

# Ohio County 4-H Update



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As a youth 9-18 years old, we are delighted that you are part of our 4-H community, and look forward to working with you and your family with 4-H activities. The 4-H program is delivered through school, community, and project clubs over the coming year. 4-H programming methods include school classroom programs provided by 4-H staff and teachers, and in-person meetings at the Extension office. 4-H Program information and registration procedures are posted monthly in the 4-H Newsletter, 4-H Website and on the 4-H Facebook page. Registration is required to attend in-person non-school 4-H activities. For more information about 4-H contact the Extension Office at 270-298-7441.

**To enroll for 4-H clubs or register for 4-H activities visit the Extension office at 1337 Clay Street Hartford Kentucky, call 270-298-7441 or email Gary Druin at [gdruin@uky.edu](mailto:gdruin@uky.edu).**

## **PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT FOR 4-H EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Youth are required to sign into 4-H club meetings held at the Extension Office and other non-school locations, and are required have a 2024-25 4-H Personal Information/Enrollment form on file. 4-H Personal Information forms are available at the Extension Office. **School club 4-H members are not required to fill out the 4-H Personal Information/Enrollment form to participate in 4-H school clubs.**

**4-H NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL OR MAIL:** Get 4-H news faster. We will add you to our email list. Contact the Extension Office at 298-7441 or [gdruin@uky.edu](mailto:gdruin@uky.edu) to sign up for the newsletter.

**4-H WEBSITE:** <http://ces.ca.uky.edu.ohio/youthdev/> Visit our 4-H Website that will provide you with information about 4-H and links to Kentucky 4-H programs. You may also visit the Agriculture/Natural Resources and Family Consumer Sciences pages on the Cooperative Extension website.

**4-H FACEBOOK:** Visit our county 4-H Facebook page at **Ohio Co 4-H KY Cooperative Extension.**



**OFFICE HOURS:** The Cooperative Extension Service – Ohio County Office is open 8:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00-4:30 pm Monday through Friday. The office is closed from 12:00-1:00 pm each day and closed on weekends. The Cooperative Extension Service office is located at 1337 Clay Street in Hartford. Mailing address is P.O. Box 66 Hartford, KY 42347. Phone (270) 298-7441

**KENTUCKY 4-H REQUIREMENT –** To participate in 4-H Program, Clubs, Workshops, Day Camps, Conferences, etc. each participant must have a 2023-24 Personal Information Form on file completed by the 4-H youth's parent. at the Ohio County Extension Office. This includes Shooting Sports, Livestock, Chef, Teen, Cloverbuds Clubs, etc. 4-H School Clubs are not required to fill out the Personal Information Form.

## **4-H EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 4 4-H Cloverbud Club; 4:00-5:00 pm
- 9 Ohio County Fair 4-H Exhibit Registration 3:00-6:00 pm
- 11 Ohio County Fair opens
- 12 Ohio County Fair 4-H Cup Cake Wars  
Check-In 5:30 pm Contest 6:00 pm
- 14 Ohio County Fair – 4-H Exhibit Check out 1:00-2:00 pm
- 17 4-H Teen Club; 3:30-4:30 pm
- 23 4-H Art Workshop; 4:00-5:30 pm
- 29 4-H Chef Club; 4:00-5:00 pm
- 29 4-H Horse Club; 6:00 pm



### **OCTOBER**

- 2 4-H Cloverbud Club; 4:00-5:00 pm
- 7 4-H Art Workshop; 4:00-5:30 pm
- 9 4-H Fall Workshop; 3:30-5:00pm
- 22 4-H Teen Club; 3:30-4:30 pm
- 27 4-H Chef Club; 4:00-5:00 pm
- 27 4-H Horse Club; 6:00-7:00 pm
- 31 4-H Posters Due to Extension Office
- 31 2024-2025 4-H County Medal Forms Due
- 31 KY 4-H Achievement Forms Due



### **NOVEMBER**

- 3 4-H Garden Workshop; 4:00-5:00 pm
- 6 4-H Cloverbud; 4:00-5:00 pm
- 11 4-H Art Workshop; 4:00-5:30 pm
- 17 4-H Chef Club; 4:00-5:00pm
- 19 4-H Teen Club; 3:30-4:30 pm
- 24 4-H Horse Club; 6:00 pm



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## **MARTIN-GATTON COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT**

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Lexington, KY 40506



Disabilities  
accommodated  
with prior notification.

## Who can join 4-H?

Cooperative Extension programs, including 4-H/Youth Development are open to all youth ages 9 (as of December 31, 2024) through age 18. In Ohio County there are numerous ways youth can be involved in 4-H that include School clubs, community after-school clubs, 4-H Camp, 4-H Workshops, etc.

### 4honline Youth 4-H Enrollment (Parents may enroll their children online)

Starting September 15, 2024, parents may set up an account and enroll their child in Ohio County 4-H by going to the **4honline website** and create a 4-H account:

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

When prompted: Select don't have an account. Then select Kentucky, KY4-H Youth Development, and Ohio County. Enter family information and create your personal 4-H account. Extension Staff will approve your enrollment after all information is entered. Questions can be directed to the 4-H Office.

**Celebrate National 4-H Week: October 5-11.** The theme for this year's National 4-H Week, is designed to all support for the 4-H program. With so many youth striving to reach their full potential, in 4-H, we believe every youth should have an equal opportunity to succeed and have the skills they need to make a difference in the world.



### 2025 KY STATE FAIR 4-H CLOVERVILLE EXHIBITORS

The 2025 Kentucky State Fair hosted 4-H projects in Cloverville, where Ohio County 4-H'ers showcased their projects. These 4-H'ers competed in the county and were selected as the grand champion in the class. These grand champions advanced to the Kentucky State Fair and were exhibited in Cloverville. Ohio County youth that exhibited items in 4-H Cloverville were Khloe Coffman, Reagan Coffman, Jayden Cox, Emma Hansen, Max Hansen, Haleigh Johnson, Karina Leisure, Lily Smith, and Madison Smith, Adam Wilhite, Brylee Wilhite, Kaylee Wilhite.

### 2025 KY STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

During the State Fair, 4-H livestock events took place across the fairgrounds. Jewell Bell and Genesis Bell exhibited their beef heifers. For more information on exhibiting 4-H Livestock, contact the Extension Office. Daniel Bell is the Ohio County 4-H Livestock Leaders.

### 2025 KY STATE FAIR 4-H HORTICULTURE CONTEST

The Ohio County 4-H Horticulture Club competed at the State Contest in Louisville on August 18. The Ohio County Junior Horticulture Judging team consisting of Aurora Kelley, Brandi Griese, Sarah Griese, John-Wesley Hall, Isaiah Hall, Lily Smith, and Brylee Wilhite were named Reserve Champion 4-H Horticulture Team. Senior Team members include: Miriam

Hall, Emma Hansen, Madison Smith, Kaylee Wilhite and were named Champion 4-H Senior Horticulture Judging Team.

### ✿2025 4-H POSTER CONTEST RULES✿

1. 4-H Poster may be completed at school or at home by 4-H youth. Parents/others may help youth with design only, but should not do the work for the youth.
2. 4-H Poster must be on 14"x11" poster board ONLY – A white poster board is will be supplied FREE in 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms county-wide or may be picked up at the Extension Office located at 1337 Clay Street in Harford. Youth may purchase and use other colors of poster board at their own expense.
3. The 4-H poster must have a 4-H Theme incorporated into the design. The 4-H Clover ✿ or the words "4-H" must be on the poster at least once.
4. Youth may draw or use clip art/stencils in the design of the 4-H poster. Crayons, markers, paint, colored pencils and/or stick-on letters, clip art, etc. may be used, glued, or attached to the poster.
5. 4-H member's full name, teacher, grade and school should be printed neatly on back of the 4-H poster. Name should not be on front of poster.

#### ITEMS NOT ALLOWED – (Ineligible for Champion consideration)

1. No glitter of any kind is allowed (pen, loose glitter or glitter stickers).
2. 4-H Poster cannot be 3-D. Items on poster can be no higher than 1/8". Decorations/designs cannot hang over the edge of the poster board.
3. 4-H Poster is wrong size/type poster board, messy, folded or rolled up, or does not have full name on the poster – will receive ribbon only.

#### **NO COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL OF ANY TYPE: (Poster will be disqualified)**

- Sports Teams – College or Professional, etc.
- NASCAR – No Drivers or Sponsors names, etc.
- Product Names – Nike, Pepsi, M&M, etc.
- Cartoon Characters – Sponge Bob, Bugs Bunny, etc.
- Singers/Actors/Movies – Pirates of Caribbean, Shrek,

etc.

#### **AWARDS – Judging will take place by grades.**

1. 4-H participants will receive a 4-H ribbon (blue/red/green)
2. 4-6 grade classroom will have a room champion (Purple rosette ribbon).
3. Each school will have a school champion for 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades that will receive a trophy.
4. One County Champion will be selected for each grade level from all School champions. A trophy will be awarded to each of the County Champions in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Home school youth (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) and Teens will be placed in separate county groups. A trophy will be awarded to each group.

**Contest deadline: 4-H posters are due at the October 4-H School or Community club meeting or to the Extension Office by October 31. School Club deadlines may be set by a 4-H classroom teacher.**

## THE 2025 OHIO COUNTY FAIR

- **When:** Thursday, September 11- Saturday, September 13 at the Ohio County Park.
- **PROJECT ENRIES:** 4-H members may enter 4-H projects at the County Fair on Tuesday, September 9 from 3:00-6:00 pm. This includes projects completed at home, 4-H Workshops, 4-H Camp, 4-H Day Camp, Sewing Club, Foods Club, and 4-H Posters.
- A complete listing of Ohio County Fair 4-H Divisions will be available on-line at <http://ces.ca.uky.edu.ohio/youth/>. For more information contact the Extension Office.



## OHIO COUNTY FAIR - 4-H CUPCAKE WARS



**4-H Cupcake War:** Showcases creativity and design skills of 4-H youth.

**Where:** Ohio County Fair (Ohio County Park)

**Who:** A team of one to two 4-H members ages 9-18.

**Cost:** Free admission to OC fair air for one youth and guardian. Does not include rides or paid events.

**Date:** Friday, September 12, 6:00 pm. Teams must check-in 30 minutes prior to contest (5:30 pm)

- **4-H Cupcake Designers:** Each team of 1-2 youth will receive 2 cupcakes to decorate. Each team must bring all supplies (icing, decorations, props, table decorations, table cloth, etc.) to decorate the two cupcakes. Additional cupcakes are not allowed to be used in the presentation. Any decorating media is allowed. A table top design area will be provided that measures 36 inches x 30 inches. Individuals/teams will have 30 minutes to incorporate the two cupcakes into a design of their choice. The provided two cupcakes must be included in the finished presentation. Only participants can set up display or decorate cupcakes before and during competition. Judge's decisions are final.

- **Awards:** Grand Champion - \$20 cash & Trophy, Reserve Champion - \$15 & Trophy, Best Display - \$10 & Trophy, Most Original - \$10 & Trophy, Best Design Skills - \$10 & Trophy. All participants will receive ribbons/premium based on the Danish System.
- **Individuals/Teams must register at Ohio County Extension Office at (270) 298-7441.**
- **Deadline to Register: Wednesday, September 10, 4:00 pm.**

## 4-H HORSE CLUB

- The 4-H Club will meet on Monday, September 29 @ 6:00 pm



- The 4-H Horse Program in Kentucky is designed to reach youth that have a passion for horses, whether the youth own a horse or not.
- Members can be involved in a club, learn valuable horse skills, and make friends for life.
- State level 4-H event participation requires member to complete 6 hours of education.
- Certified 4-H Horse Leaders: Riley Brey, and Malyn Howard.
- Participants' parents must complete a 25625 Personal Information/Enrollment form.

## 4-H TEEN CLUB



- Club will meet on Wednesday, September 17 @ 3:30-4:30 pm
- The 4-H Teen club is for youth in grades 7-12.
- Teens develop leadership skills, practice community service and life skills.
- Interested teens must register by calling the Extension Office at 270-298-7441.
- Participants' parents must complete a 25-26 Personal Information/Enrollment form.



## 4-H CHEF CLUB

- Club Meets Monday, September 29 @ 4:00-5:00 p.m.



- Learn how to follow a recipe, how to measure correctly, and prepare nutritional foods.
- To register for a 4-H Chef Club session, please call 270-298-7441 or stop by the Extension Office located at 1337 Clay Street in Hartford. Club size is limited to 20 participants.
- Participants' parents must complete a 25-26 Personal Information/Enrollment form.

## 4-H HORTICULTURE CLUB



- Club meets on Wednesday, October 16 @ 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Learn to identify/judge vegetables, flowers, fruits and nuts, and ornamental plants.

• Participants' parents must complete a 2024-2025 Personal Information form on file for their child to be a member of the club.

- For more information call 298-7441.

## 4-H GARDEN CLUB



### Garden Club

- Learn Monday, November 3 @ 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Learn plant propagation skills.

• Participants' parents must complete a 25-26 Personal Information/Enrollment form.

- For more information call 298-7441.
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## 4-H CLOVER BUD CLUB



First meeting will be Thursday September 4: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

- Youth ages 5-8 learn about various aspects of 4-H activities

- Monthly meeting is limited to 15 participants
- 25-26 Enrollment and Personal Information/Enrollment form must be submitted before meeting.
- One adult chaperone 16 years old or above must attend with their child.

## 4-H WORKSHOP – FALL HALLOWEEN LANTERN

- When: Thursday, October 9– 4:00-5:00 pm
- 2025-2026 4-H Personal information/enrollment form required.
- Workshop Limit: 25 youth.
- Cost: \$5.00 - includes all supplies. Cash or personal Checks accepted.
- Registration Deadline: September 25. Participants must pre-pay the workshop fee in person. Registrations will be accepted after the deadline, if spots are available.
- NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.



BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG!  
**JOIN 4-H!**



Sincerely,

Gary Druin

County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development

Welcome to a NEW year  
of 4-H!



**Beyond  
Ready**



4-H

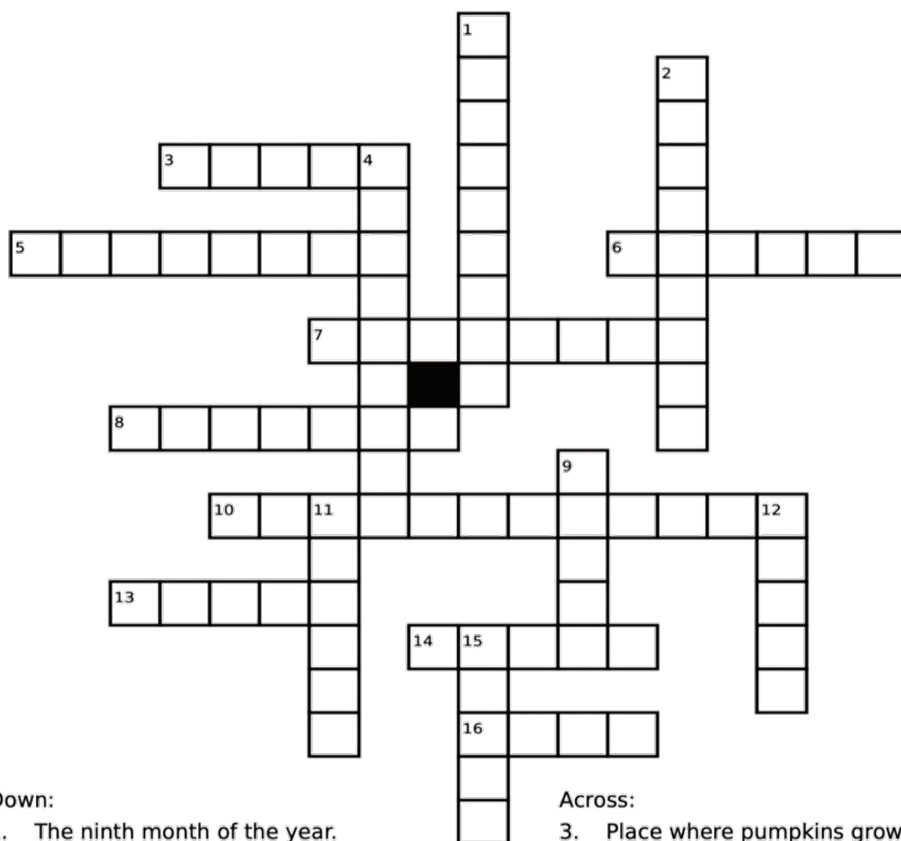
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Projects	Meetings	Health	Talent
Judges	Leader	Hands	Heart
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# Fall CROSSWORD

WRITE IN THE WORDS THAT FIT THE CLUES BELOW  
THE MOST CORRECT WORDS WINS.



Down:

1. The ninth month of the year.
2. Used to keep birds away from crops.
4. October 31st
9. Drink made from apples.
11. The season that follows summer.
12. Decorative squash.
15. What we do to pumpkins.

Across:

3. Place where pumpkins grow.
5. Popular Autumn sport.
6. They fall from trees.
7. The eleventh month.
8. Tenth month of the year.
10. The fourth Thursday in November.
13. Classic Halloween costume.
14. Squirrels gather these.
16. A tool to gather leaves in the yard.



**2025 KENTUCKY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM – NEW FORMS REQUIRED FOR 2025** (Due November 1) Motivation and the use of incentives are essential to positive youth development. 4-H Youth Development programs provide opportunities for creativity in a learn-by-doing environment and encourage youth to become involved in projects and activities. The 4-H Achievement Program recognizes 4-H participants who have outstanding accomplishments and to provide an incentive for youth to increase their knowledge, skills, and abilities. The Achievement Program allows 4-H Youth to tell their 4-H Story start at age 9 up to a 4-H Member's current age. The 2023 program year for submission will be the reporting of 4-H achievements that has occurred during their 4-H career. For more information contact Ohio County 4-H Youth Development programs at 270-298-7441. Completed Kentucky 4-H Achievement forms are due November 1 to the Ohio County Extension Office. For more information contact the Extension Office.

**2025-2026 4-H BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD MEDAL AWARD**

**Junior 4-H Medal\* Requirements: Bronze - 5 activities; Silver - 10 activities; Gold - 15 activities. Activities must be completed between Sept. 1, 2025 to Aug. 31, 2026 to earn a medal. (Detach and return to Extension Office by Oct. 1, 2025.) Medal winners must have at least one event from Section 2.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CLUB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEN ACTIVITY IS COMPLETED, CHECK ACTIVITY OFF LIST:**

**Section 1: School Classroom/Club Activities (Numbers 1-5)**

- \_\_\_ 1. Submit a 4-H Poster
- \_\_\_ 2. International Culture Day Presentation
- \_\_\_ 3. Present a Speech or Demonstration to Club members
- \_\_\_ 4. 4-H Community Service Activity\* \_\_\_\_\_

**\*4-H Community Service must be 4-H related and approved by 4-H Leader**  
**Includes 4-H Animal Shelter and 4-H Food Pantry Food Drives**

**Section 2: County-wide 4-H Activities (5-30) are not held at county schools.**

- \_\_\_ 5. Chef Club - Must attend at least 50% of meetings
  - \_\_\_ 6. Horse Club - Must attend at least 50% of meetings
  - \_\_\_ 7. Horticulture Club - Must attend 50% of meetings
  - \_\_\_ 8. Livestock Club - Must attend at least 50% of meetings
  - \_\_\_ 9. 4-H Community Club - Must attend at least 50% of meetings
  - \_\_\_ 10. Shooting Sports Club – Must attend at least 50% of meetings
  - \_\_\_ 11. Ohio County Fair – Exhibit 4-H Project(s) (2025)
  - \_\_\_ 12. Cupcake Wars Participant - Ohio County Fair (2025)
  - \_\_\_ 13. State Shooting Sports Competition (Fall 2025)
  - \_\_\_ 14. Attend a 4-H Project Workshop (Sept. 1, 2025-June 31, 2026)
  - \_\_\_ 15. Attend 4-H Day Camp (2026)
  - \_\_\_ 16. Attend 4-H Camp (2026)
  - \_\_\_ 17. 4-H Exhibit Day – exhibit projects at Extension Office (2026)
  - \_\_\_ 18. County 4-H Speech Contest participant (Spring 2026)
  - \_\_\_ 19. County 4-H Demonstration participant (Spring 2026)
  - \_\_\_ 20. Submit two 4-H Project Record Sheets (include 1 page story with each)
  - \_\_\_ 21. Submit Kentucky 4-H Achievement Form available at Extension Office
  - \_\_\_ 22. State 4-H Livestock Skill-a-Thon Event (February 2026)
  - \_\_\_ 23. State 4-H Livestock Judging (June 2026)
  - \_\_\_ 24. 4-H Livestock – County/District/State Summer Shows (2025-2026)
  - \_\_\_ 25. 4-H District 4-H Horse Show (2026)
  - \_\_\_ 26. District 6 North 4-H Horse Camp (2026)
  - \_\_\_ 27. District/State 4-H Horse Judging (Spring/Summer 2026)
  - \_\_\_ 28. District/State 4-H Horticulture Judging (Summer 2026)
  - \_\_\_ 29. 4-H Summit Leadership Conference (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - \_\_\_ 30. 4-H Community Club Community Service (List) \_\_\_\_\_
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