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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
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**MARCH**

- 4 New Family Orientation, Community Center, 4-H Park, 4–6 PM
- 5 Rabbit Workshop, Community Center, 4-H Park, 7 PM
- 9 Poultry Workshop, Community Center, 4-H Park, 6 PM
- 10 Swine Workshop, Community Center, 4-H Park, 9–11 AM
- 15 Wells County 4-H Council, Community Center, 4-H Park, 7 PM
- 16 Fair Theme Contest Ideas due at County Extension Office
- 19 Wells County 4-H Association, Community Center, 4-H Park, 7 PM
- 21 County Deadline for 4-H Beef / Dairy Beef Steers ID entry in 4-H Online

**APRIL**

- 6–8 State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training, Ross Camp
- 13 Poultry Workshop & YQCA, Community Center, 4-H Park, 6–8 PM
- 14 Dairy Feeder Calf ID Day, 4-H Park Cattle Barn, 8–10:30 AM
- 16 Goat Workshop & YQCA, Community Center, 4-H Park, 6–8 PM



**4-H NEWS**  
Wells County



March 2018

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**General Information**

New Family Orientation  
Fair Theme Ideas Needed  
4-H License Plates  
Summer Intern Position  
4-H Camp

**Volunteers**

4-H Association  
4-H Council  
4-H Foundation  
Shooting Sports Leader Training  
Club Financial Reports

**Teen Stuff**

Youth As Resources Grant  
Scholarship Update  
Jr. Leaders  
Hunter Education Class

**Animal News**

YQCA Update & News  
Poultry Workshop  
Rabbit Workshop  
Goat Workshop  
Swine Workshop  
Dairy Feeder ID Day  
Beef / Dairy Beef Steer  
Info Due



**4-H Newsletter**

You can also read the Wells County 4-H Newsletter online at [www.extension.purdue.edu/wells](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/wells)

Check it out!

## Weather Cancellation Policy

All county-wide 4-H meetings will be cancelled any time Norwell, Bluffton and / or Southern Wells School Corporations close due to weather. If schools are closed due to fog in the morning but it burns off during the day, you should check with your leader and find out the status of your meeting. You may also check K105.1 FM or wellscountyvoice.com or the Wells County 4-H Facebook page. You may also call the Extension Office, 824-6412.

## 4-H Volunteers

Have you signed up to be a volunteer in 2018 in the 4-H Online system?

If not, please go to [www.4honline.com](http://www.4honline.com) and follow the steps through your family profile (do not create a new family profile!).

You may be asked to view a short video in the "Training" section. This video must be completed every two years.

Questions, call the Extension Office at 824-6412.

## Sewing / Consumer Clothing

This is a reminder to send your survey post-card in or answer via email which option works for your family. Please respond by March 5th.

## 4-H Association Meetings

Future meetings include: March 19, 7 PM and April 16, 7 PM.

Plans are continuing for the 2018 4-H Fair and the Rodeo.

Interested in volunteering? Contact the Extension Office, 824-6412.

## 2018 FAIR DATES

July 14—19  
Wells County 4-H Fair

Rodeo—July 20

August 3—19  
Indiana State Fair

September 18—22  
Bluffton Free Street Fair  
(Help with the  
4-H Pancake & Sausage Booth)

## Hunter Education

A Hunter Education Class will be offered April 9, 11 & 12, 5:30—8:30 PM at the 4-H Park.

The training is free. Register at [www.register-ed.com/programs/indiana](http://www.register-ed.com/programs/indiana)

Call instructor Mike Pinkerton for details, 260-273-1591.



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## CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

CHESTER CHARGERS  
HURRYIN' HARRISONS

Call Aimee Paxson, 260-273-1832

March 18; April 22; May 20; June 10; June 24 (Book Signing), 6:30 -7:30 PM, Community Center, 4-H Park

JACKSON JAGUARS

March 13; April 19; May 8, 6:30—8 PM, McNatt Church; June 23—Community Service Ice Cream Social & Antique Tractor Show, Heritage Pointe of Warren, 1—3 PM; June 28th—Record Book Signing,

JEFFERSON KNIGHTRIDERS  
LANCASTER ACHIEVERS

March 12, 6 PM, Bethlehem Lutheran Church

March 19, April 23, June 4, 7—8 PM, Community Center; June 28 Book Signing, 6—8 PM, Community Center

LIBERTY HAPPY GO LUCKY

March 8, April 12, May 10, June 7, June 28 (Book Signing), 6 PM, Liberty Center Baptist Church

NOTTINGHAM NOBLES

March 17, April 21, 9:30—10:15 AM, Petroleum Church; June 30, 9—10:30 AM, Book Signing, Petroleum Church

ROCKCREEK ROLLERS

March 5, April 9, May 7, June 4, Location and Time to be announced

ALPACA / LLAMA

March 18, April 22—Indoor Meetings, 4-H Park, 4—5 PM. Outdoor meetings, Zook Home, 4—5 PM: May 5, 6, 13, 20, 27; June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 1 & 8

DOG

March 12, 6:30—7:30 PM, Community Center; April 2, 9, 6:30—8:30 PM, Community Center, 4-H Park, April 16, 23, 30, 6:30—8:30 PM, Poultry / Rabbit Barn or Livestock Arena; May 7, 14, 21, 31; June 4, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28; July 2, 7, 15, 6:30—8:30, Livestock Arena

HORSE & PONY

March 11; March 18, 6 PM. Vaccination Day April 7, H & P Barn, 9—11 AM; April 8, Expo Hall, 6 PM. Outdoor Meetings start April 30—check website for times and dates.

ROBOTICS

March 8, 17 & 22; April 12, 21 & 26, Thursday meeting times are 6:30—8 PM; Saturday meeting times are 9 AM—12 Noon. Meetings at Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

ARCHERY

April 10, 7—8 PM, Orientation, Community Center, 4-H Park; April 16, Beginners, 6:30—8:30 PM, 4-H Quonset; April 17, Advanced, 6:30—8:30 PM, 4-H Quonset; Regular Meetings are 6:30—8:30 PM, 4-H Park Quonset. Dates are on website. Awards Night: June 25

BB & RIFLE

March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3 Awards Night. Meetings are from 6:30—8:30 PM, Community Center, 4-H Park.

SHOT GUN

April 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19 & 26; and June 2 & 9. Meetings are from 9—11 AM, 2555 E. 400 N., Ossian

OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Call Mark Durham, 260-273-6508



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## Animal Project News

### Animal Enrollment

- Due March 21 (County Date)  
Beef Steers & Dairy Beef Market Steers.  
Deadline to complete Animal ID in 4-H Online. (NOTE: State Due Date is April 2nd.)
- May 15  
Deadline for Swine, Sheep, Goats, Llamas, Alpacas, Dairy, Dairy Feeder Calf, Horse & Pony, and Beef Breeding Heifers to complete Animal ID in 4-H Online.
- Rabbit and Poultry will complete a paper form. Forms will be mailed to members in early April. Forms are due May 15th.

### Swine Workshop

Saturday, March 10  
9—11 AM

Topics will include: selection, care and feeding of your 4-H Swine project.

Speakers will be Andrew Huffman and Jackson Johnson. The new YQCA requirements will also be explained for 2018.

### Sheep & Goat ID Day

May 5  
10 AM—12 Noon  
Multi-Purpose Building  
4-H Park, Bluffton

Animals will be weighed, ear tagged and retinal eye scanned if going to the State Fair.

### Goat Workshop & YQCA Training

Monday, April 16  
6—7 PM YQCA  
(Open to anyone)

7:15—8 PM  
Goat Workshop

### Dairy Feeder ID Day

April 14  
8—10:30 AM

Cattle Barn  
4-H Park, Bluffton

- × Calves can weigh up to 250 lbs. at the ID Day.



### Poultry Workshop

Friday, March 9  
6—7 PM  
Community Center, 4-H Park,  
Bluffton

Topics: Poultry Selection, Getting Started in Poultry, and Feeding Tips.

Questions, call Poultry Superintendent Jeff Ivins, 260-273-9081.

Future meeting: April 13, and May 11, 6 PM.

### Beef & Dairy Beef Members

Thank you to all of the families that brought animals to the 4-H Park for the ID Day.

Remember to go into 4-H Online and enter your animal ID #'s and weights. Try to do this by March 21st.

Questions or problems, call the Extension Office. 824-6412.

### Rabbit Project Work-

Monday, March 5  
7 PM

Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park

Getting Started in the Rabbit Project



### Summer Intern

The Wells County Extension Office is still taking applications for a summer intern. One of the two positions is still open. Applicants are normally college students who are available to work during the summer.

Contact the Extension Office at 824-6412 for an application.

### 4-H License Plates

Renewing your license plates soon? Consider switching to an Indiana 4-H license plate. Plates can be ordered at the time of registration at [www.in.gov/bmv](http://www.in.gov/bmv) or at the local BMV. Not only is a 4-H plate a great tool for promoting 4-H during your travels, but it also generates revenue for state and county 4-H programs.

Thanks for your support!

Visit our Web Page:

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

### 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Needed

Do you have an interest in youth, safety, and shooting sports? If so, we need you consider becoming a 4-H volunteer.

A State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training will be held April 6—8 at Ross Camp near West Lafayette. Options offered: Rifle, Shot Gun, Pistol, Archery, and Outdoor Pursuits. Wells County 4-H will cover your costs if you are willing to serve as a volunteer. Sign up at <https://inhea.com>

### 4-H Junior Leaders

- Help is needed on Sunday, March 4, 4—6 PM to help lead recreation / games at the 4-H New Family Orientation Night. Arrive at 3 PM to get things ready.
- Jr. Leaders are scheduled to pack food bags on Wednesday, March 7, 6:30—7:15 PM at the Jr. Leader Food Booth.
- The officers will be setting future meeting dates and send them out to members.
- Jr. Leaders will once again teach a mini session (3 minutes) on dental health at the Kids Health & Safety Fair, April 10 & 11. More details later.

### Drop / Add Date

The date to drop projects or add projects is May 15th. You will need to go into your family profile in 4-H Online and add or drop the projects you wish to take. If you add a project, stop by the Extension Office to pick up any manuals or record sheets you will need.

### Keeping Updated

The best way to keep updated is to make sure your email, address and phone numbers are correct in 4-H Online.

### 4-H Council

The Wells County 4-H Council will meet Thursday, March 15, 7 PM, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

Agenda will include: fair plans, 2018 Rule Book, and new Grievance Policy will be discussed.

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**LOCAL FACES**  
COUNTLESS CONNECTIONS

## 4-H Camp

4-H Camp will be held June 5–7 at Camp Epworth Forest. Youth in grades 3–6 may attend the event. Details will be mailed to youth.

## Grants to Youth Groups



Wells County youth organizations can apply for a Youth As Resources Grant for up to \$500 to do some type of community service. Details at fcs-inc.net and the form is due April 2 for spring grants.

## Newsletter Deadline

Please submit information you would like placed in the next newsletter by March 22nd.

## 4-H Scholarship Update

Thank you to all of the 4-H members who submitted their 4-H Resume and / or scholarship forms. You should have received information about the selection process for some of the scholarships.

Senior scholarships will be presented at each of the high schools awards day.



## 4-H Foundation

The Foundation plans to meet April 23, 6:30 PM, 4-H Park to begin plans for 2018.

The group helps to raise funds for various 4-H Park improvements and scholarships for high school seniors.

For our Facebook search:  
Wells County 4-H



Feel free to comment, post or like at any time!

## 4-H Family Orientation

Families new to 4-H are invited to attend the "New 4-H Family Orientation Night", Sunday, March 4th, 4–6 PM at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park, Bluffton.

- Pizza, Salads and Desserts will be provided by the 4-H Association and Leaders.
- Parents will attend a session on the Top 10 Things to Know.
- 4-H members and Mini members will attend recreational activities organized by the 4-H Jr. Leader Club.



## Fair Theme Contest

Wells County 4-H would like your ideas and suggestions for our 2018 4-H Fair theme.

Submit ideas by March 16th to the Wells County Extension Office with your name.

Ideas for the past have included:

2017—Join the Green Team!  
2016—We are 4-H, Then, Now and Tomorrow  
2015—4-H—Racing Into the Future

A special prize will be awarded to the winners.

## Animal Project News

## New Requirement: Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

New livestock requirement for 2018: To exhibit at the county and State Fair, 4-H members showing beef, dairy, dairy beef, dairy feeder calf, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine (so, basically everything except horses, dogs, cats and Llama/Alpaca) must be certified through "Youth for the Quality Care of Animals".

Much like Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA+) did for swine exhibitors, this educational experience will ensure 4-H members learn about quality assurance and best management practices with their animals. The goals of having 4-H members complete the YQCA training session include:

- Youth will be more prepared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture in their role as youth livestock exhibitors.
- Animals from youth livestock programs are treated with utmost care.
- 4-H members are contributing to a safe, wholesome food supply.

### Sign up & Options

You will need to log-in at yqca.org using your 4-H Online email and password to sign up for the workshop of your choice from a list of workshops and pay online. **In person workshops require online registration of \$3, and online workshops require online registration of \$12. Either way, you need to go online to pay.** Please contact the office if you are unable to do so. Please understand that the fee is paid to YQCA for the curriculum and development. These fees were not set by the Indiana 4-H program, and 4-H does not receive any of these funds.

If you are unable to take the training in Wells County and do not wish to take the training online, you may register and attend a workshop at any of the locations listed. Dates for trainings outside of the county will be released as they become available.

- Coupons for YQCA Training—Wells County 4-H has received some FREE coupon codes for the YQCA Trainings. These are the \$3 coupons for the in person training for any location / date. These coupons are provided by funds from the Indiana State Department of Agriculture and the Indiana 4-H program. We will provide them free to youth in grades 3–12. Please call or stop by the Extension Office for your coupon code, 824-6412. You will need this PRIOR to your registration (which must be done online) for the workshops. REMEMBER—they are only good for the online trainings.

### Local Workshops:

March 26, 6:30–7:45 PM, Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park

March 27, 1–2:15 PM, Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park

April 13, 6–7:15 PM, Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park (before the Poultry Workshop). Anyone may attend.

April 16, 6–7:15 PM, Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park (before the Goat Workshop) Anyone may attend.

May—before the Rabbit Workshop

June 11, 1:30–2:45 PM, Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park. Anyone may attend.

The 4-H Council and Livestock Superintendents appreciate your understanding in this first year of this rule.