

# Clover Monthly August 2026

Sullivan County 4-H monthly communication for 4-H members, families, leaders, fair board, and council.

## Important dates

- **Indiana State Fair:** August 7–23, 2026 (Closed Mondays)
- **Post Fair Meeting:** August 25, 7:30 pm, 4-H Building
- **Corn Festival Parade:** September 19
- **National 4-H Week:** October 4-10
- **Achievement Program:** November 1

## A Heartfelt Thank You!

As another successful Sullivan County 4-H Fair comes to a close, a heartfelt thank you is extended to the Fair Board, 4-H Council, adult club leaders, project superintendents, judges, and the many volunteers who gave their time and talents to make the 2026 fair a success. Your dedication and countless hours behind the scenes made this year's fair a memorable experience for our 4-H members and their families.

The Sullivan County 4-H Fair is much more than a week of exhibits and livestock shows, it is where a year's worth of learning, hard work, and growth comes to life.

Congratulations to all of our 4-H and Mini 4-H members who completed projects this year! Your dedication, hard work, and willingness to learn are what make the Sullivan County 4-H program so special.

We are already looking forward to another great year of 4-H!

## Farm Bureau Legacy Award

The Indiana Farm Bureau 4-H Legacy Award (formerly 4-H Tenure Award) is designed to recognize a young person's long-term commitment to 4-H through their years of active involvement and the impressive scope of projects they've completed. Only one 4-H Legacy Award is awarded per county.

Pictured: 2026 Legacy Award Winner, Katelyn Cooley, with Sullivan County Fair Queen Veronica Poehlein, and Sullivan County Farm Bureau President Rusty Deckard.

Congratulations!



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## **Sullivan County and Indiana State Fair Pictures**

We are so proud of the hard work and dedication our Sullivan County 4-Hers have shown at the Sullivan County 4-H Fair and will show at the Indiana State Fair! We'd love to see your favorite fair memories! Please share your photos with us at [sullivances@purdue.edu](mailto:sullivances@purdue.edu) or by sending them through Sullivan County 4-H Facebook Messenger! Your snapshots will help us highlight and celebrate their success!

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## **Sullivan County 4-H Fair Pictures**

Be sure to check out Sullivan County 4-H Fair's Facebook Page to see photos from the 2026 Sullivan County 4-H Fair! From the show ring to the exhibit building awards presentation and everything in between, there are so many great memories to look back on.

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## **Post-Fair Meeting**

The 2026 Sullivan County 4-H Fair may be over, but we're already looking ahead to making 2027's year even better!

Join us for our Post-Fair Meeting on Tuesday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the 4-H Building. We welcome feedback from everyone! 4-H members, families, volunteers, superintendents, exhibitors, fairgoers, and community members.

Whether you have suggestions, compliments, concerns, or new ideas, we'd love to hear them. Your input helps us continue improving the Sullivan County 4-H Fair and ensures it remains a great experience for everyone involved.

We hope to see you there!

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## **State Fair Project Pick-Up**

Please pick up your Indiana State Fair projects between August 25 and September 4. If the Extension Office delivered and picked up your State Fair project, please stop by the office to pick it up as soon as possible after August 25. If you picked up your own State Fair project, please stop in the office after August 25 to pick up your ribbon, judge comment sheet, and State Fair pin.

To make pickup more convenient, the Extension Office will be open late on Tuesday, August 25, until 6:30 p.m. to better accommodate families who are unable to stop by during regular office

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## **Handbook Changes/Updates Due October 1**

Do you have suggestions for improving the Sullivan County 4-H Handbook? We welcome your comments, feedback, and proposed updates!

Please submit all handbook changes, updates, comments, and feedback to Bailey Draper at [bldraper@purdue.edu](mailto:bldraper@purdue.edu) by October 1 at 4:00 p.m.

You may also submit your feedback by calling the Extension Office at 812-268-4332 or by stopping by the office in person.

## **2026 Sullivan County 4-H Achievement Awards**

The 2026 Sullivan County 4-H Achievement Award medal and plaque recipients have been selected by 4-H project superintendents, adult club leaders, and 4-H Council members. Beginning two years ago, members no longer apply for these county achievement awards. Instead, recipients are selected by volunteers during the fair based on their accomplishments and involvement.

Applications are still being accepted for the following three awards:

### **Achievement Award:**

The Achievement Award, also known as the Premier Achievement Accomplishment Award, is the highest overall accomplishment awarded in Indiana 4-H. It recognizes members who have demonstrated excellence across multiple 4-H project areas rather than excelling in just one subject area. It celebrates a member's overall 4-H experience, including their growth, involvement, leadership, and accomplishments throughout their 4-H career.

### **Citizenship Award:**

The Indiana 4-H Citizenship Award recognizes 4-H members who have made a meaningful impact through community service, civic engagement, and helping others throughout their 4-H career. This award honors members who have demonstrated outstanding citizenship by volunteering their time, serving their communities, and making a positive difference both within and beyond the 4-H program. It focuses on the member's commitment to service and giving back to others.

### **National Leadership ( I Dare You) Award:**

The National Leadership (I Dare You) Award recognizes emerging 4-H leaders who have the character, integrity, and potential to make a positive impact on those around them. This award is designed for members who demonstrate responsibility, strong values, and a willingness to serve and lead, even if they are just beginning to grow into leadership roles. It celebrates young people who show promise as future leaders and encourages them to continue developing their leadership skills both within 4-H and in their communities. 4-Hers can only receive this award once.

### **Application Requirements:**

- Submit an essay of one to three paragraphs explaining why you deserve to be selected for the award(s).
- Members may apply for one, two, or all three awards.
- Essays must be submitted by September 4, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
- Please do not email applications. Essays should be delivered to the Extension Office or placed in the Extension Office drop box located across the street from the office.

### **Achievement Awards Program:**

The Achievement Awards program will be Sunday, November 1, 2026, in the 4-H Building at 2 p.m. Invitations will be mailed to those who will be receiving an award. For more information, contact the Extension office at 812-268-4332.



## You can represent Sullivan County 4-H in the Corn Festival Parade!

### 4-H in Corn Festival Parade

We will be walking in the Corn Festival Parade on September 19 starting at 1:00 pm. Meet in the parade line up in the north parking lot at Sullivan High School in front of the Student Activity Building (SAC) by 12:45 pm. Wear your favorite 4-H t-shirt, bring some candy to throw and join us! We will be handing out candy and information on joining 4-H. 4-H members, Mini 4-H members, adult volunteers, and parents are welcome to walk with us. Pick up at Sullivan Dollar General at the end of the parade route.

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### 4-H Enrollment for 2026-2027 program year opens in early October!

The 4-H program year runs from October 1 to September 30.

Starting in early October, parents can go into 4HOnline (<https://v2.4honline.com>) to enroll/re-enroll their children in 4-H for 2027 fair.

#### Grades as of January 1, 2027 for participants in 4-H.

- Mini 4-H is Kindergarten through 2nd grades.
- Regular 4-H is 3rd-12th grade.
- Junior Leaders is for youth in 7th-12th grade.

#### Cost to participate in 4-H:

- Mini 4-H is free.
- Regular 4-H cost is \$15.
- Thanks to the Mike Sprinkle Memorial Fund, all 4-Hers who complete their first year of 4-H will be reimbursed \$15 with their project premium money after the 2026 Sullivan County 4-H Fair
- Please pay online or cash or check at the Extension Office.

Checks payable to: Purdue University.

If you need assistance, please contact the Extension office.

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### NEW 4-H FUNDRAISER!

## Save the Date

Sullivan County 4-H Council Jonah Fish Fry



### OCTOBER 2026

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| 2   | 3<br>LOCATION:<br>4-H BUILDING<br>TIME:<br>4:00PM-7:00PM | 4   |



# 2026 Sullivan County 4-H Fun Facts

## People

4-H Members: 466

Mini 4-H Members: 121

10-year 4-H Members: 26

Adult Volunteers: 116

Fair Board Members: 9

4-H Council Members: 30

Extension Board Members: 12

Project Superintendents: 47

Club Leaders: 21

Project Judges: 83

## Famous Farm Bureau milkshakes

A Sweet Tradition of the Sullivan County 4-H Fair continued in 2026 with another successful year at the Farm Bureau Milkshake Stand! During this year's fair, 10,774 milkshakes were sold. While that total was slightly below last year's numbers, we got to help celebrate an exciting new single-day record of 1,862 milkshakes sold in 1 day!

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Rusty Deckard and the Sullivan County Farm Bureau for their continued partnership and dedication to Sullivan County 4-H!

## Projects

Total Project Entries: 3227

Total Exhibit Barn Project Entries: 1,189

Total Livestock Project Entries: 2,038

## Ribbons Awarded

Grand Champion: 66

Reserve Grand Champion: 54

Champion: 235

Reserve Champion: 162

Selected for State Fair: 110

Honor Exhibit: 156

First Premium: 1879

Second Premium: 75

## Stock the Trailer:

A huge thank you to those who donated towards the stock the trailer 2026! With your help, we were able to donate 1,340 pounds back into Sullivan County!