



..... JULY EDITION

# WELLS COUNTY 4-H

NEWSLETTER .....

## 2024 WELLS COUNTY 4-H FAIR

SATURDAY, JULY 13TH - THURSDAY, JULY 18TH



We are counting down the days until the 2024 Wells County 4-H Fair and we cannot wait for all the fun and excitement the week will bring! Please make sure to read through this newsletter carefully as there is important information regarding check-in, judging, volunteer opportunities, entertainment events, and much more! Official 4-H Fair Schedules will be available soon in the Extension Office. We cannot wait to see you soon at the 2024 Wells County 4-H Fair!!

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## STOCK THE TRAILER CONTEST:

Wells County 4-H Junior Leaders are excited to partner yet again with Farm Credit Mid-America and Rural 1st for the Fight the Hunger; Stock the Trailer contest during the 2024 Wells County 4-H Fair.

Junior Leaders will be collecting non-perishable food items in a marked trailer just north of the Junior Leader Booth. All donations and earnings will benefit the Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today Backpack Program! Help us support our community by bringing non-perishable food items to the Wells County 4-H Fair!



## GOLDEN TICKET SCAVENGER HUNT:



Be on the lookout for the SIX golden tickets that will be hidden around the fairgrounds during the 4-H Fair this year!! Each golden ticket is worth one FREE small ice cream from the Junior Leader Booth! Tickets will not be placed in any areas that could cause harm to a person, an animal, or the property. Please do not look anywhere that could hinder your safety! Have fun!!

# PAGE 2: CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- July 1 Fair Entry Deadline - Last Day to Enter Exhibits
- July 1 YQCA/QLC Deadline - Certificates Must Be Turned in to the Extension Office
- July 2 Jefferson Knightriders Meeting, 6:00PM, The Bakers (11235 N St Rd 1, Bluffton, IN)
- July 2 Horse & Pony Clean Up Day, 6:00PM, 4-H Fair Grounds
- July 2 Dog Club Meeting, 6:30PM, Quonset Hut
- July 4 **Happy Fourth of July!!** Extension Office will be Closed
- July 8 Foods Project Check-In, 4:30-5:15PM, Expo Hall
- July 8 Foods Judging, 5:30PM, Expo Hall
- July 8 Ambassador Interviews, 6:30PM, Meeting Rooms
- July 9 Horse & Pony Practice, 5:00PM, Grandstand Arena
- July 9 Dog Club Meeting, 6:30PM, Quonset Hut
- July 9 Expo Hall Set Up, 6:30PM, Expo Hall **\*See page 5 for volunteer sign ups**
- July 10 Expo Project (Including Mini) Check-In, 3:00-8:00PM, Expo Hall
- July 10 Livestock Barns Set Up, 6:00PM
- July 11 Expo Project Judging, 9:00AM, Expo Hall
- July 11 Horse & Pony Check-In, 5:00-9:00PM
- July 12 Livestock Check-In, 5:00-8:00PM, Please Use Spring Street Entrance
- July 13-18 Wells County 4-H Fair
- July 19 Fair Clean Up, 9:00-11:00AM, Meet Outside Extension Office
- July 25 Junior Leader End-Of-Year Banquet, 6:00PM, Expo Hall



**AUGUST 2-18**

**The Art & Nature of Fun**

PRESENTED BY NEWFIELDS

## STATE FAIR DATES:

- July 29 | Static Project Check-In
- Aug 2-18 | Indiana State Fair
- Aug 5 | Food/Garden Check-In
- Aug 19 | Project Release/Pick Up

# PAGE 3: FAIR SCHEDULE

## “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 12:30PM** - Goat Olympics, Livestock Arena

**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 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

# PAGE 4: FAIR ENTERTAINMENT

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

## 4-H FAIR ENTERTAINMENT:

**Friday, July 12th @ 5:00PM** - Antique Tractor Pull Sponsored by Wheels of Yesteryear

**Saturday, July 13th** - TRSS Drum Corp, Midway

**Saturday, July 13th - Sunday 14th 12:00-8:00PM** - Craft Bazaar, Quonset Hut

**Sunday, July 14th @ 10:00AM** - Praise in the Park by River of Life Church, Main Stage

**Sunday, July 14th 5:00-7:00PM** - The Keystones, Youth Rock Band, Main Stage

**Monday, July 15th 5:00-8:00PM** - Craft Bazaar, Quonset Hut

**Monday, July 15th @ 7:30PM** - Miss Wells County Pageant, Main Stage

**Tuesday, July 16th 7:00-9:00PM** - Hubie Ashcraft Band, Main Stage

**Wednesday, July 17th 7:00-9:00PM** - Trevor Hunt Band, Main Stage

**Friday, July 19th @ 7:00PM** - Truck Pull, Gates open at 6:00PM, Pull Strip

## LOG CABIN ENTERTAINMENT:

\*Bring Lawn Chair for Presentations\*

**Saturday, July 13th 6:00-8:00PM** - Log Cabin Open

**Sunday, July 14th 2:00-8:00PM** - Log Cabin Open

**Sunday, July 14th 3:00-5:00PM** - Pioneer Crafters & Dulcimer Music

**Monday, July 15th - Thursday, July 18th 4:00-8:00PM** - Log Cabin Open

**Monday, July 15th 4:00-5:00PM** - Story Time by the Wells County Public Library

**Monday, July 15th @ 6:30PM** - Raptors & Eagles, Presented by Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehabilitation

**Tuesday, July 16th @ 6:30PM** - Ouabache State Park Nature Program

**Thursday, July 18th @ 6:30PM** - Ouabache State Park Nature Program



## SPIRIT NIGHT:

**Saturday, July 13th at 8:00PM**

**4-H Park Pull Strip near the Grandstand Horse Arena**

Teams of 4-H members may participate in a fun obstacle course to earn the honor of being the top team and win prizes. Team members **MUST** be a 4-H Member to participate.

Bring a canned food item or \$1.00 to enter! Forms are available in the Extension Office and online at  
[www.extension.purdue.edu/wells](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/wells)

## 4-H PARADE:

**Saturday, July 13th at 10:00AM**

Parade line up begins at 9:30AM in the south parking lots of Bluffton Regional.



Parade will be in front of the Grandstands at approximately 10:30AM.

# PAGE 5: FAIR SIGN UPS

## PROJECT CHECK-INS:

To help with flow of traffic, we ask that all exhibit hall and foods project exhibitors sign up for a time slot to check in their projects. This includes Mini 4-H projects. Use the QR codes below.

### Expo Check-In:

Wednesday, July 10th  
3:00-8:00PM



### Foods Check-In:

Monday, July 8th  
4:30-5:15PM



## 4-H CLUB SIGN UPS:

We ask that members from each club sign up to run a few of our fun activities at the 4-H Fair. All proceeds made during your shift will go back to your club! Check out what opportunities your club has to help out at the fair this year!!



**Dunk Tank** - a crowd favorite year after year is coming back again this year!



**Gravity Basketball** - making its debut at the fair this year is a fun gravity wagon basketball game!



**Inflatables** - bounce houses & obstacle course will bring fun to kids of all ages!

## VOLUNTEER SIGN UPS:

There are several opportunities for adults and youth to volunteer before and during the 4-H Fair. Check out all the ways you can volunteer and sign up below. Thank you in advance for your help - our fair would not run as smoothly without you!

### Expo Hall Set Up



### Expo Project Check-In Helpers



### Expo Project Judging Helpers



### Foods Project Judging Helpers



### Livestock Barn Night Guards



### Expo Guards



## JUNIOR LEADER BOOTH:

The Junior Leader Booth is a great way for adults and youth to volunteer during the 4-H Fair! It is always a fun time and many memories are created in the booth.

In order to be open and operating, we do need at least one adult working every shift each day. The QR code below can be used to sign up!



# PAGE 6: UPDATES & INFORMATION

## CHECK OUT TIMES:

**Wednesday, July 17th from 10:00pm - 12:00am** - Release of Livestock Exhibits (except auction animals)

**Thursday, July 18th from 6:00am - 12:00pm** - Release of Livestock Exhibits (except auction animals)

**Thursday, July 18th from 3:00 - 7:00pm** - Release of Expo Hall Projects

## 10 YEAR MEMBERS:

Congratulations to the following 4-H members for completing 10 years in 4-H! We are very appreciative of your hard work and dedication to making the best of Wells County 4-H even better! Please join us for a 10 Year Member recognition on the Main Stage on Saturday, July 13th at 5:00PM.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Alexis Grover  
Annabelle Johnson  
Audrey Sweeden  
Austin Rogers  
Ayden Teeple  
Brady Wenger  
Cade Shelton  
Case Boxell  
Chase Hulvey  
Chloe Ferguson  
Cohen Bailey  
Connor Collins  
Dakota Perry  
Dalton Tomasek  
Elijah Ingle  
Ella Lahr  
Ella Wheeler  
Ethan Stauffer  
Faith Bales  
Fletcher Wenger  
Gracie Rinkenberger

Grant Nash  
Hudson Werich  
Hunter Wenger  
Jillian Melcher  
Joshua Bricker  
Kammy Miller  
Karlee Warner  
Kayla Kiefer  
Kylie Frauhiger  
Lauren Mann  
Madeline McCabe  
MaKaylynn Bushee  
Makenzie Fuess  
Marlee Wenger  
Perrin Gates  
Riley Frauhiger  
Trevon Stoppenhagen  
Tucker Jenkins  
Vanessa Wilson  
Yazmine Tucker

## JUNIOR LEADERS:

**Junior Leader Project Books are due to the Wells County Extension Office by Monday, July 22nd.** If you need a book, you can pick one up from the office.

Junior Leader Award Voting will be available from Tuesday, July 23rd - Wednesday, July 24th. A Google Form will be sent out with eligible award candidates for Junior Leaders to vote.

The Junior Leader End-Of-Year Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, July 25th at 6:00PM in the Expo Hall! Along with celebrating the year, we will be electing our 2024-2025 Officer Team at the banquet. If you are interested in holding an officer position, please plan to attend! Please RSVP using the QR Code.



<https://forms.gle/z4LZrj77cudKn9dM6>

## INDIANA 4-H APPROVED ANIMAL GROOMING APPLICATIONS:

If you are exhibiting livestock at the Indiana State Fair and have someone helping you who is not a parent or guardian, they will need to complete the Approved Animal Grooming process by July 20th. This can be completed one of two ways:

**Option 1:** Complete the 5 Animal Ethics and Adult Expectations online modules, and submit a copy of your valid Indiana Driver's License to the Qualtrics link below.

**Option 2:** If you completed the program in 2023, select the option to proceed to complete the Adult Expectations and submit your valid Indiana Driver's License to the Qualtrics link below.

[https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2ugO9kFH9ENJWWa](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2ugO9kFH9ENJWWa)

Please note, this is a statewide program and is not facilitated through the Wells County Extension Office. If you have questions about this process, please visit the Indiana 4-H website or contact [in4h@purdue.edu](mailto:in4h@purdue.edu). If you need to verify that your helper has been approved, please contact Anya at [aulbach@purdue.edu](mailto:aulbach@purdue.edu).

Approved animal groomers should receive communication from the Indiana 4-H program mid-July regarding their approval status.

# PAGE 7: UPDATES & INFORMATION

## 4-H CAMP:

Wells County 4-Hers joined 4-Hers from Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, and Whitley Counties at our annual Northeast IN 4-H Camp...and it's safe to say we had a blast!

Campers soaked up the sun at the beach, enjoyed some fun Olympic themed crafts, tried their hand at catching fish, started fires while learning survival skills, made their own ice cream, learned some line dancing, gave back to their communities while making blankets for local shelters, visited with raptors from Soarin' Hawk, and SO MUCH MORE!

We're already counting down the days until we get back to North Webster next summer!



## 4-H ASSOCIATION UPCOMING MEETING:

NEW 4-H Association Business Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 21st at 7:00PM.**

Agenda Items Include:

- Street Fair Pancake Booth
- Fair Review Session Items
- 2024 Constitution and Bylaws Updates - 2nd Reading

## 4-H ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISERS:

The Wells County 4-H Association is currently seeking funds to replace one of the two HVAC systems in the Community Center Building. The current HVAC system is original to the building and is no longer working at the capacity it needs to properly heat and cool the Expo Hall, which serves as a gathering place for many 4-H families and community members. If you would like to make a contribution to the 4-H Association's efforts to replace the HVAC unit, please reach out to 4-H Association President Brandon Gephart at [wellsco4hassociation@gmail.com](mailto:wellsco4hassociation@gmail.com). The 4-H Association will be pushing out a fundraiser in the fall that all 4-H families can get involved in, and then having another fundraiser effort in the Spring. We thank you in advance for your support of the Wells County 4-H Association!

## 4-H COUNCIL UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**Monday, August 26th from 6:00-8:00pm** - Project Committee Roundtables

Agenda Items Include:

- Project Rule Changes
- Superintendent Nominations
- 2024 Review & Wrap Up

**Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00PM** - 1st Reading of Rule Changes

**Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00PM** - 2nd Reading of Rule Changes & Voting



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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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