

Clover Monthly October 2026

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

Important dates

- **Auction and Premium Check Pick-Up:** October 2 3-5:30pm
October 4 12:00pm—3:00pm
- **Sullivan County 4-H Council Fish Fry:** October 3 4-7pm
- **National 4-H Week:** October 4-10
- **Office Closed:** October 12 for Columbus Day
- **Achievement Program:** November 1, 2pm
- **4-H Enrollment Opens:** November 1
- **Sullivan County 4-H Fair:** July 17—23, 2027
- **Indiana State Fair:** August 6—22, 2027 (Closed Mondays)

Dear 4-H Families,

Purdue Extension is excited to support another great year of 4-H programs in Indiana and looks forward to welcoming returning and new members alike.

Please note that enrollment for the upcoming 2026-2027 4-H program year will open on November 1. As we prepare for the new year, we are taking additional time to ensure all systems and resources are ready to support a successful enrollment experience.

We appreciate your patience and understanding. Additional information about enrollment and important program dates will be shared as we approach the November 1 opening.

We look forward to another year of learning and growth together.

Sincerely,
The State 4-H Office



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Project Pick-Up

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. If you picked up your own State Fair project, please stop in the office to pick up your ribbon, judge comment sheet, and State Fair pin.

Important: All Indiana State Fair and Sullivan County 4-H Fair projects that have not been picked up by November 1 will be disposed of.



Happy National 4-H Week

October 4-10, 2026

Be sure to follow along on our Facebook page all week as we celebrate 4-H and all the ways it helps youth become Beyond Ready. Be sure to like, comment, and share our posts throughout the week!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 — Go Green!

Show your 4-H spirit by wearing green! Green shirt, hat, face paint, accessories — anything goes!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 — Thankful Thursday.

Help us shine a light on the good 4-H'ers are doing in their communities! Share a story about how you, another 4-H'er, volunteer, educator, or supporter is making a difference.

Livestock and Premium Check Pick-Up:

Checks for the 2026 Sullivan County 4-H Livestock Auction and Sullivan County 4-H premiums will be distributed in person on the following dates and times at the Sullivan County 4-H building (instead of being mailed):

Friday, October 2 3:00 to 5:30 pm

Sunday, October 5 12:00 (noon) to 3:00 pm

Checks will not be mailed. The 4-Her must be present to pick up their check, sign for the check, and sign a thank you card that will go to their buyer with a link to their auction photos.

The auction committee will mail the thank you cards.

The exception to the 4-Her not being present to pick up the check is if they live over an hour away or away for school. In that case, a parent, guardian, or grandparent can sign for them during the times above.

If you have any questions, please contact the Sullivan County 4-H Auction Livestock Committee at 812-564-1107 or sullivan4hauction@gmail.com

*County and State Projects that haven't been picked up will also be available for pickup at this time in the 4-H Building.



4-H at Sullivan FFA Fright Night

Come see us at Sullivan AG Barn (red barn behind Sullivan Middle School) on Friday, October 30th for Fright Night for fun activities and to learn more about 4-H. Open to all youth in Sullivan County.

YES grants

Money available for youth-led community service projects

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. Youth will identify a local need, then create and carry out a youth-led service project—and you can even invite your friends to join you!

Each youth lead will be supported by an adult supervisor, but the goal of these grants is to give 4-H youth hands-on leadership and project management experience.

- Applications are now open!
- Deadline to apply: December 15

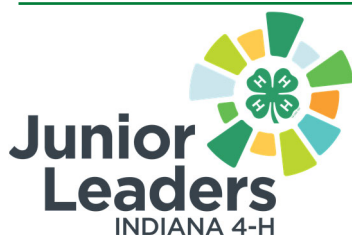
Adults may advise, but youth need to take ownership of their project by completing their application, filling out their budget sheet, and compiling their final report with minimal adult intervention.

Group participation is encouraged in the service projects, including younger children who may want to lead their own project one day! Clubs with members of all ages are encouraged to apply as long as the YOUTH LEAD is in grade 7-12.

Past \$1,000 funded projects to get the ideas flowing:

- “Baby Basic Bundles” to support needy families by providing essential infant care items
- Fair entrance beautification makeover
- “Birthday in a Bag” donated to a local food pantry has everything for a birthday party: cake mix, candles, banner, etc.

Learn more and apply at <https://in4h.org/grants/>



Junior Leader Kick Off Event

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2026

7-8 p.m.

4-H Building, Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds

All Sullivan County 7th–12th graders are invited to join 4-H Junior Leaders for the 2026–2027 program year!

Join us as we elect officers and hold a short business meeting before celebrating the start of a new 4-H year with Gaga Ball, Nine Square, and plenty of fun!

Whether you're a returning Junior Leader or interested in getting involved for the first time, we'd love to have you join us!

Save the Date: Sullivan County 4-H Fair 2027

Sullivan County 4-H Fair will be held July 17–23, 2027!



Sullivan County 4-H Council Fish Fry

Join the Sullivan County 4-H Council for a Jonah Fish Fry on October 3, 2026 from 4–7 PM located on the Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds.

Sullivan County 4-H Council Scholarship

The Sullivan County 4-H Council will be awarding three scholarships in 2027. First place will receive \$500. Second and third place will each receive \$250. Only seniors enrolled in 4-H for 2027 will be considered. The deadline is January 1, 2027.



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