



February



Have you enrolled for the new 4-H year yet? Don't miss out, enroll today! v2.4honline.com

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

Not only is love in the air this month, so is 4-H!! We are in full swing as most 4-H clubs start meeting this month, our judging teams have begun practicing, and summer activities are being scheduled. There is so much to look forward to this spring and summer!

As 4-H'ers start caring for their livestock animals and planning for their other projects, remember to review the project terms and conditions. All terms are updated and available on our website: <https://bit.ly/3umXXyh>. Be sure to sign up for the projects you are planning to bring to the fair in 4-H online so that you get all the information available.

If you know someone who wants to join in on all that 4-H has to offer, it's not too late to enroll! Send them to our county website for more information or have them reach out to the Extension Office. As always, we are here and happy to answer questions!

~Natalie

Important Dates to Remember:

- **Cattle Tag Days**
 - February 23 & 24
- **Sheep Tag Days**
 - May 3 & 4
- **Goat Tag Day**
 - May 4
- **Animal ID Deadline**
 - May 15
- **State Fair DNA Due**
 - May 15
- **Mini 4-H Day Camp**
 - June 6
- **4-H Camp**
 - June 9-12
- **4-H Academy**
 - June 12-14
- **4-H Round Up**
 - June 24-26
- **Fair Entry Deadline**
 - June 28
- **Exhibit Hall Project Judging**
 - July 10-11
- **Clay County 4-H Fair**
 - July 13-19



What should our 2024 Clay County 4-H Fair theme be?



SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS BY FEB. 13!



Extension - Clay County

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Find us on **Clay County 4-H**
County Website:
<https://bit.ly/41gF7DU>



COUNTY 4-H NEWS



SUMMER EXTENSION INTERNSHIP OPENING

Do you like working with youth? Do you want to develop great marketing, organizational, and office skills? Do you have a special interest in Purdue Extension and the 4-H program and all it has to offer???

An internship with Clay County Purdue Extension might be the perfect summer job for you! Join our team and gain great work experience in customer service, leadership, organization and youth development.

Find the application and job description here:

<http://tinyurl.com/y9ff9tbx>

If you have any questions, reach out to the Extension Office at 812-448-9041 or email korniak@purdue.edu.



MINI 4-H

Our Mini 4-H program is designed to encourage and develop our young leaders. It is offered to youth in the county ages kindergarten through second grade. New members can register at v2.4honline.com. For those of you already signed up, we are so excited to learn and grow with you! We hope to see everyone at our meetings!

Mini Meeting Dates:

- March 18, 2024
- April 15, 2024
- May 20, 2024
- June 17, 2024



Mini Livestock Show Dates:

- July 13, 2024 - Rabbits, Poultry & Goats - Immediately following the Rabbit Show
- July 14, 2024 - Cattle, Sheep & Swine - Immediately following the Goat Show

FORCES OF NATURE PROGRAM

There's still time to join! Explore the natural wonders with 4-H Forces of Nature Natural resources SPARK Club. Learn about wildlife, soil & water conservation, weather & climate science, and geology. This SPARK club will meet virtually one Wednesday a month and in-person one Saturday a month through April.

For more information or to register for the program, visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/mtmnnpdn>

4-H CAMP COUNSELORS

Are you in 8th - 12th grade? Do you enjoy being outdoors, working with younger 4-H members, meeting new people? If you answered yes to those questions, then we need you as a 4-H Camp Counselor. As a camp counselor you will lead classes for the younger members, organize the campers in your cabin, and make camp a great experience for the younger members participating in camp. Camp Counselor applications will be available in the Extension Office & online in March.

Those selected to serve as camp counselors will attend two planning sessions in May and 4-H Camp from June 9 - 12.

BULK SOAP

fundraiser

Our Clay County 4-H Jr. Leaders are having their annual detergent fundraiser!

You can order through any of our outstanding Jr. Leaders or stop by the Extension Office (812-448-9041) to place your order with payment.

Orders will need to be placed by February 19th with an expected delivery around the first of March.

TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE THIS FUNDRAISER A BUBBLY SUCCESS!



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LIVESTOCK NEWS



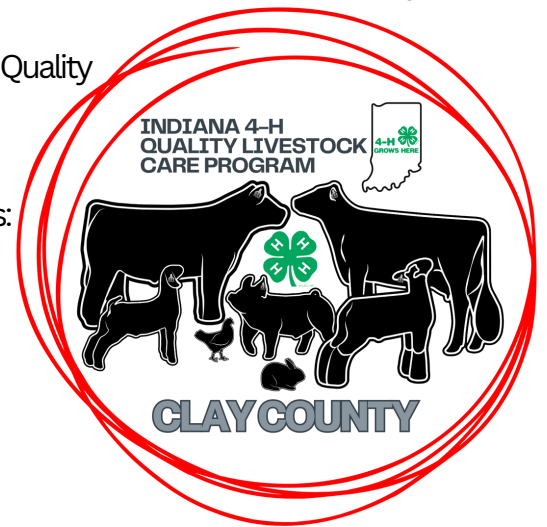
Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training

The Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program is a comprehensive training REQUIREMENT for all 4-H youth participating in beef, dairy, goats (all types), poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. This is both a county and state requirement. Failure to complete this training will result in youth unable to exhibit their animals at the county and/or state fair.

Please call the Extension Office (812-448-9093) to RSVP for an Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training session or follow the link next to your select date to register. Members must be registered BEFORE attending a training.

All training's will be held at 6:30 pm in the Exhibit Hall on the following dates:

- **March 25, 2024** - <https://claycomarch25qlctraining4honline.com>
- **April 30, 2024** - <https://claycoapril30qlctraining4honline.com>
- **May 22, 2024** - <https://claycomay22qlctraining4honline.com>
- **June 19, 2024** - <https://claycojune19qlctraining4honline.com>



Cattle Tag Days

The 4-H Beef and Dairy Steer Tag-in will be **February 23rd** from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and **February 24th** 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Cattle Barn at the Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds.

All beef steers, crossbred beef heifers, and dairy steers are required to be tagged. Registered beef heifers and dairy heifers do not have to be brought to tag-in, but need to have an RFID tag to exhibit. If you don't have an option of tagging your registered beef heifer or dairy heifer with an RFID tag, you can call a leader to set an appointment up.

All cattle members that are already enrolled in 4-H this year should have received their enrollment packets via mail. If you did not receive your packet or have not enrolled yet, please call the Extension Office.

Clay County 4-H Livestock Judging

The Clay County 4-H Livestock Judging teams have started practicing for 2024 and are inviting Clay County youth to join their practices. Any youth in grades 3-12 can participate. The teams judge at invitationals, the Area V contest and hopefully the State Contest at Purdue. Youth will learn how to evaluate livestock and practice their communication skills in the process. Their meeting schedule is listed in the back of this newsletter. If you would like more information, please contact the Clay County Extension Office.

PROJECT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All of the officially updated Exhibit Hall & Livestock project terms and conditions are now available on our [website](#)! If you have questions or would like more information on a particular project, don't hesitate to reach out! We also have free project manuals available for select projects in the Extension Office.





LIVESTOCK NEWS



Clay County Livestock Ambassadors

We are happy to introduce our 2024 Clay County 4-H Livestock Ambassadors! These members applied and were chosen to be leaders for the livestock projects in our county program. They have already started brainstorming ideas on ways to support their fellow members and their animals. They are also working together to find the best ways to educate the public and advocate for the livestock industry. You will be seeing them at activities in the upcoming months and throughout the week of the fair, keep an eye out for the opportunities and communications to come!



Audron Ledgerwood - Goats/Cattle
Bradee McDonald - Swine/Sheep
Colton Evinger - Swine
Cale Williams - Swine

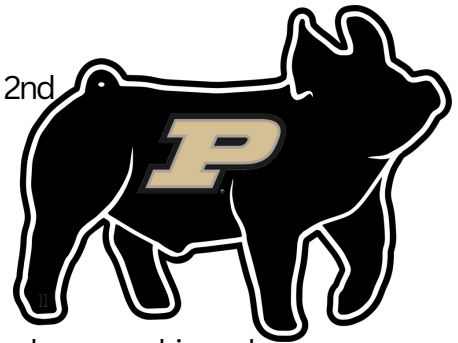
Callie Hogan - Swine
Carson Shoemaker - Cattle
Clark Muston - Poultry
Jed Gunn - Cattle

Junior Pork Day at Purdue

Junior Pork Day is back this year! This event will take place on Saturday, March 2nd & is open to all youth interested in Swine or a Career in Animal Sciences. The annual program is hosted by the Indiana Swine Breed Associations, Indiana Pork Producers, NSR, NJSA and Purdue University Animal Sciences Department.

Registration cost \$5 and includes a full day learning how to judge swine, evaluating Hog Carcasses, learning about the swine industry, biosecurity, swine showmanship and more.

The event takes place in the new Land O' Lakes Center (Animal Sciences Meat Lab) on Purdue's Campus, 720 Clinic Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907.



4-H FAIR SHOW DAYS:

- 7/1/24 - Dog Obedience Show @ 4:00 pm
- 7/2/24 - Dog Agility Show @ 4:00 pm
- 7/12/24 - Livestock check-in @ 6:00 to 9:00 pm
- 7/13/24 - Livestock check-in @ 7:00 to 10:00 am
- 7/13/24 - Rabbit Show @ 12:00 pm
- 7/13/24 - Horse & Pony Contesting @ 2:00 pm
- 7/14/24 - Horse & Pony Western Show @ 9:00 am
- 7/14/24 - Meat Goat Show @ 12:00 pm
- 7/15/24 - Horse & Pony English Show @ 9:00 am
- 7/15/24 - Beef Show @ 10:00 am
- 7/15/24 - Poultry Show @ 11:00 am
- 7/16/24 - Sheep Show @ 9:00 am
- 7/16/24 - Dairy Show @ 4:00 pm
- 7/17/24 - Swine Show @ 1:00 pm
- 7/18/24 - Dairy Goat Show @ 9:00 am
- 7/18/24 - Round Robin @ 7:00 pm
- 7/18/24 - Livestock Released @ 9:00 pm
- 7/19/24 - Livestock Auction @ TBD

TRACTOR CLUB LEADER NEEDED!

The Clay County Ag Tractor/Lawn Mower Safety & Operation project is looking for a new club leader.

This position not only offers a chance to share knowledge but also helps in preparing young individuals for tractor driving contests, fostering a sense of responsibility and safety awareness.

Interested in learning more about the position? Contact Natalie at the Extension Office!



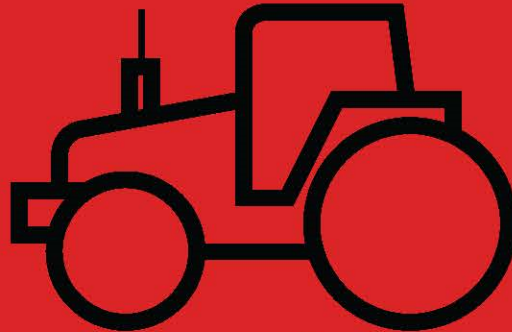


Extension - 4-H Youth
Development



Present:

AG EQUIPMENT DIANOSTIC WORKSHOP



4-H and FFA youth grades 9-12 are invited!
Pre-registration is required, \$25 Registration
fee to cover lunch and supplies. This is a pre-
requisite to the June 8th contest.

February 24th

- Daviess Co
Fairgrounds
- Clay Co Fairgrounds
- Bane-Welker Training
Center- Lebanon

Register by February 16th

March 16th

- Jasper Co Fairgrounds
- Churubusco High
School
- Decatur Co
Fairgrounds

Register by March 8th

**For More Information
and to Register visit:**

purdue.ag/AgEquipmentDiagnostics



CLAY COUNTY 4-H CLUB DATES

4-EVER ACHIEVERS

Staunton Community Center
6:00 pm

- February 6, 2024
- March 5, 2024
- April 2, 2024
- May 7, 2024
- June 4, 2024
- July 2, 2024

GOAT CLUB

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
2:30 pm

- February 25, 2024

HHHH

First Financial Bank in Clay City
7:00 pm

- February 20, 2024

HORSE & PONY

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
7:00 pm

- February 15, 2024
- March 21, 2024
- April 18, 2024
- May 16, 2024
- June 20, 2024

CLEVER CLOVERS

First United Methodist Fellowship Hall in Clay City
7:00 pm

- February 12, 2024
- March 11, 2024
- April 8, 2024
- May 13, 2024
- June 10, 2024
- July 8, 2024

CATTLE CLUB

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
6:30 pm

- February 12, 2024
- March 11, 2024
- April 8, 2024
- May 13, 2024
- June 10, 2024
- July 8, 2024

POULTRY CLUB

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
7:00 pm

- February 13, 2024
- March 12, 2024
- April 9, 2024
- May 14, 2024
- May 18, 2024 - Blood Testing
- June 11, 2024

VAN BUREN HUSTLERS

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
7:00 pm

- February 8, 2024
- March 14, 2024
- April 11, 2024
- May 9, 2024
- June 13, 2024
- June 27, 2024

TOP SHOTS

Lost Creek Conservation Club
12:30 pm

- February 17 - air rifle

6:00 pm

- April 10 - shotgun
- April 18 - rifle
- May 8 - shotgun
- May 16 - rifle
- June 12 - shotgun
- June 20 - rifle

RABBIT CLUB

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
5:00 pm

- February 18, 2024
- March 17, 2024
- April 21, 2024
- May 5, 2024
- June 23, 2024

Jr. Leaders

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
7:00 pm

- February 19, 2024
- March 18, 2024
- April 15, 2024
- May 20, 2024
- June 17, 2024

SWINE CLUB

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
5:00 pm

- February 25, 2024
- April 21, 2024
- May 19, 2024

MINI 4-H

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
6:00 pm

- March 18, 2024
- April 15, 2024
- May 20, 2024
- June 17, 2024

DOG CLUB

Van Buren Elementary School
5:30 pm

- Feb 12
- March 11

*Watch email for more dates.

JACKSON TWP. FARMHANDS

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
6:00 pm

- February 15, 2024
- March 28, 2024
- April - TBA
- May 23, 2024
- June 27, 2024

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Extension Office
6:30 pm

- February 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2024

Bookmark the main Clay County 4-H calendar to see what all is happening today!

