

# 4-H NEWSLETTER

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## 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



## MAY 2009

Summer is right around the corner and that means very exciting activities for Spencer County 4-H.

There are Project Days still left. The classes are fun and remember you can enter your projects in the County Fair in July! Don't forget County Fair will be July 17-18, 18-August 1.

Shooting Sports, Livestock, Trailblazers, and Teen Council are all in full swing. Each club has competitions coming up, plus State Wide Events.

Area Communications Day will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup> in Bullitt County. Good luck to all those representing Spencer County.

Summer camp is fast approaching, July 6-10, 2009. Sign up today!

Have a great day and enjoy this great time for Spencer County 4-H!

Sincerely,

Mollie Tichenor  
CEA for 4-H Youth Development

## IMPORTANT DATES

For more information on some of the items in the calendar, please read on in the newsletter.

### MAY

- May 16** – Shooting Sports Tournament
- May 16** – Trailblazers Fun Show, Bluegrass Arena
- May 18** - Tag in day for Market animals
- May 19** – Livestock Club
- May 19** – Shooting Sports Archery
- May 21** – 4-H Council
- May 23** – Area Communication Day
- May 26** – Shooting Sports Trap
- May 26** – Summer Safety Safari – Middle School
- May 29** – Teen Conference Orientation
- May 30** – 4-H at Farmer's Market- Gardening

### JUNE

- June 1** – Teen Council
- June 2** – Livestock Club
- June 2** – Shooting Sports Archery
- June 5** – Teen and Adult Camp Training at Bullitt County
- June 8-11** - Teen Conference
- June 9** – Shooting Sports Trap
- June 13** – Trailblazers Fun Show, Bluegrass Arena
- June 12** – Forestry Project Day @ State Park
- June 14-18** - IFAL at Murray State University
- June 15** – Trail Blazers
- June 15** – Field Day
- June 16** – Shooting Sports Archery

**June 17 & 18** - State Livestock Judging Central City  
**June 21 – 21** - IFAL at UK  
**June 22** – Needle Point Project Day  
**June 23** – Shooting Sports Trap  
**June 26** – Spencer County Teen and Adult Camp Training  
**June 27** – 4-H at Farmer’s Market – Photography

## **JULY**

**July 6-10** - Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp  
**July 16** – Foods Project Day  
**July 17 & 18** - Horse Pull at the Spencer County Fair  
**July 18** - Swine Show at the Spencer County fair.  
**July 18** – Trailblazers Fun Show, Bluegrass Arena  
**July 28-Aug 1** - Spencer County Fair

## **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*

## **CONGRATULATIONS!** **SPENCER COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

The 2009 Spencer County 4-H Communications Day was held Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at Spencer County Elementary School. It was a very successful day filled with enjoyable demonstrations and speeches. The following 4-H members participated and if they were awarded first place they will be going on the Area Communications Day held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> in Bullitt County.

Junior Food Demonstrations: 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Blue Ribbon – Marissa Allen demonstrated Cupcakes Too Cool To Eat.

Junior Craft Demonstrations: 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Blue Ribbon– Liz Walker demonstrated Working with Leather.

Senior Horticulture Demonstration: 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Blue Ribbon – Courtney Cox demonstrated How to Plant an Herb Garden.

Junior Animal Science Demonstrations: 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Blue Ribbon– Courtney Jeffiers demonstrated It’s Showtime (How to Show Cattle) and in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with a Blue Ribbon – Apryl Wood demonstrated How to Cure a Ham.

Senior Animal Science Demonstration: 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Blue Ribbon – Danielle Montgomery

demonstrated Swine Shows 101 (How to Show Swine).

Junior Photography Demonstration: 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Blue Ribbon – Lights – Camera – Action (How to Take a Great Picture).

Junior Clothing/Sewing Demonstration: 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Blue Ribbon - Lilli Hanik demonstrated The World in Red (How to Do Red Work).

Speech Category 1 (10 Years Old) – 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Blue – Lilli Hanik , Nutrition, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with a Blue Ribbon Courtney Jeffiers, What to do on a boring day.

Congratulations to all participants! Everyone did an outstanding job. Thank you also to all of the 4-H members, family members, volunteers and judges for making the 2009 Spencer County 4-H Communications Day a huge success.



## **SPENCER COUNTY TRACTOR DRIVING CONTEST**

The Spencer County 4-H Tractor Contest was held on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Spencer County Fairgrounds. The Spencer County Youth Service Center provided breakfast for the group, which was greatly appreciated. All participants took a knowledge skill test, inspected the tractors, and drove through an obstacle course, while using the safety procedures that they learned at the tractor safety S.O.S. class, taught by Adam Butler and Todd Bivens this past March.

In the Junior Division, ages 9-13, of the Lawn Tractor Contest Ethan Cotton took 1<sup>st</sup> place and will be representing the county at the district contest. Lilli Hanik placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in this category. Courtney Jeffiers and Scott Jeppson, Jr. both participated in this Lawn Tractor Contest.

The Senior Lawn Tractor Division, consisting of youth ages 14-18, had some fierce competition. Casandra Petersen was the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, but Marty Mayer will be representing Spencer County in the district contest in this category with his 2<sup>nd</sup> place honor. Also participating was Matthew Jeffiers.

The Tractor Operations Contest for the Juniors had four participants in their division. Lilli Hanik was 1<sup>st</sup> and will be representing our county at the district contest in June. Courtney Jeffiers was 2<sup>nd</sup>

in this group. Also competing were Scott Jeppson, Jr. and Ethan Cotton.

In the Senior Tractor Operations Contest it was a very tight contest, scores were broke by one test question for first and second place. Congratulations to Matthew Jeffers for placing 1<sup>st</sup> and being the county representative at the district contest. Marty Mayer was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Casandra Petersen was 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Drew Lyvers participated as a Cloverbud in both the Tractor Operation Contest and the Lawn Tractor Contest. Way to go Drew!

Henry County will be hosting the District 4-H Tractor Driving Contest in June. Thank you to Adam for doing such a great job with this group of fine 4-Her's and to Larry Butler and Eddie Mayer for helping with the courses and the contest. Special thank you to the judges for this years contest Bruce Kapfhammer, William Florence, Billy Prather, and Dave Fiehtner. Limestone at Shelbyville generously provided the tractors for the contest. Thank you to all of the members, parents, and volunteers who helped make the 2009 Spencer County 4-H Tractor Driving Contest a huge success.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PROJECT DAYS

It is that time to start gearing up for the 4-H Fair Projects and County 4-H Events. There are a number of Project that are up-coming that you should be aware of. There are participation limits on all of the classes, so it would be a great idea to call Nicole today at 477-2217 and let her know if you are interested.

Upcoming Project Days:

- May 30 – Gardening at Farmer’s Market from 9-11 am
- June 12 – Forestry at the Corps of Engineers at Taylorsville Lake State Park. Meet at Core at 10am.
- June 22 – Needle Point Project at Needle Nest in Shelbyville. Meet at the office at 8:45 a.m.
- June 27 – Photography at the Farmer’s Market from 9-11am.
- July 16 – Foods Project Day at the Office at 1:30pm.
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## HELP NEEDED!

Crossroads Field Day on June 15<sup>th</sup>  
Jeffersonville, Kentucky starting at 4 pm  
Help with Farmer’s For a Day Kid Area  
Meet at Extension Office at 3pm  
Call Mollie at 477-2217 for more details

## FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all that participated in at least one of the 4-H Fundraisers this year! Remember that if you sold items, you have money in your 4-H account. This can help you to pay for 4-H Camp, Teen Conference, State Competitions, plus much more. Please call Nicole if you have any questions or would like to know how much you have in your account.

## CAMP CLOVERBUD

Camp Cloverbud – a 4-H camping experience for “new” campers!

If your 6, 7, or 8 year old is ready for an overnight 4-H camping experience then Camp Cloverbud may be the place to start! Camp Cloverbud is specifically designed for campers (and parents!) who are not yet ready for a full week of a residential camping experience. The length of stay is shorter (2 nights and 3 days) and the staff to camper ratio is greater.

Campers still participate in all the traditional camp activities offered at 4-H camp including canoeing, swimming, archery, nature, and recreation, as well as a host of fun nighttime activities. Camp Cloverbud will be held July 16-18, 2009 at North Central 4-H Camp in Carlisle, Kentucky. The cost of the camp is approximately \$85 which includes meals, lodging, staff, supplies, and a t-shirt.

Camp Cloverbud is a great way for young campers to enjoy the fun and camaraderie of summer camp as they experience their first “sleep away camp”. Staff and leaders are on board and will take great care to create a caring, safe, and fun atmosphere. Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. For more information on Camp Cloverbud and other 4-H activities contact your county cooperative extension office at 477-2217.

## ADULTS

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Spencer County 4-H Council will be on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</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**

Background checks are required on all of the volunteers that help with the Spencer County 4-H Program. This is now available to be printed out from the website. Go to [http://ces2.ca.uky.edu/spencer-files/YouthDev/Volunteer\\_form.pdf](http://ces2.ca.uky.edu/spencer-files/YouthDev/Volunteer_form.pdf) and print off your application today. Please make sure that all forms are completed and that we receive a copy of your driver's license when the form is turned in. If all the forms are not completed when they are turned in, it will delay your getting approved as a volunteer.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS** **TEEN CONFERENCE**

Teen Conference will be June 8-11 and the event is held on the campus of the University of Kentucky. There will be an orientation on May 29<sup>th</sup>; this is required for those attending. We will meet at the Extension Office at 5pm and go together.

## **4-H SUMMER CAMP**

Even though you may not have put away your winter coat just yet, it's time to start thinking about 4-H summer camps.

Are you ready to experience one of the most fun weeks of your life? Do you like to catch bugs, butterflies, crawdads or fish? Maybe you love swimming, riflery, archery, canoeing, crafts or music. Do you like to go hiking and spend time identifying trees and critters you find along the way? Do you like making new friends and having lots of fun? If any of these things appeal to you, you need to sign up for 4-H camp this summer.

At each of Kentucky's 4-H camps, you'll find all of the fun things above and more. You might come to camp a little nervous and uncertain about what's to come, but you will soon find yourself meeting new friends and learning new skills and activities. You will find the week is gone before it gets started and all too quickly it's time to go home.

Of course, you'll be able to take home your memories of the time you spent shooting a bow and arrow, possibly being on the winning team in field relay games, cooling off at the pool and certainly the fun friends and camp staff you met.

Resident 4-H camps are open to all Kentucky youth, ages nine through thirteen. Groups of youths from every county will attend one of the four resident camps during the nine-week summer season. The 4-H camping program provides a safe, secure and fun environment for Kentucky campers. An onsite EMT/health care provider is always available to take

care of campers needs.

Our camps have been awarded accreditation by the American Camp Association in recognition of our program using the "best practices in the camping industry" in providing a safe, nurturing, and fun environment for our campers.

4-H'ers from Spencer County will attend Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp from July 6-10, 2009. Registration forms are available now at the Extension Office. Please sign up today, space is limited.

Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp is located in Jabez, Kentucky and is the largest camp. Located on Lake Cumberland, it contains six miles of shoreline in its 1500 acres of rolling hills and forested land serving 22 counties. Heated cabins with toilet and shower facilities combine with a swimming pool with diving board, shelter house, dining hall, country store for souvenirs and snacks, low ropes challenge course, high element zip line, craft and nature building to accommodate 363 campers and counselors per camping session. The camp offers a cave and miles of nature trails for exploring. In addition, the camp provides areas for riflery, archery, canoeing and fishing. Evening programs can be held in the shelter house or cozy campfire area.

Camp provides attendees with a diverse and fun learning environment with a focus on the 4-H philosophy of "learn by doing."

In addition to the traditional 4-H camp activities, the Spencer County 4-H youth development program develops new and innovative classes and activities. Try going to camp to find out how much fun you can have!

For more information on camps and other activities in our 4-H youth development program, contact the Spencer County Cooperative Extension Service at 477-2217. You can also visit the camp Web site: <http://www.ca.uky.edu/agcollege/4h/camp>. See you at camp!

## **COUNSELORS FOR** **4-H SUMMER CAMP**

There are two mandatory trainings for those that have been accepted at Campers in Training, Teen Counselors and Adult Counselors.

There will be camping group training on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-11pm at Bullitt County Extension Office. The second will be for Spencer County Counselors only. It will be on June 26 from 6pm to 12Midnight at our Extension Office.

Please contact Mollie at 477-2217 if you have any questions or cannot attend one of these trainings.

We still need a few more adults, if you are interested you are required to fill out the volunteer application and be accepted. Please contact Mollie for further information!



## SPENCER COUNTY FAIR

The Spencer County Fair will take place on July 17-18 and July 28-August 1<sup>st</sup>. Entries will be accepted on Wednesday, July 29 and released on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Help registering, displaying, and releasing will be needed. If you are interested, please contact Mollie. Clean-up will be on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, if you can help contact Mollie.

Please watch for the Spencer County Fair Catalog to come to your house and you will be able to see all of the categories, activities, dates and times. 4-H has a big part in the Spencer County Fair. Make sure and check out all of the 4-H Categories, some of the items that you have made in school, church, or other clubs, normally fit the categories! See you in July at the Fair!

## CLUB REPORTS SHOOTING SPORTS

Shotgun members will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, at 6:30pm. The Fish and Game club is open on Saturdays for practice. Bring your shotguns and safety gear.

Archery will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Bring your bows and safety equipment.

The Spencer County Shooting Sports Program is conducting a Shotgun Tournament this Saturday. Please contact Tim to help out or to get signed up.

If you plan on volunteering or coaching you must fill out a volunteer packet and have a background check done prior to your involvement. Please contact me or the Extension office for forms or more info at [t\\_brewer@insightbb.com](mailto:t_brewer@insightbb.com).

~ Submitted by Tim Brewer, Shooting Sports Coordinator

## LIVESTOCK CLUB

The Spencer County 4-H Livestock Club attended the Washington County Livestock Judging Contest with the following receiving awards:

Jr Individual Beef: 1st Lee Jared Miles. Jr. 3rd Place Beef Team - Lee Jared Miles, Brandon Cotton, Lilli Hanik, Tyler Fleig. Jr. Swine Individual - 9th Lee Jared Miles, 8th Jeremiah McClain, 3rd Apryl Wood. Jr 1st Place Swine Team – Apryl

Wood, Jeremiah McClain, Lee Jared Miles, Ashley Montgomery. Jr. Sheep Individual - 6th Lee Jared Miles, 2nd Courtney Jeffiers, 1st Cecilia Petersen. Jr 1st Place Sheep Team - Lee Jared Miles, Courtney Jeffiers, Cecilia Petersen, Apryl Wood. Overall Jr. Individual - 6th Apryl Wood, 5th Cecilia Petersen, 1st Lee Jared Miles. Overall 1st Place Jr Team - Lee Jared Miles, Tyler Fleig, Apryl Wood, Cecilia Petersen.

Sr Beef Individual - 3rd Steven Curtsinger. Sr. 3rd Place Beef Team - Steven Curtsinger, Justin Goodlett, Katie O'Grady, Cassandra Petersen. Sr. Swine Individual - 5th Brian Hall. Overall Sr. Individual - 8th Justin Goodlett.

Congratulations to Casey Montgomery for scoring the highest score in Swine overall, even as a Cloverbud! Thanks to Daryl Matherly for driving us to the contest and also to Kim Hanik and Mildred Montgomery for helping out.

We attended the State Meats Contest on May 1<sup>st</sup> which was held in Lexington in the Meats Lab on the University of Kentucky's campus. With the following members placing Brandon Cotton 5<sup>th</sup> Place in the Junior Division and Matthew Jeffiers placing First in the Senior Division. The Senior Team consisting of Matthew Jeffiers, Emily Hume, Calvin Vannatta and Brian Hall placed second and is able to compete in the National Contest held in Denver Colorado.



On Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> we attended the State 4-H Skillathon Contest in Frankfort. The following members received awards:

Clover Individual Identification – 11<sup>th</sup> Lilli Hanik. Clover Individual Evaluation – 1<sup>st</sup> Chris Miles, 18<sup>th</sup> Courtney Jeffiers. Clover Individual Overall – 24<sup>th</sup> Chris Miles. 8<sup>th</sup> Place Clover Team Overall – Chris Miles, Lilli Hanik, Courtney Jeffiers, Ashley Montgomery.

Intermediate Individual Identification – 17<sup>th</sup> Lee Jared Miles. Intermediate Individual Evaluation – 11<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Mobley, 14<sup>th</sup> Lee Jared Miles. Intermediate Individual Overall – 21<sup>st</sup> Lee Jared Miles.

Senior Individual Identification – 13<sup>th</sup> Matthew Jeffiers. Senior Individual Evaluation – 10<sup>th</sup> Matthew Jeffiers, 11<sup>th</sup> Brian Hall. Senior 4<sup>th</sup> Place Evaluation Team – Matthew Jeffiers, Brian Hall,

Sawyer Vannatta, Kristy Glasscock. Senior Individual Quality Assurance/Quiz – 3<sup>rd</sup> Matthew Jeffiers, 6<sup>th</sup> Brian Hall. Senior 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Quality Assurance/Quiz Team – Matthew Jeffiers, Brian Hall, Kristy Glasscock, Sawyer Vannatta. Senior Individual Overall – 10<sup>th</sup> Place Matthew Jeffiers. Senior 4<sup>th</sup> Place Team Overall – Matthew Jeffiers, Brian Hall, Sawyer Vannatta, Kristy Glasscock.



Congratulations to all that have competed in these contest!!!

State Livestock Judging Contest will be held in Central City this year June 17 & 18. You must have 6 hours of certification in order to attend. Also we still need a couple of men to be chaperones for the contest.

Put on your calendar as we will need help to clean the fair grounds during the County Fair dates of the Fair is July 17 & 18 and July 28 –August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is one of our biggest money makers for the year and it helps to pay for your registration fees to attend contest, T-shirts and other expenses that we have.

If anyone is showing market animals at the Kentucky State Fair this year you have to attend a District or Preview Show to qualify in order to show at the State Fair. Remember that the tag-in for market animals is on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the High School. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Connie for dates and location.

## 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. Congratulations to the Teen Council for collecting 222 items for the Backpack Program so far! Donations are still being collected until the end of the school year. We are asking for help of donations of "kid friendly" foods (such as; pudding cups, jell-o, 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

## TRAILBLAZERS

The Spencer County Trailblazers Club is hosting the Fun Show Series at Bluegrass Saddle Club in Shepherdsville. The dates for these shows are May 16<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup>, and July 18<sup>th</sup>. For additional information, please call Erin Pretorius at 422-0987.

Scott Jeppson, Jr, Phillip Mills, and Christopher Cook all attended the recent Horse Camp that was held in Shelby County. Erin Pretorius is the leader that was with them. A great learning experience and time was had by all.



## SCHOOL REPORTS

### SCHOOL CLUBS

Thank you to the following teachers for making 4-H in the Spencer County School System a huge success this school year:  
 Taylorsville Elementary: Ms. Tanner. Spencer County Elementary: Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. Bryant, Ms. Ozsvath, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Pollett, Mrs. Sanford, , Mrs. Thomas, and Mrs. Tobbe. Spencer County Middle School: Ms. LaRue. Spencer County High School: Mr. Baird & Mr. Matherly. Thanks again to all of you and I look forward to the 2009-2010 School Year!