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2-18 Indiana State Fair
 3 4-H Outdoor Pursuits Club, 4-H Park, 10 AM-12 Noon
 3-4 Hunter Education Class, Ossian Conservation Club, Saturday, 9 AM-5 PM and Sunday, 12 Noon-4 PM
 6 4-H Robotics, First LEGO League Meeting, Community Center, 6:30-8 PM
 8-11 Wheels of Yesteryear, 4-H Park
 19 4-H Association, Council, Leaders & Committees, Community Center, 7 PM
 20 State Fair Exhibits ready for pick up at Extension Office
 27 Wells County 4-H Foundation, Community Center, 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER

1 4-H Park Surveys Due
 2 Labor Day-Extension Office Closed
 6-8 State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training, Ross Camp, Lafayette
 9 4-H Association, Community Center, 7 PM
 15 Move Street Fair Booth to downtown
 16 Prep Pancake Booth, 9:30 AM
 17-21 Bluffton Street Fair-Visit the 4-H Pancake & Sausage Booth



Thank You

Thank you to all of the 4-H volunteers who helped make the 4-H Fair a success.

We especially appreciated everyone who assisted with the Clean Up Day!

Thank you!



Thank You Cards

Don't forget to send a thank you card to your plaque sponsor. A late thank you card is better than no thank you card!!! The name and address of each sponsor were included with your award. If you have lost your card, contact the Extension Office, 824-6412.

Record Books

Thank you to all of the 4-H members who completed their 2019 4-H manuals and record books. Leaders appreciated your cooperation in meeting the July 1st deadline for your certificate.

Your "My Record of 4-H Achievement" sheet(s) were to be turned in on the Friday after the 4-H Fair. If you forgot, you can still drop them off at the Extension Office or put them in the drop box (mail box under the canopy) at the Office.

Visit our Wells County 4-H Web Page at:
www.extension.purdue.edu/wells

Summer Staff

A big thank you goes to our great summer staff: Hayley Moriarity and Alisha Watters.

They put in a lot of hours during the summer and we appreciate the help.

Thanks!!



Premier Auction

Congratulations to the participants of the Premier Auction. Members with Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Foods, Garden, Crops, Cake Decorating, and Flower projects were able to be recognized for their accomplishments. Remember to bring a completed and stamped thank you card to the Extension Office when you pick up your check.

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Weekend Food Packs for Hungry Children

This will be the 9th year for 4-H to help coordinate the "Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today" weekend food packs for hungry kids.

Thank you to all of the 4-H families who helped by donating a food item for Spirit Night and the Battle of the Barns.

We will again need help from volunteers throughout the school year.

Here is how you can help:

- Small groups (4-7 people) to pack the food into bags on Wednesdays—after school, afternoons, or evenings. The volunteers also break down boxes to prep for recycling and then place the next weeks items onto the tables.
- Volunteer drivers to deliver the food bags to schools. Mini vans or enclosed vehicles work best. Deliveries are made on Thursdays (unless school is out).
- Volunteers to pick up food at the Community Harvest Food Bank in Fort Wayne or other locations. Dates & times can be arranged.
- Volunteers to sort and unpack food from donations and food bank.
- Volunteer with a truck or van to take items to the recycling center each week. Thursday morning works best.
- Sports teams, youth groups, service clubs and churches are encouraged to collect food items.
- We estimate that it costs \$8-\$10 per bag each week. During the winter months, we average 110 food packs per week. Checks for donations should be made payable to: Wells County 4-H—Memo: Kids Back Pack Program.



Cash Those Checks

4-H Auction participants are reminded to cash your checks within the period as indicated on your check (60 days). This will assist the bank in closing out the account for the auction. Thanks again to Ossian State Bank and the auction committee for their time and expense to issue all of billing statements and checks.



4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training

Wells County 4-H is in need of some additional volunteers to help with our active Archery, BB, Rifle, Shot Gun, and Outdoor Pursuits Clubs.

A state training session will be held September 6-8 at Ross Camp near Lafayette. Wells County 4-H will sponsor volunteers (\$150 each) to attend the training if they are interested in volunteering for 4-H. The training will fill up so be sure to sign up early if you are interested.

Details and registration online at <http://inihea.com> or search for Indiana Hunter Education Association.

Future Trainings: April 3-5, 2020 and September 11-13, 2020.

For questions, sponsorship and details, contact the Wells County Extension Office, 824-6412 or rsherer@purdue.edu

**Wheels of Yesteryear
Antique Power Show &
Tractor Pull**
August 8—11, 2019
4-H Park, Bluffton

Input Needed on 4-H Park Survey

The Wells County 4-H Association is working to update the Master Plan for the 4-H Park.

You can help by completing a 4-H Park Survey. This can be done online at www.bit.ly/4HParkPlan or with a paper version of the survey (included in this newsletter) available at the County Extension Office.

The survey asks how you would evaluate the condition of the various buildings and structures.

What do you think are the three most needed improvements at the 4-H Park is also asked .

We want to hear from you. Help us prioritize our future park improvements.

FAIR DATES

Indiana State Fair
August 2—18, 2019

Bluffton Street Fair
September 17—21, 2019
<https://blufftonstreetfair.com>
for schedule and events

Wells County 4-H Fair
July 18 - 23, 2020

**Street Fair Pancake &
Sausage Booth**

Our 4-H Pancake & Sausage Booth will be at the Bluffton Street Fair, September 17—21.

Volunteers (adults and teens) are needed for the various shifts. The booth is a great fund raiser for 4-H and these funds help sponsor our ribbons at the Fair and various 4-H trips like 4-H Round-Up and 4-H Science Workshops. Volunteer online at:



Tues, Sept. 17	Rockcreek Township 5 PM to closing
Wed., Sept. 18	Lancaster Township 7 AM—5 PM
Wed., Sept. 18	Harrison Township 4:30 PM to closing Volunteers, 7 AM—5 PM
Thurs., Sept. 19	Liberty Township 4:30 PM to closing Volunteers, 7 AM—5 PM
Fri., Sept. 20	Chester Township 4:30 PM to closing
Fri., Sept. 20	Jefferson Township 7 AM—12 Noon
Sat., Sept. 21	Jackson Township & Shooting Sports 11:30 AM—5 PM
Sat., Sept. 21	Nottingham Township 4:30 PM to closing
Sat., Sept. 21	Horse & Pony, 4-H Park, 11 AM—3 PM

Shift Chairmen are needed along with shift volunteers. Call the Extension Office if you would like to help, 824-6412.



4-H Fair Lost & Found

Found

5 pair sunglasses
Blue & White Umbrella
Black Large Umbrella
Plastic Layer Cake Cover from Foods Judging
Red & Black Athletic Warm Up Jacket 2XL
Level Ear Buds

Lost

Big Circle Keyring

State Fair Exhibit Pick Up

4-H projects exhibited at the State Fair will be available for pick up at the Extension Office beginning Tuesday, August 20th.

Hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Call 824-6412 to make other arrangements. We keep these exhibits in our Conference Room which is used for small meetings . We appreciate your efforts in getting these projects in a timely manner. Thanks!!

Robotics Team

- Are you interested in First LEGO League (FLL)? The FLL Team is a competition team starting mid August and running through the qualifying tournament (November) and possibly on to state (December) and world (January) competitions. FLL will have one meeting a week through mid September and then go up to two meetings per week through competition. The team is limited to 10 youth, ages 9—14, as of January 1, 2019.
- A call out meeting will be held August 6th from 6:30—8 PM at the Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park. Parents, please join your youth at the meetings as there will be information for you as well.
- Questions? Call Brandon Gephart at 765-499-7042 or wellscountyrobotics@gmail.com

Congratulations

- ♦ 2019 4-H Ambassadors:
Karli Brown, Joshua Bricker,
Makenzie Fuess & Ella Wheeler
- ♦ Caley Award Winners:
Audrey Barnes & Sam Jones
- ♦ Miss Wells County:
Sarah Jones
- ♦ Royal Showmanship Winner:
McKenzie Huffman
- ♦ Tenure Award Winners
Karissa Heiniger & Cylee Morris



Hunter Education

The Ossian Conservation Club will host a Hunter Education Class on Saturday, August 3, 9 AM—5 PM, and Sunday, August 4, 12 Noon—4 PM. Must attend both days. The class is free.

The club address is 9950 N 100 E, Ossian. Register at www.inhea.com or www.registered.com/programs/indiana

Questions, call Mike Pinkerton, 260-273-1591.

Fair Parade Float Winners

ATTENDANCE WINNERS	
1 st place	Rockcreek Rollers
2 nd place	Chester Chargers
FLOAT WINNERS	
1 st place	Hurryin' Harrisons
2 nd place	Lancaster Achievers
3 rd place	Jackson Jaguars

4-H Council

The Council will meet as part of the 4-H Fair Review Meeting, Monday, August 19th, 7 PM at the Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton. Meetings are being set for this fall as we update rules with the new October 1–January 15 enrollment period.

4-H Foundation



Thank you to everyone who helped support the 4-H Foundation at the Fair. The group operated the Bounce House for two days; Face Painting Bake Sale, 5K Race/1K Annual Walk, and the Miniature Golf on some days.

The Foundation will meet Tuesday, August 27th, 6:30 PM at the Extension Office Conference Room.

4-H Leaders

You are invited to attend the 4-H Fair Review Meeting, August 19, 7 PM at the Community Center.

Bring any new project ideas that you have and any suggestions for rule changes. We will need to finalize changes early with the early enrollment period.

Kayaking Workshop

Plans are in the works to hold a Kayaking Workshop in September.

Watch for details in the September newsletter.



4-H Association

Make plans to attend our 4-H Fair Review Meeting on Monday, August 19th, 7 PM, Community Center at the 4-H Park.

We will also discuss plans for the Street Fair Pancake & Sausage Booth.

Livestock Committees



The 4-H Livestock Committees will be meeting in late September or early October. Details will be mailed to committee members. Bring rule suggestions for 2020 and workshop and judge ideas for next year.

The meetings are open to the public and the committees would welcome more volunteers. 4-H teens are also encouraged to attend.

Indiana State Fair
August 2–18
www.in.gov/statefair/

4-H Shirts

If you missed getting your 4-H shirt at the fair we have some of the following sizes. Stop by the Extension Office to purchase these.

2019 Livestock T-shirt Green \$12
Youth XL

2019 4-H Fair T-shirt—Blue \$10
Adult S, M & L; Youth S

Visit our Wells County 4-H
Web Page at:
www.extension.purdue.edu/wells

Mini 4-H

Youth entering grades K - 2 this fall will be able to join Mini 4-H beginning October 1st. Youth who will be in third grade can join a traditional 4-H Club where you have more opportunities and projects!

Attention 4-H Families!

The 4-H membership enrollment for 2020 will be done between:

October 1, 2019 —January 15, 2020

<https://in.4honline.com>

Garden Harvest Freezing Workshop

August 14
10 AM—12 Noon
Wells County Community Center
Cost: \$5.00

To register, call the Extension Office at 824-6412 by August 9th.

Workshop attendees will learn:

- Food Safety Guidelines
- Blanching & Freezing Techniques and How to Package Produce for Freezing

4-H Fair Blog

Check it out at: www.news-banner.com

There are some great video clips and photos.

Pressure Canner Testing

Drop off your canner and / or lid at the Extension Office and pick it up later in the week. \$3 for gauge and lid inspection. \$5 for full canner inspection.

Monday—Friday, 8 AM—4:30 PM

4-H Scrapbooks Available

Thank you to the Bluffton News-Banner for their fair coverage. This year's "4-H Fair Scrapbook" will be published August 2nd. Extra copies are available at the Bluffton News-Banner office.



Photographs can be viewed at their web page:
www.news-banner.com
Click on Photo Gallery on the right side.

**See 4-H Fair Highlights at
Facebook "Wells County 4-H"**

Junior Leader Happenings

- Thanks to all of the Jr. Leaders, friends & adults who worked in the Food Booth and Miniature Golf during the 4-H Fair.
- Details on a date and time for our next meeting will be sent to members.

State Fair Judging Results:
<https://extension.purdue.edu/4h>