

## Afton Whitkanack—YES Grant Recipient

A Sullivan County 4-H member has been awarded a 2026 YES grant from the Indiana 4-H Foundation.

Afton Whitkanack has been selected to receive \$1,000 to fund her comfort care kits project.

She plans to purchase suitcases and fill them with essential items for foster children in Sullivan County, offering comfort, dignity, and care during difficult transitions.

Afton, a member of Curry Nomads 4-H Club, has recognized a need in her community and is taking action to make a meaningful difference. This is what 4-H leadership and service are all about.

YES (Youth Engaged Service) Grants provide up to \$1,000 for youth in grades 7–12 across Indiana to



plan and complete a service project in their community. These youth-led projects empower participants to identify local needs, develop solutions, and gain hands-on leadership and project management experience with guidance from an adult mentor. Youth take ownership of their projects by completing the application, developing a budget, and compiling a final report with minimal adult intervention.

Only 48 Hoosier 4-H members are YES grant recipients this year.

Congratulations, Afton! We are so proud of you and your commitment to being a 4-H member who is preparing to be “Beyond Ready” for work and life.

Afton is the daughter of Zach and Jessica Whitkanack of Shelburn, IN. She is a 7th grader at Sullivan Middle School.

YES grants are sponsored by the generous funding of Corteva Agriscience and Rural 1st by Farm Credit.

## Sullivan County 4-Hers shine at performing arts contest



Pictured above, from left, are Addison Hunt, Donald Okes, Audrey Burch, and Abigail May.

Sullivan County 4-Hers lit up the stage on April 16 at the 4-H Performing Arts Contest at Crossroads Community Church in Sullivan. Congratulations to all who participated.

Gill Go Getters 4-H Club member Addison Hunt, singing “Blue,” received 1st place.

Curry Nomads 4-H Club member Audrey Burch, singing “Speechless,” received 2nd place.

Super Champs 4-H Club member Abigail May, singing “Good Morning, Baltimore” received 3rd place.

Lads and Lassies 4-H Club member Donald Okes, singing “Ring of Fire,” received 4th place. Thank you to Ashlee Vitz of Clay County for judging and sharing with our musical performers.

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Thank You Sullivan County Purdue Extension Supporters!

We're thrilled to share that thanks to your incredible support, Sullivan County placed 12th out of 92 counties statewide in total donations, with a total of 39 donations!

Because of your generosity, we're also receiving a \$200 bonus to go toward our goal of purchasing a gaga ball inflatable pit and utility carts!

Thank you for your continued support and belief in our mission. You made this possible!



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watch our Facebook for more info on this class!

**Be on the lookout!  
The Master Naturalist  
class is returning  
this fall!**

To get on the interest list,  
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# Tick Prevention

By: Lenny Farlee, Sustaining Hardwood Extension Specialist, Purdue Forestry and Natural Resources

Spring brings an opportunity to spend more time outdoors but also increases our exposure to tick bites and infection from some of the diseases that ticks carry. Taking some precautions to reduce risks of exposure and infection from ticks can make your outdoor activities more safe and enjoyable. Ticks can be found in almost any location that has animals and vegetation, so completely avoiding ticks is very difficult. But there are some practices that will help you prevent ticks from biting and passing disease organisms to you.

Here are several suggestions:


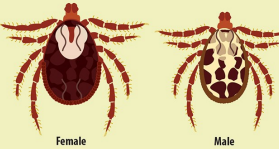

- Wear light-colored clothing that makes it easier to see ticks and remove them before they get to bare skin.
- Tuck in shirt-tails, tuck pants into boots or socks or use “tick gators” that are essentially a legging that covers where your pants and socks or boots meet.
- Wearing a hat is another good precautionary measure.
- Treat bare skin with repellants containing 20 to 30% DEET. Always read and follow label directions!

- Treat clothing (not skin!) with repellants containing permethrin prior to entering areas with ticks. Once dried on the clothing, permethrin can still be effective after several washes. Follow label directions.
- Upon your return, inspect clothing for any ticks. Tumbling clothes in a hot dryer for an hour will kill ticks. Shorter times may be effective if the clothes are not wet.
- Wash up after visiting tick-infested areas and do a body check for any ticks.

If you find a tick attached, remove it by using tweezers or a tick removal tool to grasp it as near to the skin as possible and pulling straight out. DO NOT use hot match heads or needles, nail polish, gasoline or similar techniques. Ticks that are removed shortly after they attach may not have the opportunity to pass disease organisms to you, so quick detection and removal are good prevention methods.

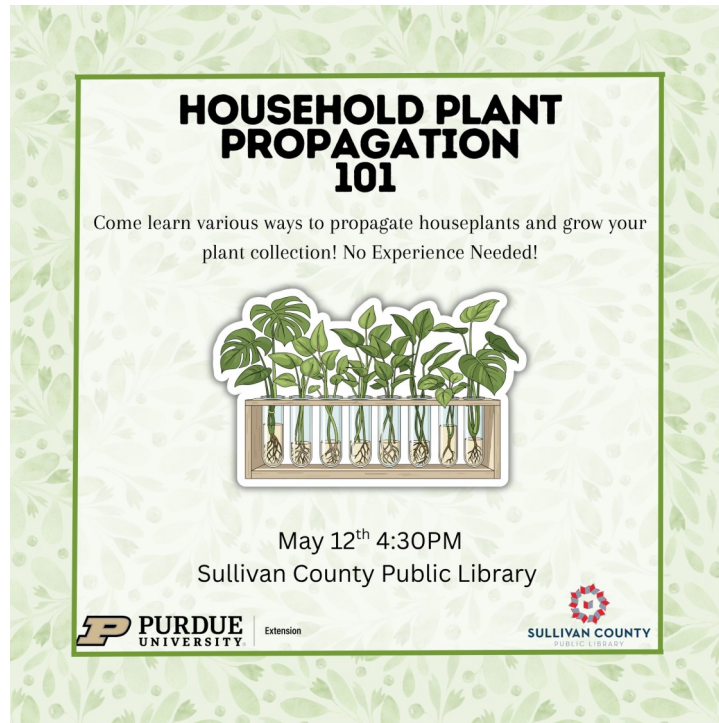
If you experience a rash, fever, chills, aching or other unusual symptoms after a tick bite or exposure to tick-infested areas, see your physician immediately. Most tick-borne diseases can be effectively treated with early detection.

**TICKS 101**  
A quick guide to Indiana tick vectors

<b>Black legged/Deer/Lyme disease tick (<i>Ixodes scapularis</i>)</b> Transmits Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, babesiosis and Powassan encephalitis Widely distributed in the Northeast and upper Midwest Bite risk: Nymphs active late spring-early summer, adult females active late summer and again in early fall, but note that adults may bite whenever temperatures are above freezing	 Female      Male
<b>American dog tick (<i>Dermacentor variabilis</i>)</b> Transmits Rocky Mountain spotted fever and tularemia Widely distributed east of the Rocky Mountains and in limited areas of the Pacific Northwest Bite risk: Adult females most likely to bite humans and are active spring-summer	 Female      Male
<b>Lone star tick (<i>Amblyomma americanum</i>)</b> Transmits ehrlichiosis, tularemia and Southern tick-associated rash illness (STARI) Widely distributed in the southeastern and south central U.S. Bite risk: Nymphs and adults are active spring-summer	 Female      Male

Images are not actual size. This information is intended as a general guide only. Please consult the CDC, your state or local Department of Health or Extension Specialist for further information regarding tick identification and risks associated with exposure to ticks and tick-borne diseases. Sources: Catherine Hill, Professor of Entomology/Veter Biology, Purdue University; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/geographic\\_distribution.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/geographic_distribution.html)  
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## Indiana Extension Homemakers Association Sullivan County President's Message



State Extension Homemakers theme for 26-27 is “the heart of IEHA’ continuing education, leadership development, volunteer community support. County Homemakers sponsored a successful “Candy” workshop presented by Cindy's Candy Corner .

Homemaker Theresa Pinkston crocheted two shawls that were donated to the state “ Threads of Compassion”. These shawls are given to organ donor families.

We are gearing up for the fair, lots of homemade noodles and fresh cut corn to be served.

Watch for the menu on Facebook in June.

### Eggs

We will be looking for fresh eggs in June and during the week of fair, July 11-18. If you have some to donate, please contact Becky Cole at 812-239-8626.

### Goodie Books

We still have 2026 Goodie Books (recipe books) for sale. Stop in the Extension office anytime Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to purchase them for \$1.50 each. Please have exact change in cash or check.

—Becky Cole  
President  
Sullivan County Extension Homemakers




# MAY 2026

 **Adult Services**  
Sullivan County Public Library  
Main Library

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Please call to register for these programs. *					1 Spice of the Month Club Spice take-home kit pick up	2
3	4	5	6 Senior Social Hour 1 pm Bingo	7 Parent Resource Night 5:30 pm	8 Late Night Craft Night Journal Craft 8:30 pm *	9 Friends Book Sale 9 am-noon
10	11 Genealogy Roundtable History Museum 5-6:15 pm	12 Plant Propagation w/ Purdue Extension of Sullivan County 4:30 pm	13 Senior Social Hour 1pm Brain Games	14	15	16 Foraging Program 10:00 am Offsite location TBA *
17	18	19 * Lunch & Learn w/ Rosy Barnhart Fifth Third Bank noon-1 pm @ History Museum	20 Senior Social Hour 1 pm Decoupage Bookmark Craft	21	22	23
24	25 Closed in observance of Memorial Day	26	27 Senior Social Hour 1pm Game Day	28	29	30



# MAY

 **Adult Services**  
Sullivan County Public Library  
Satellite Libraries **2026**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Please call to register for these programs. *					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Book-It Book Club Merom Library 2-3 pm	8 Carlisle Library * Coin Envelope Journal Craft 1 pm	9
10	11	12 Farmersburg * Library Spring Flower Pen Craft 1pm	13	14 Book-It Book Club Merom Library 2-3 pm	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Book-It Book Club Merom Library 2-3 pm	22 Dugger Library Coin Envelope * Journal Craft 2 pm	23
24	25	26 Merom Library Coin Envelope Journal Craft 3 pm	27	28 Book-It Book Club Merom Library 2-3 pm	29	30

BRANCH COLOR KEY: SULLIVAN CARLISLE DUGGER FARMERSBURG MEROM

## May 2026

### Youth Department

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
				1	2	
I Love Mom Story Time 10:30 am May the 4 <sup>th</sup> Hang out 4 pm ✕	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Story Seekers Club 4-5 pm	Merom Branch Arts & Crafts 3:30-4:30 pm	I Love Mom Story Time 10:30 am Parent Resource Night 5:30 pm			
Eric Carle Story Time 10:30 am Arts and Crafts 4 pm	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Story Seekers Club 4-5 pm	Carlisle Branch Arts & Crafts 3:30-4:30 pm Book Club 4:30-5:30 pm	Eric Carle Story Time 10:30 am Farmersburg Branch Arts & Crafts 3:30-4:30 pm	Dugger Branch Arts & Crafts 3:30-4:30 pm		
Teddy Bear Story Time 10:30 am Arts and Crafts 4 pm	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Story Seekers Club 4-5 pm	Tween/Teen Art Club 4-5 pm	Teddy Bear Story Time 10:30 am			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Memorial Day Library Closed	No Story Seekers		No Story Time			

**STORY TIME**  
Our Story Time meets on Monday & Thursday each week at 10:30 am. It is tailored to younger patrons age 5 and under, although older siblings are always welcome! Our regular schedule includes stories, crafts, games and more!

**ARTS AND CRAFTS**  
Elementary aged students will enjoy a creative time with friends each Monday at 4 pm at the Sullivan branch. Projects range from drawing and painting to seasonal crafts.

**STORY SEEKERS**  
Story Seekers meets each Tuesday afternoon at 4 pm. 2nd-6<sup>th</sup> graders will enjoy a Story Time from a chapter book together, as well as some writing and hands on activities.

**JR BOOK CLUB**  
Join us for a time of discussion twice a month at our regular Book Club meeting. Students will read the assigned chapters in the current book at home and come together to discuss. Book Club is best suited to children age 3<sup>rd</sup> grade & up.

**PARENT RESOURCE NIGHT**  
Parents can gather information on dyslexia, IEPs and IRead and referrals for testing.

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# Clover Monthly April 2026

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

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## Important Dates

**Extension Office** will be closed May 5 for Election Day and May 25 for Memorial Day.

**Animal ID Deadline:** May 15

**4-H Camp (Grades 3–6):** June 7–10, 2026 | Shakamak State Park

**4-H Round-Up (Grades 7–8):** June 10–12 | Purdue University

**4-H Academy (Grades 9–12):** June 10–12 | Purdue University

**Public Speaking:** July 9, 4-H Building

**Sullivan County 4-H Fair:** July 11–18, 2026

**Area Tractor Contest:** July 25, Greene County Fairgrounds

**Indiana State Fair:** August 7–23, 2026 (Closed Mondays)

**Creative Writing due: July 6, by noon at the Extension office**

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## 4-H project guidelines & manual pick-up

The Extension office will be open M-F 8-4 for you to pick up 4-H project manuals and/or pay 4-H fees.

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## 4-H Adult Volunteers

NOW is the time for all 4-H adult volunteers to enroll or re-enroll in 4Honline.

The online training has been updated this year and will take about 30 minutes to complete. Go to [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) to complete the annual training.

Instructions are on our website: [www.extension.purdue.edu/sullivan](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/sullivan). From the home page, scroll down and click on the “4-H Information” link, then scroll down to the “NEW Adult Volunteer” or “Returning Adult Volunteer” links.

The application process for new volunteers is all online now, including the applications and listing references.

If you have questions or need computer access, don't hesitate to contact the Extension office at 812-268-4332. We look forward to helping you complete everything.

Thank you, volunteers, for completing this important process right away.

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Woo hoo! Thank you 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.

Thank you to the Mike Sprinkle family!

## 4-H Blacksmithing Schedule 2026

All Mondays 5-8 pm: May 4 and 18, June 15 and 29

Please note: all meetings will be held at Bob Hunley's blacksmith shop unless specified otherwise. The address is 258 N. Co Rd. 800 E., Sullivan, IN 47882, (North of Dugger).

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## Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports kick off meeting will be Thursday, May 21, from 7 to 8 pm at the Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds in the 4-H Building.

### Workshops

There are two disciplines having in-person workshops to choose from this year: rifle and shotgun. 4-Hers may participate in both disciplines or choose one.

Bring your own eye and hearing protection to workshops. Everything else is provided.

**Rifle will practice on Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**Shotgun will practice on Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

A 4-Her may choose to complete archery, muzzleloader, and pistol, which are not having workshops this summer, by exhibiting projects in these disciplines at the county fair. Shooting sports project check-in this year is on Wednesday July 8, from 5-8 pm.

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## We still have 4-H flowers for sale

4-H Council has some flowers still for sell!

Geranium colors are red, pink, salmon, white or violet. \$1.60 ea.

Petunias are red, white & blue; purple, yellow, pink, or coral. \$9.50 per 6-pack.

Cash or Check Only! Pick up at the Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds!



## 2026 4-H supply prices

<u>Project</u>	<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
General	Poster Sleeve	\$1.50
General	Poster Board	\$5.50
Entomology	Insect Box	\$15.00
Electric Kit	Shake Flashlight	\$20.50
Electric Kit	Circuit Board Kit	\$15
Livestock Tags	Swine	\$3.00
Livestock Tags	Goat/Sheep - County	\$1.00
Livestock Tags	Goat/Sheep - RFID	\$2.50
Livestock Tags	Cattle/Dairy - County	\$2.00
Livestock Tags	Cattle/Dairy - RFID	\$2.50

## Ride bus to Academy and Round-Up 2026!

New! Sullivan County 4-H members attending Academy and Round-Up this year have the opportunity to ride a coach bus from Sullivan County to Purdue University and back to Sullivan for free! (Thank you Sullivan County 4-H Council for paying the \$100 per person fee.)

Contact Sullivan County Purdue Extension at 812-268-4332 or [sullivances@purdue.edu](mailto:sullivances@purdue.edu) to request to attend 4-H Academy and 4-H Roundup. After county office staff initiate registration at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com), 4-H members will need to log in to their family 4-H Online account, view their member profile and from the menu bar select events. Find 2026 4-H Academy and click on this event then follow the prompts to register.

### Mini 4-H News

Next meeting will be June 4 from 5 to 6 pm at the 4-H Building.

Mini 4-H will NOT meet in May.

Mini 4-H Leaders: Carrie Baker and Ashlee Myers

Kindergarten-2nd graders can still enroll in Mini 4-H now at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)!

There is no enrollment fee for Mini 4-H.

**Mini Project Fair Check-In:** Mini 4-H collection projects will now be checked in for Sullivan County 4-H Fair on Wednesday, July 8th from 5-8pm.

**2026**

#### Junior Leader Meetings

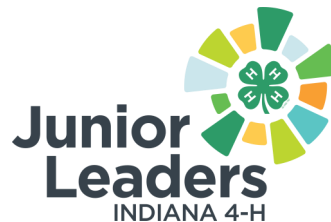
7-8 p.m. in the 4-H Building

**May 12** – Taco/Nacho Night!

– Please bring old T-shirts or jeans to make dog/cat toys and other items to be donation to the Sullivan County Humane Society.

**June 9**

**July 7 – Fair Set Up**



#### Junior Leader T-Shirt Design Winner!

Shirts are \$20 each. Payment is due at the May 12 meeting. If you're unable to attend, you may drop off cash or a check at the Extension Office.

To Stay in the loop with Sullivan County Junior Leaders, add yourself to:

Groupme: visit [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/112489741/9yFo2LQg](https://groupme.com/join_group/112489741/9yFo2LQg)

Facebook: Sullivan County 4-H Junior Leaders, Instagram: [sullivancojuniorleaders](https://www.instagram.com/sullivancojuniorleaders)

## Be a 4-H Exhibit Hall Worker at the Indiana State Fair!

Youth are afforded an opportunity to work at the Indiana State Fair as an Exhibit Hall Worker. Duties include checking-in non-animal 4-H exhibits, preparing exhibits for display to the public, record keeping, interacting with fair attendees, assisting with a variety of state fair events, and releasing exhibits. Workers will develop team work, customer service, record keeping, and other work related skills through this temporary employment opportunity.

Exhibit Hall Workers must be a minimum of 14 years of age. This employment opportunity is also available to college-age young adults. Exhibit Hall Workers are expected to reside on-site in the reserved dormitory space. This is a minimum wage earning employment opportunity.

The Indiana State Fair is August 7-23, 2026 (closed Mondays). Exhibit Hall Workers will be needed July 31-August 25, 2026. The 2026 4-H Exhibit Hall Worker Online Application: <https://bit.ly/4tZBrWg>

Please email Megan Skiba directly at [skibao@purdue.edu](mailto:skibao@purdue.edu) with any questions.

## Horse and Pony Exhibitor News: Wednesday Night Clinics

### May

- 6th Matt Trimble – advanced showmanship and practice
- 13th Sara Trimble – anatomy and the help of animal chiropractic
- 20th Daria Bridges – jumping course riding and presentation
- 27th Sara Schultz – western riding basics

### June

- 3rd Alyssa Hayes – 2nd vaccinations clinic
- 10th Sara Schultz – ranch riding foundation
- 17th Sara Trimble/Shania Jones – animal chiropractic/horse hair care
- 24th Matt Trimble – horsemanship basics

### July

- 1st TBD
- 8th No Horses – stall assignments, horse and pony area cleanup.

\*Boots must be worn when working with horses; helmets are required when riding, all dates/activities are subject to change due to weather. If planning to use the arena for practice outside of clinics, you must sign a release with the Extension Office.

## Stall Theme 2026:

Happy Birthday to your Best Friend!

Decorate your stall in all things popular the year your bestie was born!

Winner will receive a special prize!



## Poultry Exhibitors News:

Beginning in 2026, Pullorum-Typhoid testing will be required for all poultry unless the birds are purchased from an NPIP-approved hatchery or farm.

If your poultry comes from an NPIP source, proof of purchase is now required. Acceptable documentation includes:

- Invoice or receipt from an NPIP hatchery or breeder
- NPIP certificate or official documentation (often includes the NPIP number)
- Shipping paperwork showing NPIP status

If you have any questions, please contact Extension Educator Bailey Draper at [bldraper@purdue.edu](mailto:bldraper@purdue.edu) or call the office at 812-286-4332.

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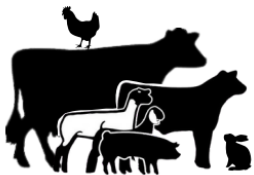
## Cat, Dog, and Horse & Pony Vaccinations

If you are planning to show your cat, dog, horse, or pony in the 2026 4-H Fair be sure to get your animal vaccinated. A completed form must accompany your animal at the show. The vaccination form is available online or feel free to stop in the office and pick one up!

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## INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE

To exhibit **BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, POULTRY, and RABBITS**, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training OR the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. This certification must be done on an annual basis. 4-H members must be registered **BEFORE** attending a training. 4-H members may attend any training dates listed OR a training in another county OR complete the online YQCA training.



Thursday, May 14, 5:45-6:45 p.m. Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds

Sunday, June 14, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds

on events at [www.v2.4honline.com](http://www.v2.4honline.com). Cost is \$3 at the door.

Those planning to be certified through the YQCA program will register at [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org) and will present their completion certificate to 4-H Educator Bailey Draper by emailing [bldraper@purdue.edu](mailto:bldraper@purdue.edu) by **June 22nd**.



*Those exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair must show a hard copy of the completion certificate (not digital) at check-in.*

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## Goat and Sheep Tag/Weigh-In Date:

Sheep and Goat Tagging and weigh in will be Saturday, May 9th, 9am-12 noon in the 4-H Exhibit Building.

County Tag — \$1

RFID Tag (required for state fair) — \$2.50

**Reminder— Tags for goats, sheep, and beef must be purchased on the day of tagging and cannot be purchased in the office after tag day.**

Please reach out to the Extension office or your superintendent if you have questions.

Extension office can be contacted by phone at 812-268-4332, or email [bldraper@purdue.edu](mailto:bldraper@purdue.edu)

Sheep Superintendent: Levi Baker – 812-249-2261 Goat Superintendent: Ann Case – 812-249-6292

## 2026 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification

The following table lists the different animal species and the respective form of identification that is required for a 4-H member to be eligible to show in the 4-H livestock shows at the 2026 Sullivan County and Indiana State Fair. The animal ID information must be entered in the Indiana 4-H Online enrollment system by the May 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline, incomplete or incorrect animal ID information could result in county and state fair ineligibility for that particular animal.

	<b>For State Fair</b>	<b>For Sullivan County Fair</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
<b>Beef and Dairy Beef Steers</b>	840-RFID Tag <b>and</b> 5-digit County Tag <b>and</b> DNA Hair Sample	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag	May 15
<b>Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder</b>	840-RFID Tag <b>and</b> 5-digit County Tag <b>and</b> DNA Hair Sample	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag	May 15
<b>Beef, Registered Heifers</b>	840-RFID tag <b>and</b> Tattoo <b>and</b> DNA Hair Sample	840-RFID tag <b>and</b> Tattoo	May 15
<b>Dairy Cattle</b>	840-RFID tag <b>and</b> animal's registered name <b>and</b> registration number (or dam's registration number) <b>and</b> DNA Hair Sample	840-RFID tag	May 15
<b>Dairy Goat Females, Registered Wethers</b>	Breed Registry Tattoo 5-digit County Tag <b>or</b> Tattoo	Breed Registry Tattoo 5-Digit County Tag <b>or</b> Tattoo	May 15
<b>Meat Goat Meat Goat Wethers (Including Myotonics)</b>	840-RFID Tag <b>and</b> 5-digit County Tag <b>and</b> DNA Hair Sample	5-digit County Tag or Tattoo	May 15
<b>Boer Goat Females, Registered</b>	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that matches Registration Papers <b>and</b> DNA Hair Sample	Breed Registry Tattoo	May 15
<b>Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)</b>	840-RFID Tag <b>and</b> 5-digit County Tag <b>and</b> DNA Hair Sample	5-digit County Tag or Tattoo	May 15
<b>Pygmy Goats Registered Unregistered</b>	Breed Registry Tattoo <b>or</b> Microchip that Matches Registration Papers  Official USDA Scrapie Tag <b>or</b> Official Scrapie Tattoo	Breed Registry Tattoo <b>or</b> Microchip that Matches Registration Papers  Official USDA Scrapie ID or 5-digit County Tag	May 15
<b>Horses and Pony</b>	Two Color Picture	Color Picture	May 15
<b>Llama and Alpaca</b>	Two Color Picture	Color Picture	May 15
<b>Sheep Market Lambs</b>	840-RFID Tag <b>and</b> 5-digit County Tag <b>and</b> DNA Hair Sample	5-digit County Tag	May 15
<b>Commercial Ewes</b>	840-RFID Tag <b>and</b> 5-digit County Tag/or official scrapies tag <b>and</b> DNA Hair Sample	5-digit County Tag	
<b>Registered Ewes</b>	840-RFID Tag <b>and</b> ID that matches registration Papers <b>and</b> DNA Hair Sample	ID that matches Breed Registration Papers	
<b>Swine</b>	840-RFID Tag <b>and</b> Ear Notch <b>and</b> DNA Hair Sample	840-RFID Tag <b>and</b> Ear Notch	May 15

# Congratulations Seniors 2026

Lori Alumbaugh \*

Trever Martin\*

Rainey Mccammon\*

Hezzikire McKain

Madison Arthur\*

Caden Bays\*

Levi Chickadaunce\*

Katelyn Cooley\*

Wyatt Epling\*

Coy Gilham\*

Drake Grable\*

Ty Hamilton\*

Spencer Hanks

Victoria Harvey

Lily Hawkins\*

Jaylynn Hobbs\*

Lucas Marchino\*

Allyson McKinney\*

Ava Jahn\*

Ava Monroe\*

Boe Monroe

Jacob Nicol\*

Colin Nieten\*

Veronica Poehlein\*

Joseph Roberts\*

Abigail Shreve\*

Josiah Swick\*

Carter Tomey\*

Alayna Whitman\*

Jacob Wible\*



**\*10 Year Members**

**All seniors stop by the Extension  
office M-F 8-4 to pick up your tassel.**



# 2026 4-H CLUB MEETING DATES

## SULLIVAN COUNTY

### Cass Champs

February 2  
March 2  
April 6  
May 4  
June to be determined  
  
Dugger Community Building  
6-7 pm

### Curry Nomads

March 3 & 19  
April 7 & 23  
May 5 & 21  
June 2 & 18  
Shelburn American  
Legion at 6:00 pm  
  
July 1 at Curry Nomad  
Stand for Cleaning

### Gill-Go-Getters

March 12  
April 9  
May 14  
June 11  
July to be determined  
  
New Lebanon  
Community Building  
6-7 pm

### Grand Champion Sycamores

March 18  
April 15  
May 20  
June to be determined  
  
4-H Building  
6:30 - 7:30 pm

### Haddon Blue Ribbon Hustlers

March 16  
April 21  
May 19  
June 16  
July to be determined  
Carlisle Community Building  
6 pm

### Old Oak Old Hickory

February 25  
March 18  
April 15  
May 20  
June 17  
July 1  
Hymera Ruritan Building  
7-8 pm

### Super Champs

March 30  
April 27  
May 26  
June 23  
  
4-H Building  
7-8 pm

### Turman Lads & Lassies

March 16  
April 15  
May 13  
June 18  
July 1  
Turman Township  
Community Center  
6:00 pm

### Fairbanks Aaniciinikin Club

March 20  
April 3  
May 1  
June 5  
July 3  
Fairbanks  
Community Center  
4:00 pm

# SULLIVAN COUNTY 4-H FAIR JULY 11-18, 2026

Schedule subject to change (updated 4/30/26)

- Saturday, June 27** 8 pm Queen Contest, 4-H Building, \$1/person  
**Saturday, July 4** 8 am Fair Set Up  
**Monday, July 6** 5:30 pm Dog Show, Livestock Arena  
**Tuesday, July 7** 5:30 pm Cat Show registration, 4-H Building Annex  
6:30 pm Cat Show  
**Wednesday, July 8** 5-8 pm Non-perishable, 4-H exhibit building projects check-in and conference judging (meet with judge) for non-perishable, Exhibit building  
5-8pm Mini 4-H project check-in (drop off—will not meet with judges)  
**Thursday, July 9** 3 pm Open Class Fashion Revue & 4-H Consumer Clothing judging, 4-H Building  
3 pm 4-H Fashion Revue judging, 4-H Building  
5:30 p.m. 4-H Public Speaking contest, 4-H Building  
7 pm Public Fashion Revue, 4-H Building

## Friday, July 10

- 5-10 pm Livestock check-in (weigh in as unloaded) All animals must be in place  
5-10 pm Livestock Auction Registration – Meet with Livestock Auction Committee in the show ring

## Saturday, July 11

- 8-9 am Junior Leader project check-in  
9-11 am 4-H perishable projects check-in and conference judging (foods baked, foods preserved, flowers, cake decorating, cupcake decorating, aquatics, crops, garden, small fruit, strawberry)  
9-11 am Open Class Exhibits check-in (drop off—will not meet with judges)  
11 am Exhibit building closed for selection of champions  
1 pm 4-H Rocket Launch, Grandstand  
2 pm 4-H Poultry, Pigeon, Waterfowl & Game Bird, and Egg judging, Poultry Barn  
4-H Poultry Awards, Livestock Show Arena, 30 minutes after the end of Poultry Judging  
4 pm Pit gates open  
4:30-7 pm Baked Potato & Salad Bar Dinner hosted by Grand Champion Sycamores, 4-H Building  
4:30 pm Mini 4-H Pet Parade check-in, Livestock Show Arena  
5 pm Mini 4-H Pet Parade, Livestock Show Arena  
5-7 pm Foods Silent Auction, 4-H Building  
6-8pm Stock the Trailer Food Drive  
6-10 pm Exhibit building and Commercial Building open  
\*7:30 pm Junkyard car racing: \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under, \$20 Pit Pass  
7:30 pm Swine Olympics, Livestock Show Arena

## Sunday, July 12

- 8 am 4-H English Horse Show  
9 am 4-H Rabbit Judging, Livestock Show Arena  
9 am Church service, 4-H building  
12 pm 4-H Ag & Compact/Zero Turn Radius Tractor Driving Contest, Grandstand  
1-10 pm Exhibit and Commercial Building open  
2 pm 4-H Beef Weigh-in, Beef Barn  
4 pm 4-H Awards Presentations, Livestock Show Arena  
6 pm Baby Contest, 4-H Building  
6 pm Goat Olympics, Livestock Show Arena  
\*7:30 pm Equipment Operator Skills Challenge & Skid Steer Soccer, Grandstand: \$10 adult, \$5 children 12 & under

## Monday, July 13

- 8 am 4-H Sheep judging, Livestock Show Arena  
10 am-10 pm Exhibit Building and Commercial Building open  
1 pm 4-H Beef judging, Livestock Show Arena  
5 pm 4-H Mini 4-H Horse & Pony Judging, & 4-H Fun Show

5:30 pm Pit gates open  
 6 pm 4-H Dairy Cattle judging, Livestock Show Arena  
 6 pm Hog Calling Contest, all ages welcome, 4-H Building (check-in near stage at 5:45 pm)  
 7:00 pm Movie shown in 4-H building, movie TBA  
 \*7:30 pm Drag Racing Anything Goes, Grandstand, \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under, \$20 Pit Pass

### **Tuesday, July 14**

8 am 4-H Swine judging  
 10 am-10 pm Exhibit building and Commercial Building open  
 10-11:30 am Storytime, Craft and Barns for 3-5-year-olds (free), 4-H Building, then animal barns  
 3-4 pm Fun with STEM kits, K-12th-graders, 4-H Building near the stage  
 6 pm 4-H Horse and Pony Contesting Classes  
 4:30-7:30 pm Jonah Fish Fry hosted by 4-H Junior Leaders and Lads & Lassies 4-H Club, 4-H Building  
 8 pm Pig Scramble, Grandstand, \$40/team (3-4 members/team), \$5/person gate fee

### **Wednesday, July 15**

8 am-12 pm 4-H Goat judging: Dairy, Pygmy, Fiber, Showmanship  
 9 am-1 pm Mini 4-H Activity Day, 4-H Building  
 10 am-10 pm Exhibit building and Commercial building open  
 1-5 pm 4-H Goat judging: Meat (Boer), (Fainting), Commercial, Showmanship  
 1 pm Pedal Tractor Pull sign-up, 4-H Building  
 1:30 pm Pedal Tractor Pull, 4-H Building  
 3-6 pm Blood Drive, Blood Mobile  
 5 pm Round Robin Showmanship Competition, Livestock Show Arena  
 5-7 pm Health Fair for children and adults, 4-H building  
 5:30-7:30 pm Pork Chop Barbecue dinner hosted by Gill Go Getters 4-H Club, 4-H Building  
 \*7 pm Truck and Tractor Pull, Grandstand - \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under, \$15 Pit Pass

### **Thursday, July 16**

8-10 a.m. Non-auction animals released  
 8 am 4-H Western Horse Show  
 10 am-10 pm Exhibit building and Commercial building open  
 11 am 4-H Trail Horse Show  
 11 am Top Variety K9 Dog Show  
 2-5 pm Obstacle course for all ages hosted by Sullivan County Community Hospital  
 7-9 pm 4-H Fun Night for 4-Hers in 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade only, Sullivan City Pool

### **Friday, July 17**

**\*\*Only 4-H auction animals on grounds\*\***

9 am Pre-Auction Buyers Meeting, 4-H Building  
 10 am-4 pm Exhibit building open  
 11 am 4-H Livestock Auction, Livestock Show Arena  
 ½ hour after auction Livestock released  
 12-7 pm Small Market Vendor Fair, 4-H Building  
 4-6 pm Exhibit Check-out for all non-animal exhibits: 4-H, Mini 4-H, Open Class. No early check-out.  
 4-7 pm Commercial building open

### **Saturday, July 18**

8:30 am until finished Fairgrounds clean up

\*Grandstand opens one hour before each event begins

## Comparing 4-H Online & Fair Entry

It's easy to be confused by the two systems and we are hoping this explanation helps. As always, office staff is only a phone call away at 812-268-4332 or email [sullivances@purdue.edu](mailto:sullivances@purdue.edu).

Below is a chart that shows you the purpose of 4-H Online and Fair Entry.

### V2.4HONLINE.COM, YOU WILL:

- Enroll in 4-H
- Enroll in projects you intend to complete
- Identify the following species by May 15; Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Swine, Horse & Pony (requirements vary by species)
- Rabbits and Poultry (all birds) are not identified in 4-H Online. They are only put in Fair Entry.

### IN FAIRENTRY.COM, YOU WILL:

- Enter all of your project(s) into the correct levels, divisions, or classes that you will be exhibiting at the fair. (non-animal and animal)
- This system will be used for **ALL projects** with the exception of Mini members. Mini 4-Hers do not complete anything in Fair Entry.
- All livestock must be entered into the correct classes at this time (see dates below).

### 4-H Online

- Currently open for enrollment.
- May 15: Beef, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Swine, Horse & Pony must be identified in 4-H Online ([v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)). 4-H Online will close at midnight.

### Fair Entry

- May 19: Fair Entry opens
- May 19-June 22: All projects, non-animals and animals, enter in Fair Entry
- June 22: Fair Entry closes at midnight.

**PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**



2026 Sullivan County 4-H  
Fair July 11-18





## Animal Identification

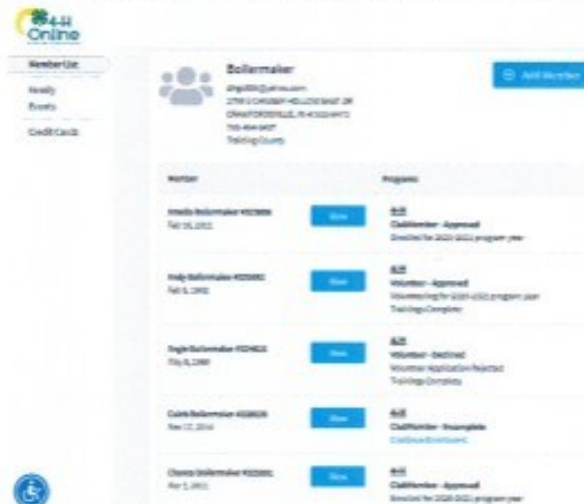
4-H members (Grades 3 – 12) must identify all Beef and Dairy Cattle, Goats, Horses, Llamas, Sheep and Swine in the 4-H Online system by the species deadline or earlier county deadline if applicable to be eligible for exhibition.

- Beef and Dairy Beef Steers, Beef Heifers, Beef/Dairy Feeder Calves, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Horses, Llamas, Sheep, and Swine must be entered into 4-H Online no later than May 15

## Animal Identification in 4-H Online

Please complete the following steps to identify your livestock in the 4-H Online system.

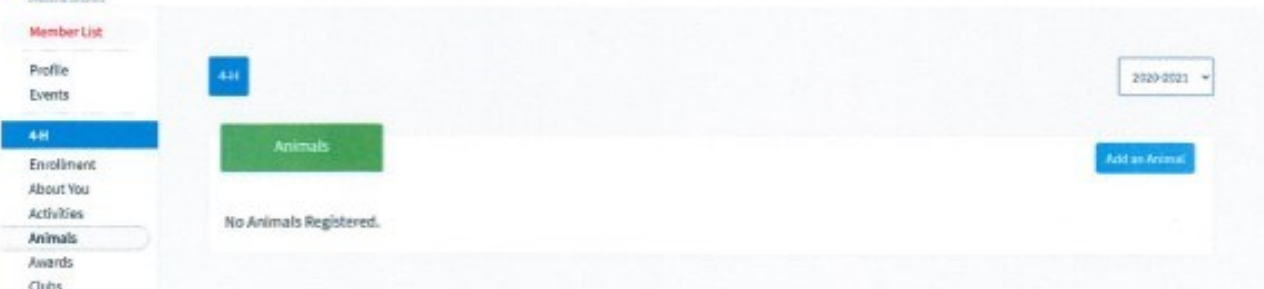
1. Login to your family profile at: <https://v2.4honline.com> using your family email address and password associated with your 4-H enrollment record.
  - a. If you have forgotten your password, please use the 'Reset password' option on the 4-H Online login page, and you will be sent a new temporary password.
  - b. If you have forgotten your family email address or turned in a paper 4-H enrollment form, please contact your local Purdue Extension Office for assistance.
2. Click View next to the Member's record for whom you would like to add an animal



The screenshot shows the 4-H Online Member List page. On the left is a navigation menu with 'Member List' selected. The main content area shows a list of members with their names, IDs, and dates. Each member record has a 'View' button. At the top right of the member list is a blue 'Add Animal' button. Below the member list is a table with columns for 'Member' and 'Programs'.

Member	Programs
Archie Bellmiller #12345 Feb 15, 2012	4-H CalfMaster - Approved Deadline for 2020-2021 program year
Andy Bellmiller #12346 Feb 15, 2012	4-H Volunteer - Approved Deadline for 2020-2021 program year Training Complete
Ernie Bellmiller #12347 Feb 15, 2012	4-H Volunteer - Declined Volunteer Registration Required Training Complete
Gene Bellmiller #12348 Feb 17, 2014	4-H CalfMaster - Incomplete CalfMaster Enrollment
Oliver Bellmiller #12349 Apr 1, 2011	4-H CalfMaster - Approved Deadline for 2020-2021 program year

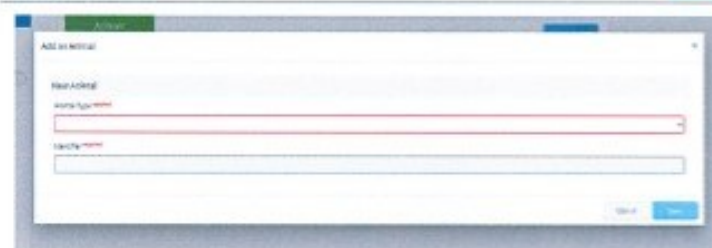
3. Click Animals in the navigation pane.
4. Click the blue "Add an Animal" button. (even if you have previous year animals that can be registered again, click "Add an Animal")



The screenshot shows the 4-H Online Animals page. On the left is a navigation menu with 'Animals' selected. The main content area has a green 'Animals' button and a blue 'Add an Animal' button. Below the buttons is a message that says 'No Animals Registered.' At the top right of the main content area is a dropdown menu showing '2020-2021'.



5. Click on "Add New Animal" to start adding a new animal or if you have animals that carry over from the previous year you "Register" those. Animals that can be registered from previous years **must be REGISTERED** every year by completing this step. You cannot select a previous year and assume they are there. Animals that carry over are Dairy Cattle Females, Horse&Pony, Llama&Alpaca, Dairy Goat Females, and Pygmy Goats (move onto step 9 if registering previous animal).
6. Select the appropriate animal type from the drop-down menu.
7. Enter the required Tag, Tattoo, or Animal Name as directed for the first step that will then allow you to proceed to the remaining identification process. (see Key) →
8. Click Save.


**Key**

Animal Type	Required Identifier	What do I put in this field?
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	Tag	5-digit County Tag
Commercial and Market Heifers	Tag	5-digit County Tag
Beef Cow-Calf Pair	Tag	Calf's tag
Beef Feeder Calves	Tag	5-digit County Tag
Beef Registered Heifers	Tattoo	Tattoo
Dairy Feeder Steers	Tag	5-digit County Tag
Dairy Cattle Females	Animal Name	Animal's name
Dairy Goat Females	Tattoo	Tattoo
Dairy Goat Wethers	Tattoo	Tattoo or NA (if not applicable)
Meat Goats	Tattoo	Tattoo or NA (if not applicable)
Pygmy Goats	Tattoo	Tattoo, Microchip, or Scrapie ID
Horse and Pony	Animal Name	Animal's name
Llama and Alpaca	Animal Name	Animal's name
Sheep	Tag	5-digit County Tag or Scrapie ID (commercial ewes) or registration number (breeding ewes)
Swine Barrows	Tattoo	Earnotch (Pig's Right Ear-Pig's Left Ear)
Swine Gilts	Tattoo	Earnotch (Pig's Right Ear-Pig's Left Ear)

9. Read the on-screen instructions for Animal ID requirements for County Fair and Indiana State Fair Exhibition.
10. Click on the button "Show Questions" after reading the instructions.
11. Required fields are indicated, but be sure to complete all other visible fields as applicable.
12. Click next once completed. If animals have been carried over, the ID information will already be there.
13. Upload any files if required or necessary for the particular Animal type. For animals that are carried over, new photos and files must be uploaded each year.
14. Click next once completed.
15. Review the entered information. Use the Back button at the bottom of the page to return to the previous screen to make corrections if needed.
16. Once the entered information is correct and reviewed, click the Submit button.
17. The animal information will display on the screen with the status, created, modified, and submitted date and time stamp (local time). You will also receive a confirmation email upon submission.
18. To add more animals for the same member repeat steps 3-17. To add animals for another member return to the Member List and View another member.

**\*\*Note\*\*** Members are able to edit Animal ID information until the species specific Animal ID deadline of **May 15, 2025**. Click on the Animals tab from your account at any time to view the status for all of the animals for a member in the family.

### Family Enrollment of Animals

Animals are automatically co-enrolled within the same family (Siblings and step-siblings). The animals may be identified under a single 4-H member in 4-H Online and be exhibited by a different sibling listed in the same family profile. **With this capability in 4-H Online, animals do not need to be entered under each 4-H member in the family.** The exhibit management program will allow a member to select to exhibit any animal identified by the family in 4-H Online. It is suggested that at least 1 animal be identified by each member enrolled in the project.



# 4-H ACADEMY

For 4-Hers in grades 9-12

JOIN US!

JUNE 10-12, 2026

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 8

COST: \$250

4-H COUNCIL WILL PAY \$125  
TOWARDS THE TRIP FOR THOSE  
WHO APPLY BY MAY 8

## WHY YOU SHOULD GO

- Learn about careers
- Meet other Indiana 4-Hers
- Explore Purdue's Campus
- Hands on activities
- Have FUN!

CALL THE SULLIVAN COUNTY  
EXTENSION OFFICE WITH  
QUESTIONS @ 812-268-4332





# Beyond Ready

## 4-H Round-Up

For 4-Hers in grades 7-8

Preferred Application Deadline: May 8  
Cost is \$250 and 4-H Council will pay \$125 toward the trip for those that apply by May 8.

### Why You Should GO

- ✓ Develop Leadership Skills
- ✓ Meet other Indiana 4-Hers
- ✓ Explore Purdue's Campus
- ✓ Have FUN!

### When

June 10-12

### Where

Purdue University

Questions? Call the Sullivan County Extension Office, 812-268-4332

# 2026 Sullivan County 10 Year 4-H Members

## Caden Bays

Curry Nomads 4-H Club

-What is the most unexpected thing you've learned in 4-H?

How much I've learned from other members and many opportunities to make new friends.

-What is your favorite 4-H tradition?

Having the opportunities to be a 4-H camper and later a camp counselor, also. It was lots of fun while learning skills.

-What is one thing you would tell a first year 4-Her?

Try as many projects that you can. It's fun to try new things and meet new 4-Hers.

-What is your favorite thing to eat during Fair week?

Curry Nomads' pork burgers. Of course, I have to have daily milkshakes.

-What is your go-to stress reliever after a busy project season?

Talking with my friends and family and going to the pool.

-Who is a person you will always remember from 4-H and why?

Kailee Cloutier. She makes 4-H work and learning fun and expects you to do your best. She's a good listener and helper.

-What is a funny memory from fair or camp that will always make you laugh?

One of my funniest memories from fair is when my brother's goat got loose and ran to the road by the entrance to the 4-H grounds while we were chasing it.

-Can you lead your 4-H club in the 4-H pledge with all of the correct hand motions?

Yes, I can lead our pledge including the motions.

-What was your biggest project blooper?

My model truck I made fell apart at the fair.

-If you could start all over and do it all again, would you?

Yes, if I could start over and do it all again, I definitely would do it. Thanks!



## Wyatt Epling

Super Champs 4-H Club

What is your favorite thing to eat during Fair week?

Milkshake

Who is a person you will always remember from 4-H and why?

Becky Scott – always supportive and a smiling face and Pam Irvin who is a long time family friend and club leader for me and my mom, too.

If you could start all over and do it all again, would you?

Yes! I would absolutely do 4-H again!

