



4-H NEWS

Wells County

May, 2018

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2018 FAIR DATES

July 7
4-H 5K Run Walk

July 14–19
Wells County 4-H Fair

Rodeo
July 20

August 3–19
Indiana State Fair

September 18–22
Bluffton Free Street Fair

The Purdue Office of the Wells County Extension Service is located in the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park. Hours are Monday–Friday, 8 AM–4:30 PM. Phone: 260-824-6412.

Rule Book

The 2018 Wells County 4-H Rule Book is available at the Extension Office for \$7.00. Or you can purchase a paper insert for \$3 for your existing binder.



It is also on the web page at :
www.extension.purdue.edu/wells

Master Gardener Plant Sale

Saturday , May 12
8 AM–3 PM
Wells County 4-H Park
Bluffton

2018 4-H Fair Theme

4-H Is Always In Season

4-H Fair Camping Reservation



4-H Fair Camping forms are now available at the Extension Office and on the web page.

Newsletter Deadline

Please submit information you would like placed in the next newsletter by May 25.

This newsletter is an educational service of the Wells County Cooperative Extension Service. Additional copies are available from the Wells County Extension Service.

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"Wells County 4-H"

Important Information

Please check the email that you used when setting up your family profile to join 4-H for important information that we send out. We send information by email, postcards, letters and the newsletter. Be watching for details on how to enter your projects into the 4-H Fair through the new computer system. This is essential to our office in getting information together for judging and State Fair requirements.

Robotics Events

- Saturday, June 2, 9 AM—1 PM, Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park. Introduction to the EV3 LEGO Robot, Register with Bluffton Parks Department, 824-6069.
- Robotic Camp, June 25—29, 1—6 PM, Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park. Open to youth entering 5th—9th grade. Cost is \$95 per camper. Register at the Wells County Extension Office or Wells County Chamber of Commerce. You can also register online at wellsedc.com/content/summer-camps. Registration is due June 8. Participants will learn basic robotic programming with the EV3 LEGO Mindstorm Robot.

4-H Camp for Grades 3—6

This year's 4-H Camp will be June 5—7, 2018 at Epworth Forest Camp near North Webster. Lots of fun and educational activities are being planned for youth in grades 3 -6.

Details were mailed to all 4-H youth in grades 3—6. Space is limited and camp will fill up. Forms are due May 15th at the County Extension Office.

Heartland REMC Scholarships

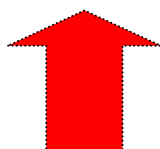
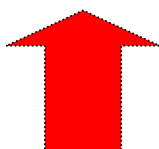
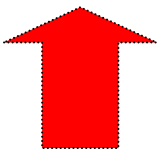
Twenty \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Go to: www.HeartlandREMC.com or stop by the Markle office. Deadline is June 1.

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Ten Year 4-H Members

Ten year members will be sent an information sheet, survey, and request for photographs for your 10 Year Display at the 4-H Fair. The photos and information are due June 8th.

You are also encouraged to complete the voluntary survey about 4-H.



4-H Association

Future meetings include May 21 7 PM and June 18, 7 PM. Topics will be to finalize fair

4-H Council

The Wells County 4-H Council will meet June 18, 7 PM at the Wells County Community Center. This will be a joint meeting with the 4-H Association.

4-H Leaders

Future meetings will be June 12, 7 PM, and July 10. Expo Hall Set up is at 6:30 followed by meeting. Project judging and fair final plans will be discussed.

4-H Foundation

The committee will meet May 7, Community Center at 7:30 PM to make final plans for 4-H Fair events.

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

4-H Project Supplies

We have the following items for sale in the Extension Office:

- ◆ Foam Boards (22" x 28"): \$ 2.25
- ◆ Electric 1 Kits free
- ◆ Electric Shake Light Kits: \$ 15
- ◆ Herbarium Sheets \$ 12.50
(used in Adv. Forestry)
- ◆ Plastic Poster Board Covers \$ 1
- ◆ Plastic Salon Print Covers \$ 1
- ◆ Electric Fluoroscent Troublelight \$ 30
- ◆ Electric Extension Cord \$ 13

Congratulations!!!!

- These high school seniors will be receiving a \$375 4-H scholarship. Thank you to the sponsors: Wells County 4-H Foundation; Horse & Pony Club; 4-H Association—Loren & Helen Decker Fund; and 4-H Jr. Leaders.

Grace Bauermeister	Sarah Jones
Katie Brandewie	Sarah Kline
Cassie Caylor	Luke Lael
Malinah Dixon	Trisa Moser
Melody Fox	Markie Price
Oriana Makowski	Kristen Smith
Abby Hoover	Alisha Watters
Addison Stoppenhagen	Dylan Felger

- Trisa Moser was selected to receive a \$1000 State 4-H Resume' Scholarship in Animal Science. She will be honored this fall at 4-H Congress. Watch for her photo on the TV's in the State Fair 4-H Exhibit Buildings!

Project Drop / Add Deadline

May 15 is the last day to drop and add a 4-H project.

To do this, log into 4-H Online at <https://in.4HOnline.com> and enter your family profile. You will need to know the email address and password you used to set up your family profile. Then you may go into projects and edit the projects you have already chosen and either delete or add projects.

However, once you do this, you must let the Extension Office know if you have added a project. You will need to come to get your record sheets, manual and any other required curriculum. We are not automatically informed by the system if you drop or add a project. In addition, if you have dropped a project and no longer need a manual, please return it to the Extension Office.

4-H Academy @ Purdue

Invitations were mailed to 4-H members about 4-H Academy @ Purdue, June 13–15 at Purdue, Cost to the member is \$70 and reservations are due May 14th. More information is located at: www.extension.purdue.edu/wells

You can choose one of the following sessions:

Citizenship in 4-H
Natural Resources
\$how Me the Money
Food Science & Nutrition
Entrepreneurship
Exploring Health Careers
Animal Bio-Science
Horse & Companion Animal
Spread the News!
The Science of Flight
Computer Science

Food Animal 1
Food Animal 2
Plant Science
Intro to EMS
Engineering
Robotics
Animal Health

4-H Round-Up

Invitations were mailed out to youth (7th & 8th graders). The event will be June 25–27 at Purdue.

Youth can choose from over 80 career classes, see the State 4-H Band and Chorus perform and meet new friends.

Cost is \$60 and reservations are due May 14th.

****E-Mail Check****

Please check your email that you used to set up your family profile when you joined through the 4-H Online System.

If your email has changed, please update this in your family profile in 4-H Online. Also remember to update phone numbers as they change.

Visit our Web Page:

www.extension.purdue.edu/wells

Junior Leader Happenings

- Your help is needed for the Mini 4-H Night, June 19 at the 4-H Park. We will meet in the afternoon to set up for the event.
- The food booth planning committee will be meeting. If you would like to serve on the committee, contact Roger at rsherer@purdue.edu
- Thank you to the Jr. Leaders who helped fill the Ag Tour bags and taught dental health at the Kids Health Fair..



Mini 4-H Night

June 19, 2018

Check In 6:15 –6:30 PM
Event 6:30–8:45 PM
4-H Park
Bluffton IN

Details will be mailed to all Mini 4-H members.

Health Careers Summer Camp

Learn about various health care professionals through a week of interactive experiences.

This camp will be held at Bluffton High School for students entering 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th grades. The cost is \$25 per person and is from 8 AM–3 PM, June 11–15, 2018.

Register at www.wellsedc.com/content/summer-camps or by calling Wells County Economic Development, 824-0510.

Registration is limited.

Animal Project News

**Animal ID is due May 15
in 4-H Online.**

**Rabbit & Poultry paper forms
are also due May 15 in the
Extension Office.**

If you need help entering the information or do not have internet access or a computer, stop by the Extension Office, 824-6412.

Details on Premise ID

The animal identification with the 4-H Online system requires a Premise ID number for all cattle, sheep, swine, and goats. This number is assigned to a farm location almost like an address. If your farm does not have an ID you can get the number from the Indiana Board of Animal Health at 317-544-2381 or by email at www.in.gov/boah

If you house your animals at another location, check with the property owner for the Premise ID number.

Animal Resource Manuals



If you are enrolled in Alpaca / Llama, Beef, Cat, Dog, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Dairy, Rabbit or Horse & Pony, remember to use your Resource Manuals to answer your questions for your project.

The books are also available at our public library or for purchase at the Extension Office. Goat, Alpaca / Llama and Horse & Pony manuals are \$17 each; Dog, \$20; Cat, \$18; Sheep, \$15; Beef & Swine, \$14; Rabbit, \$12; and Dairy, \$11.

YQCA Workshops

Go onto yqca.org and register for any one of these trainings.

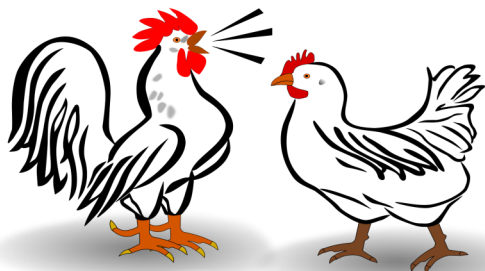
- May 7, 6:30 PM, Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park .
- May 10, 5 PM and 6:30 PM, Adams County 4-H Fairgrounds, Monroe.
- May 12, 10 AM, Blackford County Courthouse Annex, 121 N. High St., Hartford City
- May 12, 10 AM, Grant County 4-H Fairgrounds, Community Building, 1403 St Rd 18, Marion
- May 14, 7 PM, Grant County 4-H Fairgrounds, Community Building, 1403 St Rd 18, Marion
- May 21, 6 PM, Allen County Extension Office, IPFW Campus, 4001 Crescent Av, Fort Wayne
- May 29, 6:30 PM, Adams County 4-H Fairgrounds Dining Hall, Monroe
- June 11, 1:30 PM, Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton
- June 12, 1 PM, Allen County Extension Office, IPFW Campus, 4001 Crescent Ave, Fort Wayne
- June 12, 4 PM, Allen County Extension Office, IPFW Campus, 4001 Crescent Ave, Fort Wayne
- June 18, 6 PM, Adams County 4-H Fairgrounds Dining Hall, Monroe



Animal Project News

4-H Fair Livestock Dates

July 7	2 PM	Dog Show
July 13	9 AM	Horse & Pony - Versatility
July 14	9 AM	Horse & Pony - Jumping, English, Halter, Showmanship, Driving
July 15	1:30 PM	Cat Show
	9 AM	Alpaca & Llama Show
	9 AM	Horse & Pony - Western Performance & Riding, Reining, Trail
	1 PM	Mini 4-H Rabbit
July 16	2 PM	Rabbit Ambassador
	4 PM	Sheep Show
	6 PM	Mini 4-H Horse & Pony
	6:30 PM	Dairy Cattle Show
	9 AM	Swine Show
	5 PM	Dairy Goat Show
July 17	8 AM	Rabbit Show
	9 AM	Meat Goat Show
	4 PM	Horse & Pony - Contesting
July 18	4 PM	Dairy Beef Show
	6:00 PM	Dairy Feeder Show
	8:30 AM	Poultry Show
	9 AM	Beef Show
	6 PM	Horse & Pony - Senior Ride, Club Awards, Fun Show
July 19	7 PM	Royal Showmanship
	2 PM	Premier Auction
	3:30 PM	Livestock Auction



Poultry Workshops

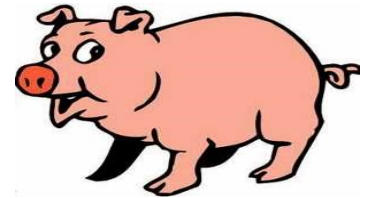
May 11, 6 PM

Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park

Poultry Blood Testing

- June 2, 10 AM—1 PM, Cookhouse Patio
- June 16, 6—8 PM, Cookhouse Patio
- **All poultry must be blood tested except waterfowl and pigeons**

State Fair 4-H Swine Exhibitors



- Stop by the Extension Office to pick up your swine hair sample (DNA) envelope and a RFID ear tag.
- These items are needed by May 15th if you plan to exhibit 4-H Swine at the State Fair.

Born & Raised in Wells County

Wells County will again offer classes or recognition at shows of Livestock that are born and raised in Wells County. These projects include: Beef, Goat, Sheep, and Swine. When you enter your animal ID information into the 4-H Online system, be sure to mark "born and raised". If you do not have internet access, stop by the Extension Office by the May 15th deadline and bring all your animal information.

Animal Project News

4-H Swine Boosters

- May 14, 7 PM, Wells County Community Center Expo Hall, 4-H Park. All swine members and parents are invited. Topics: Upcoming workshop, benefit updates, swine barn project updates, and open discussion preparing for the fair,
- Wells County Swine Boosters will be selling Boneless Chop sandwiches, chips and water for \$5 during fair check in over by the Swine Barn on Friday, July 13th. There will be 100 available and the proceeds will go toward Swine Barn improvements.
- Wells County Swine Boosters along with CHOPS Firepit will have a Pulled Pork Dinner with BBQ baked beans, cookie and a drink for \$10 from 4—7 PM on Wednesday, July 18th. Every swine member is asked to sell 5 tickets. Please contact Kelly Jones, 260-228-0217 and we will get the tickets to you. ALL tickets unsold and money needs to be turned into the Extension Office in an envelope labeled SWINE BOOSTERS with the 4-H'ers name on it by July 1st. All proceeds will go toward Swine Barn improvements. **Top ticket seller will receive \$50 cash!**

4-H Swine Workshop

Saturday, June 2
8:30—11 AM
9:30—11:30 AM Workshop
4-H Park Livestock Arena

Members are encouraged to bring pigs and have them weighed. Scales will be available at 8:30 AM. Swine boosters will also be available to put in RFID tags if member desires, This is required this year before check in at the Fair. Showmanship skills and question and answers portion of the workshop will start at 9:30 and conclude at 11:30 AM. Door prizes will be awarded and light refreshments will be served,

Goat Workshops

- Goat-lympics Round #2 will be held Monday, May 14, 6:30—7:30 PM, Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.
- Saturday, June 16, 10 AM—12 Noon, Livestock Show Arena, 4-H Park. Kelly Fry will lead the workshop on clipping, fitting, and showmanship. Bring your goat, but not required to participate.

Questions? Call Jenny Collins at 260-820-0463.

Animal Enrollment

- May 15
Deadline for Swine, Sheep, Llamas, Alpacas, Dairy, Dairy Feeder Calf, Horse & Pony, and Beef Breeding Heifers to Complete Animal ID in 4-H Online. Go to www.4honline.com
- Rabbit and Poultry will complete a paper form. Forms were mailed in early April to members. Forms are due May 15th at the Extension Office. Forms at: www.extension.purdue.edu/wells

State Fair Entries—Deadlines

- June 1 4-H Beef Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Pygmy Goats & Meat Goats
- July 1 4-H Alpaca, Llama, Dairy Goats, Dairy Cattle, Poultry, Rabbits, Pigeons, Horse & Pony

Department fees increase after deadline.

Go to: www.indianastatefair.com



4-H Flip



The 4-H Flip is back this year and we want YOU to be involved!

- WHO:** 6 teams of 4-H'ers (max FOUR 4-H members per team) each with an adult coach.
- WHERE:** Community Center at the 4-H Park—Registration and rules are available at the Extension Office, due by May 31.
- WHEN:** Completed projects are due Friday, July 13th at the Community Center Expo Hall between noon and 4 PM.
- WHAT:** Repurposed items that will be displayed in the Expo Hall throughout the 4-H Fair. Voting on crowd favorite and silent bids can be made until 9 PM Wednesday before the auction. All participants will receive prizes! Proceeds will go towards 4-H scholarships and the program. Items for the project will be provided if the team doesn't have anything of their own available to repurpose.

*This is not a project signed up for through 4-H Online. It is an extra event that is being added for the 4-H community to get involved with each other and raise money for the 4-H program.

Last year there were some great entries! We hope you would consider joining in the fun this year!

Questions? Contact Vickie Arnold *260-437-5742); Diane Carroll (260-273-9173); or Denise Beck (765-618-1777).



4-H Alumni—Raise Your Hands!

Only 1 in 3 Kids Have the Skills They Need to Thrive

That's why we're asking you, and the millions of 4-H alumni across the nation to Raise Your Hand and Pay It Forward to empower the next generation of True Leaders.



Joining is easy:

1. Raise Your Hand—Complete the form below to show your pride as a 4-H alum.
2. Compete for your state—Raising your hand is a vote towards a \$20,000, \$10,000, or \$5,000 award for the states with the most alumni hands raised.
3. Pay It Forward—Tweet, post, and share your #4HGrown experience or support and tag fellow alumni asking them to raise their hands for their state at 4-H.org/Raise Your Hand

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See 4-H Club Schedule for County, Township & Community Club Meetings

MAY

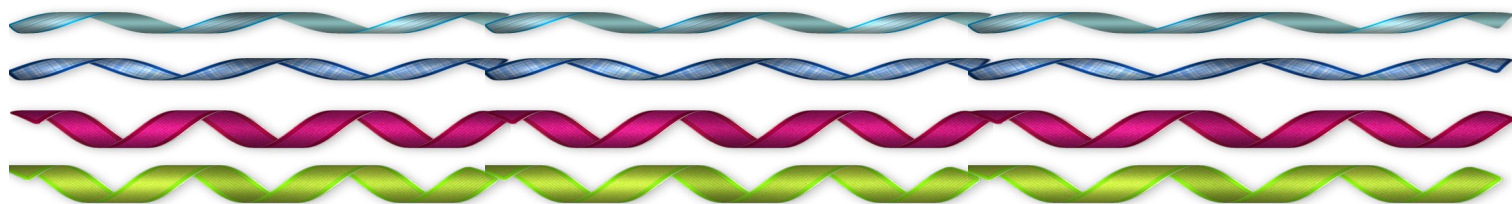
- 5 4-H Sheep & Goat ID Day, Multi-Purpose Building, 4-H Park, 8—10 AM
- 7 YQCA Workshop, Community Center, 4-H Park, 6:30 PM
- 7 4-H Foundation, Community Center, 4-H Park, 7:30 PM
- 8 Election Day—Extension Office Closed
- 11 4-H Poultry Workshop, Community Center, 4-H Park, 5:30 PM
- 12 Master Gardener Plant Sale, 4-H Park Quonset, 8 AM—3 PM
- 14 Trip Reservations Due: 4-H Academy @ Purdue and Round-Up
- 14 Goat-lympics, Community Center, 4-H Park, 6:30—7:30 PM
- 14 4-H Swine Boosters Meeting, Community Center, 4-H Park, 7 PM
- 15 Last Day to Drop / Add 4-H Projects
- 15 4-H Camp Registration due at County Extension Office—Youth in Grades 3—6
- 15 4-H Livestock ID information due in 4-H Online system**
- 15 4-H Rabbit and Poultry Identification forms due at County Extension Office
- 15 4-H Swine for State Fair—DNA Sample Envelopes due at County Extension Office
- 21 Wells County 4-H Association, Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton

JUNE

- 1 4-H State Fair Entries for Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Pygmy Goats and Meat Goats
- 2 4-H Swine Workshop, Livestock Show Arena, 4-H Park, 8:30—11 :30 AM
- 2 Poultry Blood Testing, Cookhouse Patio, 4-H Park, 10 AM—1 PM
- 4—5 4-H Camp Counselor Training, Epworth Forest, North Webster
- 5—7 4-H Camp, Epworth Forest, North Webster
- 11 YQCA Workshop, Community Center, 4-H Park, 1:30 PM
- 12 4-H Leaders Meeting, Community Center Conference Room, 4-H Park, 7 PM
- 13—15 4-H Academy @ Purdue
- 16 Goat Workshop, Livestock Arena, 4-H Park, 10 AM—12 Noon
- 16 4-H Poultry Blood Testing, Cookhouse Patio, 4-H Park, Bluffton, 6—8 PM
- 19 Mini 4-H Night, Community Center, 4-H Park, 6:15—6:30 PM Check In,
6:30—8:45 PM Event
- 25—27 4-H Round Up, Purdue University

CLUB MEETING DATES

CHESTER CHARGERS	May 10, 7–8 PM, Prible Ag; June date TBD at Bluffton Bowling Center; June 25, 6:30–8 PM—Book Signing at Pribles; then will be available until Friday, June 29 at 2 PM—call to make arrangements.
HURRYIN' HARRISONS	May 20; June 10; June 24 (Book Signing), 6:30 -7:30 PM, Community Center, 4-H Park
JACKSON JAGUARS	May 8, 6:30–8 PM, McNatt Church; Bring canned fruit and vegetables for a food challenge; May 12, 9 AM—Noon; Bolinger's Service & Supply—Car Wash; June 23—Community Service Ice Cream Social & Antique Tractor Show, Heritage Pointe of Warren, 1–3 PM; June 28th—Record Book Signing,
JEFFERSON KNIGHTRIDERS	May 15, 6 PM, Bethlehem Lutheran Church; June 26, 5–7 PM, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Meeting and Book Signing
LANCASTER ACHIEVERS	June 4, 7–8 PM, Community Center; June 28 Book Signing, 6–8 PM, Community Center
LIBERTY HAPPY GO LUCKY	May 10, June 7, June 28 (Book Signing), 6 PM, Liberty Center Baptist Church
NOTTINGHAM NOBLES	June 30, 9–10:30 AM, Book Signing, Petroleum Church
ROCKCREEK ROLLERS	May 7, June 4, 4-H Park Playground Grant Work, 7–8:30 PM
ALPACA / LLAMA	Outdoor meetings, Zook Home, 4–5 PM: May 5, 6, 13, 20, 27; June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 1 & 8
DOG	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	Check website for times and dates.
ARCHERY	Regular Meetings are Mondays and Tuesdays, 6:30–8:30 PM, 4-H Park Quonset. Dates are on website. Awards Night: June 25
SHOT GUN	May 5, 12, 19 & 26 ; and June 2 & 9. Meetings are from 9–11 AM, 2555 E. 400 N., Ossian
OUTDOOR PURSUITS the	July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18 & 25, 1–3 PM. Meet in front of the Quonset Building. Rain or Shine!
JUNIOR LEADERS	Friday, May 25, 6–7:30 PM. Prep for Mini 4-H event, 6:30–8 PM, Community Center, 4-H Park; June 19, 2:30 PM, Community Center, 4-H Park. Set up for Mini 4-H that night



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2018 COUNTY FAIR DATES

Adams County	July 15—19
Allen County	July 24—29
Blackford County	July 14—22
DeKalb County	September 24—29
Summer Judging	July 16—19
Jay County	July 7—13 (4-H) July 9—14 (County)
Grant County	June 17—23
Huntington County	July 13—27
LaGrange County	July 14—21
Noble County	July 14—21
Steuben County	July 20—26
Wells County	July 14—19—with Rodeo July 20
Whitley County	July 13—19