

# 4-H News

## June/July, 2024

**Hello, 4-H Families:**

Summer is here and so are busy times for our 4-H Members in Community Clubs. While several of our 4-H'ers were at 4-H Summer Camp last week, the rest of us are back here planning for the 4-H Rally Day, State 4-H Horse Shows, Livestock Shows & Events and 4-H Shooting Sports Competitions. We have a variety of events happening soon.

\* State 4-H Teen Conference is the second week of June. We have 11 youth registered this year.

\* State 4-H Horse Show & Contest will be held at Louisville in July.

\* 4-H Rally Day which is how your exhibits get judged in order to go on to the Kentucky State Fair. July 25th is the date to bring in exhibits that you have been working on all year. These will be entered beginning at 9 am until 11 am on Thursday, July 25. They will be judged the same day and you can come pick them up after 5:00 that day.

\* The KY State Fair will be happening in August. Any 4-H Exhibits that won champion at the 4-H Rally Day will be entered in Cloverville in Louisville.

### 4-H Rally Day 2024

For young people in 4-H, the Montgomery County 4-H Rally Day serves as the qualifying event for State Fair 4-H Cloverville exhibits. This event will be held Thursday, July 25 at the Montgomery County Extension Education Center. Project exhibits that qualify for entry can be brought to the Extension Office on Wednesday, July 24 or the morning of Thursday, July 25. Judging of the exhibits takes place the afternoon of July 25.

The event is an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit their best work in their 4-H projects with the hope of advancing to the next level which is the Kentucky State Fair.

Similar to exhibiting at a county fair, 4-H project exhibits will be judged on the Danish Award System in which all exhibitors receive a ribbon indicating the quality of their work. The Danish system of color ribbons is as follows: blue for excellent; red for very good; and white for fair. Premiums will be awarded to those exhibitors who receive first, second or third place for their exhibits. Champion or first place exhibits will advance onto the state fair.

Entry time for exhibits is Wednesday, July 24, 2023, 1:00-4:00 PM, as well as, Thursday morning, July 25 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Montgomery County Extension Education Center. Exhibits will be released Thursday afternoon, 4:00-5:00 PM.

To be eligible to exhibit in the 4-H section, exhibitors must be enrolled in the Montgomery County 4-H for the program year 2023-24, and must have completed their project exhibit within the program year which began September 1, 2023. For an information packet listing the numerous project categories and classes of exhibition, you can contact the Montgomery County Extension Service office at 859-498-8741 to request one.



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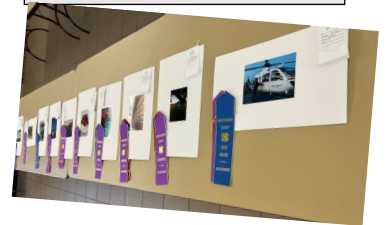


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## 2024 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

SidneyShea Amburgey  
 Curtis Bailey  
 Emma Combs  
 Ava Donathan  
 Julian Donathan  
 Nevaeh Hall  
 Kasey Hudson  
 Abigail Jordan  
 Isabella Keath  
 Kayla O'Hara  
 Jefferson Oldfield  
 Abigail McDonald, Intern  
 Charles Comer, Agent

### 4-H Club Reporter—MSE 5th Grade—3rd Block

By: Matthew Cellan McDonald

Kona Ice put us on a large setback, but we were able to start the meeting off as usual, pledges, Thought of the Day, secretary, and the reports. Then Vice President read our Healthy Focus about calcium and other nutrients. Then the Vice President introduced our program which is making a smoothie! We used a smoothie bike to make the smoothie. Of course, everyone wants a go on the bike. The smoothie even turned purple like my favorite color! Then the meeting was adjourned after we tried it. Matthew McDonald



4-H COMMUNICATION DAY WINNERS

### BAILEY TO SERVE A SECOND TERM AS SSTAB—AMBASSADOR

Curtis Bailey has been approved for a second term as the 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador Program. It will be announced at the 4-H Teen Conference being held the week of (June 11—14). Let's all wish him luck in this event.

### AREA COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST RESULTS

The C1-C2 Area 4-H Communications Contest aka 4-H Speech and Demonstration Contest took place at Nicholas County Elementary recently. The Montgomery County participants did a great job getting up on their feet and speaking in both contest...and representing the county!

In the Speech contest in which participants compete by age based on their age as of January 1, 2024. Montgomery County came away with four champions. Here is how they did:

- 9-year-old Speech...Laci Sorrell...Red and 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 13-year-old Speech...SidneyShea Amburgey...Blue and Champion
- 15-year-old Speech...Jefferson Oldfield...Blue and Champion
- 16-year-old Speech...Jayla Sands...Blue and Champion
- 17-year-old Speech...Kyera Wright...Blue and Champion



In the Demonstration contest, a show-and-tell style of presentation. Montgomery County received excellent scores with one of our participants earning the champion placing in the Science, Engineering and Technology demonstration category. That winner was McKenzie Richmond who demonstrated how to make slime. Here are the other results:

- Junior Animal Science Demonstration...Kenleigh French...Blue and 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Junior Foods Demonstration...Elijah Clarkson...Blue and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Senior Foods Demo...Luke Baker...Blue and 2<sup>nd</sup>

For the participants who won their category, they have the opportunity to advance to the next level of competition which is the State 4-H Communications Contest which will be held Saturday, July 13 at Red Oak Elementary School in Nicholasville, KY.

## 4-H POULTRY BARBECUE WORKSHOP PLANNED

Montgomery County 4-H'ers have found success in recent years in the Kentucky 4-H Poultry Barbecue contest held in late July. The contest which is actually two contests rolled into one includes the 4-H Chicken Barbecue contest and the 4-H Turkey Barbecue contest. To prepare for the state contest coming up later this summer, a local 4-H Poultry Barbecue workshop is planned for Wednesday, July 10, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Montgomery County Extension Service office. The workshop is open to youth ages 9-18 years old. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register, contact the Montgomery County Extension Office at 859-498-8741 no later than Monday, July 1 with name of youth, age, and birthdate.

Last year, Lance Munday won national champion honors in the National 4-H Turkey Barbecue contest held in Louisville in November 2023. His journey to the championship began with his love of cooking and the local workshop.

If you are interested in participating in this contest, contact Mr. Charles Comer at 859-498-8741.

## Oldfield to Serve on Kentucky 4-H Teen Council

Jefferson Oldfield has been selected to serve on the Kentucky 4-H State Teen Council representing C1-C2 Area of Kentucky which includes the counties of Clark, Estill, Madison, Powell, Bourbon, Fayette, Nicholas and Montgomery.



He will serve a two-year term on the council that is tasked with planning and implementing the teen leadership opportunities that include Kentucky 4-H Teen Summit and Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference.



## WHAT IS 4-H?

4-H is America's largest youth development organization---empowering nearly six million young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime. Kentucky 4-H reaches on average 200,000 young people each year.

4-H is a community of young people across Kentucky who are learning communication, civic engagement, and leadership skills.

In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us.

## We believe in:

- All young people's potential;
- Developing young people who are empowered, confident, hard-working, determined, responsible and compassionate — seeing a world beyond themselves so that they have the life-long skills to succeed in college and career,
- Ensuring access and equity for all,
- The power of being a part of America's leading public universities,
- The practice of positive youth development (PYD) by creating positive learning experiences,
- Caring and trusted adult mentors who cultivate positive relationships with youth,
- Create safe, diverse and inclusive environments, and Meeting young people wherever they are.

## 4-H CLUB NEWS

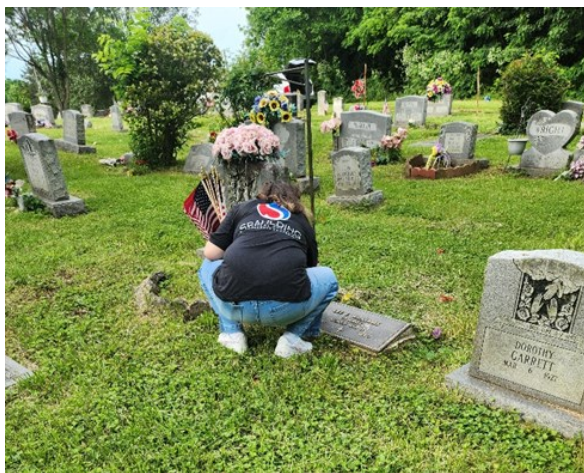


4-H Event held in Lexington KY on April 14 at the Fayette County Extension Office.

4-H Teen Club Members Present at the last club meeting were: Jefferson Oldfield, SydneyShea Amburgey, Kenleigh French, Kyera Wright, Jayla Sands, and Nevaeh Hall. Adults present were Leigh Ann French, Jackie Evans & special guest Letta Greer. Members discussed next year's Service Projects also will be partner with other 4-H Clubs when doing Community Services. Will continue this summer filling Blessing Boxes, attending City Council Meetings, etc. We will continue to work on Membership. We will be serving so type of light finger foods at each meeting to help our current attendees. Student's also committed to at least two fundraisers for 24-25 school year.



4-H Teens Tutoring other Teens as part of their community Service & Leadership project



For the month of May some of our youth volunteer to put flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day, Montgomery County Legion Post #22.

Scenes from 4-H Camp 2024



Line Dancing at 4-H Camp.



Three “trolley teams work to together to trolley to the finish line.

HERITAGE CRAFTS CLASS





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ON THE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
4-H PROGRAM**

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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

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

Meets  
**EACH MONTH**  
@ 5:30 PM



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Sincerely,

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

**4-H PLEDGE**

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
my **HANDS** to larger service,  
and my **HEALTH** to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.



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