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34-H Youth Development

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4-H Camp 2023 Information Inside!



The newsletter of Graves County 4-H

Agent Announcements

Hi there!

January marks the beginning of the 4-H busy season, if there is such a thing, since it is pretty much always busy!:) But with the spring comes preparation for so many things, including 4-H Camp, 4-H Communications Contest, fair, summer livestock shows, and so much more! We are planning great opportunities for our middle school and high school youth through 4-H Summit, 4-H Teen Trip to Frankfort, 4-H Teen Leadership Round-Up, 4-H Area Teen Council, and Juntos 4-H. Our community clubs are going strong completing

projects, while our school clubs are preparing to enter speech and demonstration season.

Right now, we have a huge need for 4-H Camp Counselors to take as many youth as possible to 4-H Camp. We need people who are 16 years and older to fill this need! We must have at least one counselor per eight youth. Be a life changer! Be a

camp counselor this summer! Please contact me if you would be willing to help give kids the gift of camp magic. Onward and upward together,

Kelsey Cradura

Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development





4-H sewing clup

Youth completed projects this fall. The club is on break until March 6th when they will start on spring projects. Thank you to our leaders Sandy Snarr, Millie Green, Monica Jackson, Shirley Gritton, and Robynn Garrett for providing this great educational experience!



The 4-H Crochet Club led by Kaitlin Ostafew has been working on learning

the basics of crochet this fall. The club will continue during the spring semester, on second and fourth Thursdays from 3:15-4:30.

Meets on fourth Wednesdays at 2:00 pm. January



lesson is Health and Family & Consumer Sciences.

4-H Horse Clyb

Our 4-H Horse Club is on pause as we look for assistance in leading the club. We are hoping to get started in February if we are able to find a leader to assist our certified volunteer. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our youth who enrolled already. If you would be able to assist with this club, please let us

know!



We have two cooking clubs— 101 and 201—and they have been learning so much! Thank

you to Shirley Gritton and her helpers! Schedule below.

101	201
September 22 – Or	ganizational Meeting
September 29	October 13
October 20	October 27
November 3	November 10
November 17	December 1
December 8	December 15
January 5	January 12
January 19	January 26
February 2	February 9
February 16	February 23
March 2	March 9
March 16	March 23
March 30	April 13
April 1	April 27
April 20	





Third Thursdays, 6:00 pm Extension Office Age 18 and younger Enroll in 4-H to join!

2023 Graves County 4-H Livestock Club Important Calendar Dates

January 25 Deadline for Skillathon Registration

February 18 State 4-H Livestock Skillathon at WKU in Bowling Green

February KUIP Tagging Process for Animals: Tags and packets will be ordered directly from the Kentucky State Fair office by youth/families. Youth/families will be responsible for completing the

tagging/packets on their own and sending the information back to the State Fair office. Packets will not be available until early February. Extension agents and agriculture teachers will be provided information in February about this process, including how to fill out information correctly so that they can assist youth/families if questions arise. However, it will be the responsibility of the youth/families to complete and send in packets. Please note that final details are subject to change. Additional information will be available soon.

May TBA 4-H Livestock Judging Clinic

TBA Green River District Lamb Show, Calhoun, KY

June 1 Purchase District Fair (Graves County 4-H) Livestock Shows

Swine Show, Sheep Show, Cattle Show, Goat Show

June 2 Purchase District Fair (Graves County 4-H) Livestock Shows

Poultry Show, Rabbit Show

June 16-17 Western Rivers Livestock Judging, Skill-a-thon, and Show

August 17-27 Kentucky State Fair

Refer to Validation Site calendar for other validation site dates and times. Refer to Shows and Fairs calendar for other state and district shows. Only the closest validation sites and state/district events have been included on this calendar. The county fair calendar has not yet been released. Check the KDA Shows and Fairs website for updates.

PARENT SIGN-UP MEETING





JAN 26 5:30 PM

Graves Extension Office 4200 St Rt 45 N Mayfield, KY 42066

Check out the new sign as you come into the Extension Campus! We are so thankful for KYTC1 for honoring Bree Riley for winning state six times in three years! What an accomplishment!

Congratulations Bree!







Teen Club Frankfort Trip!

W1/W2 4-H AREA TEEN COUNCIL

GREEN

Join us for a fun night of leadership activities & wear your green!

February 7th! MARCH 13, 2023 | 6:00 PM

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BENTON, KY 42025



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Leadership » Communication » Leamuork » Jervice An experience by teens and for teens in the areas of:



When: Friday, March 3, 2023, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Where: McCracken County Extension Office Who: W1/W2 area youth in grades 6-12

FUNSHOPS » TEDTWORK CHOLLENGES » FREE PIZZD SERVICE PROJECTS » ICEBREDKERS » SNOCKS & MORE!

Planned, led, and sponsored by the WIVW2 Area 4-H Teen Council. To register or for more information, contact the $_GCEO_by_2$ -17-23















MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE MARCH 16-18

THE STATE! CHOOSE WORKSHOPS OF INTEREST MEET MIDDLE SCHOOLERS FROM ACROSS TO YOU, PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY

HEALTH

Contact the Graves County Extension Office to sign up! Cost: \$125 - Registration due February 17



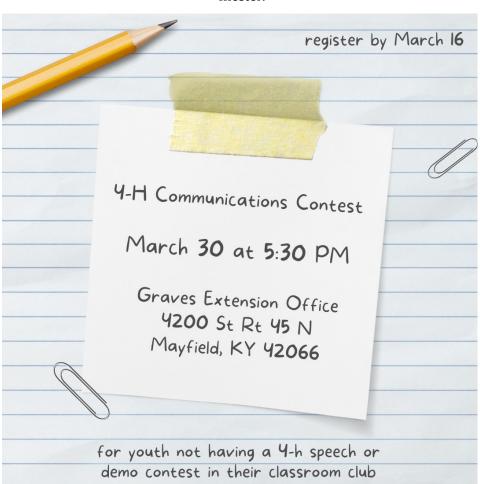
4-H School Club Updates

Our 29 school clubs have elected and installed officers, completed officer training, and started conducting their own meetings!

January—Health, Family & Consumer Sciences, and Service Project February—Communications & Expressive Arts, Communications Contest Prep

March—Communications Contest Classroom Runoffs for participating classes

April & May — Natural Resources with Ms. Becky & Wrap-Up Thank you to all of our participating classroom clubs for a great fall semester!



KENTUCKY 4-H WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

The 4-H Written Communications Contest is a state level competition for youth ages 9-18 who have a passion for writing.

Categories include:

Songwriting
Poetry
Original Monologue
Press Release
Public Service Announcement
"What 4-H Means to Me" Essay





Contact your county 4-H Agent for more information

4-H Promotes Environmental Stewardship

We are dependent on Earth's natural resources. Everything from the air we breathe, the water we drink and the soil we use for food production is vital to our existence. Good stewardship ensures we protect these resources for the next generation.

4-H offers programs to help young people develop an understanding and appreciation for our natural environment and to give them a glimpse at potential careers.

Through various hands-on activities and experiences, 4-H fosters an increased understanding and appreciation of Kentucky's natural resources. Projects and activities are available in environmental science, entomology, forestry, geology, soils, water, wildlife and shooting sports. In addition, a wide variety of county- and state-level 4-H natural resources programs and projects are available across the commonwealth, including nature, environmental, outdoor adventure, shooting sports clubs, forestry field days, environmental education camps, geology along with insect- and leaf-collection projects and more.

For more information about 4-H natural resource programs in your area, contact the Graves County Extension office.

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DUSTIN WORTHINGTON "I LOVE COWS" ESSAY CONTEST





Want to win a young Cow or Heifer?

Applicants must be an active member of 4-H or FFA

Open to any youth in Kentucky

Application Deadline - March 13

Dustin Worthington 1982-2000

Awards Program - April 4th @ Mercer Co. Extension Office

Applications are available online https://bit.ly/llovecowsessay or visit the Dustin

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www.dustinworthingtonmemorial.org

Anyone who has an interest in the cattle industry, 4-H or FFA is asked to contribute to the fund.

Contributions to the Memorial Fund please mail to:

Dustin Worthington "I Love Cows" Memorial Fund, 436 Arrowhead

Road, Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330

Questions please contact Dena Worthington 859-612-7260

We are excited to start
"Juntos 1-H" at Mayfield High School! Thank
you to our leaders
Gaby, Carmen, & Carley!







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