

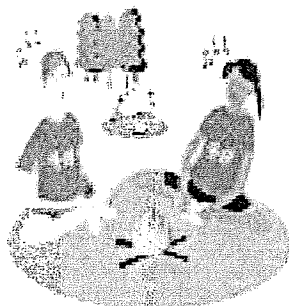
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



Mercer County 4-H News

March 2010

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2010 4-H Camp Applications are Now Available

Mercer County will camp June 21-25, 2010, along with Jessamine County. Mark your calendars now. We are looking for male and female adult leaders for camp. Anyone

interested please contact the Extension Office for a leader application. 4-H camp is open to 4-H youth 9 years old through 8th grade. To reserve a spot send your application and \$35.00 deposit to the Extension Office. We do have a limited number of spaces available. The cost for 4-H camp will be \$155.00. Applications are NOW available from the Extension Office and from our website. Also, start working on Community Service Scholarships they are due first of June.

**Mercer County 4-H's
Day of Play
Saturday, March 13
Anderson Dean Park
12:00-3:00 p.m.**



Everyone enjoys a Day of Play. The goal of the day of play is to help the community get into better physical condition. Lots of youth and adults are not in shape. Mercer County will be having one day of play in March, April, and May. All 3 Days of Play will be completely free. Activities that will be offered are: Soccer, Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball, and Dances. Come out and play!

Dana R. Anderson

**Dana Anderson, Mercer County Extension Agent
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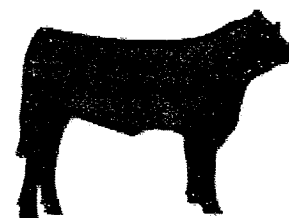
Bobbie J. White

**Bobbie J. White, Mercer County Extension
Program Assistant for 4-H Youth Development**

DEADLINE EXTENDED—MARCH 12 Dustin Worthington "I Love Cows" Essay Contest

Interested in owning your own cow or starting your own herd? Is cost holding you back? How about writing an essay. A memorial award has been established in honor of Dustin Worthington. The award will be a heifer calf.

The main reason the program was established was because of Dustin's love of working with cattle. Applicants must be an active participant of 4-H or FFA. Participants are asked to write an essay and complete an application. Forms may be downloaded from www.dustinworthingtonmemorial.org or be picked up at the Extension Office or FFA Advisors.



4-H Cloverbud Summer Camp

Any youth age 6-8 are invited to go. July 9-11, 2010 at North Central 4-H camp. For Mercer County Youth the fee is \$85.00. Campers will stay two nights in cabins with approved adult leaders. Youth participate in canoeing, swimming, archery, nature and lots of other activities. Bobbie and I will be accompanying the youth to camp. Applications will be available April 1.

Join Us on Facebook

Mercer County 4-H (KY) and Mercer County Cooperative Extension Service has joined the Facebook World. We invite you to follow us by becoming a fan. We will be posting program updates and other related information regarding programming.



4-H SPECIALITY CLUB INFORMATION

4-H Livestock Club

The 4-H Livestock club will be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 2 & April 6 at Mercer Co. Extension Office.



STEER TAGGING DATE:

March 24, 2010 at Boyle Co. Fairgrounds, 4:00-7:00 p.m. You MUST have 6 hours of instruction and pick up forms prior to tagging.

REMINDER: Any 4-H youth planning on showing market steers, market lambs, hogs or goats must have 6 hours of educational classroom instruction before you can have your animals KUIP tagged. In order to do this you must attend livestock club meetings offered by the 4-H Livestock Club. Tagging deadlines are in spring 2010.

4-H Horse Club

The Mercer County 4-H Horse Club (Hoofprints) will hold a business meeting on Thursday, March 4 & April 1 at Mercer County Extension Office at 6:30 p.m.

March 4 —confirmation & Faults @ 5:00
 March 11 —Anatomy @ 5:00 p.m.
 March 18—Nutrition/Digestive System @ 5:00
 March 19—Horse Symposium at Horse Park.
 March 21—Clinic @ Wendy's 2:00 p.m.
 March 25—Showing (rules/procedures) @ 5:30 pm.

The Mercer County 4-H Horse Club (Hoofprints) members are involved in horse bowl, horse judging, trail riding, horse camps and anything else related to horses.



4-H Scrap Booking Club

March 1 & April (NOT Meeting)
 May 3 @ Mercer Co. Extension Office 4:00-5:00 p.m.
 Cost \$5.00

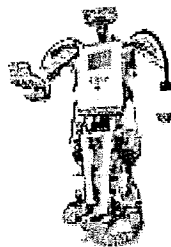


The club is limited to 15 participants. Club is open to youth age 9-18 years old. Will be making greeting cards and a guest speaker



4-H Paws Club (Rabbit)

The next 4-H Paws (Rabbit) Club meetings will be on Monday, March 1 & April 5 at the Mercer County Extension Office at 6:30 p.m. Youth will learn and share information about rabbits. Please note you do not have to own rabbits to come to this meeting.



4-H LEGO/Robotics Club (Ages 10 – 13) Club

Club members learn about science, engineering, and technology by building with LEGOs and programming a LEGO Mindstorms NXT robot. The club will be meeting on March 13 and March 27 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon

at the extension building. For more information contact leader, Sandy Rippetoe at 859-734-5140.

4-H Team Crusaders

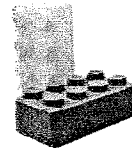
4-H Paint Ball club that focuses on teamwork, community service & character education.



Next regular meeting will be Saturday, March 6, 10:00 a.m. at Mercer County Extension Office. Play day—Saturday, March 20, 10:00 a.m. at Poole Farm. For more information call Jeff Poole at 583-0897. Also check out our Facebook Page— 3 Trezzz Paintball.

4-H Lego Club for Cloverbuds

Open to youth 6-8 years old. This club will be using legos to build models. Youth will be learning about science, engineering and technology. Meeting will be held March 10 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office. Participants may bring something they have built. They will also have time for "building."



4-H Foods Club

March 18, & April 15 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office. On 18th, the club will go on a fieldtrip to Eddie Montgomery's Steakhouse. **Participants will need to bring money for their food at Eddie's.** This is a follow

-up lesson for the manners program the youth participated in last month.

Helping Hands at Haggin Hospital Extended Care

March 9 & April 13, 3:30—5:00p.m at Haggin Hospital Extended Care Unit. All 4-H youth are invited to join Helping Hands (adopt-a-grandparent Program) at Haggin Hospital Extended Care Unit. 4-H members will be working with the residents to complete projects and spend time with the residents. Students interested can ride the bus to Haggin. Parents must come up to Extended Care to pickup youth.



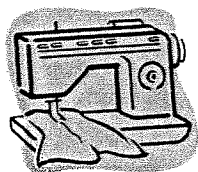


4-H Gardening Club

Wednesday, March 17 & April 21 at the Mercer County Extension Office from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The cost of the Club is \$5. The Club will introduce youth to the art and science of gardening, with programs on vegetable and flower gardening, houseplants, flower arranging, use of herbs, attracting pollinators, botany, and earth-friendly practices. The class is intended to stimulate a life-long interest in horticulture. Club is open to youth 9-19 years old

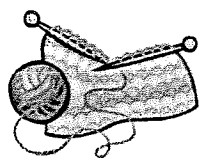
4-H Sewing Club

March 8 & 22, Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office. Youth will learn how to sew. We have sewing machines and leaders who are skilled to teach youth. This club is open to youth 9-19 years old. No charge for the club. You will need to provide your material and other supplies. The projects will range from making home furnishings to clothing. For more information contact the Extension Office.



Open Sewing Classes

Open to anyone, including adults to work on sewing projects or to learn how to sew. There are two sessions held each month: 3rd Tuesday—March 16 & April 20 from 9:00-3:00 and 4th Monday—March 22 & April 26 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office.



4-H Fiber Arts Club

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 9 & 23, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the Mercer County Extension Office. Youth will learn how to crochet and/or knit. This club is open to youth 9-19 years old. No charge for the club. You will need to provide your material and other supplies. The projects will range from making home furnishings to clothing. For more information contact the Extension Office.

Salvisa Community 4-H Club

Any youth in Mercer County are invited to join the Salvisa 4-H Club. The club meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Salvisa Ruritan Building. The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, March 18 & April 15

4-H Shooting Sports

4-H Archery Practice

March 25 & April 29 at Boyle Co. Extension Office, Danville, 6:30-8:00 pm

4-H Air Rifle Practice— March 11 at Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, 6:30-8:00

Air Pistol Practice—March 18 at Boyle Co. Extension Office, Danville, 6:30-8:00 pm

Shotgun practice—April 8 & May 6 at Mercer Co. Fish/Game Club 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Muzzleloader practice—April 15 & May 13 at Mercer Co. Fish/Game Club 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Rifle practice—April 22 & May 20 at Mercer Co. Fish/Game Club 6:30-8:00 p.m.

All Club Meeting— March 4 & April 1, at Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, 6:30-8:00

***Equipment Needed: None, if you do not have archery or air pistol equipment you may use our equipment free.



4-H Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC)

Shooting Sports program for youth to learn about the outdoors, and have fun with other youth and adults that have similar interests. The events include four shooting events: archery, muzzle loading rifle, & shotgun. There are also non-shooting events: wildlife identification, orienteering, hunter safety trail, and written exam. Next meeting will be on March 8 & 22 & April 5 & 19@ Boyle County Extension Office, Danville, KY 6:30-8:00pm

4-H Cloverbud Clubs

WHO: Youth between the ages 5-8

WHAT: The kids will make crafts, food projects, and learn about other 4-H projects.

WHEN: Group 1— March 17 & April 21

Group 2— March 24 & April 28

WHERE: 1007 Lexington Road, Extension Office.

TIME: 3:35—5:00 p.m.

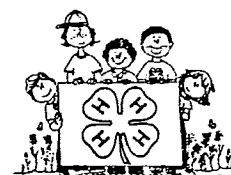
FEE: \$5.00 fee each month to cover supplies

NEW YOUTH MUST BE SIGNED UP PRIOR TO

THE MEETING DATE, no walk-ins. Please

register by calling 734-4378.

Kids may ride the bus to the Extension Office. Volunteers are needed to assist please contact the Extension Office if you are interested.



4-H Clover Kids

4-H Project Club

Thursday, March 11 & April 1, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Mercer County Extension Office Cost—\$5.00

Open to Any youth (9years & older) RSVP by calling 734-4378 before Tuesday, Feb. 9.

4-H Awards Trip

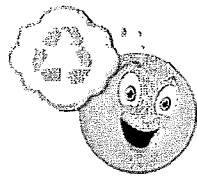
Mercer County 4-H is sponsoring an awards trip for 4-H youth as reward for their participation in 4-H activities and projects. The awards trip is presented to youth who must complete three of the following activities to be eligible for the trip. Activities/projects must be completed during the 4-H year from September 1, 2009 thru August 31, 2010. They may choose from the following activities:



1. Complete a 4-H project, exhibit the project at the County Fair.
2. Complete the 4-H project record.
3. Present a speech at the county-wide contest.
4. Present a demonstration at the county-wide contest.
5. Participate in a Community Service Project.
6. Exhibit project at the 4-H Pumpkin Day.
7. Perform at the County Talent Show.

Aluminum Tabs Collection

Mercer County 4-H and Mercer County Homemakers will be sponsoring Aluminum Tab Collection Contest at each school. The proceeds from this contest will be used to send kids with cancer to summer camp. Last year, we collected 1081 pounds of tabs, donating \$810.75 to Indian Summer Camp. Students will collect aluminum tabs from soft drink cans, pop-off lids of food and pet food. Start saving those tabs. Tabs are collected all year long.



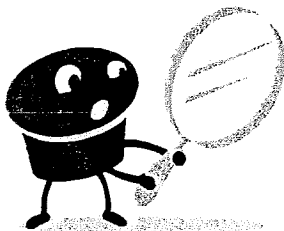
Bus Riders To Mercer County Extension Office



Mercer County School Students from main campus will ride Bus #052. Harlow Students ride bus #195. Be sure you have a note to give them at school.

Where are we located?

Mercer County 4-H is part of the Mercer County Extension Office is located on 1007 Lexington Road. Our office hours are 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.



4-H Community Service Scholarship Program



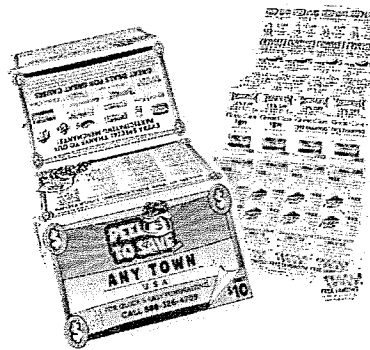
4-H Community Service

Any youth interested in receiving financial assistance to attend a 4-H activity (such as camp) may apply for scholarship. The Community Service scholarship is based on the youth completing community service work. For every 10 hours of service the youth can receive \$40.00 scholarship. The guidelines are as follows:

1. Youth cannot receive more than three scholarships per calendar year
2. Calendar year for the program is July 1- June 30.
3. All community service work must be done for a non-profit agency or completed with group community service project.
4. All community service hours must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office 10 days prior to the 4-H activity/event. Forms can be found at our website or obtained from the Extension Office.

Mercer County Youth Investment Sale 2010

Any youth interested in participating in the 2010 Sale must either complete 4-H Country ham project or livestock project by showing either at market steer, market lamb, market goat or market hog.



Get your Peel & Save Card Today....

Mercer County 4-H is selling savings card for local businesses for \$10.00 each. Proceeds go toward funding our 4-H Community Service Scholarships.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Mercer County Extension Office will be conducting the "Reality Store" on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at King Middle School in Harrodsburg. Volunteers are needed to assist with booths at the Reality Store. The store would open at 8:15 a.m. for set up & refreshments and would end approximately at 12:30 p.m. Please call the Extension Office if you can assist. It is a lot of fun to interact with the students.



Heart of Kentucky
United Way Agency

St. Patrick's Dance for 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders Friday, March 12

Mercer County Extension Office

7:00—10:00 p.m.

\$5.00 includes snacks

Tickets will be sold at the door



TEENS
9th –12 Grade Youth

JUNIOR TEENS
6th, 7th & 8th Grade
Youth

Mercer County 4-H Teen Council

This is for High School 9-12 grade Students. Students participate in monthly meetings that are held at the Extension Office participate in leadership development activities, community Service projects and go on fun trips such as canoeing and snow tubing. The council meets monthly, on the first Wednesday of each month at the Mercer County Extension Office.

4-H Teen Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 3 & April
3:30-4:30 P.M.

Mercer County Extension Office

2010 State 4-H Teen Conference

This conference is for youth who have completed the 8th grade to 19 years old. Conference will be held on the University of Kentucky campus from June 14-17, 2010. The fee for the 2010 Teen Conference will be approximately \$150. Applications will be available in March.

**Junior Camp Counselor
Applications Deadline
APRIL 15, 2010.**

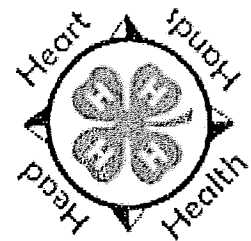
**Junior 4-H Teen
Council Meeting**
Wednesday, March 10
3:30-4:30 P.M.

Mercer County Extension Office.
This will be regular monthly
meeting.

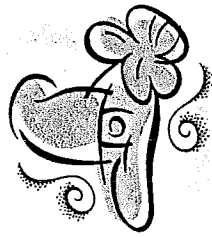
Mercer County 4-H Junior Teen Council

Open to all youth in 6-8 grade. This is a new group that will meet monthly and focus on leadership/personal development, community service and other related 4-H activities.

4-H is for all
youth who
like action,
learning, and
FUN!



March 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4-H Rabbit Club 6:30 4-H Scrapbooking 4-5:00	2 Burgin School Clubs Congress Interviews 4-H Livestock 6:30 Area Speech contest	3 4-H Teen Council 3:30-4:30 p.m.	4 MCES 4th grade club 4-H Horse Club 5:00 4-H Shooting Sports Club Meeting 6:30 pm	5 KMS 6th & 7th clubs	6 4-H Paintball Meeting @ 10:00 p.m.— Extension Office Teen Summit
7 Teen Summit	8 Teen Summit 5th grade Clubs 4-H Sewing 3:30-5:30 YHEC—6:30 p.m.	9 4-H Fiber Arts 3:30 Helping Hands 3:30 Youth Investment Board 7:00 p.m.	10 Junior 4-H Teen Council 3:30-4:30 pm 4-H Cloverbud Lego Club 3:30-5:00 p.m.	11 Project Club 3:30-5:00 4-H Horse Club—5:00 4-H Shooting Sports Air Rifle 6:30 pm	12 St. Patrick's Dance 6,7,8 graders 7:00 —10:00 p.m.	13 Day of Play Anderson Dean Park 12:00-3:00 p.m. 4-H Robotics 10:00
14	15 APES Conference Open Sewing—9:00	16 APES Conference Open Sewing—9:00	17 APES Conference 4-H Gardening Club 3:30-5:30 p.m. Cloverbud I Meeting 3:30-5:00 p.m.	18 4-H Foods 3:30 Salvisa 4-H —6:30 4-H Horse Club—5:00 4-H Shooting Sports Air Pistol 6:30 pm	19 Equine Youth Festival— Horse Park	20 4-H Paintball Meeting @ 10:00 p.m.
21 4-H Horse Club, Clinic @ 2:00 p.m.	22 4-H Sewing 3:30-5:30 Open Sewing—5:30 YHEC—6:30 p.m.	23 4-H Fiber Arts 3:30 TAB Weigh-In—all schools	24 Cloverbud II Meeting 3:30-5:00 Steer Tagging 4-7 p.m. Boyle Co. Fairgrounds	25 Reality Store at KMS 4-H Horse Club—5:00 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Boyle Co. 6:30	26	27 4-H Robotics 10:00
28	29	30	31			