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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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MARCH

- 7 Wells County 4-H Council, Community Center, 4-H Park, 7 PM
- 9 4-H Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Community Center, 4-H Park, 7–10 AM
- 9 Swine Workshop, Community Center, 4-H Park, 9–11 AM
- 11 4-H Jr. Leaders, 4-H Park Food Booth, 6:30–8 PM
- 12 4-H Camp Counselor Training, Whitley County 4-H Fairgrounds, 5:30–8 PM
- 14 Poultry Workshop, Community Center, 4-H Park, 6 PM
- 18 Wells County 4-H Association, Community Center, 4-H Park, 7 PM
- 18 County Deadline for 4-H Beef / Dairy Beef Steers ID entry in 4-H Online
- 25 YQCA Workshop, Adams County 4-H Fairgrounds, Dining Hall, 9 AM
- 25 YQCA Workshop, Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, 6:30 PM
- 29–31 State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training, Ross Camp

APRIL

- 6 Dairy Feeder ID Day, 4-H Park Cattle Barn, 8 AM– 10:30 AM



4-H NEWS
Wells County



March 2019

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General Information

- 4-H License Plates
- 4-H Camp
- 4-H Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Volunteers

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

Teen Stuff

- Scholarship Update
- Jr. Leaders
- Hunter Education Class

Animal News

- YQCA Update & News
- Poultry Workshop
- Swine Workshop
- Dairy Feeder ID Day
- Beef / Dairy Beef Steer Info Due
- Horse & Pony Tack Swap



4-H Newsletter

You can also read the Wells County 4-H Newsletter online at 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 Club Financial Reports

Club Leaders and Advisory Committees are reminded that your groups financial report is due March 11.

Information and forms were mailed to you.

4-H Camp

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

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 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!

4-H Council

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

Agenda will include: fair plans, 2019 Rule Book, and SPARK Clubs, and awards.

2019 FAIR DATES

July 13-18
Wells County 4-H Fair

Rodeo-July 19

August 2-18
Indiana State Fair

September 17-21
Bluffton Free Street Fair
(Help with the
4-H Pancake & Sausage Booth)

Hunter Education

A Hunter Education Class will be offered April 1, 3 & 4, 5-8:30 PM at the 4-H Park.

The training is free. Register at www.register-ed.com/programs/indiana

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



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CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

CHESTER CHARGERS

March 19, April 18, 7-8 pm @ Prible Ag

HURRYIN' HARRISONS

March 14; April 18; May 23; June 13; June 27 (Book Signing), 6:30 -7:30 PM, Community Center, 4-H Park

JACKSON JAGUARS

March 12th (dress to clean roadsides and pick up sticks in church yard); April 1 bring a silly cheap gag gift and we will play silly bingo; April 22 ; May 6; May 20; June 3; June 24, record book signing and finalizing the year meeting All meeting from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the McNatt Church

JEFFERSON KNIGHTRIDERS

March 5; April 9; May 7; June 14. 6 PM, Bethlehem Lutheran Church; Book Signing June 19, Meeting 5:30 PM, Signing starts at 6 PM, Bethlehem Lutheran Church

LANCASTER ACHIEVERS

March 11, April 8, June 3, 7-8 PM, Community Center; June 27 Book Signing, 6-8 PM, Community Center

LIBERTY HAPPY GO LUCKY

March 14, April 25, May 23, June 28 (Book Signing), 6:30 PM, Liberty Center Methodist Church

NOTTINGHAM NOBLES

March 16, 10 AM, Petroleum United Methodist Church

ROCKCREEK ROLLERS

March 11, 7-8 PM, Shelton Home, 4541 W 1000 N-90, Markle

ALPACA / LLAMA

March 17, April 7-Indoor Meetings, 4-H Park, 4-5 PM. Outdoor meetings, Zook Home, 4-5 PM: May 4, 5, 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; July 11

HORSE & PONY

March 10; 5 PM. April 7, Expo Hall, 6 PM. Vaccination Day April 13, H & P Barn, 9-11 AM; Outdoor meetings start April 28, Multi Purpose Building.

ROBOTICS

March 7 & 21; April 4 & 18, 6:30-8 PM. Meetings at Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

ARCHERY

April 24, 7-8 PM, Orientation, Community Center, 4-H Park; April 30, Beginners, 6:30-8:30 PM, 4-H Quonset; May 1, 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 19

BB & RIFLE

March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2 Awards Night. Meetings are from 6:30-8:30 PM, Community Center, 4-H Park.

SHOT GUN

April 20, 27 ; May 4, 11, 18 & 25 ; and June 1 & 8. Meetings are from 9-11 AM, 2555 E. 400 N., Ossian

OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Call Mark Durham, 260-273-6508

JR LEADERS

March 11, 6:30-8 PM, Jr. Leader Food Booth, 4-H Park



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Animal Project News

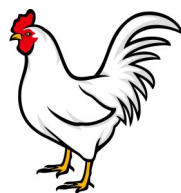
Animal Enrollment

- Due March 18 (County Date) Beef Steers & Dairy Beef Market Steers. Deadline to complete Animal ID in 4-H Online.
- 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.
- New for 2019: Rabbit will be entered into 4-H Online by May 15. Only the Meat Pens and Stewers will use a paper form. More details at Rabbit Workshops and in the 4-H Newsletters.
- Poultry will complete a paper form. Forms will be mailed to members in early April. Forms are due May 15th.

For our Facebook search:
Wells County 4-H



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



Poultry Workshop

Thursday, March 14
6—7 PM
Community Center, 4-H Park

Topics: Poultry Selection, Getting Started in Poultry, Feeding Tips, Showmanship, and Preparing for the Fair.

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

Future meeting: April 11, and May 9, 6 PM. Blood Testing, June 6, 5—7:30 PM, and June 22, 3—5:30 PM at the 4-H Park.

Dairy Feeder ID Day— Date Change!!!!!!

April 6
8—10:30 AM

Cattle Barn
4-H Park, Bluffton

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

Due to a 4-H Park scheduling issue, we have had to change the date from April 13 to April 6.

Please plan to bring your animals to the 4-H Park on Saturday, **April 6th!**

Livestock Premise ID

Are you new to 4-H? If so, you will need to check out this information on Premise ID.

- 4-H Livestock members with cattle, swine, sheep and goats need to have a Premise ID.
- 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. The numbers are only needed for cattle, swine, sheep & goats.
- Your Premise ID will be needed for:
 - * To obtain a Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) which is like a prescription feed.
 - * Your 4-H Online Animal Enrollment
 - * If you exhibit at the State Fair.

4-H Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 4-H Junior Leaders

Saturday, March 9
7—10 AM

Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park

Free Will Donation

Sponsored by Wells County 4-H Association

Proceeds to benefit the Log Cabin accessibility entrance and walkway

Keeping Updated

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

Visit our Web Page:

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 March 29—31 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>

There will also be a training September 6—8, 2019.

Scholarships from Wells County Foundation

Numerous scholarship opportunities are listed on the Wells County Foundation web page. Be sure to check it out at: www.wellscountyfound.org

- March 9, 7—10 AM. Help with 4-H Pancake Breakfast!
- March 11, 6:30—8 PM at the Wells County 4-H Park Junior Leader Food Booth. We will test out the new "Escape Room 4-H Activity" and prep food for packing.
- April 9 & 10, 8:30 AM—2:30 PM. Help with Wells County Kids Health & Safety Fair. Sign up details coming soon.
- April 16, 4 PM, 4-H Park. Help pack participants goodie bags for the 4th Grade Ag Tour scheduled for April 17.

4-H Foundation

The Foundation plans to meet April 8, 6:30 PM, 4-H Park to begin plans for 2019.

The group meets 3 times per year and would welcome some additional volunteers.

They help raise funds for 4-H Scholarships and various 4-H Park improvement efforts.

During the fair, they organize the 5K Fun Run / Walk, Bounce House, Face Painting, and the Pie / coin Auction.

Call the Extension Office, 260-824-6412 if you are interested.

4-H Association Meetings

Future meetings include: March 18, 7 PM and April 15, 7 PM.

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

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

Animal Project News

Swine Workshop

Saturday, March 9
9—11 AM

Andrew Huffman and Jackson Johnson will speak about selection, feeding tips, equipment and supplies for the Fair.

Details on RFID tags, 4-H Online animal sign up, Fair Entry, and YQCA.

Cattle Scales

The 4-H Association is still taking donations for the new Cattle scales at the 4-H Park. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at the Extension Office. Make checks payable to Wells County 4-H Association. Memo: Cattle Scales.

Sheep & Goat ID Day

May 11
8 AM—10 AM

Multi-Purpose Building
4-H Park, Bluffton

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

Tack Swap

Wells County 4-H Horse & Pony Club will sponsor a Tack Swap, Sunday, March 10, 12 Noon to 4 PM at the Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

Cost per table or 10' x 10' booth is \$10. Set up times are from 10 AM—11:30 AM. Call for a spot: Christine Biggs, 260-437-4356. Admission is free.

Beef & Dairy Beef Members

Thank you for bringing your animals to the identification / weigh in day in February. A total of 42 animals were weighed and tagged.

Remember to enter your animal ID and weight into the 4-H Online system by March 18 (County deadline).

If you need help or have questions, call the Extension Office, 824-6412.

State Fair Cattle Exhibitors

All Beef Cattle, Dairy Beef and Dairy Feeder Steers that will be exhibited at the Indiana State Fair must now turn in a DNA hair sample by April 1 (beef and dairy beef market steers) and May 15 (commercial heifers, registered heifers, and dairy feeder steers).

Special envelopes will be available at your ID days. The envelope must be turned into the county Extension Office, envelope number recorded and forwarded to the State 4-H Office.

Remember, this is only if you plan to exhibit at the State Fair.

State Fair Swine Exhibitors

All Swine that will be exhibited at the Indiana State Fair must have a 840-RFID tag and a DNA hair sample submitted by May 15. Tags and DNA envelopes will be available in March and at the Swine Workshop and at the Extension Office.

Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

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".

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

- YQCA Workshop dates will be added as an event at yqca.org. You will be required 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.** There are no free coupons this year. If you do not wish to use your credit card for the \$3 registration, stop by the Extension Office for a \$3 ticket so that you can register with the ticket number for the workshop option.
- New this year is a multiple online certification available for youth who are age 12 and age 15 by January 1. You can take a multiple year "test out". You will still pay \$12.00 for each year you test out of. You only pay if you pass the test. You only have one (1) opportunity to take the test. Cost for age 12 is \$36.00 (3 years). Cost for age 15 is \$48.00 (4 years). Test out is ONLY available online. This would save you time to do the yearly workshop or the yearly online test.
- 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.

Local Workshops:

March 25	9:00 AM	Adams County Fairgrounds, Dining Hall
March 25	6:30 PM	Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton
April 11	6:30 PM	Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton
April 16	6:30 PM	Huntington County Fairgrounds, Heritage Hall
April 30	6:30 PM	Huntington County Fairgrounds, Heritage Hall
May 1	6:30 PM	Huntington County Fairgrounds, Heritage Hall
May 9	6:30 PM	Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton
June 7	1:30 PM	Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton