

WELLS COUNTY 4-H



NEWSLETTER

10-YEAR MEMBERS:

We are so proud of your hard work and dedication towards the Wells County 4-H Program over the last 10 years. There will be a presentation during the 4-H Fair to recognize all 10-year members! Recognition forms will be available in the Purdue Extension - Wells County Office starting on April 15th. Make sure to stop by and pick one up! They will also be available online at www.extension.purdue.edu/wells.

GOAT/SHEEP ID DAY:



Sunday, May 5th, 2024
4:00 - 7:00 PM
Cattle Barn, 4-H Park



Stay tuned for more details coming soon! Goat and Sheep members will receive a mailing with details for ID Day in the following weeks.

DAIRY FEEDER ID DAY:

Saturday, April 6, 2024
8:00 - 11:00 AM
Cattle Barn, 4-H Park
Enter Park on Spring Street

Please enter the park on Spring Street, take the West Drive going to the back of the park to the west side of the cattle barn.

All Dairy Feeder steer calves must be weighed and ear-tagged at the County ID Day. Calves cannot weigh more than 250 pounds at ID Day (suggested birthdates: February 15th - April 1st).

If you have any questions, contact Dairy Feeder Calf Superintendents Karl Steiner (260-827-8299), Nathan Boxell (260-402-4679), or the County Extension Office at 260-824-6412.

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APRIL



April 1st	Chester Chargers Meeting, 6:30PM, Southern Wells Community Church
April 2nd	BB & Rifle, 6:30PM, Community Center Building
April 5th	Dog Club, 6:30PM, Perfect Pet
April 6th	Dairy Feeder ID Day, 8:00-11:00AM, H-Barn
April 7th	Horse & Pony Meeting, 6:00PM, Expo Hall
April 8th	Lancaster Achiever Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Room
April 9th	Junior Leader Meeting, 6:00PM, Junior Leader Booth *Packing Backpacks
April 9th	Leader Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms
April 9th	BB & Rifle Awards Night, 6:30PM, Community Center Building
April 11th	Robotics, 6:30PM, Meeting Rooms
April 11th	Nottingham Nobles Meeting, 6:30PM, Expo Hall
April 12th	Dog Club, 6:30PM, Perfect Pet
April 14th	Llama/Alpaca Meeting, 4:00PM, Expo Hall
April 15th	4-H Association Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms
April 17th	Quality Livestock Care Training, 6:00PM, Expo Hall
April 18th	Archery Practice, 6:30PM, Quonset Hut
April 19th	Dog Club, 6:30PM, Perfect Pet
April 20th	Archery Practice, 10:00AM, Quonset Hut
April 20th	4-H Park Clean Up Day, Time TBD, 4-H Fairgrounds
April 21st	Hurryin' Harrison Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms
April 22nd	Jefferson Knightriders, 5:30PM, Hope Missionary Church - North Campus
April 25th	Robotics, 6:30PM, Meeting Rooms
April 25th	Archery Practice, 6:30PM, Quonset Hut
April 26th	Dog Club, 6:30PM, Perfect Pet
April 27th	Archery Practice, 10:00AM, Quonset Hut



MAY



May 2nd	Archery Practice, 6:30PM, Quonset Hut
May 4th	4-H Park Clean Up Day, Time TBD, 4-H Grounds
May 4th	Archery Practice, 10:00AM, Quonset Hut
May 5th	Horse & Pony Clean Up Day, 1:00PM, 4-H Grounds
May 5th	Goat/Sheep ID Day, 4:00PM, H-Barn
May 9th	Archery Practice, 6:30PM, Quonset Hut
May 11th	Archery Practice, 10:00AM, Quonset Hut
May 11th	Dairy Goat Showmanship Clinic, 10:30AM, H-Barn Show Arena
May 13th	Club Leader Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms
May 14th	Junior Leader Meeting, 6:00PM, Meeting Rooms
May 14th	Nottingham Nobles Meeting, 6:30PM, Expo Hall
May 16th	Archery Practice, 6:30PM, Quonset Hut
May 18th-19th	Goat Show, 1:00PM, H-Barn
May 19th	Hurryin' Harrison Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms
May 23rd	Archery Practice, 6:30PM, Quonset Hut
May 24th	Swine Show, Time TBD, H-Barn
May 25th	Archery Practice, 10:00AM, Quonset Hut
May 29th	QLC Training, 10:00AM, Expo Hall
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May 29th	QLC Training, 6:00PM, Expo Hall
May 30th	Archery Practice, 6:30PM, Quonset Hut

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4-H ACADEMY:

4-H Academy is a program held at Purdue University specifically designed to offer hands-on, exciting opportunities to learn about a diverse selection of subjects and careers. During this conference previously known as 4-H Science Workshops, participants will meet and learn from professors, graduate students and other experts in their respective fields and participate in interactive activities and experiential learning. Participants stay in a Purdue University Residence Hall for two nights while exploring the Purdue University campus and meeting 4-H members from across Indiana. **4-H Academy at Purdue is open to all youth grades 9-12.**

4-H Academy runs from June 12-14, 2024.

Interested youth should reach out to aulbach@purdue.edu by May 1st to begin the registration process.



4-H Academy
@ Purdue University
June 12-14, 2024

At 4-H Academy, high school students visit Purdue University to interact with faculty and industry professionals and meet new friends from across Indiana.

Contact your county's Purdue Extension 4-H Educator before May 15 to register.

To learn more, visit bit.ly/in4hacademy

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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.
- Cost for each Wells Co. camper is \$95.00



Northeast Indiana 4-H CAMP

Registration is open!
June 5-7, 2024
Epworth Forest
Open to Grades 3-6

Register via 4HOnline,
payment is due at your
local Extension Office!

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ADD/DROP DEADLINE:

If you are needing to add or drop any projects, please contact the Extension Office no later than **May 15th**. This will help our office with organization before the fair, and knowing how much space we will need for all projects to be displayed properly.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS:



We are looking for interns to join our team this summer! Applications are now available in the Extension Office and online at www.extension.purdue.edu/wells. Applications are due by April 15th. Interviews will be scheduled based on availability of applicant and Extension Staff.

2024 RULEBOOKS:



Updated Rulebooks are available for purchase in the Extension Office. The cost for a paper copy of the Rulebook with the binder is \$7.00, and just the paper copy no binder is \$3.00.

You can also find a PDF version of the Rulebook online at www.extension.purdue.edu/wells.

JEFFERSON KNIGHTRIDERS FUNDRAISER:

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

4:30 - 7:00PM

OSSIAN ENTERPRISE PARK



Major League Creamery Tickets:

\$5.00/ticket - Good for one ice cream or shaved ice



Uncle Matt's BBQ Shack Tickets:

Take and Bake - Memphis BBQ Pork Spaghetti: **\$18.00/4 services**
\$30.00/8 servings

Single Meals: \$11.00/ticket

Pulled Pork Sandwich or

Double Mac & Cheese

(meals served with mac & cheese, applesauce, chips and a cookie)

Tickets can be purchased now through April 25th from any Jefferson Knightrider member or by contacting Kari Baker (260-494-5594). The Jefferson Knightriders appreciate all your support!!

4-H ROUND-UP:

JUNE 24-26, 2024

4-H Round-Up is an opportunity for youth who have completed grades 7-9 to visit Purdue University's campus and explore a variety of career paths by attending hands-on classes created just for Round-Up attendees. Supported by 4-H chaperones, participants get a taste of college life by living in a Purdue Residence Hall for two nights, eating in a University dining hall, and exploring campus. Youth enjoy building friendships with 4-H'ers from across the state during recreation events planned in the evenings and blocks of free time. Interested youth should reach out to aaulbach@purdue.edu.

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TOWNSHIP CLUB MEETINGS:

Chester Chargers - Monday, April 1st @ 6:30PM at Southern Wells Community Church

Lancaster Achievers - Monday, April 8th @ 7:00PM in the Meeting Rooms

Nottingham Nobles - Thursday, April 11th @ 6:30PM in the Expo Hall

Hurryin' Harrisons - Sunday, April 21st @ 7:00PM in the Meeting Rooms

Jefferson Knightriders - Monday, April 22nd @ 5:30PM at Hope Missionary North Campus

ARCHERY CLUB:

Archery Club begins THIS month! Reminder that you should attend one meeting per week, but not both meeting days. Here are the meeting dates for April:

Thursday, April 18th - 6:30PM - Quonset Hut

Saturday, April 20th - 10:00AM - Quonset Hut

Thursday, April 25th - 6:30PM - Quonset Hut

Saturday, April 27th - 10:00AM - Quonset Hut



DAIRY GOAT MEMBERS:

Dairy Goat members will be meeting on **Friday, April 19th at 6:30PM in the Meeting Rooms at the 4-H Park**. A light supper will be provided.



There will be a Dairy Goat Showmanship Clinic held on **Saturday, May 11th at 10:30AM in the H-Barn Show Arena**. Feel free to bring your goat with you. We will be having a picnic lunch following the clinic.

JUNIOR LEADER MEETING:

Tuesday, April 9th at 6:00PM
Junior Leader Booth

Junior Leaders - we will be packing bags for the Backpack Program during our meeting on April 9th. Please meet out at the Junior Leader Booth. See you there!



BB & RIFLE AWARDS NIGHT:

Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30PM
Community Center Expo Hall

Parents are encouraged to join us as we celebrate the great accomplishments and improvements of the 4-H BB & Rifle Members!

A guest speaker will be there to speak to 4-H youth and parents.

Light refreshments provided.

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LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS:

Premise ID:

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 one from the Indiana Board of Animal Health at 317-544-2381 or by email at animalid@boah.in.gov.

DNA Hair Samples:

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. **Due to the Wells County Extension Office no later than 4:30PM on May 15th.**

4-H Online Animal ID:

With the exception of dogs, cats, and poultry, all animals you may exhibit at the Wells County 4-H Fair or Indiana State Fair must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15th. **Animals not identified in 4-H Online by May 15th with NOT be eligible to show at the Wells County or State Fairs.** All livestock exhibitors should have a premise ID - these can be obtained through the Indiana Board of Animal Health.

QLC/YQCA:

Exhibitors enrolled in the beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbit project must complete either QLC or YQCA by **July 1st**. More information to the right.

LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS CONT:

Animal Possession Agreement:

The Animal Possession Agreement form should be filled out by all 4-H members whose animal projects do not reside on their property. **This form should be completed and turned in to the Purdue Extension - Wells County Office by May 15th.** Please note that this is a change from last year! If your animals reside on your property, or you filled out the animal leasing form, you do NOT need to fill out the Animal Possession Agreement form.

QLC TRAINING DATES:

In-person training costs \$3.00 per person and lasts approximately 1 hour. Trainings will be held in the Community Center at the 4-H Park.

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



April 17th at 6:00PM
May 29th at 10:00AM
May 29th at 1:00PM
May 29th at 6:00PM

Those completing YQCA must turn in a copy of their certificates by July 1st - late submissions will **NOT** be accepted, no exceptions. You can drop certificates off to the Extension Office or email a PDF version to mcornle1@purdue.edu or hoover21@purdue.edu

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MEAT GOAT & SHEEP FUNDRAISER:

**SATURDAY, MAY 4TH
11:00 AM - 5:30 PM**

BOBCAT OF FORT WAYNE SOUTH

(633 N Main Street Ste #2, Bluffton, IN)

Members of the Meat Goat and Sheep projects are currently selling Texas Tenderloin tickets! Check out the details below. To purchase pre-sale meal tickets, please reach out to a member of the Meat Goat and Sheep project!



\$15.00/ticket - Meal includes a tenderloin sandwich, fries, cookie, and a drink.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER MEETINGS:

4-H Association: Monday, April 15th at 7:00PM in the Meeting Rooms

Club Leaders: Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00PM in the Meeting Rooms

4-H Foundation: Monday, April 15th at 6:30PM in the Conference Room

4-H PARK CLEAN UP:

The 4-H Association is going to be doing some clean up around the 4-H Park. They are asking for your help! Gather your friends, family, club members, church groups, and school groups to come and help get our Fairgrounds ready for the Wells County 4-H Fair!

Saturday, April 20th

Saturday, May 4th

(Stay tuned for times!)

If you can, it would be helpful for you to bring rakes, gloves, and/or leaf blowers to help clean up the grounds! Thank you in advance for your help this spring!



HORSE & PONY FUNDRAISER:

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

BLUFFTON WALMART PARKING LOT



\$10.00/ticket - includes a Port-A-Pit chicken half

If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please reach out to a Horse & Pony member! Thank you for all your support towards the Wells County 4-H Horse & Pony Club!!



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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
- 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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