

November 15, 2023

4-H Happenings:

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Country Ham Project

It's time to sign up for the 2024 4-H Country Ham Project. Enclosed is the registration form. This is such a great project! Participating includes three trips to Clifty Farms in Scottsville late March to early August of 2024. All meetings are held on a weeknight at 6:00 p.m. Transportation is on your own. The cost to participate is free for Simpson Co. youth thanks to the annual Ham Auction. If you choose to participate for free you keep one ham and 4-H gets one of the hams you cured. You may also pay \$20 to complete the project and keep both hams you cure. Adults and Cloverbuds (must be ages 5-8) may also participate for \$20 and you will receive one ham (the state only allows 4-H age youth to cure two hams) and do not attend the state fair.

Participants ages 9-18, in addition to the three curing trips to Clifty Farms you MUST also attend the KY State Fair on August 15 and give a 3-5 minute speech on the assigned ham topic (see contract). Giving the speech is required to complete the project or you will not receive either ham cured. Transportation to the state fair is on your own but participants do receive a \$50 stipend toward your state fair expenses. The contract is due to the Simpson Co. Extension Office by Monday, December 11. Contact Catherine with questions.

Hometown Holiday Bazaar:

Saturday, December 2 is the 12th Annual Hometown Holiday Bazaar hosted by Simpson Co. 4-H. The bazaar is held at the Franklin 1st United Methodist Church on the Square, in conjunction with the Christmas parade. For those of you who have never been, we have 25 vendors, a silent auction, and lunch. We will need volunteers to help with setup & take down, to assist throughout the day, and/or by donating food. We have created a signup genius or you can call the office to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ADAD2CABFFC07-46220083-hometown>

Please share the enclosed flyer with friends & family. You can also find & share it from the Simpson Co. Cooperative Extension Service Facebook page.

Attention teens working towards a John Swack Scholarship (If you have completed your clover level 3 you are eligible): To receive a scholarship you must have given 10 hours towards fundraising for the scholarship program and working the bazaar counts! We will have Rada Cutlery the scholarship fund sells at the bazaar. See the enclosed chart then call the Extension Office to Sign up or use the link above.

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Holiday Card Drive

The Huggins family is collecting holiday cards now through December 8. This is the 4th year for this community service project and we hope all our 4-H families will participate. You can buy cards and simply sign them, or you can make cards. The goal is to collect over 1,000 cards to deliver to nursing homes and assisted living facilities in this area to help spread some holiday cheer! See the enclosed flyer, a collection box is at the Extension Office.

2024 Kentucky Volunteer Forum (KVF) is February 22 – 24

The KVF is a conference for KY 4-H volunteers & teen leaders held every other year in Lexington. Some 1,000 volunteers from across the state will attend with over 225 workshops offered specifically for leaders. Simpson County 4-H would love to have several leaders & teens to attend in February! Please see the enclosed KVF information. More information can also be found on the KVF website at <https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/core-program-areas/kentucky-volunteer-forum>. Registration is due to the Extension Office by December 11 to get the early bird rate! Simpson County is a forum sponsor which comes with some complimentary registrations. I hope to be able to assist with most of the registration fees – hotel and transportation cost are on your own. If you would like to attend or need more information contact Catherine. I have several hotel rooms held for those going.

I'm also excited to announce we have volunteers being recognized at the forum. Congratulations to the following:

- Tim, Wendy, Hannah, & Mady Meador, Community Service Award
- Pam Meador, Lifetime Achievement Award



Order a new 4-H Shirt

Simpson County 4-H is taking orders for a new shirt in Comfort Colors light green for the adults and island green for the youth. The shirt is available in a short sleeve tee in both youth & adult sizes and a long sleeve crewneck & hoodie in adult sizes. The tees are \$12.00, the crewnecks \$31.00, and the hoodies \$36.00. Orders with payment are due to the Extension Office by December 4. The shirts will arrive in time for Christmas.



Thanks to everyone that purchased a pie from the Simpson Co. 4-H Exchange Club ~ we have 17 youth hosting & traveling to Gratiot County Michigan during the summers of 2024-2025!

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Fundraisers for Member Accounts

Simpson County 4-H fundraiser policy: Any youth enrolled in Simpson County 4-H can set up a member account. When you work a 4-H fundraiser the proceeds are divided equally among those working and put into your member account for future 4-H activities. For example, if five 4-H members work a bake sale that makes \$500, then \$100 is deposited into each member's account. These funds can be used to pay for 4-H Camp, Cloverbud Camp, Teen Conference, Aerospace Camp, Horse Camp, etc. If it is a fundraiser where you are selling something then you receive the profit from what you sell. For example, if you sold 10 donut certificates last month that had a profit of \$4.50 each then you earned \$45 into your account.

4-H Sewing Club

The 4-H Sewing Club is being led by Adrian Booher this year. Mrs. Sharon & Mrs. Marilyn are assisting her. The club has several new sewers this year and they could use one more experienced seamstress to assist. If you are interested please contact Catherine or Adrian. The club meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month from 4:00-6:00 p.m. so the commitment is just a few hours a month to help so very excited 4-H members learning to sew!



The Extension Office participated in the Simpson County Tourism Hay Bale Trail contest in October. Special thanks to the Meador family for creating our Slinky Dog that won Best Business Entry. Shout out to Tim, Wendy, Hannah, & Mady!

SAVE THE DATE...Simpson County will go to 4-H Camp July 1-5, 2024. More information to come next year!

Simpson County 4-H Banquet

Congratulations to all our Simpson County 4-H Banquet Award winners and achievement application participants. This year 36 youth completed an achievement application (a record) and the banquet had a record attendance of 170. Special thanks to our banquet sponsors, award sponsors, and silent auction donors, along with our club leaders. We really appreciate all the support 4-H has to make this evening possible for our 4-H families!

Congratulations...

Congratulations to Simpson County's Miss Kate Ford. Kate was recently elected as Treasurer of the Mammoth Cave 4-H Council for 2024!

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12th Annual Hometown Holiday Bazaar

 **Martin-Gatton**
College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment
University of Kentucky

Saturday, December 2, 2023

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church on the
Square in Downtown Franklin, KY

Vendors with something for everyone...
Handcrafted Items, Boutique Clothing, Home
& Holiday Decor, Woodworking, Primitives,
Jewelry, Pottery, Cutlery, Personalization,
and much more.

Lunch Served 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Questions Call 270-586-4484
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The Bazaar is held in conjunction with a Small Town Christmas
& The Franklin Christmas Parade

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