

# WELLS COUNTY 4-H



NEWSLETTER.....

## 2025 Enrollment!



**Enrollment for the 2024-2025 program year begins Tuesday, October 1st!** This enrollment period applies to all 4-H participants including Mini 4-H (grades K-2), traditional 4-H members (grades 3-12), and all adult volunteers. Brief instructions are listed below, but a detailed version will be sent in the mail and is available online at [www.extension.purdue.edu/wells](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/wells)

### ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to <https://v2.4honline.com>
2. Enter your email and password, then click "Sign In". Do not create a new account. If you have forgotten your username/password please call the Extension Office.
3. Continue to Youth & Mini 4-H Member Enrollment
4. Select the member you wish to enroll and update grade level.
5. Continue on to "Select Club", then "Select Projects"
6. Once complete, click "Select Questions" and fill out correctly.
7. Pay member dues. Enrollments will not be approved until payment is complete.

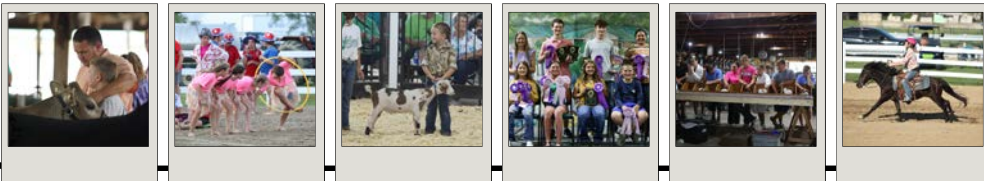
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## 2025 WELLS COUNTY 4-H FAIR

Saturday, July 12th - Thursday July 17th



# PAGE 2: CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

- September 2: Labor Day - Extension Office Closed
- September 8: Street Fair Pancake Booth Work Day
- September 9: Association Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms
- September 10: Council Meeting (1st Rule Change Review), 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms
- September 17-21: Bluffton Street Fair
- September 22: Horse & Pony Banquet and Fun Show, 4:00PM, Grandstand Arena
- September 25: Royal Showmanship Committee Meeting, 6:00PM, Meeting Rooms

## OCTOBER

- October 1: Enrollment Opens for the 2025 Wells County 4-H Fair
- October 1: Council Meeting (2nd Rule Change Review), 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms
- October 7: Junior Leader Fall Kickoff Meeting, 6:00PM
- October 14: Columbus Day - Extension Office Closed
- October 14: Association Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms
- October 26: Wells County 4-H Association Spooktacular, 6:00-9:00PM, 4-H Park

## NOVEMBER

- November 4: Junior Leader Meeting, 6:00PM, Meeting Rooms
- November 11: Club Leader Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms
- November 18: Association Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms \*Officer Elections\*

# PAGE 3: UPCOMING EVENTS

## Upcoming Volunteer Meetings:

### Council Meetings:

**Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00PM** in the Meeting Rooms. This will be the first discussion for rule changes.

**Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00PM** in the Meeting Room. This will be the second discussion for rule changes.

### Association Meetings:

**Monday, September 9th at 7:00PM** in the Meeting Rooms

**Monday, October 14th at 7:00PM** in the Meeting Rooms.

**Monday, November 18th at 7:00PM** in the Meeting Rooms. \*Officer elections will take place during this meeting. More information to come.

### Club Leader Meeting:

**Monday, November 11th at 7:00PM** in the Meeting Rooms.

### Royal Showmanship Meeting:

**Wednesday, September 25th at 6:00PM** in the Meeting Rooms

## Adult Volunteer Enrollment:

Adult volunteers must re-enroll in 4-H Online to be a volunteer for the 2024-2025 year, This means completing all of the volunteer training. It does have to be done each year. Any new volunteers will also need to complete the enrollment process.

To enroll, log in to your 4-H Online account.

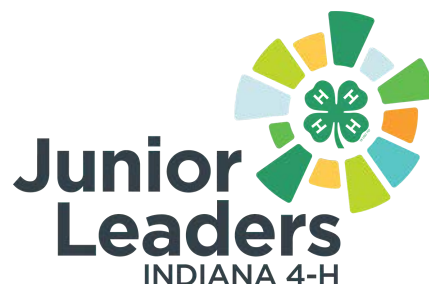
Returning members will choose "Adult Enrollment", and new members should click "Adding New Members". You will then follow the instructions until enrollment is complete, making sure to watch all the video trainings.

## Junior Leader Fall Kickoff Meeting:

**Monday, October 7th at 6:00PM**  
**Wells County 4-H Park**

The Fall Kickoff Meeting is for all current and new members! Any student in 7th grade or higher that is interested in joining the Junior Leader Club should plan to attend our Fall Kickoff Meeting!! It will be a fun way to kickstart the new year.

Next Meeting:  
Monday, November  
4th at 6:00PM



# PICK A DATE TO DONATE

WELLS COUNTY 4-H ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	BONUS DAY	BONUS DAY	BONUS DAY	BONUS DAY

## HOW IT WORKS:

- 1 Pick a date to sponsor.
  - 2 Pay the amount of the date.  
(Example: the 15th would be \$15.00, the 31st would be \$31.00, and so on)
- ★ BONUS DAYS = Choose your amount

Thank you for your support! Donations will go towards making improvements to the Wells County 4-H Park!

# PAGE 5: UPCOMING EVENTS

## 4-H Association Calendar Fundraiser:

The Wells County 4-H Association is currently raising funds to help with improvements around the 4-H Park to provide a better experience not only for 4-H families, but also the community. One of the main repairs that is needing to be made in the near future is replacing the entire HVAC system of the Community Center Building, which hosts several community and 4-H events. The 4-H Association is asking for your help by joining them in their current fundraiser - Sell the Calendar!

Below are details on how it works.

1. Each day of the month is sold by collecting a donation for that days value. (Example: the 25th is a \$25.00 donation; the 5th is a \$5.00 donation, etc.)
2. Attempt to sell each day of the month by posting the Calendar (shown on page 4) to Facebook and sending to friends and family.
3. Collect donations from family and friends. Please turn in the total amount collected into the Wells County Extension Office by end of work day on Friday, October 18th. Checks can be made payable to the Wells County 4-H Association.
4. Digital copies of the calendar are available on [www.extension.purdue.edu/wells](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/wells). Please direct any questions to the 4-H Association President, Brandon Gephart. He can be reached at [wellsco4hassociation@gmail.com](mailto:wellsco4hassociation@gmail.com).

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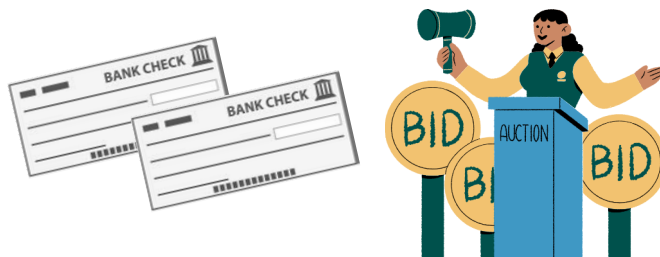
## Pick Up Projects:

The Extension Office is currently housing SEVERAL county and state fair projects that need to be reunited with their rightful owner. Although we have enjoyed their company, it is time for them to make their way back to their forever home. If you are missing a project from either the county or state fair, more than likely we have it! Please come pick it up ASAP from the office.

Our office hours are Monday - Friday from 8:00AM-4:30PM. If you are unable to come during those hours please call 260-824-6412 to make other arrangements. Your projects miss you and want to come home!

## Cash Your Checks!

This is a reminder to all 4-H Auction Participants that your checks from the auction should be cashed by **November 30th** or funds will be forfeited. If you have yet to pick up your check, please do so ASAP! Make sure to bring in your thank you cards addressed, stamped & sealed. Checks will not be handed out until thank you cards have been turned in.



## WELLS COUNTY 4-H ASSOCIATION SPOOKTACULAR



OCTOBER 26, 2024  
FROM 6:00-9:00PM  
WELLS COUNTY 4-H PARK

### ADMISSION:

\$1.00 OR 1 CANNED

FOOD ITEM PER PERSON

\*EXPIRED FOOD WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED\*

FUNDS COLLECTED WILL BE DONATED  
TO FEEDING TOMORROW'S FUTURE  
TODAY WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

### ACTIVITIES:

CARNIVAL GAMES & PRIZES

LOG CABIN TOURS

HAY RIDES

SPOOKY FOREST (OPENS  
AT 7PM)



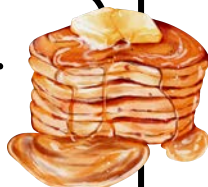
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## Spooktacular Volunteers:



The Wells County 4-H Association is hosting their Spooktacular festival again this year! Check out page 6 for date and details. They are looking for adult and youth volunteers to help with the carnival games, concessions, and the spooky forest. If you are interested in helping out please contact Brandon at 765-499-7042 or Janet at 260-273-1123.

## Pancake Booth Work Day:



**Sunday, September 8th at 6:00PM**  
**Gravel Lot at the 4-H Park**

The 4-H Association will be gathering on Sunday, September 8th at 6:00PM to get the Pancake Booth ready for Street Fair. After being stored away all winter, the booth could use some love. If you are available that evening, the 4-H Association would greatly appreciate your help! The more volunteers we get, the quicker the cleaning will go!



## Pancake Booth Sign Up:

The 4-H Pancake Booth will once again be at the Bluffton Street Fair this year! The Booth is a great fundraiser for 4-H, as these funds help sponsor our ribbons at the Fair and various 4-H Trips that our youth get to attend.

Volunteers are needed for various shifts throughout the week. Each township is responsible for finding **12-16 people** to work during their assigned shift. Volunteers will be cooking food, taking orders, and help deliver food to guests. It really does take several people to run the booth smoothly. Shift days are listed below. Sign up online at:

<https://bit.ly/PancakeBooth2024>

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 17TH 5PM TO CLOSE**  
Chester Township

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18TH 7AM - 5PM**  
Community Volunteers

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18TH 4:30PM TO CLOSE**  
Jefferson Township

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 19TH 7AM - 5PM**  
Community Volunteers

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 19TH 4:30PM TO CLOSE**  
Jackson Township & Shooting Sports

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 20TH 7AM - 5PM**  
Nottingham Township

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 20TH 4:30 TO CLOSE**  
Rockcreek Township

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 21ST 7AM - 12PM**  
Lancaster Township

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 21ST 11:30AM - 5PM**  
Harrison Township

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 21ST 4:30PM TO CLOSE**  
Liberty Township

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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!



**Wells County 4-H**  
**or Purdue Extension Wells County**

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