

# Newsletter

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



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## FEBRUARY 2009

Kentucky 4-H is Celebrating 100 years in 2009. There a lot of celebrations that will be going on throughout the year and special projects are going to be available. In this newsletter you can read more about the celebration this month, plus look for future newsletters to find out more about Centennial activities.

New 4-H members are still being accepted, please sign up your friends and family today so that they may have great times with us!

Congratulations to the Meats Judging Team! We finally made it to Colorado and you all did awesome. Thanks to Connie, Dakota, Danielle, Emily and Matthew for my 1<sup>st</sup> National 4-H experience as an agent and by the way, it was great. You have set the example for the future of Spencer County 4-H!

Now it is time to hit 2009 rolling and make 2009 even better than 2008! Remember to strive to Make The Best Better in all that you do!

Sincerely,

Mollie Tichenor

CEA for 4-H Youth Development

### IMPORTANT DATES

- February 2** – Teen Council
- February 3** – Livestock Club
- February 4** – 4-H at S.C.E.S.
- February 5** – 4-H at S.C.E.S.
- February 6** – 4-H at S.C.E.S.
- February 9** – 4-H at S.C.E.S.
- February 10** – 4-H at S.C.E.S.
- February 10** – Internet Safety Meeting at Spencer County Middle School
- February 11** – 4-H at S.C.E.S.
- February 12** – 4-H at S.C.E.S.
- February 13** – 4-H at T.E.S.
- February 16** – Trailblazer's Club
- February 17** – Livestock Club
- February 18** – Reality Store at Spencer County Middle School
- February 19** – 4-H at S.C.E.S.
- February 20** – 4-H at S.C.E.S.
- February 21** – 4-H Centennial Birthday Party at Hyatt in Lexington
- February 24** – Shooting Sports at Office
- February 27** – Home Interior Orders Due
- March 2** – Teen Council
- March – April** – SOS Classes

### 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*



## EVERYONE ENROLLMENT FORMS

We are still collecting 4-H enrollment forms for the 2008-2009 program year. Everyone must fill out the new blue enrollment form to be a 4-H member, returning members must fill one out annually. Remember, if you do not fill out an enrollment form you are not a 4-H member and you must be a member to participate in clubs or county communications day.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Spencer County 4-H Christmas Party was held at Whispering Wheels in Bardstown on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all whom attended and brought canned goods and non-perishable items. All of the donations that were collected were donated to the 1<sup>st</sup> Habitat for Humanity family from Spencer County as a house warming gift. Thank you to Erin Pretorius for organizing this great party!

## FUNDRAISER

Many of you are aware that we are currently in the end of fundraising for the year. The money not only benefits campers that wish to attend but it will help with programming through-out the 4-H year. The more money that is raised, the more money we will have for hayrides, bonfires, awards banquet, and other fun things during the year. This year Spencer County 4-H has sold Butter Braid Bread twice and now we are ready for our third fundraiser of the year.

**We are now in the third opportunity:**

The third fundraiser is with Home Interior. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find an order form for you to use for your personal sales. Sales will start February 1<sup>st</sup> and go through



February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please remember money will need to be turned in when the order is placed and the orders are due back to the Extension Office no later than the close of business on February 27<sup>th</sup>, which is 4:30 p.m.

The orders will be ready to be picked up at the Extension Office on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or you are uncertain of how many you need to sell to reach your goal of going to camp for free or maybe at half price, please contact Nicole at 502-477-2217. She can help you with your questions.

## THANK YOU



Thank you to all of the volunteer leaders that attended the leader orientation on January 15<sup>th</sup>. I hope that this training helped you to have a greater understanding of Extension and the 4-H program.

Thank you to the adult and teen leaders, along with a few special junior members, who attended the Cloverbuds Today, Teens Tomorrow, Volunteers Forever Workshop on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Gallatin County Extension Office. I hope that the knowledge gained will benefit you and the county program for years to come. Thanks again!

Thank you to Connie Jeffiers for taking the Meats Team to Colorado! We had a great time and the team did awesome. Thanks for the report Emily!

Thank you Teen Council for accepting the role of preparing and teaching SOS Classes for Cloverbuds. Yes, if you are a Cloverbud, 5-8 years old, there are going to be two specific SOS Classes for you! Look at the flyer when it comes to your house.

The last thank you goes to Kim Hanik, for expecting the role of Project Day Coordinator for Spencer County 4-H. Look at the SOS flyer to see some projects there and also to future newsletters for more details on upcoming project days.

## **ADULTS** **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The next Spencer County 4-H Council will be on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in being on the council and making decisions about the county 4-H program, please feel more to contact Tracy O'Grady, Council President, or Mollie Tichenor, 4-H Agent, for more information about adult council.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Calling all volunteers! If you have a special talent or interest that you are willing to teach 4-Her's, please call Mollie about the opportunities that are available with you as a leader. If you can do anything from helping with an existing club or program to starting a new club or leading a project day, please don't hesitate to call Mollie today!

## **PROGRAM UPDATES** **SPENCER COUNTY** **COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

Each of the school clubs at Spencer County Elementary and Taylorsville Elementary will be participating in Demonstrations or Speeches in their classrooms during the month of February. Along with their classroom participation, there is a county communications day which will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Spencer County Elementary School.

There are no requirements to participate in the Spencer County Communications Day. It is open to all Spencer County 4-H members (to be a

member you must have filled out blue enrollment form), no matter your age (9-18). The categories and rules for demonstrations and speeches are on the back of the pre-registration form enclosed in this newsletter.

Please pre-register by filling out the form that is enclosed. The form is due back to the Extension Office by Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. For additional information or if you have any questions, please feel free to call the extension office at 477-2217 or email Mollie at [mollie.tichenor@uky.edu](mailto:mollie.tichenor@uky.edu).

Volunteers are also needed for this event, if you are available on April 4<sup>th</sup> please let Mollie know.

## **COLLEGE BOUND TEENS**

Attention Teens; please let Mollie know if you are interested in learning more about applying for college and about scholarship opportunities. This is a new idea for our teen program to get High School Students more information about applying for college and what is out there for you!



## **HEALTH ROCKS!**

If you are interested in developing positive character traits through hands-on activities and tasks, Health Rocks! is for you! The Health Rocks! program encourages 4-H participants to learn to exhibit positive growth by self-concept, flexibility, adaptability, resourcefulness, creativity, self-control and self-discipline.

Thank you to Tracy O'Grady, Kaitlin Culver, and Katie O'Grady for being trained in Health Rocks! in October!

For more information on the 4-H Health Rocks! program and if you are interested in the opportunity to teach Spencer County students, contact Mollie.

# KY 4-H CENTINNIAL

## KY 4-H CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

Since its inception in 1909, the 4-H program in Kentucky has helped shape the state's youth into productive, contributing members of society.

Over the years, the organization has transformed to meet the needs of generations of young people. As the 4-H program in Kentucky celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009, now is a good time to reflect on organization's past accomplishments and plan for the future.

National 4-H was formed to fill the needs of practical education and advancing agricultural technology in rural areas. In Kentucky, 4-H began with the organization of the Fayette County corn club in 1909. 4-H had an immediate impact on the state's youth. In just eight years, the organization spread to 42 counties and included 3,887 young people.

The participation in 4-H has steadily increased over the years. In 2007, 229,126 Kentucky youths were involved with 4-H. This is nearly 27 percent of all the state's young people.

4-H prides itself on being a very inclusive organization. While 4-H's beginnings are in agriculture, as early as the 1930s the organization offered programs to young people who had no agricultural background or experience. Today, many of 4-H's programs have strong ties to the organization's agricultural beginnings, but there are just as many programs that do not. 4-H offers youth opportunities in communications, leadership, career



development, livestock, home improvement, and computer technology.

Despite which program 4-H'ers are involved with, the purpose of 4-H is to help its members with personal growth. Life skills are built into most 4-H projects, activities and events. These skills help participants become contributing, productive, self-directed members of a forward-moving society.

In addition to the traditional 4-H community club model, youth may participate through urban groups, community resource development, special interest groups, EFNEP nutrition programs, school enrichment, camping and interagency learning experiences.

Many people do not realize the diversity of programs that 4-H has to offer, and also that it isn't just youth oriented. There are plenty of mentoring opportunities for adults.

For more information about opportunities through 4-H, contact the Spencer County Cooperative Extension Service at 477-2217.

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## CELEBRATE WITH KY 4-H AT THE BIRTHDAY BASH

The Kentucky 4-H Centennial is a momentous occasion for the organization that has made a positive, lasting impact on the lives of hundreds of thousands of the state's youths over the years. To kick off a year of celebration, 4-H is planning a birthday bash. It will be Feb. 21 at the Hyatt Regency Lexington.

A reception honoring the contributions of individuals, both past and present, to 4-H will begin



at 10 a.m. All former and current members of the State Teen Council, Horse Council, Volunteer Advisory Council, Shooting Sports Council, 4-H Staff and 4-H Foundation Board Members are invited to attend.

A sit-down luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. All current, past and potential 4-H'ers, volunteers and teens as well as council members and community leaders are invited to attend. During the luncheon, one person from each of the state's counties will be recognized by the Centennial Hall of Fame. These individuals have made significant contributions to the organization at either the local, state and/or national level. Each member's name and county will be engraved on a leaf of a tree sculpture by Louisville Artist and 4-H Volunteer Orville Moss that will be unveiled at the luncheon.

Congratulations to Mr. David Taylor for being Spencer Counties Centennial Hall of Fame recipient. Thank you for all that you have done for Spencer County 4-H throughout the years and we only hope that you will continue to do so in the future. We would also like to say thank you for all that you have done over the years for Spencer County as a whole! You will represent Spencer County well on the tree sculpture!

A birthday party would not be complete without games and cake. Those in attendance will enjoy a variety of games throughout the afternoon. Games begin at 12:45 p.m., and the Centennial cake cutting will be at 4 p.m.

The cost to attend the luncheon and afternoon events is \$10 per person. The cost for those who can only attend the afternoon festivities is \$2 per person. To reserve a place at the biggest party of the year, register online at

<http://www.ca.uky.edu/agcollege/4h/centennial>. Registration fees should be made out to the Kentucky 4-H Foundation and can be mailed to Kentucky 4-H, attn: Stephanie

Blevins, 212 Scovell Hall, Lexington, KY, 40546-0064.

Spencer County will be taking a group to the Centennial Birthday Bash, if you are interested in attending with our group, please RSVP to Mollie Tichenor at 477-2217 or [mollie.tichenor@uky.edu](mailto:mollie.tichenor@uky.edu).

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Hyatt Regency Lexington and asking for the 4-H Centennial block.

For more information on the Kentucky 4-H Centennial Birthday Bash, contact the Spencer County Cooperative Extension Service.

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## **CLUB REPORTS** **SHOOTING SPORTS**

The Spencer County 4-H Shooting Sports program is have a membership drive meeting on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Extension office at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in shooting sports, Shotgun-Archery-22/Air rifle, should come out and sign up. No experience is necessary to join.

We have back ground checked, certified coaches on hand to help you along with the different areas of interest.

There is no cost to become a member of shooting sports.

We participate in State and local tournaments. Ages 9 - 18 are allowed to compete, however 8 and below are allowed to participate in our club shoots.

For additional information please contact Tim Brewer, shooting sports leader, at [t\\_brewer@insightbb.com](mailto:t_brewer@insightbb.com) or the Extension Office at 477-2217.

## **LIVESTOCK CLUB**

Spencer County 4-H Livestock Club is off to a great year. The new officers for

2008-2009 are Matthew Jeffiers – President, Danielle Montgomery – Vice President, Emily Hume – Secretary, Brian Hall – Treasurer, and Rebecca Mobley – Scrapbook/Reporter.

Congratulations to Matthew Jeffiers, Danielle Montgomery, Emily Hume, and Dakota Husband, the Spencer County Meats Judging Team, for placing 7<sup>th</sup> at the Western National Stock Show in Denver, Colorado.

We have 11 club members participating in the Country Ham Project. Hams were put in cure and hung on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank to the Shelby County 4-H folks for letting us prepare our hams and hang them at their facility. Thanks to Farm Credit Services for donating the necessary funds to purchase the hams for club members.



**Cody Milburn and Cathy Lyons, Staff Assistant for Shelby County Extension Office prepping the ham.**

#### **Dates to Remember:**

The Livestock Club meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Spencer County Extension Office.

Beef Expo is March 7<sup>th</sup> and the Washington County Livestock Judging Clinic is March 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning on attending either of these events, please contact Connie Jeffiers by February 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you are planning on showing any animals at the County Fair or State Fair,

remember you **MUST** have 6 hours of class certification before May 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you plan on attending a State Contest, such as Livestock Judging or Skill-a-thon, you will also need to have 6 hours of class time to be eligible to attend.

Any questions regarding any of the above information, please contact Connie Jeffiers at 477-2391.

- Submitted by Connie Jeffiers

### **TEEN COUNCIL**

The Spencer County Resource Center sponsors the Backpack Program. This program is to help Elementary school children who are in need. Every Friday, the staff at the center fills the children's' backpack with food for them to eat over the weekend. the 4-H Teen Council is helping out with this program, by collecting and donating food items to the resource center. We are asking for help of donations of "kid friendly" foods (such as; pudding cups, jello, granola bars, fruit cups, etc.) Anything that is sealed, **not** out dated, and non perishable. If you have donations for this program, please bring them to the Spencer County Extension Office. If you have any questions, call the office at 477-2217.

Submitted By: Katie O'Grady, President of the 4-H Teen Council

### **SCHOOL CLUBS**

Believe it or not, it is that time of year again to have the school clubs present demonstrations and speeches in their classrooms. Volunteers are needed to assist Mollie as judges for each of the 11 classrooms that participate in 4-H. If you are available any of the following days to help, please let Mollie know.

- February 4<sup>th</sup>
- February 5<sup>th</sup>
- February 6<sup>th</sup>

- February 9<sup>th</sup>
- February 10<sup>th</sup>
- February 11<sup>th</sup>
- February 12<sup>th</sup>
- February 13<sup>th</sup>
- February 19<sup>th</sup>
- February 20<sup>th</sup>

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**SPENCER COUNTY PLACES**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> IN WESTERN NATIONAL**  
**MEATS CONTEST**

The Spencer County 4-H Livestock Club sent four members; Danielle Montgomery, Emily Hume, Dakota Husband, and Matthew Jeffiers; to Denver, Colorado to compete in the Western National Round-up on Saturday, January, 10<sup>th</sup> in the National 4-H Meats Judging Contest. Connie Jeffiers, club leader, and Mollie Tichenor, 4-H Agent, served as chaperones for the trip. Congratulations to the team and Connie, who were representing Kentucky, for placing 7<sup>th</sup> in their first 4-H National Contest.

Thank you to all who supported this group of great youth! We would also like to thank the Spencer County Extension Council, Spencer County Farm Bureau, Spencer County Fair Board, everyone that purchased pork chops on Main Street, and put in hours of volunteering to help the 4-H

Meats Team get to Colorado. They all represented Kentucky, specifically Spencer County, very well! Congratulations to Danielle, Emily, Dakota, and Matthew!

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**Danielle Montgomery, Connie Jeffiers, Emily Hume, Matthew Jeffiers, & Dakota Husband at the National 4-H Meats Judging Contest.**

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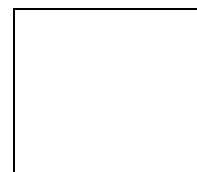
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