

4-H News *April, 2024*

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4-H Honors & Special Awards Review....

Montgomery County 4-H has just recognized all our honors awards winners at the 4-H Reception held at the Extension Education Center on March 7. Those youth that were recognized for having completed their honors achievement forms, project books and special awards for the 4-H Program year 2023.

1. Curtis Bailey – Gold Honors
2. Kenleigh French – Horse, Livestock & Bronze Honors
3. Nevaeh Hall – Bronze Honors
4. Abigail Jordan – Gold Honors
5. Zachary Manley – Gold Honors
6. Lance Munday—trying for State Emerald Honors
7. Jefferson Oldfield – Country Ham & Bronze Honors
8. Lomae Peters – Honors – Clover Level 1
9. Jayla Sands – Gold Honors
10. Kyera Wright – trying for State Emerald Honors

Our Special Award Winners were:

- Tammy Watkins Award—Jayla Sands & Nevaeh Hall
- Floyd McDaniel Award—Jefferson Oldfield
- Roberta S. Hunt Award—Lance Munday & Zach Manley
- Finnell Field Award—Kyera Wright
- Spirit of Montgomery County Award in Arts & Sciences—Kenleigh French
- Conny J. Risner 110 % Award—Curtis Bailey
- KY Petroleum Award—Abigail Jordan

The **4-H Leader Award** was presented by Charles Comer to Leigh Ann French and the Calvin Hunt Community Builders Award went to Greg Waters for the second year in a row.

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4-H LIVESTOCK INFO: Please see below information shared between 4-H and FFA:

The 2024 Livestock Validation Process has changed for 2024 as follows:

All youth who wish to exhibit market livestock and/or breeding swine at either KDA District Shows or the Kentucky State Fair must complete the Livestock Validation Process. This process requires in-person tagging at one of the official validation sites. A list of sites is included in the February edition 4-H newsletter.

New validation forms have been developed and are available at the Montgomery County Extension Service office. These forms must be completed in advance and brought to the validation site. Breeding animal nomination forms are no longer required for any species. Please note that all swine, breeding and market, must be validated and receive a KUIP tag.

All exhibitors are required to have a National Premises ID before coming to the Validation Site. If the location where the animal will be housed has a National Premise ID, that number will be used. If the location where the animal will be housed does not have a National Premise ID, please follow the steps in the attached document to secure one prior to travel to the Validation Site. No animals will be tagged without a National Premise ID.

Specific to 4-H members:

To show livestock as a 4-H member, a student must complete 6 Hours of education before attending a Validation Sites to validate their animal for showing, competing in livestock contests or shows outside of the county.

6-Hour Verification for 4-H members:

- a. Youth need to have 6-hour education before participating in any Validation Site, KDA event, and competitive 4-H livestock events outside of the county.
- b. Market Forms still need agent signature before youth go to Validation Site.



4-H Award Winners, State Champions, Achievement and project book winners.



4-H Leader Award Winner, LeighAnn French

Pictures from 4-H Honors Reception March 7, 2024



Special Recognition for over 20 Years of Service as 4-H Treasurer, Bobby Paul Davis & co-treasurer, Gary Orme.



4-H Special Award Winners!

4-H CLUB NEWS REPORTS

Kellan—MSE 5th Grade 3rd Block News...

We started off with telling jokes, most of them were actually really good. We then started the actual meeting. First we did the pledges, then the “Thought for the Day”. We then answered a question about the thought of the day, then the secretary did the roll call. I missed a bunch of the meeting, but when I came back the Vice President introduced the program. We also talked about varying your vegetables. Also, the program was called seeds indoors. Mr. Comer explained it. He then set little cups of dirt on our tables, the next part of the program was to plant 2 seeds per pellet. After Mr. Comer explained it more, we planted. It was easy but still fun. The game leaders then came up and said we were playing Heads Up 7-Up. A classic, but still fun! After that, we adjourned the meeting.



These 4-H Teens recently attended a government program called “Capitol Experience” that was held in Frankfort. This program is offered each year in March so that youth can get a glimpse of how the government works. They toured the State Capitol, and several other places in Frankfort including the Armory and the Old Capitol Museum. Attending this year are (left to right) Jefferson Oldfield, Zach Manley, Sullivan Baird, Clay Garland, Jack Toy, Kenleigh French and SidneyShea Amburgey. They are standing in front of a quilt that was made many years ago that has one block from each of the 120 counties. It was made by homemaker club members all over Kentucky. Montgomery County’s block is the Gateway to the Mountains that the youth are pointing at.



Curtis Bailey attended the Ky 4-H Volunteer Forum on Saturday, February 24th with the Ky 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador Board. The board taught a class to the attendees on how to build their own clover popper, and discussed how the project could be used to engage youth in their local clubs and explain the science behind shooting a bow.



These youth all participated in the 4-H Speech & Demonstration Contest held recently at the Extension Education Center. We had several champions that will advance to the District Contest in May. Participating in the contest were: Elijah Clarkson, McKenzie Day, Leonard Brooks Beverley, Laci Sorrell; SidneyShea Amburgey, Kyera Wright, Jayla Sands, Kenleigh French, Nevaeh Hall, Olivia Drake, Kylee Cooper; Jefferson Oldfield & Luke Baker.



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**4-H
TEEN
COUNCIL**

Meets on
1st Thursday
@ 6:00 PM

**4-H
SADDLE CLUB**

Meets on
3rd Mondays
@ 6:30 PM

**4-H
LIVESTOCK
CLUB**

Meets on
3rd Tuesdays
@ 6:30 PM

**4-H
SHOOTING
SPORTS CLUB**

Meets on
4th Tuesdays
@ 6:30 PM

**4-H
Clover Bud
CLUB**

Meets on
2nd Wednesdays
@ 5:00 PM

**C1-C4 AREA
4-H Teen
Council**

Meets
EACH MONTH
@ 5:30 PM



Sincerely,

Charles M. Comer,
Montgomery County
Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development



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