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NEWSLETTER····

2026 Enrollment!



Enrollment for the 2025-2026 program year begins Wednesday, 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

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.

SAVETEDATE

2026 WELLS COUNTY 4-H FAIR

Saturday, July 11th - Thursday July 16th













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SEPTEMBER

September 1: Labor Day - Extension Office Closed

September 8: Association Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms

September 10 Project Round Tables, 6:30PM

September 22: Council Meeting (1st Rule Change Review), 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms

September 16-20: Bluffton Street Fair

September 27: Jr Leader Officer Training

September 28: Horse & Pony Banquet (5:30PM) and Fun Show, 2:00PM, Grandstand

Arena

OCTOBER

October 1: Enrollment Opens for the 2026 Wells County 4-H Fair

October 13: Columbus Day - Extension Office Closed

October 13: Association Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms

October 25: Wells County 4-H Association Spooktacular, 6:00-9:00PM, 4-H Park

NOVEMBER

November 10: Club Leader Meeting, 6:00PM, Meeting Rooms

November 10: Council Second Rule Change Meeting and Elections, 7:00PM, Meeting

Rooms

November 17: Association Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms *Elections*



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Adult Volunteer Enrollment:

Adult volunteers must re-enroll in 4-H Online to be a volunteer for the 2025-2026 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.

Enrollment begins October 1st

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.

4-11 Benefit Auction

January 23, 2026

As a big look ahead, we want to keep in everyone's mind the 2026 Wells County 4-H Benefit Auction.

Come be part of a night full of community spirit, delicious food, and an exciting auction. It's a wonderful way to support youth development and the continued growth of the Wells County 4-H Park.

Meal 5:00PM-7:00PM
Silent Auction 5:00PM-6:30PM
Special Features start at 6:00PM
Live Auction starts at 7:00PM

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.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR SIGN-UP SHEET TO COME

MORE INFORMATION
TO COME:

INFO WILL BE POSTED ON FACEBOOK AND FLYER WILL BE SENT OUT



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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 Sign Up QR:



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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. 16TH 5PM TO CLOSE Liberty Township

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17TH 7AM - 5PM Community Volunteers

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17TH 4:30PM TO CLOSE Chester Township

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18TH 7AM - 5PMCommunity Volunteers

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18TH 4:30PM TO CLOSEJefferson Township

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19TH 7AM - 5PM Jackson Township & Shooting Sports

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19TH 4:30 TO CLOSE Nottingham Township

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20TH 7AM - 12PM Rockcreek Township

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20TH 11:30AM - 5PM Lancaster Township

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20TH 4:30PM TO CLOSE Harrison 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
- 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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