2024 WELLS COUNTY 4-H FAIR THEME:

It’s that time of year again! 2024 4-H Fair activities are in full swing. Clubs have started meeting, ID Days are taking place, and projects are being started! It is such a fun time of year! Before you know it, it will be time to exhibit your hard work at the fair.

Our 4-H Club Leaders have come up with a great theme for the 2024 4-H Fair - “Let the Games Begin!”, in honor of the Olympic Games taking place this summer!

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4-H CAMP REGISTRATION:
Registration for 4-H Camp opens on March 1st!! You can register online through your 4-H Online account. Follow the steps below:

- Log in to your 4-H Online account at https://v2.4honline.com
- Click “View” (in blue) next to the name of the 4-H member you want to register
- Next, click on “Events” on the left side of the screen (on a mobile device, click the 3 gray lines to open the menu).
- Click on “Register for a New Event” (in blue)
- Select “2024 Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp” and click “Next”
- Select on your camper type and click “Start Registration”. Follow through prompts until submitted.
- Send or bring payment to Purdue Extension - Wells County by May 1st.
- Registration will not be considered complete until payment has been received.

QLC TRAINING DATES:
Quality Livestock Care Training is required for any 4-H youth who is exhibiting cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. Members must attend ONE of the trainings. QLC Training will take place in the Expo Hall at the 4-H Park on the following dates:

- March 20th at 6:00PM
- March 25th at 10:00AM
- March 25th at 1:00PM
- April 17th at 6:00PM
- May 29th at 10:00AM
- May 29th at 1:00PM
- May 29th at 6:00PM

Register online at https://v2.4honline.com

BEEF ID DAY:
Saturday, March 2nd, 2024
8:00 - 11:00 AM
Cattle Barn, 4-H Park
Enter Park on South Drive

We will be using portable pipe gates and the scale. All cattle will need to be on a halter. There will not be a loading shoot available.

DAIRY FEEDER ID DAY:
Saturday, April 6, 2024
8:00 - 11:00 AM
Cattle Barn, 4-H Park
Enter Park on South Drive

Additional information will be mailed soon.
**Archery Meetings:**

Below are the dates and times for all Archery Meetings in 2024. Additional information has been sent out via mail to all enrolled members.

*Meetings will be held at the Quonset Hut Building at the 4-H Park in Bluffton. Members need to attend one meeting per week, but not both days.*

- Thursday, April 18th from 6:30-8:00PM
- Saturday, April 20th from 10:00AM-12:00PM
- Thursday, April 25th from 6:30-8:00PM
- Saturday, April 27th from 10:00AM-12:00PM
- Thursday, May 2nd from 6:30-8:00PM
- Saturday, May 4th from 10:00AM-12:00PM
- Thursday, May 9th from 6:30-8:00PM
- Saturday, May 11th from 10:00AM-12:00PM
- Thursday, May 16th from 6:30-8:00PM
- Saturday, May 18th from 10:00AM-12:00PM
- Thursday, May 23rd from 6:30-8:00PM
- Saturday, May 25th from 10:00AM-12:00PM
- Thursday, May 30th from 6:30-8:00PM
- Saturday, June 1st from 10:00AM-12:00PM
- Thursday, June 6th from 6:30-8:00PM
- Saturday, June 8th from 10:00AM-12:00PM

**Meat Goat & Sheep:**

Members participating in the Meat Goat project and/or Sheep project should plan to attend the upcoming meeting.

- Friday, March 15th at 6:30PM
  Meeting Rooms, 4-H Park, Bluffton

**Dog Club Meetings:**

Below are a list of upcoming meeting dates in March & April. Those in 1A and 1B obedience or beginner showmanship will meet at 6:30PM. All others will meet at 7:30PM. Meetings will take place at Perfect Pet in Bluffton. *You MUST have your dog vaccination paper completed BEFORE you bring your dog.*

- Friday, March 1st
- Friday, March 8th
- Friday, March 15th
- Friday, March 22nd
- Friday, March 29th
- Friday, April 5th
- Friday, April 12th
- Friday, April 19th
- Friday, April 26th

**Township Club Meetings:**

- **Rockcreek Rollers** - Thursday, May 7th @ 7:00PM in the Meeting Rooms
- **Lancaster Achievers** - Tuesday, March 12th @ 7:00PM in the Junior Leader Booth
- **Nottingham Nobles** - Thursday, March 14th @ 6:30PM in the Expo Hall
- **Liberty Happy-Go-Lucky** - Saturday, March 16th @ 1:00PM at Liberty Center Community Church
- **Jefferson Knightriders** - Monday, March 18th @ 5:30PM at Hope Missionary North Campus

**Junior Leaders:**

Upcoming Meeting will be held on **Monday, March 11th at 6:00PM in the Meeting Rooms** at the 4-H Park. See you there!
**SUMMER INTERNSHIPS:**

The Purdue Extension Office is looking to add two interns to our staff this summer! This is a paid position that is great for college students who are home for break looking to make some extra money over the summer. Interns will start mid-May and typically finish up the first or second week of August. Interns will assist Anya, our 4-H Youth Educator, with various projects leading up to the 4-H Fair.

Summer internship applications will be available in the Extension Office starting on Monday, March 11th. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at (260)824-6412.

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**MINI 4-H PACKETS:**

Mini 4-H packets have been sent out to all enrolled Mini 4-H Members. These packets will help youth with their mini projects. If you have not received anything in the mail, please contact the Extension Office at 260-824-6412.

Be on the lookout in upcoming Newsletters for information about Mini 4-H Night, typically held in June.

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**2024 RULE BOOKS:**

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!

Rule Books are now available for purchase in the Extension Office. You can also find a PDF version of the Rule Book online at www.extension.purdue.edu/wells.

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**4-H SKILL SHEETS:**

As I’m sure you know by now, Wells County 4-H will no longer require the completion of record sheets and/or workbooks in order to exhibit a project at the Wells County Fair. We do want to be clear that certain projects still do require a completed skill sheet to be turned in along with the project to be exhibited. All youth enrolled in projects that require skill sheets, should have received them in the mail. If you think you should have gotten one but have not yet, please call the Extension Office at (260)824-6412.

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**Rule Book Costs**

- Paper Copy with Binder: $7.00
- Paper Copy Only: $3.00
Northern Indiana Animal Science Day Camp

Workshops are 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Local times

Hands-on learning about...
- Human and Animal Health
- Animal Digestion
- Animal Senses
- Meat Science
- Animal Handling
- And Much More!

4/4/24 - St. Joe County
6/18/24 - Elkhart County
6/20/24 - Wells County
7/2/24 - South Central H.S.

Any youth in grades 3-8
$25 Registration
Lunch included!

Registration is due one week before the workshops
https://AnimalScienceDayCamp.4honline.com
**4-H Fair Camping:**
For those interested in camping at the 4-H Park during the 4-H Fair this summer - here are the details.

- 4-H Camping registration opens at noon on April 1st
- Registration must take place in person at the Extension Office. First come, first serve. No holds, no exceptions.
- Camping forms will be available in the Extension Office and online (www.extension.purdue.edu/wells) starting on March 18th
- Sites will not be available for single day rentals.
- Campers will pay a flat fee of $200.00 for the week. You will be able to pull in anything after noon on Wednesday, July 10th, and must leave by noon on Saturday, July 20th.
- Sites must be payed in full when registering. Exact cash or check only.

*Questions? Contact Allie Alma at (260)824-1689*

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**Upcoming Volunteer Meetings:**

- **4-H Association:** Monday, March 18th at 7:00PM in the Meeting Rooms
- **4-H Council:** Monday, March 11th at 7:00PM in the Meeting Rooms
- **Club Leaders:** Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00PM in the Meeting Rooms
- **Swine Boosters:** Monday, March 4th at 6:00PM in the Meeting Rooms

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**Financial Reports:**

Club Leaders - Financial Reports were due on February 29th and we are still waiting on several reports. If you have not turned in your club’s financial report to the Extension Office, please do so as soon as possible. The 4-H Council committee will be meeting soon to go over these reports.

If you did not receive the report information in the mail or have misplaced it, please call the Extension Office at (260)824-6412 or email Morgan at mcorle1@purdue.edu.
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
- 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!

Wells County 4-H or Purdue Extension Wells County

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