



November

Have you enrolled for the new 4-H year yet?

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SERVE **GROW** **THRIVE** **MAKE**

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
14**
5:30 PM
in the Exhibit Hall

Brazil Christmas Parade

Clay County 4-H and the Jr. Leaders will have a combined float in the Brazil Christmas Parade this year! All registered 4-H members are welcome to come walk (or ride on the trailer) with us and pass out treats. Please bring extra candy if you are able to, but if not, bring yourself along with some holiday cheer!

The parade is scheduled for **Friday, November 28th at 6:30pm**. More information about where to meet to line up will be released closer to the date!



CHRISTMAS PARADE

November 28

COOKIES WITH SANTA

December 13

NEW 4-H MEMBER MEETING

January 14

CATTLE TAG DAY

February 20

2026 4-H CAMP

June 7-10

2026 CLAY COUNTY 4-H FAIR

JULY 18-24





4-H CLUB

NEWS



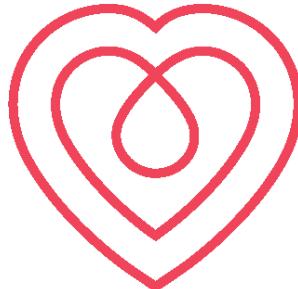
Clever Clovers 4-H Club



The Clever Clovers 4-H Club had a “wickedly good” November meeting! Members kicked things off with the For Good Challenge, writing thank-you notes to teachers and staff members at their schools to spread appreciation and kindness.

The club also elected new officers, signed up for the upcoming Chocolate Walk, and began planning for January. To wrap up the evening, members discussed their next community projects, decorating a Christmas tree and preparing chocolate treats for the Chocolate Walk.

The Clever Clovers are being “wickedly good” and doing great things in their community! There’s still time to join us if you are interested!



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CLAY COUNTY 4-H AND THE COMMUNITY THEATER OF CLAY COUNTY:

READY. 

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SP&AK!

MASTER PUBLIC SPEAKING WITH OUR SPEECH WORKSHOPS AND LEAVE ANY AUDIENCE SPEECHLESS!

JOIN US ON 01/24/2026 FROM 10-11:30AM IN THE 4-H EXTENSION OFFICE

UPCOMING WORKSHOP DATES: 2/14 - 3/28 - 4/18

FOLLOW THE LINK TO SIGN UP!

[HTTPS://4-Hspeechworkshops.4honline.com](https://4-Hspeechworkshops.4honline.com)

PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP

When: Saturday January 24th from 10 to 11:30 am

Where: Clay County Extension Office

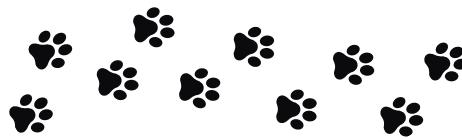
Join us for a fun public speaking workshop where you will learn what makes a good speech and how to present it! Come explore the 4-H public speaking communication project and gain some lifelong skills along the way. Our session topics include: 1. Getting Comfortable on Stage, 2. Projecting Your Voice, 3. What do I do with my hands?, and 4. Putting It All Together. This workshop will consist of three 2-hour sessions and one day in June to wrap it all up. This will be one of the most helpful 4-H experiences yet!

Register on 4-H Online by January 19th!:

<https://4-Hspeechworkshops.4honline.com>

DOG CLUB

🐾 Join the 4-H Dog Club! 🐾



Do you love dogs? Want to learn how to train, care for, and show them? Join the 4-H Dog Club and become part of a fun group that builds responsibility, confidence, and lifelong skills – all while spending time with your favorite furry friend!

No experience needed – just a love for dogs and a willingness to learn. Sign up on 4Honline or contact Derik Tipton!





Holiday HAPPENINGS



4-H Holiday CHOPPED Challenge

When: Monday December 8th from 6 to 8 pm

Where: Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds

As we get ready for the holiday season lets get creative in the kitchen and come up with some great appetizers for our family gatherings! This is for 4-H'ers grades 3-12. You will be working in groups to assemble a tasty, creative, and nicely presented appetizer and dessert. Each group will get a mystery basket of ingredients that they have to include in their dish. Put on your chef hats, pull out your chef skills, and join us for a fun kitchen competition!

Register on 4-H Online by December 1st!:

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



Jr. Leader News

The Clay County Jr. Leaders meet the third Monday of each month at 7:00p.m. in the Exhibit Hall.

The next meeting will be Monday, December 15th.

Our club will be walking in the Christmas parade the evening of Friday November 28th. We will meet at 6 pm on North Vandalia Street close to the Compton Street intersection. This is always such a fun night, so plan on joining us! Dress festive and bring some extra candy if you are able!

Jr. Leaders voted to sponsor a family in need this Christmas through the CASA program. We will be meeting at Walmart in Brazil at 6 pm on Tuesday December 9th. This will be a fun time of shopping and picking gifts out for the kids!

On December 13th our club will be sponsoring a Cookies with Santa event for the community. Our Jr. Leaders will be helping kids make crafts, decorate cookies, and families get to take a picture with Santa Clause! Help will be needed from 5:15 to 9:30 p.m. All members who are interested in helping with this event, please let Natalie know.



Jr. Leaders is for any youth grades 7-12. We have a great time while making a big impact on the community. We encourage you to join! Reach out to the Extension Office if you have any questions.



Club Holiday Parties

Swine Club

- Dec. 2 @ 6 pm in the Extension Office

Sheep Club

- Dec. 4 @ 6 pm in the Extension Office

Check both clubs social media pages for more info!





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.

INDIANA 4-H FOUNDATION 2026 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.

\$174,250 AWARDED IN 2025





2026 4-H Club MEETING DATES Clay County

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

Sheep Club

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

6:00 PM
EXTENSION OFFICE

Swine Club

- DEC 2
- JAN 12
- FEB 9
- MARCH 9
- APRIL 13
- MAY 11
- JUNE 8

6:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL



Junior Leaders

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

7:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL



Horse & Pony

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

7:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL



Jackson Twp. Farmhands

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

6:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL



Clever Clovers

- DEC - TBD
- 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

- NOV 24
- DEC 22
- JAN 26
- FEB 23
- MARCH 23

6:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL



Mini 4-H

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

6:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL



Harrison Handy Happy Helpers

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

6:00 PM
CLAY CITY FIRST FINANCIAL BANK



Goat Club

COMING
SOON

EXHIBIT HALL



Rabbit Club

COMING
SOON

EXHIBIT HALL



Cattle Club

COMING
SOON

EXHIBIT HALL





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2026-H Club MEETING DATES Clay County

Poultry Club

COMING
SOON

EXHIBIT HALL

Top Shots Firearms

COMING
SOON

LOG-BOOK
CONSERVATION
CLUB

Sharp Shooters Archery

COMING
SOON

FAIR GROUNDS

LAKER LEADERS

COMING
SOON



Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training

- MARCH- 18
- APRIL- 27
- MAY- 21
- 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	• BEEF SHOW-MON, 7/20
• DOG AGILITY - TUES, 7/14	• ENGLISH SHOW-MON, 7/20
• RABBIT SHOW-SAT, 7/18	• DAIRY SHOW-TUE, 7/21
• CONTESTING-SAT, 7/18	• SHEEP SHOW-TUE, 7/21
• MINI 4-H SHOWS-SAT, 7/18	• SWINE SHOW-WED, 7/22
• MEAT GOAT SHOW-SUN, 7/19	• DAIRY GOAT SHOW-THU, 7/23
• WESTERN SHOW-SUN, 7/19	
• POULTRY SHOW-SUN, 7/19	

*SHOW TIMES WILL BE
RELEASED CLOSER TO FAIR.

**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO
CHANGE.

VIEW OUR WEBSITE
TO STAY INFORMED!



CLAY COUNTY 4-H JUNIOR LEADERS



COOKIES WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

6:00 - 9:00 PM

CLAY CO. 4-H FAIRGROUNDS

ENJOY A **FREE** EVENING OF HOLIDAY FUN!

PICTURES
WITH SANTA

COOKIE
DECORATING

HOLIDAY
CRAFTS



CHRISTMAS TREES FOR UTILITIES

DECEMBER 13TH, 2025
6 - 9PM

Clay County Fairgrounds

Join us for an evening of Christmas fun as we raise money for our 2026 budget.

KIDS
ACTIVITIES

We will have decorated Christmas trees from local businesses. You can buy tickets to vote on your favorite and have a chance to win one.

CHILI
DINNER

SPECIAL VISITOR FROM
THE NORTH POLE

BONFIRE AND
HOT COCOA

COOKIE DECORATING

