



# Wells County 4-H News

March/April 2023

**TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER**

## New 4-H Youth Educator and Administrative Assistant

We are excited to announce that Morgan Estrada has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant and will be starting March 6th.

We are also thrilled to announce that Anya Aulbach has accepted the position of 4-H Youth Educator and will be starting May 15th.

Please make sure to introduce yourselves and give them a warm welcome to Wells County!



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## 4-H Camp Counselors

Congratulations to these Wells County 4-H members for being selected as 4-H Camp Counselors for 2023!



- Faith Bales—Jefferson Knightriders, Archery, BB/Rifle, and Jr. Leaders
- Elly Kiess—Rockcreek Rollers and Horse & Pony
- Cohen Miller—Chester Chargers and Jr. Leaders
- Emma Peterson—Hurryin' Harrisons, Archery, and Junior Leaders

## Summer Interns 2023

We are pleased to announce that Anna Hoover will be returning as an Extension Office Intern this summer! We are also looking for one more person to join our team as an intern for the summer! Interns will start mid-May and typically finish up the first or second week of August. If you or someone you know would be interested, please have them email Jenni at [hoover21@purdue](mailto:hoover21@purdue) for questions or an application.



Applications are due March 24th and interviews will take place the week of March 27th (can be done by Zoom or over the phone if needed).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March 2023

- 3 Sheep and Meat Goat meeting, 7 pm, 4-H Park Community Center Meeting Rooms  
 4 Horse & Pony Tack Auction, Doors Open 4 pm, Sale Starts 5pm, 4-H Community Center Expo Hall  
 5 Hurryin' Harrisons 4-H Club Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, 4-H Park Community Center  
 6 Swine Member Workshop, 7 PM, 4-H Community Center Meeting Rooms  
 7 Camp Counselor Training, 5:30—8:00 pm, Whitley County Fairgrounds  
 7 Lancaster Achievers 4-H Club Meeting, 7-8 pm, packing backpacks, 4-H Park, Jr. Leader Booth  
 7 BB & Rifle Meeting, 6:30-8:30 PM, 4-H Park Community Center, Expo Hall & Meeting Room  
 9 Robotics Meeting, 6:00 pm, 4-H Park Community Center  
 13 4-H Association Meeting, 7 PM, 4-H Park Community Center  
 14 BB & Rifle Meeting, 6:30-8:30 PM, 4-H Park Community Center, Expo Hall & Meeting Room  
 18 Liberty Happy-Go-Lucky 4-H Club Meeting, 1-3 pm, Liberty Center United Methodist Church  
 20 Dog Club, 6-8 pm, 4-H Park Community Center, Expo Hall, No dogs  
 21 BB & Rifle Meeting, 6:30-8:30 PM, 4-H Park Community Center, Expo Hall & Meeting Room  
 23 Robotics Meeting, 6:00 pm, 4-H Park Community Center  
 26 Llama & Alpaca Meeting, 4:00 pm, 4-H Park Community Center, Meeting Rooms  
 26 Horse & Pony Indoor Meeting, 6 pm, 4-H Park Community Center, Expo Hall  
 27 Dog Club, 6-8 pm, 4-H Park Community Center, Expo Hall, No dogs  
 28 BB & Rifle Meeting, 6:30-8:30 PM, 4-H Park Community Center, Expo Hall & Meeting Room  
 28 4-H Leaders Meeting, 7 pm, 4-H Park Community Center, Extension Office Conference Room

### April 2023

- 1 4-H Benefit Auction, 5:00—7:00 pm, 4-H Community Center, Expo Hall (see page 7 for details)  
 3 Lancaster Achievers 4-H Club Meeting, 7-8 pm, 4-H Community Center  
 4 BB & Rifle Awards Night, 6:30 pm, Community Center Expo Hall  
 6 Robotics Meeting, 6:00 pm, 4-H Park Community Center  
 8 Horse & Pony Nelson's Chicken Fundraiser, 11 am—2 pm, Bluffton WalMart Parking Lot  
 10 Dog Club, 6-8 pm, 4-H Park Community Center, Expo Hall, No dogs  
 12 Camp Counselor Training, 5:30—8:00 pm, Whitley County Fairgrounds  
 13 **Dairy Goat Workshop, 6:30 pm, 4-H Park Community Center**  
 15 Dairy Feeder Steer ID Day, 8:30—11:00 am, 4-H Park Multipurpose Building  
 16 Llama & Alpaca Meeting, 4:00 pm, 4-H Park Community Center, Meeting Rooms  
 16 Hurryin' Harrisons 4-H Club Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, 4-H Park Community Center  
 17 4-H Association Meeting, 7 PM, 4-H Park Community Center  
 20 Archery Club Meeting, 6:30—8:00 pm, 4-H Park Quonset Building (Thursday Group)  
 20 Robotics Meeting, 6:00 pm, 4-H Park Community Center  
 22 Archery Club Meeting, 10:00 am—1:00 pm, 4-H Park Quonset Building (Saturday Group)  
 22 Liberty Happy-Go-Lucky 4-H Club Meeting, 1-3 pm, Liberty Center United Methodist Church  
 24 Dog Club, 6-8 pm, 4-H Park Community Center, Expo Hall, No dogs  
 27 Archery Club Meeting, 6:30—8:00 pm, 4-H Park Quonset Building (Thursday Group)  
 29 Archery Club Meeting, 10:00 am—1:00 pm, 4-H Park Quonset Building (Saturday Group)

### Important 4-H Dates

More information will be coming in future 4-H newsletters, but make sure to mark you calendar for these important deadlines!

- May 15—Animal ID due in 4-HOnline
- July 1—Record Book Signing (must have record books/record sheets done for all projects)
- July 1—YQCA/QLC—Animal Ethics Training for all members exhibiting beef, dairy beef, goats, sheep, starter beef, dairy feeder, swine, poultry and/or rabbits
- July 1—Fair Entry—Enter all exhibits you plan to bring to the 4-H fair into the Fair Entry system.



**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS, TRIPS, & EVENTS**



**WELLS COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY CLUB 2023 TACK AUCTION**  
**Saturday, March 4, 2023**  
*Time:* Doors Open at 4:00pm  
 Sale Starts at 5:00pm  
*Tack Vendor:* Kugler Tack Supply  
*where:* Wells County 4-H Park Community Building  
 1240 4-H Road~ Bluffton, IN  
*New Horse Tack, Saddles, Grooming and Barn Supplies, Something for Everyone*  
**SILENT AUCTION - No Consignment Tables**  
**SOUP, SANDWICHES, SNACKS, AND BEVERAGES**  
 Auction Contact: Melissa Bolyn 260-403-9483  
 Auction Benefits the Wells Co. 4-H Horse & Pony Club  
 Cash or Check Only - NO Credit Cards

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**4-H TRIPS**

More information will be coming soon, but for now, save the date for these upcoming 4-H trip opportunities!

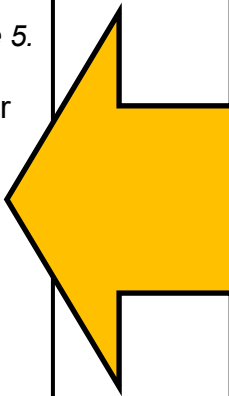
- 4-H Academy at Purdue University— grades 9-12 completed - June 7-9. Fifteen career exploration workshops available.
- 4-H Round-Up at Purdue University - grades 7-9 completed, - June 26-28
- 4-H Camp at Epworth Forest, North Webster, IN— grades 3-6 completed— June 7-9

**Indiana Quality Livestock Care Training Dates**  
 For details about this **NEW** program for 2023, see page 5.  
 Each of these training will last approximately 1 hour and will take place in the 4-H Park Expo Hall.

Thursday, March 23, 1pm  
 Thursday, March 23, 7pm  
 Saturday, April 15, 11 am  
 Monday, June 12, 1pm  
 Monday, June 12, 7pm

**How to Sign Up:**

1. Log in to your 4HOnline account
2. Click “View” next to the member you’d like to enroll
3. Click on “Events” in the menu on the left
4. Click on “Register for a new event” (blue box)
5. Select the Quality Livestock Care Training you’d like to register for (can register in Wells or surrounding counties)



**UPDATES AND REMINDERS**

**4-H Fair Camping Sign-up**

For those interested in camping at the 4-H Park during the 4-H Fair this summer, there have been some changes for 2023:

- Sites will no longer be rented per night. Campers will pay a flat fee of \$175 and will be able to pull in anytime after noon on Wednesday, July 12th, and leave by noon on Saturday, July 22nd. (NOTE: 2024 rates will be \$200 for the same time frame)
- This does not guarantee access to any added events on the fairgrounds (truck pulls, etc.)
- Registration opens at noon on Friday, March 31st. Forms will be available at [www.extension.purdue.edu/wells](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/wells) or at the Extension Office
- Registration is first come first serve
- Sites must be paid in full when registering
- Exact cash or checks only
- No exceptions, no holds

Questions? Contact Allie Alma at 260-824-1689

Make sure to follow the Wells County 4-H Association on social media to help spread the word about events happening at the 4-H Park!

Facebook: Wells Co. 4-H Association  
 Instagram: wellscounty4hpark

**Where to Find 4-H Information**

Not sure where to get your 4-H questions answered? Here is a list of the best places to turn to when you have questions:

- Wells County 4-H Rulebook (see page 4 for more information)
- Your 4-H Club Leader (see front of 4-H Rule Book for contact information)
- Facebook: Wells County 4-H
- The Wells County Extension Office / 4-H Youth Educator 260-824-6412

**4-H Rulebooks**

**Available for Purchase**

The information in the 4-H Rule Book is VERY IMPORTANT! The rule book will give you detailed information about each individual project, as well as overall information such as helpful poster making tips and much more. It is very frustrating to work hard on a project only to find that it does not meet the specified criteria in the rule book so CHECK YOUR RULE BOOK EVERY YEAR to see if there have been updates!

You can purchase a paper copy of the rule book at the Extension Office, or you can find the rule book online at

[www.extension.purdue.edu/wells](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/wells).

The cost for a paper copy is \$7, or if you just need the pages to refill your binder the cost is \$3.

**4-H Club Financial Reports**

If you have not already turned in your club's financial reports to the Extension Office, please do so as soon as possible. The 4-H Council committee will be meeting soon to go over these.

**4-H Project Manuals and Record Sheets**

Club leaders can pick up the 4-H project resources for their club before their next meeting.

Club members should plan to attend a meeting with your club, or arrange a time with your 4-H leader to pick up your 4-H manuals and record books.

If you're not sure which club(s) you signed up for, check your 4HOnline profile, or call the Extension Office at 260-824-6412.

Not sure who your club leader is? Check the front of the rule book for a listing of all club leaders, superintendents, and committee members.

## LIVESTOCK NEWS

### Requirements to Exhibit Livestock

#### Premise ID

- ⇒ Must have to complete 4-H Online animal ID due May 15th
- ⇒ Required for county and state fair exhibition
- ⇒ Details: 4-H Livestock members with cattle, swine, sheep and goats need to have a Premise ID. This number is assigned to a farm location where your animals reside. If your farm does not have an ID, you can get an ID number from the Indiana Board of Animal Health at 317-544-2381 or by email at [animalid@boah.in.gov](mailto:animalid@boah.in.gov)

#### DNA Hair Sample

- ⇒ Due in the Wells County Extension Office by 4:30 PM on May 15th
- ⇒ Required for state fair exhibition only
- ⇒ Details: All beef cattle, dairy beef, dairy feeder, dairy cattle, sheep, meat goats, and swine you may possibly want to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair must turn in DNA hair samples for each of those animals. DNA envelopes are available at the Wells County Extension Office.



#### 4-H Online Animal ID

- ⇒ Due May 15th in 4-HOnline
- ⇒ Required for county and state exhibition
- ⇒ Details: All animals (with the exception of dogs and cats) must be identified in the 4HOnline system to be eligible to show. Please ID any animals that you may possibly bring to the fair to make sure they are eligible. An animal just needs to be identified by one member of your family to be eligible to be shown by any member of your family. Instructions on how to ID animals in 4HOnline will be mailed to you in March and will soon be available on our website: [www.extension.purdue.edu/wells](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/wells)

#### Quality Livestock Care (QLC) or YQCA

- ⇒ Due July 1st
- ⇒ Required for county and state fair exhibition
- ⇒ Details: NEW IN 2023! The Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (QLC) program is replacing YQCA in Indiana and is required for those exhibiting cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. This course will only be offered in person with a cost of \$3 per person. **You can register for this local in person training by logging into your 4HOnline family profile at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com). Once logged in, click on “Events” in the menu to the left, then “+Event”.** This training will be accepted at both the county and state fairs. See page 3 for upcoming training dates. If you plan to show any livestock outside of the 4-H Fair or Indiana State Fair, we recommend completing the YQCA online option below.
- ⇒ If you would prefer to complete your quality assurance training online, YQCA is your only option and will also be accepted at the county and state fair. This online option is \$12 and is available at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org). \*\*Please note that those selecting the online YQCA option will need to provide proof of a YQCA certificate to [hoover21@purdue.edu](mailto:hoover21@purdue.edu) by July 1.

**CLUB AND ACTIVITY NEWS**

**Rockcreek Rollers 4-H Club**

The Rockcreek Rollers are in need of a 4-H Club Leader. Some of the duties of a 4-H Club Leader include:

- Facilitating monthly club meetings, typically from March-July. Meetings usually include reports from club officers, demonstrations from club members or some other educational component, team building games/activities, and discussion about upcoming club events/activities (ex: community service projects, 4-H Fair float ideas, etc.)
- Answering general 4-H questions for members. The Extension Office is always available if you don't know the answer!

- Securing volunteers for your club's assigned duties at the 4-H Fair and Street Fair Pancake Booth
- Completing and turning in the annual club financial and activity reports
- Being an extra set of hands to help out with large 4-H events such as the 4-H Fair, Street Fair Pancake Booth, and 4-H Fall Spooktacular

This is the second year that Rockcreek Rollers is without a leader. If a leader is not found this year, the Rockcreek members will need to join a different club next year.

If this is something you think you might be interested in, please contact the Extension Office at 260-824-6412.

**4-H Dog Club**

Meeting dates have been set. Please see the Calendar of Events section on page 2 for more details.

In order to participate, you must have completed the vet paperwork for your dog before the first meeting with dogs present.

If you have questions, contact 4-H Dog Club leader, Natalie Taylor at 260-273-9130.

**4-H Shotgun and Archery Clubs**

If you signed up to participate in the shotgun or archery project you should be receiving a mailing with this year's meeting dates, time and location soon. If you have any questions you can call the Extension Office, or reach out to one of the leaders listed on your mailing, or in the front of the 4-H Rule Book.

**Mini 4-H Club**

Mini 4-H Packets will be sent out in early March. If you do not receive yours by March 17th, please contact the Extension Office at 260-824-6412.

Be watching upcoming newsletters for more information about Mini 4-H Night, typically held in June.



**GROW WITH THE GREEN**



**WELLS COUNTY 4-H**  
**BENEFIT AUCTION**

Join us to support  
your local 4-H  
community!

**Saturday,**  
**April 1st**

4-H Park Community Center  
Supper 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Silent Auction 5:00 - 6:30 pm  
Live Auction 6:30 pm

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