

KENTON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



Holiday Boxes

KENTON CO. 4-H FUNDRAISER

Order your box of holiday cheer today!

\$35/box
Scan QR Code or
call our office



Pick Up:
December 19; 4-6 pm

Donations Needed for Holiday Boxes

Can you help? If you can donate any of the items listed below, please contact our office and let us know what you are willing to bring. All items are needed by December 1, 2025. Thanks for your help!

Granulated sugar
(several 5 lb bags)
Eggs
Powdered sugar
(several bags)
Salted and unsalted butter
(about 20 lbs each)
Flour
Brown sugar
Cinnamon
Peppermint candies
Large Hershey bars

Chocolate chips-(Semi Sweet & Milk)
(lots of these for melting)
White chocolate chips
(not melting wafers; true chips)
Honey
Crispix cereal
Smores cereal
Heath chips
(like chocolate chips sold by Hershey
at Kroger)
Pecan Halves
Vanilla Extract

Smooth Peanut Butter
(several large jars)
Vanilla Almond Bark
Large Jello boxes
(colorful flavors needed)
powdered pectin
Vanilla Wafers
8 oz canning jars/half pint
(12 12-ct cases needed)
Wrapped Rolos

Kenton County Extension
10990 Marshall Road; Covington, KY 41015

2025 RECOGNITION EVENT AWARDS



2025 OUTSTANDING 4-H AWARD

JUNIOR GIRL:

Katherine Gibbons

JUNIOR BOY:

Harry Gurley

SENIOR GIRL:

Addyson Simpson



4-H ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Gold:

Lindy Kiser; Anna Beth McCarty

Silver:

Alivia Simpson

Clover Level One:

Katherine Gibbons

Harry Gurley

Fionna Lawrence

Clover Level Two:

Addy McCarty

Clover Level Three:

Josie Gurley

Ashlynn Allen

Kylie Patton

Elisha Wilson



COUNTY OVERALL ANIMAL AWARDS

SR BEEF:

Addyson Simpson

JR SHEEP

Addy McCarty

SR SHEEP

Anna Beth McCarty

JR COMPANION:

Katherine Gibbons

SR COMPANION:

Elisha Wilson



2024 NEW LEADERS

Savannah Brinker
Paul Clendenin
Susan Finke
Tricia Gibbons
Everlee Gripshover
Stacey Hopkins
Amanda Kakel
Jacqueline Lakes
Amy Meyers
Layne Simpson
Arlene Truitt
Kayli Weatherford
Dylan Wilson



LEADER RECOGNITION PINS

5 Year Pin

Chris Barnett
Jennifer Bene
Peggy Haskell

20 Year Pin

Becky Darnell
David Jackson

25 Year Pin

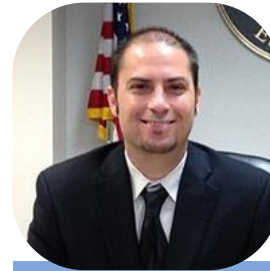
Joseph Schmaide

10 Year Pin

Mike Coyle
Debra Poskanzer

55 Year Pin

Jeri Zimmer



Donor Award

MR. BILL ASEERE
SPACE COWBOYS
RESTRAURANT GROUP



Friend of 4-H

TINCH FAMILY



Lloyd Bridges Award

KEVIN & SHELLEY MCCARTY FAMILY

The McCarty family has supported Kenton 4-H in multiple ways and at events. As a family they have helped at livestock club, cloverbud, and STEM meetings, provided care instructions and shearing for livestock, participated in multiple club events, setup and clean up more times than can be counted. The McCarty's have installed the AC unit for the county ham house and served on staff hiring committee. Always willing to help with club and event tasks as a family, we are always grateful for their smiles and warm greetings. Kevin, Shelley, Addy and Anna Beth, we are thankful for your interest and support of Kenton County 4-H and the Cooperative Extension Program.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT



THOMAS MORE STADIUM
HOME OF THE FLORENCE Y'ALLS
7950 Freedom Way, Florence, KY 41042

Saturday, November 1, 2025 • 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Aerosol cans
- Antifreeze
- Batteries (all types)
- Corrosives/Flammables
- Electronics*
- Ink/Toner cartridges
- Light bulbs
- Oil/Car fluids
- Oil paint (10 can limit)
- Pesticides
- Tanks/Cylinders
- Televisions (2 TV limit)

Boone, Campbell, and Kenton County residents only

Visit www.nkyhhw.org to print & complete your registration form

PLEASE NO...

- ❌ LATEX PAINT
- ❌ TIRES
- ❌ APPLIANCES
- ❌ AMMUNITION
- ❌ FERTILIZER
- ❌ EXPLOSIVES
- ❌ MEDICATIONS
- ❌ RADIOACTIVES

*Electronics include items that plug in or take a battery (Ex: monitors, keyboards, cell phones, cords, VCRs, cameras, and headphones).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT YOUR SOLID WASTE COORDINATOR

BOONE: Ken Points; kpoints@boonecountky.org or 859-334-3151

CAMPBELL: Megan Clere Abrams; mclere@campbellcountky.gov or 859-547-1866

KENTON: Melissa Grandstaff; melissa.grandstaff@kentoncountky.org or 859-392-1919

KENTUCKY AGRIBUSINESS SUMMIT

NOVEMBER 4-6, 2025
LOUISVILLE, KY



KENTON CO. 4-H LIVESTOCK CLUB

Country Hams

The 2025-2026 Ham Contract is now available!

Ham contract, and \$75 are due to the extension office by Monday, December 8th, 2025. The ham contract is available in the office, on our Kenton County 4-H website under "animal science" and you can access it through the QR code to the right.

The 4-H country ham project is a unique opportunity to combine heritage food education with public speaking skills. Please reach out with any questions!



2026 Contract

Ham Project Dates*

January 19 th	Receive and cure hams
May 11 th	Shuck wrapper and remove cure
July 10 th	County Speeches and Prep Hams for County Fair
August 18 th	Wash for State Fair
August 20 th	State Speech Contests and Awards

*Dates based on previous years; subject to change

Education Hours

To participate in competitive events (showing, judging, country ham), 6 Livestock Education Hours are required.

For Kenton Co. Fair showman:

- A parent/ guardian must attend one parent session, held at the start of any education hour meeting.
- All 6 hours must be completed by January 18.

Schedule Updates & Weather Notices: Changes will be shared via newsletter and email. In case of inclement weather, cancellations will be announced through email, TeamReach, and social media.



Thank you to all the 4-H'ers and volunteers who made our first livestock education hours a success!



Newly Added!

Date	Day	Time	Hours	Topic	Location
Nov. 6th	Th	6:00-8:00	2	Livestock Judging	MR
Nov. 8th	S	8:00- 2:00	6	Fitting for Shows *lunch included*	Barn (at MR)
Nov. 25th	T	5:30-8:30	3	Cooking Class with Officer Elections	MR
Dec. 15th	M	6:00-8:00	2	Soap Making/ Livestock Games	MR
Jan. 7th	W	6:00-8:00	2	Building Project Night	MR
Jan. 17th	S	TBA	3	TBA	TBA

*MR is the Marshall Rd. Office: 10990 Marshall Rd., Covington, KY 41015

For more information, or to ask questions, contact Anna Meyers:

anna.meyers@uky.edu

(859) 356- 3155

JOIN KENTON CO. 4-H AS WE EXPLORE
KENTUCKY'S

NATIVE



Learn about the animals around us, with
hands-on and interactive lessons.

6:00 on Mondays, at 10990 Marshall Rd.

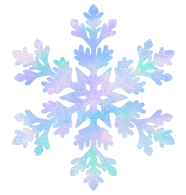
November 10th
December 8th
January 12th



4-H CANCELLATION POLICY



County-wide 4-H sponsored activities are cancelled when Kenton County Schools are closed due to bad weather. Individual club leaders may decide to meet. Call the extension office or your leader if you have questions.



4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM – DUE NOV. 6

PLEASE USE THE 2025–2026 ACHIEVEMENT FORM. [Be sure to use the current 2025 form!](#)

Cumulative program spans the entire 4-H career.

- Awards points for outside efforts and interests.
- Encourages growth and development by awarding high points at multi-county, state, and national levels.
- Does not require a previous level of achievement to apply for a higher level as long as the 4-H'er meets the minimum point requirements.
- 4-H'ers can choose to compete for awards and prizes (i.e. Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Emerald) – OR simply achieve levels and be recognized in their counties.
- Youth who have obtained a "Bronze", "Silver", or "Gold" retain their title.
- The Achievement Program includes and incorporates the previous "Middle School Leadership Awards".
- Previous work completed by the 4-H'er (from past years) may be included in the Achievement Program.

Achievement Forms are due Nov. 6 by 4:30 pm to the 10990 Marshall Road location on Nov. 6 by 4:30 pm

For more information or application, contact Lori Clark or Diane Kelley at 356-3155.

Finish It Friday and Sew it Saturday

November 21- Bring a project to finish
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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

November 22- Complete a stocking sewing project
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

Registration Required @ 4honline.com

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Lexington, KY 40506



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PREPARE FOR THE FAIR November 19

6:00 p.m.

Marshall Road Location

Limited to 10 - Register Early!



KENTUCKY 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE June 2-5, 2026



Join the Curious Cloverbuds for a Family Santa Night

**DECEMBER 9
6:00–8:00 PM**

**KENTON COUNTY EXTENSION
10990 Marshall Rd
Covington, KY 41015**

**Join us for a Santa meet and
greet, make a holiday craft,
and enjoy some holiday
refreshments.**



4-H CROSS COUNTY LINES POLICY

Kenton County 4-H Council will address cross county lines concerns for the 2025-2026 program year during their regular November 17 meeting. All requests to exit or enter a program must be received in writing and turned in to Diane Kelley, at 10990 Marshall Road Location by 4:30p.m. on 11/17/2025. As a general rule, a young person becomes a 4-H member within the county where he/she is a resident or attends school. Participation close to home usually allows the young person and his/her family to become more fully engaged in 4-H and more actively involved in the greater community.

Generally, where a young person participates in 4-H becomes an issue when competition is involved; where a young person is a member becomes important to fair and ethical competition. It is assumed that a young person is a member of 4-H in the county of residence or county where the young person attends school. To compete as part of any other county's 4-H program, a transfer of membership must be clearly established through a request by the member, approval by the agents and councils involved and appropriate documentation. Determination of whether a young person may cross a county line is to be completed on a case by case basis by the agents and councils involved.

Everyone needs to Enroll

Go to our website for complete directions or scan the QR code here to begin. Please call the office if you need assistance.



Both Youth & Volunteers



4-H Age POLICY

(Determined by age of youth on Jan. 1)

Kentucky 4-H age is the young person's age on January 1 of the current program year. On January 1 of the current program year, a youth must be 18 years old or younger to participate in 4-H during that 4-H Program Year. When a youth is 19 years of age on or before Jan. 1 of the current 4-H Program Year, that youth has completed their 4-H eligibility and may not participate in 4-H during the current 4-H Program Year.

FOR THE 2025-26 PROGRAM YEAR, IF A YOUNG PERSON'S DATE OF BIRTH IS...

- JAN 1 – DEC 31, 2016, HIS/HER 4-H AGE IS 9
- JAN 1 – DEC 31, 2015, HIS/HER 4-H AGE IS 10
- JAN 1 – DEC 31, 2014, HIS/HER 4-H AGE IS 11
- JAN 1 – DEC 31, 2013, HIS/HER 4-H AGE IS 12
- JAN 1 – DEC 31, 2012, HIS/HER 4-H AGE IS 13
- JAN 1 – DEC 31, 2011, HIS/HER 4-H AGE IS 14
- JAN 1 – DEC 31, 2010, HIS/HER 4-H AGE IS 15
- JAN 1 – DEC 31, 2009, HIS/HER 4-H AGE IS 16
- JAN 1 – DEC 31, 2008, HIS/HER 4-H AGE IS 17
- JAN 1 – DEC 31, 2007, HIS/HER 4-H AGE IS 18
- JAN 1 – DEC 31, 2006, HIS/HER 4-H AGE IS 19 AND IS NO LONGER A 4-H MEMBER

READING & RECIPES

Does your 3rd grader not care for reading or maybe just needs a little more enrichment? Join us for **Reading and Recipes.**



This 6 week program will allow your 4-H'er to practice reading and learn some cooking skills.

10990 Marshall Road Location

This class is for 3rd graders only!

Class Dates:

January 8
January 15
January 22
January 29
February 5
February 12

Register Here:



KENTUCKY SAVES
2026
PIGGY BANK
DESIGN CONTEST
 MONEY SAVED IS A FUTURE EARNED



WHAT: The 2026 Piggy Bank Design Contest is a creative way for youth to learn the importance of saving money and reducing debt.

WHY: To creatively celebrate Kentucky Saves Week.

WHO: School students attending public, private, or home school located within the Commonwealth of Kentucky enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

WHEN: The contest begins on: **November 1, 2025**
 and ends on: **12/8/2025; 4:30 pm; 10990 Marshall Road**

HOW: Participants submit an original piggy bank and entry form.

RECOGNITION: Winners will have their names, grades, counties, and winning piggy banks shared via social media. Winners also will receive a certificate.

Kentucky Saves Week:
 April 6-10, 2026

Kentucky Saves:
KentuckySaves.org

MoneyWi\$e:
<https://fcs.mgcafe.uky.edu/moneywise>

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Rolled Biscuits



Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 tablespoon baking powder
 3/4 teaspoon salt
 1/3 cup butter or margarine, chilled
 3/4 cup low-fat milk
 Extra flour for kneading

Equipment:

Flour sifter
 Mixing bowl
 Measuring cups, dry and liquid
 Measuring spoons
 Pastry blender or fork
 Baking sheet
 Biscuit or cookie cutter

For the Fair:

- Use of a 2" biscuit cutter is preferred.
- After the biscuits have completely cooled, place 3 biscuits on a disposable plate.
- Place the plate in a recloseable zip-type plastic bag.

Order of Work:

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F.
2. Sift flour once and then measure it. Add to mixing bowl. Add baking powder and salt. Stir.
3. Measure the fat and add to flour mixture. Cut the fat into the flour mixture with fork or pastry blender until well mixed.
4. Make a hole in the center of the flour mixture. Slowly add milk and stir, using just enough to make dough soft but not sticky. Stir just enough to wet the flour.
5. Sprinkle 3-4 tablespoons of flour on a clean, dry surface and spread the flour with your hand. Turn dough onto the floured surface. Knead dough a few times. To knead the dough, rub some flour onto your hands. Use the heel of your hand to push the dough away from you, and then fold it back over itself. Give the dough a little turn, push and turn again. Repeat 6-8 more times. Over-kneading the dough or adding too much flour will make the biscuits tough.
6. Roll or pat dough to 3/4-inch thickness. Dip the biscuit cutter into the flour. Use the biscuit cutter to cut the dough or cut it into 2-inch squares with a knife. Place biscuits on ungreased baking sheet about 2 inches apart. Gather the dough scraps and reshape. Cut biscuits and add to baking sheet.
7. Bake about 10-12 minutes or until golden brown.

Nutrition Facts per Biscuit: 128 calories, 5 g fat, 331 mg sodium, 17 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 3 g protein, 43 mg calcium

Baking Tips:

- Use a 2" round cookie cutter.
- A biscuit forms flaky layers on the inside.





Who can join Kenton County 4-H?

Kenton County 4-H is open to any young person ages 9 through 18.

Kenton County offers Cloverbud activities for youth ages 5-8.

Once a young person reaches age 19, he/she is too old to participate but may volunteer in the 4-H program.



[Click here to enroll](#)

Blankets & Books

BLANKET MAKING

SAT
11/8

10AM:
2PM

WE ARE MAKING NO-SEW FLEECE BLANKETS
TO PAIR WITH BOOKS FOR KIDS!
COME HELP ANYTIME 10AM-2PM
ALL AGES WELCOME!

*BLANKET DONATION BIN WILL BE AVAILABLE
AFTER 11/8 IF YOU CANT MAKE THE EVENT.*



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FEB 26-28
2026

Be the Difference

MOTIVATE. EDUCATE. CELEBRATE!

The Premiere Experience

WORKSHOPS - NETWORKING - VENDORS
SEMINARS ON WHEELS - OPENING EVENT
VOLUNTEER ACCREDITATION - AWARDS
LUNCHEON - HALL OF FAME BANQUET

FOR MORE INFORMATION ➔



SCAN ME

Central Bank Convention Center

Hyatt Regency Lexington

401 High Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

REGISTRATION OPENS

OCTOBER 1, 2025

Contact Kenton County 4-H Agents
(859) 356-3155

Registration due by December 8

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Why Volunteer for Kenton County 4-H?

- Kenton County's 4-H program wouldn't exist without the support of our hundreds of volunteers.
- 4-H volunteers help to coordinate clubs, projects, and events.
- Contact your Kenton County 4-H agents to find out about volunteer opportunities.



Current Volunteer Roles Needed in Kenton County

- Table Top Farms Leader
- Summer Camp Adults June 1-5, 2026
- Art Afterschool Spring 2026 (short term)
- Fabric Cutter - November, Early December 2025 (short term)
- Holiday Box Baking and Assembly (December 2025)





Ready then. Ready now. Ready for anything.

Kentucky 4-H is Beyond Ready!
Learn more by visiting your local
county extension office.



NOVEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Important Dates: 		Livestock Hours Nov. 6 6 pm Nov. 8 8 am Nov. 25 5:30 pm 		1	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm Marshall Road		Livestock Hours 6-8 pm Marshall Road	C7/C8 4-H Staff 9:00 am Kenton Lands	Livestock Hours 8 am - 2 pm Marshall Road
		Area Shooting Sports Meeting 6:30 pm		Achievement Forms Due 4:30 pm Marshall Road	Area Achievement Forms review	Blankets & Books 10 am Marshall Road
			Piner	Ryland Twenhofel Leadership Twenhofel Health		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Kentucky Wildlife Series 6 pm Marshall Road	Curious Cloverbuds 5:30 pm Marshall Road		Blazing Bridles Serpentine River Farms		
				Ryalnd		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Cross County Lines forms due by 4:30 pm		Prepare for Fair 4 pm Marshall Road		Finish It Friday 6 pm Marshall Road	Sew It Saturday 10 am Marshall Road
	4-H Council 7:00 pm Kenton Lands		River Ridge		Arnett	
				Ryland		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Livestock Hours 5:30 pm Marshall Road			Office Closed for Holiday	
						National 4-H Congress - Atlanta

SAVE THE DATE

KENTON COUNTY 4-H CAMP

June 1-5, 2026



Sincerely,
County Extension Agents
4-H Youth Development Education - Kenton County

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