



4-H NEWS

Wells County

September, 2019

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4-H Enrollment begins October 1

4-H Enrollment for 2019-2020 will be open October 1, 2019 – January 15, 2020.

To sign up any time during this enrollment window, go to the 4-H Online website:

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

Sign up now to avoid the January rush!

Letter from Roger Sherer

I would like to inform you that I have decided to retire September 30 from my position as Extension Educator in Wells County.

The decision to retire has come after much thought and consideration. This summer Purdue University offered a retirement incentive to tenured Extension staff. This was brought about by some of the state budget issues facing the Extension Service in the next few years.

Thank you to all of the 4-H members, parents, volunteers, and supporters for your hard work and dedication to the 4-H program.

I have enjoyed my work in Wells County for over 40 years. Many changes have happened through the years such as 4-H Park improvements, building the Community Center, moving the Extension Office, expanding the 4-H Fair and encompassing more community involvement, online 4-H enrollment, an active Junior Leader program, addition of new projects (Archery, Shot Gun, Alpaca/ Llama, Goat, Robotics, Cake Decorating, Gift Wrapping, & Scrapbook), coalition building to start Teen Court, Youth As Resources, Youth Leadership Forum and the continued growth and development of the 4-H program.

I will work with the staff and volunteers as we make the transition and plan for the future. A new County Extension Director will be appointed in the next few weeks and the Youth Educator position will probably be advertised later this year. My hope is that you continue to be active in the 4-H program and that you support and encourage the new educator in the future.

Thanks again for making Wells County a great place to live and work.

State Fair Exhibit Pick Up

4-H projects exhibited at the State Fair should be picked up at the Extension Office by September 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!!

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

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4-H Council

The Council will be setting dates for a meeting in early November and December to finalize any rule changes for 2020. Watch for more details coming soon.

4-H Foundation



The 4-H Foundation is accepting donations for 2020 scholarships. Club donations or individual gifts can be dropped off at the Extension Office or mailed to Treasurer Brenda Bertsch, 6136 S.R. 124, Bluffton, IN 46714.

4-H Leaders

Let the Extension Office know if you have some rule suggestions or program ideas for the 4-H Council to consider.

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 the billing statements

Robotics Team

The 4-H sponsored First LEGO League Teams have been meeting to begin planning for the November Robotics Challenge. This year's theme is called "City Shaper Challenge" and it involves all of the concerns and issues that face cities and towns.

For more information about the Robotics Team, call Brandon Gephart at 765-499-7042.

**Thanks for completing the
4-H Park Survey!**

Go to: www.extension.purdue.edu/wells to complete by September 15

4-H Association

The 4-H Association will meet October 23 and November 18, 7 PM at the Community Center at the 4-H Park, Bluffton.

We will be wrapping up 2019 and make fair plans for 2020.

Livestock Committees



The 4-H Livestock Committees will be meeting September 23rd, 7 PM at the Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park. . 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 Association of County Fairs Conference

Volunteers are needed to attend the Fair Association Conference, January 3—5, 2020 at the Marriott East, Indianapolis.

Sessions will be held on various aspects of organizing a fair. Topics include: publicity, safety, insurance, fund raising / sponsors, social media, building partners and much more.

Call the Extension Office, 824-6412 or Kent Ulmer, 260-417-3954 if you are interested in attending.

4-H Summit

This is a one day opportunity for 4-H members, Jr. Leaders, volunteers and staff on Saturday, November 16, 9 AM—4:45 PM at the 502 East Event Center, Carmel.

The event will focus on leadership education and resources that will energize participants to pursue excellence in their local communities.

The 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship Award winners will be honored at the luncheon and the tenured 4-H volunteers will also be recognized.

The 4-H Jr. Leader Club will be sponsoring volunteers to attend. Call the Extension Office, 824-6412 by October 30 if you would like to attend.

Attention 4-H Families!

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

October 1, 2019 — January 15, 2020

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

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

FAIR DATES

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

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

Indiana State Fair
August 7—23, 2020

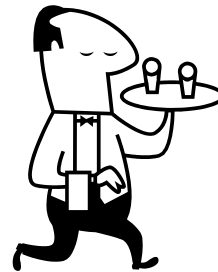
Junior Leader Happenings

- Jr. Leaders are encouraged to volunteer in the 4-H Pancake & Sausage Booth at the Street Fair.
- A club meeting is being planned for October. We will discuss attending the 4-H Summit and the Christmas Family.
- The Log Cabin Committee is hosting a Haunted Log Cabin & Scavenger Hunt on October 31, 5—8 PM. Volunteers will be needed for set up and at the event.

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
Thurs., Sept. 19	Volunteers, 7 AM—5 PM
Thurs., Sept. 19	Liberty Township 4:30 PM to closing
Fri., Sept. 20	Volunteers, 7 AM—5 PM
Fri., Sept. 20	Chester Township 4:30 PM to closing
Sat., Sept. 21	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 or bit.ly/4-HPancake2019.

Haunted Log Cabin & Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, October 31
5—8 PM
4-H Park Log Cabin
Free

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Retirement Party



HONORING

Roger Sherer's

*40 Years of Service with
Purdue Extension*

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 13, 2019

2-5 PM

**WELLS COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER
1240 4-H PARK ROAD
BLUFFTON, IN 46714**

Light refreshments will be served

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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 15 Move Street Fair Booth to downtown. Meet at 4-H Park by 9 PM.
- 16 Prep Pancake Booth, Downtown, 9:30 AM
- 17 4-H Pancake Booth Opens, 5 PM
- 17–21 Bluffton Street Fair—Visit the 4-H Pancake & Sausage Booth,
7:30 AM—9:30 PM
- 21 4-H Booth Tear Down, Downtown Bluffton, 10 PM
- 23 Clean up Pancake Booth, 4-H Park, 9:30 AM
- 23 4-H Livestock Committees, Community Center, 4-H Park, 7 PM

OCTOBER

- 1 4-H Online Enrollment Opens
- 13 Retirement Open House for Roger, Community Center, 4-H Park, 2–5 PM
- 21 Wells County 4-H Association, Community Center, 4-H Park, 7 PM
- 31 4-H Park Haunted Log Cabin & Scavenger Hunt, 5-8 PM, Free