

WELLS COUNTY 4-H

NEWSLETTER



A Letter from the Educator....

It's hard to believe summer is wrapping up and we are preparing to start yet another great year of Wells County 4-H! We had a wonderful summer of learning, growth, and fun - and we are so ready to get back to it and start again.

I am always so excited for this time of year. Fall is of course my favorite season, but in the 4-H world, welcoming a new program year adds to the excitement. We have so many great things to be excited about, Wells County 4-H!

Stay updated with all things Wells County 4-H on our Facebook page, and feel free to contact us with any questions - 260-824-6412, or Anya at aaulbach@purdue.edu, McKenzie at mksteele@purdue.edu, or Megan at schwa350@purdue.edu.

Sincerely,

Anya

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4-H ENROLLMENT



4-H Enrollment for the 2026-2027 Program Year opens **October 1!** Enrollment is done on 4-H Online (v2.4honline.com/)

Please keep an eye out for enrollment packets for youth and volunteers coming later this month!

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer this year and have not been an approved volunteer before, please reach out to aaulbach@purdue.edu so we can get you the appropriate information!

PAGE 2: CALENDAR & REMINDERS

September

SEP 10	Junior Leader Officer Training 4-H Park @ 5:30 PM
SEP 14	4-H Association September Business Meeting 4-H Park @ 7:00 PM
SEP 22-26	4-H Association Pancake Booth Fundraiser Bluffton Street Fair
SEP 28	4-H Council - Election Meeting 4-H Park @ 7:00 PM

October

OCT 1	4-H Enrollment Opens!
OCT 1	Volunteer Training / Enrollment Help 4-H Park @ 6:00 PM
OCT 12	4-H Association October Business Meeting 4-H Park @ 7:00 PM
OCT 15	Junior Leader Fall Kickoff 4-H Park @ 6:00 PM
OCT 24	Wells County 4-H Spooktacular 4-H Park @ 6:00 PM
OCT 26	4-H Council - Rule Change Meeting #1 4-H Park @ 7:00 PM



AUCTION CHECKS

Auction checks **MUST** be picked up and cashed by
NOVEMBER 30.

All thank you cards must be submitted to the office before
you are able to pick up your check.



PROJECT PICK-UP

ALL State Fair projects and projects leftover from the Wells
County Fair **MUST** be picked up by September 25.

Projects leftover after this date will be donated or disposed
of.



PROJECT COMMITTEES

Did you miss Project Committee
Roundtables but are interested in serving
on a project committee?

Fill out this form by **October 1** to get
involved!



<https://forms.gle/eEHakUBAVyE2ygtD6>

Something Missing?

If an event is happening that we missed on our calendar, please
let us know!

If you need to add something to the Wells County 4-H Calendar,
please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/pfTeG9RjF3adPoVr9>

To ensure your event is listed in the next issue of the newsletter,
please send it in by the 20th of the month prior to the next
newsletter.

Upcoming Newsletters:

October 2026 Issue

November/December 2026 Issue

January / February 2027 Issue

March / April 2027 Issue

June 2027 Issue

July 2027 Issue

August/September 2027 Issue

Check out our Facebook, your emails, and Remind for
additional updates!

PAGE 3: CLUBS & EVENTS

CLUB LEADERS:

Please be on the lookout for emails from Anya about changes in annual club planning / financial review paperwork. There are some changes coming our way that will need to be completed prior to our October 5th meeting - as soon as we have final details we will get those to you.

If you are not interested in continuing as a club leader for the 26-27 Program Year, please let Anya know by September 15!

JR. LEADERS

Fall Kickoff Meeting is October 15th
at the 4-H Park at 6:00 PM!

Dinner will be provided.

Any 7-12 grader interested in
joining Junior Leaders is welcome
to attend!

4-H ASSOCIATION PANCAKE BOOTH FUNDRAISER

Every year at the Bluffton Street Fair, the 4-H Association sets up their pancake booth for the week to raise money for the 4-H Program and Facilities, and interact with the community.

As 4-Hers and 4-H families, it is so important to do what you can to assist with fundraisers like this one - proceeds raised help to fund maintenance of the buildings and grounds, fair costs, awards, program materials, 4-H trip sponsorship, and any other expenses that may be incurred throughout the year. It is also a great opportunity to interact with the rest of the Wells County Community and share 4-H with those who might not be involved currently!

Help is needed to wait on customers, cook, clean, and stock inventory throughout the week (September 22-26). Below is the link to sign up for a shift (or shifts!) and a list of what shifts are when. You do not have to be a part of that township club or live in that township to work a shift - we welcome help any time you are available!

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22ND 5PM TO CLOSE
Jefferson Township

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23RD 7AM - 5PM
Community Volunteers

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23RD 4:30PM TO CLOSE
Liberty Township & Shooting Sports

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24TH 7AM - 5PM
Community Volunteers

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24TH 4:30PM TO CLOSE
Chester Township

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25TH 7AM - 5PM
Jefferson Township

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25TH 4:30 TO CLOSE
Jackson Township & Shooting Sports

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26TH 7AM - 12PM
Nottingham Township

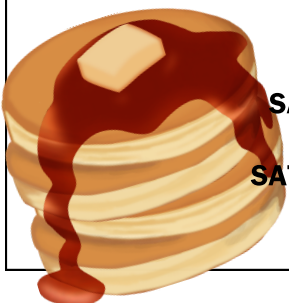
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26TH 11:30AM - 5PM
Rockcreek Township

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26TH 4:30PM TO CLOSE
Lancaster Township

SIGN UP HERE:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AEAF2CA4FA7-64988488-2026>



PAGE 4: 4-H COUNCIL

WHAT IS THE 4-H COUNCIL?

The 4-H Council is the governing body of the 4-H Program. They are responsible for creating, maintaining, and enforcing 4-H rules that adhere to Indiana 4-H Policy.

4-H Council is made up of adult volunteers and youth passionate about the Wells County 4-H Program.

The group meets 5-6 times a year.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

All meetings to take place at the Wells County 4-H Park at 7:00 PM unless stated otherwise.

September 28 - Council Elections & Superintendent Confirmation

October 26 - Rule Change Meeting #1

November 30 - Rule Change Meeting #2 & Schedule 2027 Meetings.

HOW TO JOIN?

The Wells County 4-H Council is in the process of restructuring to adhere to our new Bylaws, so things may look a little overwhelming this year, but by the end of this process, our Council should be more evenly balanced to serve the 4-H Program.

There will be 5 adults representing each geographical district of Wells County. 3 Adults will serve as Senior Representatives and serve 4 year terms, and 2 will be Junior Representatives and serve 2 year terms. We will have a few Township Representatives still present on the Council - as their terms expire these will transition into District Seats.

Nominations for a Representative seat can be submitted to Anya Aulbach (aaulbach@purdue.edu) or taken from the floor at the Election meeting. You may nominate yourself. Nominations will be voted on by any 4-H Council member present from said district via paper ballot, and their term will begin October 1.

The Council also has 6 At-Large Representatives. These will be elected by Council members present via paper ballot and their term will begin October 1.

Club Leaders will elect their representation at their fall meetings.

Project Superintendents appointed their representative at Project Roundtables.

For more information about the 4-H Council and our election procedure, please check out their Bylaws. If you are interested and have questions, please reach out to Anya at aaulbach@purdue.edu



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TERMS EXPIRING IN SEPTEMBER

Nottingham Township: Lee Ann Pease & Cinda Mounsey

Rockcreek Township: Ann Elmore & Melissa Neu-Bolyn

Union Township Township: Amy Crow & Jennifer Barnes

At-Large Representatives: Sarah Ball, Jeremy Brown, Shaye Higgins, & John Barnes

Club Leader Representatives: Lori Farmer

Project Committee Representatives: Sherry Zook, Jackson Sills, Michele Dixon, Lee Ann Pease, Nathan Boxell, Jen Kinyo, Whitney Schwartz, Janet Ramseyer, Kendra Mounsey, Jennifer Turnbull, Mark Misch, Lisa Boxell, Cinda Mounsey, Eric Kiefer

SEATS OPEN FOR ELECTION IN SEPTEMBER

Northern District (Jefferson, Rockcreek, & Union Townships)

Senior Representative A - Oct. 1 2026 - Sep. 30, 2030

Senior Representative B - Oct. 1 2026 - Sep. 30, 2027

Senior Representative C - Oct. 1 2026 - Sep. 30, 2028

Junior Representative D - Oct. 1 2026 - Sep. 30, 2028

Junior Representative E - Oct. 1 2026 - Sep. 30, 2027

Central District (Harrison, Lancaster, & Liberty Townships)

Senior Representative A - Oct. 1 2026 - Sep. 30, 2030

Junior Representative D - Oct. 1 2026 - Sep. 30, 2028

Southern District (Chester, Jackson, & Nottingham, Townships)

Senior Representative A - Oct. 1 2026 - Sep. 30, 2030

Junior Representative D - Oct. 1 2026 - Sep. 30, 2028

At-Large Representatives

At-Large Representative A - Oct. 1 2026 - Sep. 30, 2030

At-Large Representative B - Oct. 1 2026 - Sep. 30, 2027

At-Large Representative C - Oct. 1 2026 - Sep. 30, 2028

At-Large Representative D - Oct. 1 2026 - Sep. 30, 2028

At-Large Representative E - Oct. 1 2026 - Sep. 30, 2027

PAGE 6: VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

4-H Association

All meetings will be held at the Wells County 4-H Park (1240 4-H Park Rd, Bluffton, IN) @ 7PM. Meetings are open to the public but only 4-H Association Directors may vote.

September 14

October 12

November 16

4-H Council

All meetings will be held at the Wells County 4-H Park (1240 4-H Park Rd, Bluffton, IN) @ 7PM. Meetings are open to the public but only 4-H Council Representatives may vote.

September 28

October 26

November 30

Community Club Leaders

All meetings will be held at the Wells County 4-H Park (1240 4-H Park Rd, Bluffton, IN) @ 6:30 PM.

October 5

November 2



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A 4-H VOLUNTEER?

Contact Anya Aulbach at aaulbach@purdue.edu for more details!

Volunteer Opportunities

We are seeking volunteers to assist in the following roles:

Junior Leaders Co-Advisor:

Seeking 1-2 Adult Volunteers to assist the 4-H Educator with meetings and management of the Junior Leader Booth This group meets monthly from October - June.

Mini 4-H Co-Leader:

Seeking 1-2 Adult Volunteers to assist the 4-H Educator with Mini 4-H meetings and activities. This group meets monthly from March - June.

Contact Anya at aaulbach@purdue.edu if interested!

Robotics Club Leaders:

Seeking 2-3 Adult Volunteers to lead the Wells County 4-H Robotics Club in the 2026-2027 Program Year (beginning in October, 2026.)

4-H Affiliate Boards:

This summer, nominations for the 4-H Council and 4-H Association will open up - if you are interested in becoming more active in the Wells County 4-H Program or making a difference in Wells County 4-H, please consider running for one of our open positions.

The **4-H Council** is responsible for rules and regulations within the 4-H Program. Elections held in September.

The **4-H Association** is responsible for fundraising and managing the Wells County 4-H Park. Elections held in November.

PAGE 7: SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

What a great summer for Wells County 4-H! We had so many great events and so much fun!



Thank you all for a great year - we are so excited to see what the next program year has in store!



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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!



Wells County 4-H
or [Purdue Extension Wells County](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/wells)

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