



# WELLS COUNTY 4-H

## NEWSLETTER

### NEW MEMBER WORKSHOP:

**DATE:** Thursday, February 29, 2024

**TIME:** 7:00PM

**PLACE:** Meeting Rooms at the 4-H Park



New to 4-H or new to Wells County 4-H? Join us on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 7:00PM in the Meeting Rooms at the Wells County 4-H Park! You can expect to learn more about 4-H policies and rules, 4-H Clubs, 4-H projects, trips and educational opportunities, and the Wells County 4-H experience! We hope to see you there!

### 2024 FAIR DATES:

**Wells County 4-H Fair:** July 13-18, 2024

**Indiana State Fair:** August 2-18, 2024

### MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Please make sure that if you have not already paid your membership dues, that you do so ASAP! Dues are \$20.00 per person, up to 3 people per family. This will ensure that we are sending you all the important information you need to know for your clubs & projects.

Scholarships are available to any family that may need one. Please contact our office to let us know. No questions asked. Youth will not be turned away due to financial strains.

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## FEBRUARY

February 5th	Lancaster Achievers, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms
February 6th	BB & Rifle, 6:30PM, Community Center Building
February 7th	QLC Training, 6:00PM, Expo Hall
February 8th	Robotics, 6:00PM, Meeting Rooms
February 11th	Alpaca/Llama, 4:00PM, Meeting Rooms
February 12th	Junior Leader Meeting, 6:00PM, Meeting Rooms
February 12th	Club Leader Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms
February 13th	BB & Rifle, 6:30PM, Community Center Building
February 14th	Canvas Painting STEAM Event, 6:00PM, Expo
February 18th	Horse & Pony Meeting, 6:00PM, Meeting Rooms
February 20th	BB & Rifle, 6:30PM, Community Center Building
February 22nd	Robotics, 6:00PM, Meeting Rooms
February 24th	4-H Association Auction Fundraiser
February 27th	BB & Rifle, 6:30PM, Community Center Building
February 28th	Nottingham Nobles Meeting, 6:30PM, Expo Hall
February 29th	New Member Workshop, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms

## MARCH

March 2nd	Beef & Dairy Beef ID Day, 8:00-11:00AM, H-Barn
March 5th	BB & Rifle, 6:30PM, Community Center Building
March 11th	Junior Leader Meeting, 6:00PM, Meeting Rooms
March 11th	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms
March 12th	BB & Rifle, 6:30PM, Community Center Building
March 14th	Robotics, 6:30PM, Meeting Rooms
March 14th	Nottingham Nobles, 6:30PM, Expo Hall
March 17th	Llama/Alpaca, 4:00PM, Meeting Rooms
March 19th	BB & Rifle, 6:30PM, Community Center Building
March 20th	QLC Training, 6:00PM, Expo Hall
March 25th	QLC Training, 10:00AM & 1:00PM, Expo Hall
March 26th	BB & Rifle, 6:30PM, Community Center Building
March 28th	Robotics, 6:30PM, Meeting Rooms

## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY:

Celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day with us on Saturday, February 17, 2024. Here is a list of fun ways you can be kind to others:

- Give a friend or family member a nice compliment
- Send art to a retirement home, a first responder, or a medical professional
- Do a chore without being asked
- Hold the door for someone
- Help make dinner
- Pick up trash around your neighborhood
- Donate clothes and/or toys that you no longer need
- Leave a kind note and/or snacks for your mail carrier
- Write a happy note to a kid in your class
- Spend quality time with your parents - no phones or tablets
- Smile at everyone you see
- Share your toys with others



## CANVAS PAINTING STEAM EVENT:



Under the sea we go to paint with the elements of Art! Join us for a fun Valentine's Day night of painting. Open to youth in grades 3-12, parents are welcome to assist!

**Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

**6:00-8:00 PM**

**Expo Hall**

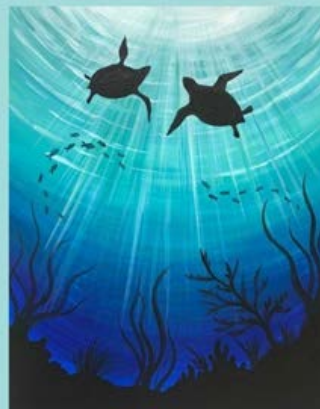
**Registration:**

**<https://bit.ly/canvassteam24>**



## Canvas Painting

Under the sea we go to paint with the elements of Art! Join us for a fun Valentine's Day night of painting, and make this undersea adventure. This is open to youth in grades 3-12, but parents are welcome to dive in and paint with their youth.



- **Location:** Wells County 4-H Park - Meeting Rooms
- **Date & Time:** February 14, 2024 6-8 p.m.
- Best suited for youth in Grades 3 & up
- **Cost:** \$15
- **Registration closes:** February 7
- **Register at:** <https://bit.ly/canvassteam24>

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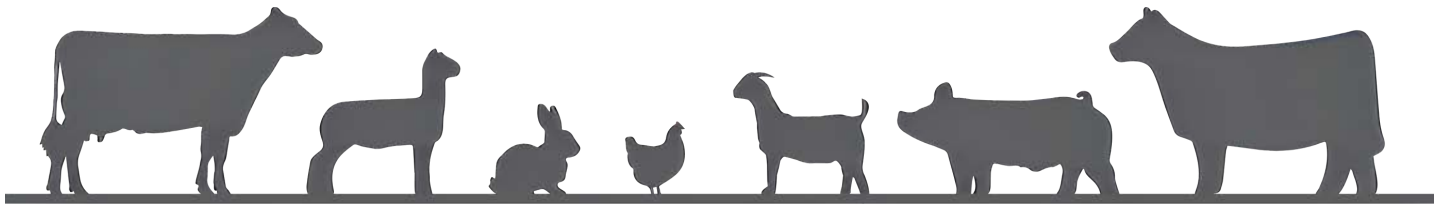
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# PAGE 4: UPDATES & EVENTS

## QLC TRAINING DATES:

Quality Livestock Care Training is required for all youth planning to exhibit cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine at the 2024 4-H Fair. Below are all the current scheduled dates and times for QLC Trainings in Wells County. Classes will be held in the Expo Hall at the Wells County 4-H Park. There is a \$3.00 fee per person that is to be paid in cash day of event. You can register online through your 4-H Online account.



**Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:00PM**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 6:00PM**

**Monday, March 25, 2024 at 10:00AM**

**Monday, March 25, 2024 at 1:00PM**

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:00PM**

**Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 10:00AM**

**Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 1:00PM**

**Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 6:00PM**

## JUNIOR LEADERS UPCOMING MEETING:



**February 12, 2024 at 6:00PM**

**March 11, 2024 at 6:00PM**

*Meetings will take place in the Meeting Rooms at the 4-H Park.*

**Junior  
Leaders**  
INDIANA 4-H



## CLUB MEETINGS:

**Lancaster Achievers:** Monday, February 5th at 7:00PM in the Meeting Rooms

**Nottingham Nobles:** Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30PM in the Expo Hall

**Llama/Alpaca:** Sunday, February 11th at 4:00PM in the meeting rooms

**Horse & Pony:** Sunday, February 18th at 6:00PM in the Expo Hall

**Club leaders - PLEASE email Morgan (mcorle1@purdue.edu) or Jenni (hoover21@purdue.edu) once you have set meeting dates/times. Members have been asking when their clubs will be meeting.**

## DEADLINES FOR 2024:

4-H members not complying with published deadlines may be denied the privilege to exhibit at the Wells County 4-H Fair or may be limited to exhibition only status, making them ineligible for premiums or awards. Deadlines are as follows:

**May 15th** - All animals requiring 4-H Animal Identification (as accordance with Board of Animal Health regulations) must be identified in 4-H Online.

**May 15th** - All DNA (State Fair Animals ONLY) should be turned into the Extension Office by end of the day.

**July 1st** - The items below must be completed by the selected date for each county:

- 4-Hers exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goat, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits must complete Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (QLC) or Youth for the Quality Care for Animals (YQCA)
- All exhibits must be entered into FairEntry for the county of exhibition. This serves as the “drop/add” deadline for 4-H projects.
  - Livestock projects must identify classes of exhibition. Those missing this deadline may exhibit and will have opportunities to receive feedback from the judge, but will not be eligible to place. Youth may still participate fully in showmanship classes.
  - Non-livestock projects must identify classes of exhibition. Those missing the deadline may compete, but the highest placing eligible is “blue.” Counties should correct mistakes in classes in FairEntry when mistakes are made by 4-H members.
  - The intent for this deadline is for individuals who make no attempt to complete FairEntry by the county’s selected date. Counties may use their discretion as to the attempt made by individuals.



4-H ENROLLMENT AND EVENT REGISTRATION





## MANUALS & RECORDS RULE CHANGE:

4-Hers can choose whether or not they would like to complete the record sheet/workbook in addition to or in lieu of a physical exhibit of the project at the Fair. 4-Hers can pick up their record sheets/workbooks in the Extension Office upon request. Any 4-Her that chooses to complete their record sheets/project workbooks instead of submitting a physical exhibit should turn them into the 4-H Educator on or before July 1st.

## MINI 4-H:

Mini 4-Hers can now choose up to 3 projects to exhibit at the Wells County 4-H Fair. Mini 4-H projects include: Bugs, Collections, Crafts, Dairy Goats, Dinosaurs, Farm Animals, Foods, Horse & Pony, Models, My Pet & Me, Rabbit, Sewing, and Space

 **4-H GROWS HERE**

## FAIR SECURITY:

Wells County 4-H Association and 4-H Council will be implementing quiet hours at the 4-H Park from 11:00PM - 5:00 AM. 4-Hers should limit activity at the park during this time and keep activities limited to 4-H Project care.



**Wells County 4-Hers are responsible for knowing the rules and regulations for each project they are enrolled in. Please check each of your projects in the Wells County 4-H Rulebook to see new changes in each project. Rulebooks will be available in the Extension Office by the end of February.**

## ROYAL SHOWMANSHIP:

Royal Showmanship participants will include the senior showmanship winner of the current year in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Dairy, and one Dairy Steer representative (chosen between the Dairy Feeder and Dairy Beef Senior Showmanship winners).



Participants can choose to receive their scores during the Livestock Auction. Scores will not be available before or after this time.

## SUMMER INTERNS NEEDED:



Our office is currently looking to hire two interns to help with 4-H summer activities this year! Interns will start mid-May and typically finish up the first or second week of August. This is perfect for any college student returning home for the summer that is interested in Extension and 4-H! Stay tuned as more information will be coming out soon!

## NEW NOTTINGHAM LEADER:

We would like to introduce you to our new Nottingham Noble leader - Michele Dixon!! Thank you for volunteering to take on this role - we appreciate your dedication to making the best better! If you are in this club, you should be hearing from her shortly. Check out the upcoming meeting dates below:

**Wednesday, February 28th**

**Thursday, March 14th**

**Thursday, April 11th**

**Tuesday, May 14th**

**Tuesday, June 11th**



*\*All meetings will take place from 6:30-7:30PM in the Expo Hall\**

## BEEF & DAIRY BEEF ID DAY:

**Saturday, March 2nd, 2024**

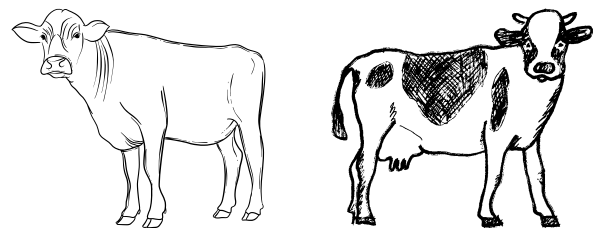
**8:00 - 11:00 AM**

**Cattle Barn, 4-H Park**

**Enter Park on South Drive**

**Snow Date - March 9th, Same Time**

More information will be sent out soon via mail to those enrolled in Beef & Dairy Beef. You can also check our Facebook Page - Wells County 4-H.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

### 4-H ASSOCIATION:

Monday, February 19, 2024

at 7:00PM

Meeting Rooms

### 4-H COUNCIL:

Monday, March 11, 2024

at 7:00PM

Meeting Rooms

### 4-H CLUB LEADERS:

Monday, February 12, 2024

at 7:00PM

Meeting Rooms



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### 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 Rule Book. 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)
- Your 4-H Club Leader (see front of 4-H Rule Book for contact information)
- The Wells County Extension Office / 4-H Youth Educator: 260-824-6412
- Find us on Facebook!



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