



WELLS COUNTY 4-H

NEWSLETTER

2025 WELLS COUNTY 4-H FAIR THEME:

2025 Wells County 4-H Fair

July 12th - 17th

It's that time of year again! 2025 4-H Fair activities are in full swing.

Clubs have started meeting, ID Days are taking place, and projects are being started! It is such a fun time of year! Before you know it, it will be time to exhibit your hard work at the fair.

Our 4-H Club Leaders have come up with a great theme for the 2025 4-H Fair -

"Rooted In Tradition!", A great way to remember 4-H through the decades!



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MARCH

March 2nd	Llama/Alpaca Club, 4:00PM, Expo Hall
March 2nd	Horse & Pony, 6:00PM, Meeting Rooms
March 3rd	Junior Leader Meeting, 6:00PM, Meeting Rooms
March 3rd	Mini 4-H Meeting 7:00PM
March 4th	BB & Rifle, 6:30PM, Community Center Building
March 6th	Dog Club, 6:30PM, Perfect Pet
March 8th	Beef & Dairy Beef ID Day, 8:00-11:00AM, H-Barn
March 10th	Lancaster Achievers, 7-8:00 PM, Meeting Rooms
March 11th	BB & Rifle, 6:30PM, Community Center Building
March 13th	Macrame Workshop, 5:30PM, Meeting Rooms
March 13th	Robotics, 6:30PM, Expo Hall
March 13th	Dog Club, 6:30PM, Perfect Pet
March 15th	Liberty Happy Go Lucky, 1-3PM, Liberty Center Community Church
March 17th	QLC Training, 5:30PM, Expo Hall
March 18th	Jefferson Nightriders, 5:30PM, Junior Leaders Booth
March 18th	BB & Rifle, 6:30PM, Community Center Building
March 20th	Dog Club, 6:30PM, Perfect Pet
March 24th	QLC Training, 10:00AM, 1:00PM & 6:00PM, Expo Hall
March 25th	BB & Rifle, 6:30PM, Community Center Building
March 27th	Robotics, 6:30PM, Expo Hall
March 27th	Dog Club, 6:30PM, Perfect Pet
March 30th	Llama/Alpaca Club, 4:00PM, Meeting Rooms
March 31st	QLC Training, 5:30PM, Expo Hall
March 31st	4-H Council, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms



APRIL

April 1st	BB & Rifle, 6:30PM, Expo Hall
April 3rd	Dog Club, 6:30PM, Perfect Pet
April 5th	Dairy Feeder ID Day, 9:00-11:00AM, H-Barn-H
April 5th	4-H Association Auction Fundraiser, 5PM, Expo Hall
April 6th	Horse & Pony Meeting, 6:00PM, Expo Hall
April 7th	Mini-4H, Club Meeting, 7PM, Meeting Rooms
April 7th	Junior Leader Meeting, 6:00PM, Meeting Rooms
April 8th	BB & Rifle, 6:30PM, Expo Hall
April 10th	Robotics, 6:30PM, Meeting Rooms
April 10th	Dog Club, 6:30PM, Perfect Pet
April 13th	Llama/Alpaca Meeting, 4:00PM, Expo Hall
April 15th	Lancaster Achievers, 7:00PM, Jr Leaders Booth
April 17th	Dog Club, 6:30PM, Perfect Pet
April 19th	Liberty Happy Go Lucky, 1-3PM, Liberty Center Community Church
April 21st	4-H Association Meeting, 7:00PM, Meeting Rooms
April 21st	QLC Training, 5:30PM, Expo Hall
April 24th	Robotics, 6:30PM, Meeting Rooms
April 24th	Archery, 6:30PM, Quonset Hut
April 24th	Dog Club, 6:30PM, Perfect Pet
April 26th	Archery, 10AM, Quonset Hut



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BEEF ID DAY:

Saturday, March 8th

9:00 - 11:00 AM

Cattle Barn, 4-H Park

Enter Park on South Drive

We will be using portable pipe gates and the scale. All cattle will need to be on a halter. There will not be a loading shoot available.

DAIRY FEEDER ID DAY:

Saturday, April 5, 2024

9:00 - 11:00 AM

Cattle Barn, 4-H Park

Enter Park on South Drive

Additional information will be mailed soon.

QLC TRAINING DATES:

Quality Livestock Care Training is required for any 4-H youth who is exhibiting cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. Members must attend ONE of the trainings. QLC Training will take place in the Expo Hall at the 4-H Park on the following dates:

March 17th at 5:30PM

March 24th at 10:00AM

March 24th at 1:00PM

March 24th at 6:00PM

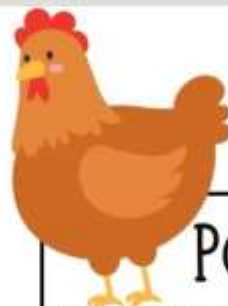
March 31st at 5:30PM

April 21st at 5:30PM

May 14th at 6:00PM



Register online at <https://v2.4honline.com>



POULTRY UPDATE

Make sure to sign up for the new Remind App - This is how club information will be shared quickly.

- Start by downloading the app from the app store
- Text 81010
 - In the body of the text type "@9CHFKC"
 - You will now get a link for the group

There will be a meeting in April & May - more details to come through the Remind App

Big News!

There will be new cages and a new set up for the summer show in the Poultry Barn.

NORTHERN INDIANA

Animal Science Day Camp

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Save the Dates!



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ARCHERY MEETINGS:



Below are the dates and times for all Archery Meetings in 2024. Additional information has been sent out via mail to all enrolled members.

Meetings will be held at the Quonset Hut Building at the 4-H Park in Bluffton. Members need to attend one meeting per week, but not both days.

Thursday, April 24th from 6:30-8:00PM
Saturday, April 26th from 10:00AM-12:00PM
Thursday, May 1st from 6:30-8:00PM
Saturday, May 3rd from 10:00AM-12:00PM
Thursday, May 8th from 6:30-8:00PM
Saturday, May 10th from 10:00AM-12:00PM
Thursday, May 15th from 6:30-8:00PM
Saturday, May 17th from 10:00AM-12:00PM
Thursday, May 22nd from 6:30-8:00PM
Saturday, May 24th from 10:00AM-12:00PM
Thursday, May 29th from 6:30-8:00PM
Saturday, May 31st from 10:00AM-12:00PM
Thursday, June 5th from 6:30-8:00PM
Saturday, June 7th from 10:00AM-12:00PM

TOWNSHIP CLUB MEETINGS:

Lancaster Achievers - Monday, March 10th @ 7:00PM in the Meeting Rooms
- Tuesday, April 15th @ 7:00PM in the Junior Leaders Booth

Jefferson Knightriders - Tuesday, March 18th @ 5:30PM at the Junior Leader Booth

Liberty Happy Go Lucky - Saturday, March 15th @ 1-3PM at the Liberty Center Community Church

DOG CLUB MEETINGS:

Below are a list of upcoming meeting dates in March & April. Meetings will take place at Perfect Pet in Bluffton. The first meeting is a meet and greet, so no dogs will need to attend this meeting.

You MUST have your dog vaccination paper completed BEFORE you bring your dog.

Thursday, March 6th

Thursday, March 13th

Thursday, March 20th

Thursday, March 27th

Thursday, April 3rd

Thursday, April 10th

Thursday, April 17th

Thursday, April 24th



JUNIOR LEADERS:

Upcoming Meeting will be held on **Monday, March 3rd at 6:00PM in the Meeting Rooms** at the 4-H Park. See you there!

**Junior
Leaders**
INDIANA 4-H



Project Book + Record Sheet Request Form:

In 2024, 4-H record sheet and book completion was no longer a requirement to exhibit a project at the Wells County 4-H Fair, or considered required for project "completion".

Our project books and record sheets can be a great source of information on your project, so we still encourage you to complete them!

If you would like your project books and record sheets, please submit a request per 4-H member. Books and record sheets will be distributed accordingly.

Use the QR code or follow this link: <https://forms.gle/3YJ2AvkZA7PH78fW8>

Reminder: Record Sheets and Project Books are due in the Wells County Extension Office on or before July 1 if you are opting to complete them instead of exhibiting a project, or if you would like to be considered for potential incentives.



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SUMMER INTERNSHIPS:



The Purdue Extension Office is looking to add two interns to our staff this summer! This is a paid position that is great for college students who are home for break looking to make some extra money over the summer. Interns will start mid-May and typically finish up the first or second week of August. Interns will assist Anya, our 4-H Youth Educator, with various projects leading up to the 4-H Fair.

Summer internship applications will be due in the Extension Office by Monday, March 31st. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at (260)824-6412.

MINI 4-H PACKETS:

Mini 4-H packets have been sent out to all enrolled Mini 4-H Members. These packets will help youth with their mini projects. If you have not received anything in the mail, please contact the Extension Office at 260-824-6412.

Be on the lookout in upcoming Newsletters for information about Mini 4-H Night, typically held in June.



4-H SKILL SHEETS:

As I'm sure you know by now, Wells County 4-H will no longer require the completion of record sheets and/or workbooks in order to exhibit a project at the Wells County Fair. We do want to be clear that certain projects still do require a completed skill sheet to be turned in along with the project to be exhibited. All youth enrolled in projects that require skill sheets, should have received them in the mail. If you think you should have gotten one but have not yet, please call the Extension Office at (260)824-6412.

2025 RULE BOOKS:

The information in the 4-H Rule Book is VERY IMPORTANT! The Rule Book will give you detailed information about each individual project, as well as overall information such as helpful poster making tips and much more. It is very frustrating to work hard on a project only to find that it does not meet the specified criteria in the Rule Book so **CHECK YOUR RULE BOOK EVERY YEAR** to see if there have been updates!

Rule Books are now available for purchase in the Extension Office. You can also find a PDF version of the Rule Book online at

www.extension.purdue.edu/wells.

Rule Book Costs

Paper Copy with Binder: \$7.00

Paper Copy Only: \$3.00

PAGE 6: STEAM EVENTS

HANG IT UP!

DIY MACRAME DÉCOR

Make a macrame wall hanging with your peers during our DIY workshop! Learn how to craft the proper knots that will result in your very own fashionable and trendy piece.

Who: Best suited for 3rd grade and up; adults also welcome!

When: March 13, 2025

Time: 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Where: Wells County 4–H Park

Cost: \$10

Registration Closes: March 6

Register at: <https://bit.ly/MacrameSTEAM25>

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If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact Anya Aulbach prior to the meeting at aaulbach@purdue.edu by March 6, 2025

If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Anya Aulbach prior to the meeting at 260–824–6412 or aaulbach@purdue.edu by March 6



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BOARDS & BITES!

A Mom & Me Charcuterie Adventure

Join us for a fun and interactive experience where moms and kids can team up to create a delicious charcuterie board! In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to turn healthy ingredients into colorful and creative snack boards that everyone will love. From fruits and veggies to cheeses and sweet treats, we'll explore a variety of tasty options to design your own masterpiece.

Who: Moms* & Youth

When: May 8th, 2025

Where: Wells County Public Library – Large Meeting Room, Bluffton IN

Register by: April 25th


Register at: <https://bit.ly/charcuterie25>

*We understand that families are unique.

We are welcome to mother-like figures attending with a child.



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UNDER THE SCALES

Fish Dissection Workshop

Dive into the fascinating world of aquatic life! In this hands-on workshop, participants will explore fish anatomy through a guided dissection. Learn about the internal and external features that help fish survive and thrive in their underwater habitats. Perfect for budding scientists or anyone curious about marine biology!

Who: Best suited for 3rd grade and up

When: April 10, 2024



Time: 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Where: Wells County 4–H Park

Cost: \$10

Register at: <https://bit.ly/Fish2025>

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4-H FAIR CAMPING:

For those interested in camping at the 4-H Park during the 4-H Fair this summer - here are the details.

- 4-H Camping registration opens at noon on March 31st
- Registration must take place in person at the Extension Office. First come, first serve. No holds, no exceptions.
- Camping forms will be available in the Extension Office and online (www.extension.purdue.edu/wells) starting on March 3rd
- Sites will not be available for single day rentals.
- Campers will pay a flat fee of \$200.00 for the week. You will be able to pull in anything after noon on Wednesday, July 9th, and must leave by noon on Saturday, July 19th.
- Sites must be paid in full when registering. Exact cash or check only.

Questions? Contact Allie Alma at (260)824-1689



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER MEETINGS:

4-H Association: Monday, March 17th at 7:00PM in the Meeting Rooms

4-H Council: Monday, March 31st at 7:00PM in the Meeting Rooms

MEETING

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Club Leaders - Financial Reports were due on February 29th and we are still waiting on several reports. If you have not turned in your club's financial report to the Extension Office, please do so as soon as possible. The 4-H Council committee will be meeting soon to go over these reports.

If you did not receive the report information in the mail or have misplaced it, please call the Extension Office at (260)824-6412 or email McKenzie at mksteele@purdue.edu





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WHERE TO FIND 4-H INFORMATION

Not sure where to get your 4-H questions answered? Here is a list of the best places to turn to when you have questions:

- Wells County 4-H Rule Book. You can purchase a paper copy of the rule book at the Extension Office, or you can find the rule book online at www.extension.purdue.edu/wells
- Your 4-H Club Leader (see front of 4-H Rule Book for contact information)
- The Wells County Extension Office / 4-H Youth Educator: 260-824-6412
- Find us on Facebook!



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