiana State Fair will be held August 7th - 23rd 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://www.indianastatefair.com/>

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 27, 2026** - <https://clayqlcapril27.4honline.com>
- **May 21, 2026** - <https://clayqlcmay21.4honline.com>
- **June 30, 2026** - <https://clayqlcjune30.4honline.com>





LIVESTOCK NEWS



DEADLINE TO ADD ANIMAL INFORMATION INTO 4-H ONLINE - **MAY 15, 2026**

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 16th.

SHEEP TAG DAY



4-H SHEEP TAG DAY: FRIDAY MAY 8, 2026

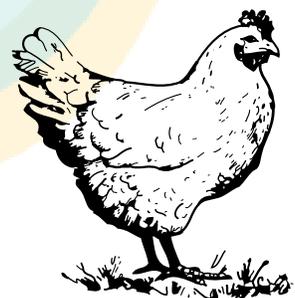
All sheep exhibitors are required to bring their sheep to the fairgrounds for identification. During tag-in, all market animals and commercial ewes will be tagged with a five-digit county tag number. All registered ewes must be brought to tag-in for identification purposes. All animals tagged with a 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 Extension Office or on tag day.**

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 16th 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.



GOAT TAG DAY



4-H GOAT TAG DAY: SATURDAY MAY 9, 2026

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)

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 are FREE this year and can be picked up at the Extension Office. 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.



2026 4-H Club MEETING DATES

Clay County

CLAY COUNTY 4-H FAIR
JULY 18-24, 2026

Jackson Twp. Farmhands

- JAN 22
- FEB 26
- APRIL 23
- MAY 21
- JUNE 18



6:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

Swine Club

- JAN 12
- FEB 9
- MARCH 9
- APRIL 13
- MAY 11
- JUNE 8



6:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

Junior Leaders

- JAN 19
- FEB 15
- MARCH 16
- APRIL 20
- MAY 18
- JUNE 15



7:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

Horse & Pony

- JAN 15
- FEB 19
- MARCH 19
- APRIL 16
- MAY 21
- JUNE 18



7:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

Mini 4-H

- MARCH 16
- APRIL 20
- MAY 18
- JUNE 15



6:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

Clever Clovers

- JAN 5
- FEB-2
- MARCH 2
- APRIL 6
- MAY 4
- JUNE 1



7:00 PM
CLAY CITY FIRST CHURCH

Van Buren Hustlers

- JAN 8
- FEB 12
- MARCH 12
- APRIL 9
- MAY 14
- JUNE 11
- JUNE 25



7:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

Dog Club

- JAN 26
- FEB 23
- MARCH 23
- APRIL - 6,13,20,27
- MAY - 4,11,18
- JUNE - 1,5,8,12,15,19,22,26,27



5:00 PM
SHOW ARENA

Harrison Handy Happy Helpers

- JAN 19
- FEB 16
- MARCH 15
- APRIL 20
- MAY 18
- JUNE 15



6:00 PM
CLAY CITY FIRST FINANCIAL BANK

Sharp Shooters Archery

- MARCH 23, 30
- APRIL 6, 20, 27
- MAY 4, 18
- JUNE 1, 8, 22, 29
- JULY 6



6:00 PM
FAIRGROUNDS

Goat Club

- JAN 25
- FEB 22
- APRIL 19
- MAY 16
- JUNE 13



2:30 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

Top Shots Firearms

- JANUARY 17
- FEBRUARY 21
- MARCH 21
- APRIL 8
- APRIL 16
- MAY 13
- MAY 21
- JUNE 10
- JUNE 18



6:00 PM
LOST CREEK CONSERVATION CLUB

Rabbit Club

- JAN 11
- FEB 15
- MARCH 15
- APRIL 12
- MAY 3
- JUNE 14
- JULY 12



3:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL





2026 4-H Club

MEETING DATES

Clay County

CLAY COUNTY 4-H FAIR
JULY 18-24, 2026

Poultry Club

- JAN 13
- FEB 10
- MARCH 10
- APRIL 14
- MAY 12
- JUNE 9



7:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

LAKER LEADERS

- JAN 6
- JAN 19
- FEB 23
- MARCH 30
- APRIL 27
- MAY 18
- JUNE 8
- JULY 6

6:00 PM
SHAKAMAK AGRICULTURE
DEPARTMENT

Sheep Club

- ~~JAN-8~~
- FEB 5
- MARCH 5
- APRIL 2
- MAY 7
- JUNE 4
- JULY 2



6:00 PM
EXTENSION OFFICE

Cattle Club

- FEB 2
- MARCH 2
- APRIL 6
- MAY 4



6:30 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training

- MARCH- 18
- MAY- 21
- APRIL- 27
- JUNE- 30

REQUIRED FOR ALL 4-H YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN BEEF, DAIRY, GOATS, POULTRY, RABBITS, SHEEP, AND SWINE.

6:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL

*MEMBERS MUST HAVE THIS TRAINING COMPLETE BY JULY 1, 2026 IN ORDER TO SHOW THEIR LIVESTOCK.

Livestock Tag Days

- CATTLE - FEBRUARY 20, 4-8 PM
- SHEEP - MAY 8, 4:30-7:30 PM
- GOATS - MAY 9, 9-11 AM

PLEASE REFER TO THE TERMS & CONDITIONS TO DETERMINE IF YOU NEED TO ATTEND TO HAVE YOUR LIVESTOCK IDENTIFIED.

CLAY COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS

2026 Clay County 4-H Fair Show Days

- DOG OBEDIENCE - MON, 7/13
- DOG AGILITY - TUES, 7/14
- RABBIT SHOW-SAT, 7/18
- CONTESTING-SAT, 7/18
- MINI 4-H SHOWS-SAT, 7/18
- MEAT GOAT SHOW-SUN, 7/19
- WESTERN SHOW-SUN, 7/19
- POULTRY SHOW-SUN, 7/19
- BEEF SHOW-MON, 7/20
- ENGLISH SHOW-MON, 7/20
- DAIRY SHOW-TUE, 7/21
- SHEEP SHOW-TUE, 7/21
- SWINE SHOW-WED, 7/22
- DAIRY GOAT SHOW-THU, 7/23

*SHOW TIMES WILL BE RELEASED CLOSER TO FAIR.

**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.