



# 4-H NEWSLETTER

February 2023



## Double Youth All Breed Show

Congratulations to the Clay County 4-H Rabbit Club for successfully hosting their first open show! The club members worked together to plan, prepare, and work the event. They had a great turn out and recieved lots of compliments on a job well done! Thanks to the club leaders Dani Miller and Derick Modesitt for guiding and giving this opportunity to the kids. A special shout out to the 4-H'ers, parents, volunteers, and others who helped make the show a possibility!



### Welcome!

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# IN THE KNOW



## Did you know...February is American Heart Month??

A time when all people can focus on their cardiovascular health! Your heart is your powerhouse, it's up to you to take care of it. Good news is, there is a lot you can do to improve your heart health!

Motivation- whether it be to feel your best each day or to set an example for a loved one, find your "why" for maintaining heart health. Set a goal - try walking for 30 minutes every other day or find 2 new healthy recipes for to make for dinner each week. Stick with it - you'll have ups and downs, you won't always feel motivated, but find some words that keep you pushing forward "This is tough, but I am tougher!"



Source: [livetothethebeat.org](http://livetothethebeat.org)

## Toy Farm Scene Project Workshop

Join us on Saturday March 4th for an in depth dive into the Toy Farm Scene 4-H project!

Learn about how to construction buildings, tips and tricks on different materials to use, and what the judges look for.

Call the Extension Office by Wednesday March 1st sign up!



## 4-H Council Update

The 4-H Council has already been busy planning and prepping for fair! All of the project terms and conditions have been approved and can be found on the county website. They have started taking applications for venders in the Schopmeyer Ag building for fair week. If you know someone who is interested, have them reach out to Ashle' Newport at 812-240-1356.

## 4-H ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2022 - 2023 4-H program year is still open!

Enroll at: [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)

What is 4-H?

4-H is America's largest youth development organization, empowering nearly six million young people who are learning leadership and many other skills utilized for a lifetime. We have over 500 youth in our Clay County program alone! Mini 4-H is a free program offered for youth K-2 and regular 4-H has a \$15 program fee and is for kids in grades 3-12.

If you haven't reenrolled for this year yet, do so as soon as possible to stay the most up to date on information!



# CLAY COUNTY 4-H FAIR JULY 15-21, 2023

## CLAY COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE

Find everything 4-H related to our county by visiting <https://bit.ly/3FsjiIQ>





# UPCOMING EVENTS



## New 4-H Member Meeting February 9th @ 6:30 PM

If you are new to the Clay County 4-H Program, join us at this event to get all the information about what to expect from being a 4-H'er! We will be going over all of our resources and important dates. Bring your questions and we will be happy to answer them all. If you know someone who is thinking about joining 4-H, invite them to attend as well!



## Cattle Tag Day February 25th @ 9 AM to Noon

The 2023 Clay County 4-H Beef Tagging Day will be held in the Cattle Barn on the morning of Saturday February 25th. Tag-in Day for all beef steers, dairy steers and commercial (crossbred) heifers is required. In addition, if you have registered percentage heifers that you plan to exhibit at the State Fair, you should bring those heifers to tag-in as well. For this year, 4-H'ers will be charged \$3.00 for RFID tags and \$3.00 for any county tags needed at tag-in. You can pay by check or cash. Checks can be made payable to the Clay County 4-H Cattle Club.



## Middle School Night Out February 25h @ 4 to 9 PM



Calling all 6-8th graders, this event is for you! Our area 4-H counties are hosting a Middle School Night out with friends, games, fun, and food. There will be inflatables, ice cream, a nacho bar, pizza, corn hole, music, and so much more! This free for 4-Her's and \$15 for non-members. Call the Extension Office at 812-448-9041 by February 17th to reserve your spot.

## Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care @ 6:30 PM in the Exhibit Hall

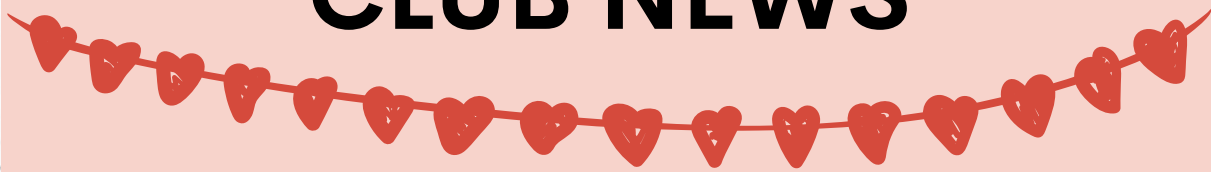
All Livestock Exhibitors must complete the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training. This is a new program that is replacing the previous Youth for the Quality Assurance Program or YQCA. This program is currently only offered in-person, thanks to the sponsorship of Clay County Farm Bureau, this is FREE! If you are not able to attend one of the in-person trainings, the YQCA online program will fill the requirement for the quality care training. This can be done at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org). If you complete it online, you MUST provide your certificate to the Extension Office (email [korniak@purdue.edu](mailto:korniak@purdue.edu) or bring it in during office hours Monday-Friday 8 am to 4 pm).



**The trainings are scheduled for March 27th, April 27th, May 23rd, and June 21st**



# CLUB NEWS



## Jr. Leaders

Support the Jr. Leaders in their annual Laundry Detergent and Trash Bag Fundraiser. Funds from these sales support community service projects and all Junior Leader activities. You can order from any Jr. Leader or find the order form on our county website to drop off at the Extension Office with your payment. Orders will need to be turned into the Extension Office by Friday, February 17. Support the Clay County 4-H Jr. Leaders and order your bucket today!



Clay County Jr. Leader Scholarship applications are open and due April 1st! Any 4-H'er who is a high school junior, high school senior, or college freshman is eligible! Application, qualifications, and details can be found on our county website.

## Mini 4-H

There is a Valentine's Activity Day scheduled for Saturday February 11th from 9:30 to noon. This is our first opportunity for minis this year! There will be games, crafts, and other fun. Help 4-H give back to the community as we will also be completing a service project. 4-H'ers can be dropped off in the Exhibit Hall at 9:30 am. Call the Extension Office at 812-448-9041 to sign up!

Our monthly mini 4-H meetings will begin in March! They are held at 6 pm on the third Monday of the month. At these meetings we do an overview of projects, all the possibilities of 4-H, and other important info. Hope to see you there!



## Livestock Judging

Clay County 4-H will be forming team to compete in the local and state FFA/4-H Livestock Judging Competition. This opportunity is open to all 4-H'ers! Professional Judge, A.J. Williams, will be coaching the team to learn all about what to look for in the different species and how to explain the reasoning behind your decisions.


Practices will be held on Tuesdays at 6 pm in the Extension Office starting February 7th. If you are interested in learning more about the livestock industry and how to pick the ideal animal, this is for you!!








# CLUB MEETING DATES



CLUB NAME	MEETING DATES	CLUB NAME	MEETING DATES
<b>4-EVER ACHIEVERS</b> 6:00 PM Staunton Community Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 7, 2023</li> <li>March 7, 2023</li> <li>April 4, 2023</li> <li>May 2, 2023</li> <li>June 6, 2023</li> <li>July 6, 2023</li> </ul>	<b>MINI 4-H</b> 6:00 PM Clay Co. Fairgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 20, 2023</li> <li>April 17, 2023</li> <li>May 15, 2023</li> <li>June 19, 2023</li> </ul>
<b>BUSY BEES</b> 6:00 PM Clay Co. Extension Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2, 2023</li> <li>April 6, 2023</li> <li>May 4, 2023</li> <li>June 1, 2023</li> <li>July 6, 2023</li> </ul>	<b>VAN BUREN HUSTLERS</b> 7:00 PM Clay Co. Fairgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 21, 2023</li> <li>March 21, 2023</li> <li>April 25, 2023</li> <li>May 16, 2023</li> <li>June 20, 2023</li> </ul>
<b>CLEVER CLOVERS</b> 7:00 pm First United Methodist Fellowship Hall - Clay City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 7, 2023</li> <li>March 7, 2023</li> <li>April 4, 2023</li> <li>May 2, 2023</li> <li>June 6, 2023</li> <li>July 3, 2023</li> </ul>	<b>TOP SHOTS - FIREARMS</b> Lost Creek Conservation Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 18, 2023 @ 12:30 - Air Rifle</li> <li>March 18, 2023 @ 12:30 - Air Rifle</li> <li>April 13, 2023 @ 6:00 - Rifle</li> <li>April 20, 2023 @ 6:00 - Shotgun</li> <li>May 11, 2023 @ 6:00 - Rifle</li> <li>May 18, 2023 @ 6:00 - Shotgun</li> <li>June 8, 2023 @ 6:00 - Rifle</li> <li>June 15, 2023 @ 6:00 - Shotgun</li> </ul>
<b>SHARP SHOOTERS ARCHERY</b>	TBD		
<b>Jackson TWP Farmhands</b> 6:00 pm Clay Co. Fairgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 9, 2023</li> <li>March 9, 2023</li> <li>April 13, 2023</li> <li>May 11, 2023</li> <li>June 8, 2023</li> <li>July 13, 2023</li> </ul>		
<b>LAKER LEADERS</b>	TBD		

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<p><b>JR. LEADERS</b> 7:00 pm Clay Co. Fairgrounds</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 20, 2023</li> <li>February 24 - Movie/Game Night at 6</li> <li>March 20, 2023</li> <li>April 17, 2023</li> <li>May 15, 2023</li> <li>June 19, 2023</li> </ul>	<p><b>DOG CLUB</b> 6:00 PM Van Buren Elem. Starting in April meeting in the Show Arena</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feb 16, 2023</li> <li>March 9, 2023</li> <li>April 7, 2023</li> <li>April 14, 2023</li> <li>April 21, 2023 (@ Forest Park)</li> <li>April 28, 2023</li> </ul>
<p><b>SWINE CLUB</b> 4:30 pm Clay Co. Fairgrounds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 19, 2023</li> <li>April 2, 2023</li> <li>May 7, 2023</li> <li>June - TBD</li> <li>July 11, 2023</li> </ul>	<p><b>RABBIT CLUB</b> 5:00 PM Clay Co. Fairgrounds</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 26, 2023</li> <li>March 19, 2023</li> <li>April 16, 2023</li> <li>May 7, 2023-Bunny Boot Camp 10am-2pm</li> <li>May 12, 2023</li> <li>June 4, 2023-Bunny Boot Camp 10am-2pm</li> <li>June 25, 2023</li> </ul>
<p><b>GOAT CLUB</b></p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p><b>HORSE &amp; PONY</b> 7:00 PM Clay Co. Fairgrounds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 16, 2023</li> <li>March 16, 2023</li> <li>April 20, 2023</li> <li>May 18, 2023</li> <li>June 15, 2023</li> </ul>
<p><b>POULTRY CLUB</b> 7:00 pm Clay Co. Fairgrounds</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 14, 2023</li> <li>March 14, 2023</li> <li>April 11, 2023</li> <li>May 9, 2023</li> <li>June 13, 2023 (meeting &amp; bloodtesting)</li> <li>June 24, 2023 (9-11:00 am blood testing)</li> </ul>	<p><b>HARRISON HANDY HAPPY HELPERS</b> *7 pm at the First Financial Bank in Clay City **6 pm at the 4-H stand at Goshen Park ***10 am at the 4-H stand at Goshen Park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 27, 2023 *</li> <li>March 27, 2023 *</li> <li>April 24, 2023 **</li> <li>May 22, 2023 **</li> <li>June 26, 2023 ***</li> <li>July 31, 2023 **</li> </ul>
<p><b>TRACTOR CLUB</b></p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p><b>SHEEP CLUB</b></p>	<p>TBD</p>
<p><b>CATTLE CLUB</b> Clay Co. Fairgrounds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 13, 2023</li> <li>March 13, 2023</li> <li>April 10, 2023</li> <li>May 8, 2023</li> <li>June 12, 2023</li> <li>July 10, 2023</li> </ul>		