

CLAY COUNTY

NEWS LETTER

2023
June

4-H



JOIN 4-H TODAY!

Clay County

Indiana 4-H enrollment is open in Clay County starting October 1, 2023!

Enrollment can be done via the 4-H Online system at v2.4honline.com. Please contact the Extension Office for assistance.

ENROLLMENT TIPS

REGISTER NOW!

- Families who currently have a family profile and need to add a new member should add their new member(s) to their current profile.
- Make sure you update any personal information as you re-enroll. **Please make sure that your email & address is correct in the system!**
- If you plan to pay by credit or debit card, make sure you select the correct method of payment after you continue to view your invoice. If cash or check is your payment option, please come to the Extension Office within 10 days of your enrollment to pay your 4-H program fee.

National 4-H Week

OCTOBER 1-7

To help celebrate National 4-H Week, we are having an enrollment promotion! For this week only (October 1-7), if you sign up for Clay County 4-H you will get a \$5 discount sponsored by our 4-H Council!



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

Important Dates to Remember:

4-H AWARDS NIGHT:
OCTOBER 3

2024 CLAY COUNTY 4-H FAIR:
JULY 13-19

2024 4-H CAMP:
JUNE 9-12



TALENT IS EVERYWHERE, OPPORTUNITY IS NOT.





FUN 4-H FALL BREAK OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for things to do over the week off school? Check out these great 4-H opportunities! Call the Extension Office at 812-448-9041 to register by **Friday October 13th**. Must be enrolled in 4-H for the new year through 4-H Online to attend.

- **Food, food, and more food!!** Tuesday October 17th from 9 am to 4 pm.
Join us for a day of exploring all the different culinary projects available in the 4-H program. We will complete a baked foods, microwave, food preservation, AND a bake with a mix recipe. We will be taste testing all of our goodies, but be sure to bring your lunch. Call the Extension Office at 812-448-9041 to register by Friday October 13th.
- **Animal Science Career Exploration!** Friday October 20th from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm.
Join us for a day of touring and learning about different opportunities and career paths in the agriculture industry. Our first stop will be at the Co-Alliance Agronomy and Crop Production Services in Bainbridge. Here we will be hearing from the facilities manager discussing the roles of nutritionists, feed mills, amino acids, and the ingredients of your livestock show feeds. Then, we will make our way up to Purdue University where we will get the opportunity to tour a few of the livestock farms, the Purdue Butcher Block, and more! Please bring money for lunch. Call the Extension Office at 812-448-9041 to register by Friday October 13th. Transportation will be determined by attendance.

Watch your emails & social media for more information on these fun opportunities!



NEW PROGRAM **CLAY COUNTY LIVESTOCK AMBASSADORS**

Clay County will be starting a new Livestock Ambassador program this year! This program is intended to provide our 4-H livestock members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth, and to become advocates for animal agriculture.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM, PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- Be in grades 7-12 as of January 1, 2024.
- Be a member of Clay County 4-H program.
- Complete the online application by November 17, 2023
- Be actively involved in a livestock club (sheep, swine, goat, poultry, rabbit, cattle).
- Have completed at least 2 years in a livestock project.
- Show your animals at the Clay Co. 4-H Fair



**Ambassador
Application Link**

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF LIVESTOCK AMBASSADORS?

- Ambassadors must strive to set positive leadership examples during 4-H events and in the community.
- Promote 4-H livestock with potential members, parents, and the general public
- Help conduct Clay County 4-H livestock events – showmanship & fitting clinics, open shows, fair shows, skillathon & judging contest during the fair.
- Represent 4-H in a public relations role with community partners and sponsors
- Develop and/or enhance skills related to leadership such as conflict resolution, facilitation, teamwork, decision-making, respect, and communication
- Teach others, facilitate discussions, and public speaking
- Candidates must demonstrate positive sportsmanship at all times.

For this first year of the program, we will only be accepting 10 members. Please fill out the application by visiting https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8GQDF5JJOX5M43c or by scanning the QR code above. Applicants will be notified by December 15 if they have been accepted/denied. An application does not ensure entrance into the program.



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4-H CLUB SPOTLIGHTS



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JR. LEADERS

If you are a Clay County 4-H member who is in the 7th grade or above, the Jr. Leaders would like to extend an invitation to you to join their group!

We focus on building young leaders by giving back to the community with service projects. A few examples of how we serve are, making cards for our local veterans and nursing homes, Trick or Treating for cans for the food pantry, assisting with Mini 4-H meetings, helping with Special Olympics, and a Pancake Breakfast with Santa. We also do many fun activities throughout the year such as movie nights, bonfires, Holiday World, lazer tag and ice skating.

With exception of our first meeting date this year (October 23rd), we always have our meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds exhibit hall. Our meeting dates will be October 23, November 20, December 18, January 15, February 19, March 18, April 15, May 20 and June 17. We would love for you to join us!

MINI 4-H

Are you interested in Mini 4-H for kindergarten through second grade?

Mini 4-H is great way to learn about 4-H in a noncompetitive atmosphere and have fun as well. Starting in the Spring, the 4-H Jr. Leaders and Extension staff will offer programs at the fairgrounds for Mini 4-H'ers to explore 4-H.

The programs entail a lot of fun learning activities, recreation and a great social atmosphere to learn about 4-H. In addition, you can select multiple projects to complete and exhibit at the fair.

Even though the Mini 4-H program is free, members will still need to enroll on v2.4honline.com.

4-H'ers are...



4X

more likely to give back to their communities



2X

more likely to make healthier choices



2X

more likely to participate in STEM activities

Multiply your impact!

DOG CLUB

Embark on an extraordinary journey with our Dog Club at 4H! We're dedicated to nurturing the bond between you and your canine companion while promoting responsible ownership and positive training methods.

★ What's in store for you and your furry friend? ★

- **Expert Guidance:** The trainers provide valuable insights into dog behavior, training techniques, and health care. Gain knowledge that will benefit both you and your beloved pup.
- **Tail-Wagging Activities:** From agility courses to obedience training, our club offers a variety of engaging activities that challenge and stimulate your dog's mind and body.
- **Community of Dog Lovers:** Connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for dogs. Swap stories, tips, and make lasting friendships while your dogs play and learn together.
- **Service Opportunities:** Get involved in projects that benefit the local community. Whether it's dog visits, training assistance dogs, or organizing dog-related events, there are endless ways to give back.
- **Competitions and Shows:** Showcase your dog's skills and talents in friendly competitions. It's a chance to demonstrate all the hard work and love you've poured into their training.
- **Life Skills for Dogs and Owners:** Beyond training, we focus on essential life skills for dogs and owners alike. From socialization to responsible pet ownership, we're here to support you every step of the way.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to create lasting memories with your furry family member. Join us at 4H Dog Club and let the adventures begin!





HORSE & PONY CLUB

Come join us at the Horse & Pony Club! All the kids get out there and support each other. You will see the kids out there cheering each other on during the shows. Not only do we have our 3 shows during fair week, but we also have multiple events and fundraisers to attend throughout the year.

- Enrollment opens October 1st
- Monthly meetings will be held the 3rd Thursday of the month
- Starting in May thru July, Open Arenas are every Tuesday and Thursday. This will help prepare the horse for fair week
- Educational clinics are scheduled, as time allows, to help teach kids proper riding and showing techniques
- Horse & Pony Tack Auction will be March 2nd 2024
- 2024 the club will also host a couple open horse shows

What makes our club fun to participate in?

- “The opportunity to meet new friends and all the fun events we have throughout the year.”-Mackie
- “Getting to learn more about horse breeds and more about horses.”-Shorty
- “The way everyone is involved, and we are all friends, everyone helps each other.”-Auora
- “Playing volleyball, dodgeball and mud games in the arena after the show.”-Makinzee
- “The people. Everybody is nice to each other and makes sure everyone is having fun.”-Keagan
- “How everyone helps each other no matter how competitive they are.”-Trinity



SWINE CLUB

While showing pigs is a lot of work, the kids in our club really enjoy working together to wash their pigs and walk them. Lots of new friendships are made!

The first Swine club meeting for the upcoming year will be held on January 28 at 4:30 pm in the Exhibit Hall. We hope to see you there!

Swine Club Facebook Link:



JACKSON TOWNSHIP FARMHANDS

The Jackson Township Farmhands club is a traditional 4-H club. The meetings are member lead, with many opportunities for the 4-Hers to be involved in the club and community. Meetings are held once a month in the fairgrounds exhibit hall. The club meeting consists of club business, recreation, snacks, action demonstrations, 4-H project tips and a community service project.



RABBIT CLUB

Welcome to the Clay County 4-H Rabbit Club! Our club consists of friends in grades 3-12. Showing rabbits is not only fun, but you get the opportunity to also participate in Rabbit Ambassador (showmanship), Rabbit BBQ, Interactive Demonstrations, Bunny Boot Camp, and much more! Our club meeting dates will be posted on the 4-H website, our club Facebook page, and our band app. Come join the fun!

Rabbit Club Facebook Link



Rabbit Club Band Link



SWINE PROJECT

NEW GUIDELINE FOR 2024

Clay County will be following the new State Fair rule that **all barrows and gilts must be farrowed on or after December 1st, 2023** (it was previously January 1st).

Keep this change in mind when selecting your swine projects for the upcoming year. Please call the Extension Office with any questions.

The updated Terms & Conditions for all livestock projects will be released by February.

CLAY COUNTY 4-H CLUB DATES

Jr. Leaders

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
7:00 pm

- October 23, 2023
- November 20, 2023
- December 18, 2023
- January 15, 2024
- February 19, 2024
- March 18, 2024
- April 15, 2024
- May 20, 2024
- June 17, 2024

Horse & Pony

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
7:00 pm

- October 19, 2023
- November 16, 2023
- December 14, 2023
- January 18, 2024
- February 15, 2024
- March 21, 2024
- April 18, 2024
- May 16, 2024
- June 20, 2024

Van Buren Hustlers

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
7:00 pm

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

Swine Club

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
4:30 pm

- January 28, 2024

Mini 4-H

Clay Co. Fairgrounds
6:00 pm

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

Curious to know what the totals were for this year's fair?

Department	# of Class Entries
Horse	970
Meat Goat	66
Mini 4-H	214
Poultry	359
Pygmy Goat	63
Rabbit	292
Sheep	169
Swine	138

Department	# of Class Entries
Boer Goats	47
Cat	5
Clay Co. Only Projects	140
Dairy Cattle	77
Dairy Goats	81
Dog	45
Exhibit Hall	593
Garden	78



AREA V LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

Twelve 4-H'ers from Clay County participated in the Area 5 4-H and FFA Livestock Skill-a-thon contest on September 12th. Our Clay County teams have been meeting every week since the beginning of August to learn about the many parts of the contest. The contest allows youth to compete as individuals and as a team to identify and evaluate various livestock industry areas. Areas include identifying meats, breeds, feeds, and equipment.

- Overall Senior Individual winner - Cale Williams
- Junior Individuals - 8th Drew Williams, 16th Chase Lowdermilk, 19th Cailynn Coopriker, 27th Henry Coley- out of 64!
- 4-H Senior team 2nd place - Kolette Slough, Sydney Lowdermilk, Colton Evinger
- Junior 4-H teams - 4th (Drew, Chase, Cailynn, and Cole Coopriker) and 13th (Henry Coley, Oakley Bond, Haldleigh Ludwig, Elliott Coley)

We'll start meeting again next August to prepare for the 2024 Area 5 contest. Contact the Extension Office if you would like more information on participating!