



WELLS COUNTY 4-H

NEWSLETTER

4-H T-SHIRT SALES:

Don't forget to order your t-shirts for the upcoming Wells County 4-H Fair! T-shirts are on sale now until June 10th! Turn in your order form and money to the Wells County Extension Office. Shirt color is maroon with a white, black, and green design.



Price: \$15.00/shirt

Cash or Check (Make checks payable to Purdue CES - Wells County)

Order Deadline: Before Noon on Monday, June 10th

(Outdoor drop box available for after hours or weekend drop off)

Order forms are available in the Extension Office and online at www.extension.purdue.edu/wells

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MINI 4-H NIGHT:

Tuesday, June 18th, 2024 from 6:30 - 8:30PM
(Check-in begins at 6:15pm with activities starting at 6:30PM)

Wells County 4-H Park Community Center

Registration Fee: \$25.00 (t-shirt included)

All Mini 4-H Youth (Grades K-2nd) are Welcome!!



Activities Will Include:

Fun & Games - Join our Junior Leaders for some fun icebreakers & group games!
Fantastic Foods - Youth will learn about healthy foods and maybe even taste-test a neat treat!

Superb STEM - Youth will explore the science world with a fun STEM activity!
Neat Nature - Youth will learn more about the world around them while exploring nature at the 4-H Park!



Registration forms can be located in the Wells County Extension Office or online at www.extension.purdue.edu/wells. Please have registration forms and payment turned in to the Wells County Extension Office no later than **June 4th**.

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JUNE



- 1 Archery Practice, 10:00AM, Quonset Hut
- 3 Horse & Pony Practice, 5:00PM, Grandstand Arena
- 4 Dog Club Meeting, 6:30PM, Quonset Hut
- 5-7 4-H Camp, Epworth Forest, North Webster
- 6 Horse & Pony Clean Up, 6:00-8:00PM, 4-H Grounds
- 6 Archery Practice, 6:30PM, Quonset Hut
- 8 Archery Practice, 10:00AM, Quonset Hut
- 9 Hurryin' Harrison Meeting, 7:00PM, Expo Hall
- 10 Poultry Blood Testing, 5:30PM, H-Barn
- 10 Club Leader Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms
- 10 Cake Decorating Workshop, 6:30PM, Community Center Kitchen
- 11 Dog Club Meeting, 6:30PM, Quonset Hut
- 11 Horse & Pony Practice, 5:00PM, Grandstand Arena
- 11 Junior Leader Meeting, 6:00PM, Meeting Rooms
- 11 Nottingham Nobles Meeting, 6:30PM, Expo Hall
- 12 Lancaster Achievers Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms
- 12-14 4-H Academy, Purdue University, West Lafayette
- 13 Archery Banquet, 6:00PM, Expo Hall
- 14 Jefferson Knighthrider Fundraiser, Kona Ice, 1:00-5:00PM, Ossian Enterprise Park
- 14-15 GBRA Horse Show, Grandstand Arena
- 17 Jefferson Knighthrider Meeting, 6:00PM, Archbold-Wilson Park (Near Pavillion)
- 17 4-H Association Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms
- 17 Horse & Pony Practice, 5:00PM, Grandstand Arena
- 17 Cake Decorating Workshop, 6:30PM, Community Center Kitchen
- 18 Dog Club Meeting, 6:30PM, Quonset Hut
- 18 Mini 4-H Night, 6:30-8:30PM, Expo Hall
- 20 Dairy Goat Meeting, 5:00PM
- 20 Animal Day Day Camp, 8:30AM-3:30PM, 4-H Park
- 24 Cake Decorating Workshop, 6:30PM, Community Center Kitchen
- 24-26 4-H Round Up, Purdue University, West Lafayette
- 25 Dog Club Meeting, 6:30PM, Quonset Hut
- 25 Horse & Pony Practice, 5:00PM, Grandstand Arena
- 26 Poultry Blood Testing, 5:30PM, H-Barn
- 30 Alpaca/Llama Meeting, 4:00PM, H-Barn
- 30 Hurryin' Harrison Meeting, 7:00PM, Expo Hall

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ANIMAL SCIENCE DAY CAMP:

Calling all 4-H Members with a passion for animals, or those who just want to learn more! Join us at the **Wells County 4-H Park on Thursday, June 20th** for a fun-fill hands-on day camp experience, where we explore different animal science topics. Take a look at the graphic below for more details!



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>



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CAKE DECORATING WORKSHOP SERIES:

We are exciting to be hosting a series of workshops for our cake decorating exhibitors! Workshops will be hosted in the Wells County Community Center Kitchen. Youth are welcome to attend one session, or multiple sessions. Please register by June 8th for the workshops using the QR code below so we can plan accordingly!

Workshop Dates:

Monday, June 10th at 6:30PM
 Monday, June 17th at 6:30PM
 Monday, June 24th at 6:30PM



Scan Here to Register!



STOCK THE TRAILER:

Wells County 4-H Junior Leaders are excited to partner yet again with Farm Credit Mid-America and Rural 1st to bring awareness and support to food insecurity in Wells County. Help us support our community by bringing non-perishable food items to the marked trailer at the Wells County Fair. All donations and earnings will benefit the Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today Backpack Program!



A CONTEST BENEFITING JUNIOR FAIRS, LOCAL FOOD BANKS AND COMMUNITIES.

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PROJECT CHECK-IN:

To help with flow of traffic during project check in, we ask that you please sign up for a time to check in your exhibit hall and food projects. Scan the codes below to sign up.

EXPO CHECK-IN FOOD CHECK-IN



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“LET THE GAMES BEGIN!”

SATURDAY, JULY 13 – THURSDAY, JULY 18

CHECK-IN SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, July 10th from 3:00-8:00PM - Check in of all projects except livestock, Community Center Expo Hall

Thursday, July 11th from 5:00-9:00PM - Horse & Pony Check In

Friday, July 12th from 5:00-8:00PM - Livestock Check In (Please use Spring Street Entrance)

PRE-FAIR SCHEDULE:

Monday, July 8th at 5:30PM - Foods Judging, Community Center Expo Hall

Tuesday, July 9th at 6:30PM - 4-H Expo Hall Set-Up

Wednesday, July 10th at 6:00PM - Livestock Barns Set-Up

Thursday, July 11th at 9:00AM - Expo Project Judging, Community Center Expo Hall

Thursday, July 11th at 1:00PM - Fashion Revue Judging, Community Center Expo Hall

4-H EVENT SCHEDULE:

Saturday, July 13th at 10:00AM - Parade leaves Bluffton Regional South Parking Lot (at Grandstands around 10:30AM)

Saturday, July 13th at 1:00PM - Horse & Pony Versatility, Grandstand Arena

Saturday, July 13th at 1:30PM - Cat Show, Community Center Rooms 1 and 2

Saturday, July 13th at 2:30PM - Goat Olympics, Livestock Arena

Saturday, July 13th at 3:00PM - Public Fashion Revue, Community Center Expo Hall

Saturday, July 13th at 5:00PM - Presentation of 4-H Ten Year Members, Caley Memorial Award & Wells County 4-H Ambassadors, Stage Area (Bring lawn chairs)

Saturday, July 13th at 8:00PM - 4-H Spirit Night, Grandstand Arena (Entry Fee: \$1.00 or 1 canned good/youth)

Sunday, July 14th at 9:00AM - Alpaca/Llama Show, Livestock Show Area

Sunday, July 14th at 9:00AM - Horse & Pony Western Performance & Riding, Reining, Trail, Grandstand Arena

Sunday, July 14th at 1:00PM - Mini 4-H Rabbit Show, Rabbit & Poultry Barn

Sunday, July 14th at 1:00PM - Horse & Pony Western English Show, Grandstand Arena

4-H EVENT SCHEDULE CONT:

Sunday, July 14th at 2:00PM - Rabbit Ambassador Showmanship Contest, Rabbit & Poultry Barn

Sunday, July 14th at 4:00PM - Sheep Show, Livestock Arena

Sunday, July 14th at 6:00PM - Mini 4-H Horse & Pony Show, Grandstand Arena

Sunday, July 14th at 6:30PM - Dairy Cattle Show, Livestock Show Arena

Monday, July 15th at 9:00AM - Swine Show, Livestock Arena

Monday, July 15th at 5:00PM - Dairy Goat Show, Livestock Show Arena

Tuesday, July 16th at 8:00AM - Rabbit Show, Rabbit & Poultry Barn

Tuesday, July 16th at 9:00AM - Meat Goat Show, Livestock Show Arena

Tuesday, July 16th at 4:00PM - Dairy Beef Show, Livestock Show Arena

Tuesday, July 16th at 6:00PM - Horse & Pony Contesting, Grandstand Arena

Tuesday, July 16th at 6:00PM - Dairy Feeder Calf Show, Livestock Show Arena

Wednesday, July 17th at 9:00AM - Poultry Show, Rabbit & Poultry Barn

Wednesday, July 17th at 10:00AM - Beef Show, Livestock Arena

Wednesday, July 17th at 6:00PM - Horse & Pony Senior Ride, Club Awards & Fun Show, Grandstand Arena

Wednesday, July 17th at 6:30PM - Robotics Club Demonstration, Community Center Expo Hall

Wednesday, July 17th at 7:00PM - Livestock Royal Showmanship Contest, Livestock Show Arena

Wednesday, July 17th at 9:00PM - Horse & Pony Released

Wednesday, July 17th from 10:00PM-12:00AM - Livestock Exhibits Released (Except Auction Animals)

Thursday, July 18th from 6:00AM-Noon - Livestock Exhibits Released (Except Auction Animals)

Thursday, July 18th at 9:00AM - Dog Club Show, Quonset Hut

Thursday, July 18th at 2:00PM - Premier Auction, Livestock Show Arena

Thursday, July 18th from 3:00-7:00PM - 4-H Project Release & Clean Up, Community Center Expo Hall

Thursday, July 18th at 3:30PM - Livestock Auction, Livestock Show Arena

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AWARD APPLICATIONS:

The Caley Memorial Award is given annually to two 4-H Members in Wells County who have shown outstanding qualities in the area of leadership, citizenship, sportsmanship, and personality in their community, school, church, and 4-H activities.

Applicants must be at least 14 years of age to be eligible. **Applications are due on Friday, June 21st.** You can find the requirements and application on our website www.extension.purdue.edu/wells



Each year four candidates are selected to represent the Wells County 4-H Fair as Junior Ambassadors (2) and Senior Ambassadors (2). Ambassadors will assist the 4-H Association with 4-H events and at the Wells County 4-H Fair. Junior Ambassador applicants must be in grades 7-9th, and Senior Ambassador applicants must be in grade 10 or above. **4-H Ambassador applications are due on Friday, June 21st.** You can find the requirements and application on our website www.extension.purdue.edu/wells

WELCOME SUMMER INTERNS:

We are excited to have Alyssa Toland and Grace Nicholson joining us this year as our Wells County Extension Office Summer Interns! Please make sure to say hello and give them a warm welcome!



FAIR ENTRY:

ALL projects must be entered into Fair Entry. **Fair Entry opens June 1st and is due on July 1st.** Exhibitors not following this deadline may not be eligible to exhibit at the Wells County 4-H Fair. Please contact the Extension Office at 260-824-6412 with any questions. A more detailed version of instructions is listed on our website: www.extension.purdue.edu/wells



1. Go to <http://wellscountyin.fairentry.com>
2. Click the green box that says "Sign in with 4-H Online"
3. Sign in using your 4-H Online email and password. **DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT**
4. Click "Create Invoice" or "Begin Work on a New Invoice"
5. Next to the member's name, click "Create Entry"
6. Select the correct department, division, & class for the entry
7. If a livestock project (Not Including Poultry), select "Add Animal"
 - a. Then select "Choose an Existing Animal Record"
8. The next screen will have three choices:
 - a. "Add Another Entry"
 - b. "Register Another Exhibit"
 - c. "Continue to Payment"
9. After clicking "Continue to Payment" you will see a total cost of \$0.00. Click Continue
10. Click Submit. **DO NOT SUBMIT UNTIL ALL ENTRIES ARE COMPLETED FOR ALL CHILDREN**

DUE IN JULY:

QLC/YQCA training is due on Monday, July 1st.

Reminder this is a mandatory training for youth exhibiting in the cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, and/or rabbit projects. If you completed the YQCA training online, please send the certificate to mcorle1@purdue.edu or deliver to the Extension Office by Monday, July 1st.



All exhibits for the 2024 Wells County 4-H Fair, including showmanship & fashion revue, must be entered into Fair Entry by Monday, July 1st. More information can be found to the right and on our website extension.purdue.edu/wells

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4-H AWARD SPONSORS NEEDED:

Sponsors are needed for the following 2024 4-H Fair awards. If you are interested in sponsoring an award, please contact the Wells County Extension Office at (260) 824-6412.

Grand Champion Small Engines.....	\$15.00
Grand Champion Beekeeping.....	\$15.00
Grand Champion Child Development.....	\$15.00
Grand Champion Home Environment.....	\$15.00
Dairy Feeder Champion Rate of Gain.....	\$15.00
3rd Place Rookie Swine Showman.....	\$30.00
Champion Intermediate Swine Showman.....	\$45.00
Grand Champion Home Grown Nigerian Dwarf Wether.....	\$23.00
Champion Junior Beef Showman.....	\$42.00
Champion Junior Dairy Goat Showman.....	\$42.00
Champion Senior Sheep Showman.....	\$18.00
Champion Junior Sheep Showman.....	\$18.00
Champion Beginner Sheep Showman(banner).....	\$18.00
Champion Beginner Sheep Showman(backpack).....	\$32.00
Reserve Champion Beginner Sheep Showman.....	\$29.00
Reserve Grand Champion Market Gilt.....	\$50.00
Champion Senior Dog Showman.....	\$15.00
Champion Novice Dog Showman.....	\$15.00
Dog & Owner Best Achievement.....	\$15.00
Champion Dog Obedience 1B.....	\$15.00
Champion Dog Obedience Veteran.....	\$15.00
3rd Overall Market Animal (Beef).....	\$19.00
3rd Overall Heifer (Beef).....	\$19.00
Reserve Champion Born & Raised Market Doe.....	\$20.00
Champion Born & Raised Market Wether(banner).....	\$20.00
Champion Born & Raised Market Wether(plaque).....	\$33.00
Reserve Champion Born & Raised Market Wether.....	\$20.00
Champion Born & Raised Breeding Doe(banner).....	\$20.00
Champion Born & Raised Breeding Doe(plaque).....	\$33.00
Reserve Champion Born & Raised Breeding Doe.....	\$20.00
Reserve Champion Turkey.....	\$15.00
Champion Rabbit Junior Ambassador.....	\$20.00
Champion Rabbit Intermediate Ambassador.....	\$20.00

JUNIOR LEADER MEETING:

Our next Junior Leader meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 11th at 6:00PM** in the **Meeting Rooms**.

Any Junior Leader planning to help out with Mini 4-H Night, please make sure to have the t-shirt form that was emailed to you returned to the Extension Office by Friday, June 7th.



TOWNSHIP CLUB MEETINGS:

Hurryin' Harrison - Sunday, June 9th at 7:00PM - Expo Hall
 - Sunday, June 30th at 7:00PM - Expo Hall

Nottingham Nobles - Tuesday, June 11th at 6:30PM - Expo Hall

Lancaster Achievers - Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00PM - Meeting Rooms

Jefferson Knightriders - Monday, June 17th at 6:00PM - Archbold-Wilson Park (near pavilion)

EXPO HALL VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteers are needed for the following Expo Hall events before and during the 2024 Wells County 4-H Fair. Please contact the Extension Office at (260)824-6412 or talk with your Club Leaders to get signed up!



Monday, July 8th at 5:30PM - Foods Judging

Tuesday, July 9th at 6:30PM - Expo Hall Set-Up

Wednesday, July 10th from 3:00-8:00PM - Expo Hall Project Check-In

Thursday, July 11th at 8:15AM - Expo Hall Judging
4-H Fair Week (July 13-18th) - Expo Hall Hosts

4-H PROJECT SUPPLIES:

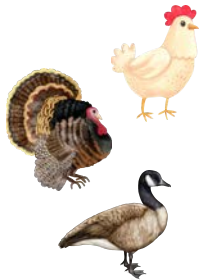
Did you know the Extension Office has some supplies for 4-H Projects? Supplies include foam poster boards, poster sleeves, electric kits, livestock resource books, and the 4-H Rulebook. Stop by the Extension Office (1240 4-H Park Rd, Bluffton) or call at 260-824-6412 for pricing, questions, and to pick up your supplies.



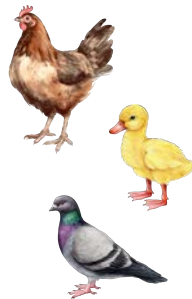
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POULTRY BLOOD TESTING:

Mark your calendars - we have a couple of poultry blood testing days coming up!



Monday, June 10th
from 5:30-6:30PM
H-Barn, 4-H Park, Bluffton



Wednesday, June 26th
from 5:30-6:30PM
H-Barn, 4-H Park, Bluffton

If the poultry originated directly from NPIP certified clean flock within one year, they do not need to be tested. Paperwork must be provided. Waterfowl, pigeons, and doves do not need to be tested.

END OF YEAR 4-H BASH:

Save the Date for our End-of-Year 4-H Bash! We are excited to host this event this year and celebrate all the incredible work of our 4-H Youth. Join us for a fun evening to celebrate your accomplishments and hang out with friends! There will be games, prizes, and a dessert bar!! Member pins will also be handed out this evening.



SAVE THE DATE:
Sunday, July 21st, 2024
Expo Hall

Stay tuned for more information!

WELLS COUNTY 4-H 5K FUN RUN/WALK:

The Wells County 4-H Foundation is planning their 15th annual 4-H 5K Fun Run/Walk to kick off the 2024 Wells County 4-H Fair! New this year is a 1 mile Fast & Furriest Dog Run/Walk!!

WHEN: Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 7:30AM

WHERE: Wells County 4-H Park, Bluffton, IN

ENTRY FEE: Dog & Owner - \$25.00 Pre-Registered
Individual - \$20.00 Pre-Registered
Family Special - \$50.00 Pre-Registered
(4 entries in same envelope, immediate family only. Please don't abuse)

Make checks payable to: Wells County 4-H Foundation



Pre-Registration Deadline is Friday, June 28th.

Prices will increase for day-of registration.

Pre-Register Online at:

<https://www.active.com/bluffton-in/running/4h-5k-fun-run-walk-fast-and-furriest-1-mile-dog-run-walk-2024>

OR

Send completed form with payment to:
4-H 5K Fun Run/Walk
1240 4-H Park Road, Bluffton, IN 46714

Forms available in the Extension Office or online at
www.extension.purdue.edu/wells

4-H FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (BARNS):

Volunteers are needed for the following events before or during the 2024 Wells County 4-H Fair. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your livestock Superintendent or the Extension Office. Contact information for Superintendents can be found in the front of the 4-H Rule Book, which you can find online at www.extension.purdue.edu/wells



Wednesday, July 10th at 6:00PM - Livestock Barn Set-Up

Fair Week (July 13th-18th) - Night Guards for Barns



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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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