



4-H Youth Development Newsletter FEBRUARY 2025



A Message from the Agent



Dear Friend of 4-H,

It certainly has been a busy few months! I hope you enjoy the snapshots of our clubs.


We are looking forward to the Spring and Summer months and ready to enjoy longer, warmer days. We have some excellent programs planned and of course everyone's favorite, 4-H CAMP! We are currently recruiting both volunteers and campers. Our goal is to take 100 campers with us this year. Say "YES!" to new adventures and come to 4-H camp with us! Camper registration is open now.

Speaking of 4-H Camp, the Boyd County Extension Homemakers are raffling off a beautiful "Sun Bonnet Sue" quilt. Funds will benefit Boyd County Homemaker Community Projects. This group has certainly been a generous supporter of 4-H Camp. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The drawing will be at the May 1st Longaberger Basket Bingo. For more details call the Boyd County Extension Office.



There are many exciting 4-H opportunities in the months ahead! Be sure to check out the coming events in this newsletter and get involved in all the fun! If you have questions about enrollment or 4-H clubs, please do not hesitate to contact me, at 606-739-5184 or email at rstahler@uky.edu.

Sincerely,


County Extension Agent
for 4-H Youth Development

TO MAKE
THE BEST
BETTER 



Boyd County Cooperative Extension - 2420 Center St. - Catlettsburg, KY 41129



Discover Yourself in 4-H

4-H Horse Club

The Boyd County 4-H Horse Club meets the 1st Thursday of the month at the Boyd County Education Center, 1758 Addington Rd., Coalton 6:30 PM

Horse ownership is not required for participation in this club



Horse Club members learn the proper techniques for caring for Tack



4-Her Allana Oliver and her horse share a warm moment



4-Her Connor Holland and his horse, Phoenix are working on footing and getting in shape for speed shows



4-H Livestock Club

The Boyd County 4-H Livestock Club meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Boyd County Education Center, 1758 Addington Rd., Coalton 6:30 PM

Livestock ownership is not required for participation in this club



Livestock Club members learn about Sheep Anatomy



Livestock Club Christmas Party

**To register or for more information contact
Becky Stahler at 606-739-5184 or rstahler@uky.edu**



2025 Country Ham Projects



The weather was no match for the determined Boyd County 4-Hers that braved the ice, snow, and extreme cold for Country Ham Day!

This project begins in January with fresh, green hams and ends in August at the Kentucky State Fair. Participants learn the skills of food preservation, marketing and public speaking. Thank you to the parents, grandparents and volunteers that conquered the elements so the project hams could begin the curing process.

Did you know? The first official reference to country ham appeared in print in 1944, and it alluded to a method of smoking and dry-curing ham in rural regions, like Kentucky. Today, country ham refers to the way our ham is preserved rather than a specific location.



Chloe Shannon



Project hams fresh from supplier



Lydia Rakes



Wade Thompson



Audrey Burchett



Olivia Burchett and Kynnzlee Shannon
(Both top and bottom photos)



Olivia Burchett and Lainey Burchett



CL^HVERBUDS



Holy Family School Cloverbuds enjoyed making Pumpkin Slime, sampling roasted Pumpkin Seeds, and making Pumpkin Pie in a bag. They always have so many questions and love to share and learn!



Boyd County 4-H **Livestock Cloverbuds**



Livestock Cloverbuds are made up of many younger siblings of the older Livestock Club members. Age doesn't matter with this group though! They are a spirited and determined crew. They want to do ALL the activities!



4-H Teen Council News



Members pledged their hands to larger service and have been working on various community service projects this year



October Club Meeting included a lesson on ways to be positive for "Positive Attitude Month"



2024-2025 4-H Teen Council Officers
Kanzas Grizzle (Seated) President
Keevin Hepler (Left) Vice President
Kaelyn Lockhart (Right) Secretary



Carving Pumpkins at the Kenova Pumpkin House



In November the Teen Council did a canned food drive for the 4-H Blessing Barn, a blanket drive for The Neighborhood, and learned how to make Pumpkin Pie in a Bag.



Members wore their favorite 4-H Camp T-shirts in honor of International Wear Your Summer Camp T-shirt Day
#campshirtday





4-H Teen Council

Teen Council meets at 4:30 PM the second Tuesday of each month at the Boyd County Cooperative Extension Office 2420 Center St., Catlettsburg Call Becky Stahler at 606-739-5184 for more details



In December Teen Council members made Holiday Wreaths from live greenery and crafted homemade Christmas greeting cards which were mailed to service men and women stationed overseas

Middle School & High School Retreat

January 2025



Teens from Boyd, Greenup, Rowan and Fleming Counties gathered at the Boyd County Education Center to participate in an overnight retreat.

Day one included fun and games (and Pizza!) at Malibu Jack's.

Day two was spent giving back to our community, volunteering at The Neighborhood.

We are already planning the next Teen Retreat Adventure!



4-H Sewing Club

This past October, Ponderosa Elementary began their third year of after-school sewing club. Ten students participated in this nine-week program.



They are taught the basics of sewing and take home a finished item every week. Their final project was a pillow-case and pajamas and ended with a Fashion Show and Pizza Party Grand Finale. We appreciate Ponderosa partnering with 4-H and their FRYSC staff that help coordinate this program. The sewing club would not be possible without the assistance of our dedicated Boyd County Homemaker volunteers.

These ladies share of their time and talents every week.

We value their support and expertise. Thank you Boyd County Homemakers for teaching children these invaluable skills!



Pajama-clad students with their new pillows lined up for the Fashion Show.



Homemaker Club Volunteers assist during sewing club lessons.



Students pose with make and take crafts.

Quilts of Valor Under Our Wings Program slated to begin at Boyd County Middle School

A Quilt of Valor says,
"Thank you for your service and your sacrifice."

One could say the pieces have fallen into place with this project!

Initiated by Boyd County Extension 4-H and Master Clothing Volunteer, Geri Willis, who was familiar with Quilts of Valor, a plan was developed and a proposal submitted. Foundation for the Tri-State Community awarded Boyd County 4-H a \$10,000 grant for this program. A partnership was formed with Mrs. Becky Lynch, the FCS teacher at Boyd County Middle School and a group of her students, *(some of whom are former members of the Ponderosa Elementary 4-H Sewing Club)*. Boyd County Homemaker volunteers will assist, as well as 4-H staff. The program begins in February and runs through November. We are beyond grateful for our volunteers and this opportunity.

Under Our Wings is designed to honor Service Members and Veterans touched by war by providing your community with the opportunity to learn the art and skill of quilting. In addition to providing a community service, participants learn about different Service Members and Veterans in their communities touched by war. Guided by experienced Under Our Wings mentors, beginning quilters will make their own Quilts of Valor for Service Members or Veterans in their community. Witnessing *The Moment* a Service Member or Veteran is wrapped in their Quilt of Valor makes an impact on everyone at the award ceremony.



"The mission of the Quilts of Valor® Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor®."





4-H Livestock, Horse and Dog Clubs Banquet October 2024



Cloverbuds enjoyed food and fellowship (and lots of cupcakes)



Cloverbud Livestock Club members proud to smile for the camera. The group poses with their leaders, Tyler Delawder and Paula Thompson, both of whom are Boyd County 4-H Alumni.

Livestock Leader and Boyd County 4-H Alum, Kaylee Johnson enjoyed the evening with her sweet family.



Boyd County 4-H held their Annual Banquet in October. Members and their families enjoyed an evening full of fellowship and a delicious dinner buffet. During the awards, over \$28,000.00 in payments were distributed to club members from the sale of their animals at the Boyd County Fair Livestock Auction.

Congratulations 4-Hers hard work and dedication pays off!

We appreciate our community that shows up to support our 4-H Clubs and Club Members. Our most sincere gratitude to the following groups and individuals:

- Aecon
- Boyd County Farm Bureau
- Kentucky Fried Chicken
- Masters Amish Builders
- Opell Meats
- Triangle O Farm
- Bridgeport Equipment
- Kee's Farm Service
- Eckart Supply Co.
- Mark Porter Chevrolet Buick GMC of Ashland
- LJ Show Lambs
- The Loan Farm Event & Venus





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. 

Life is Gourd

In October, Boyd County 4-H celebrated **National 4-H Week** by officially kicking off our 2024-25 school year clubs!

October lessons were all about the letter “P” 4-Hers learned about Polymers, Pumpkins, made magic potion slime inside pumpkins and enjoyed Pumpkin Pie in a Bag.

The Jury is still out on whether or not pumpkin slime is a totally COOL activity or a totally GROSS activity. Either way we had a great time getting back in the swing with our kids!



Turkey Time with 4-H

November had 4-Hers talkin’ turkey!

School club lessons were all about the bountiful bird. Turkey anatomy, an adorable pinecone Turkey craft, healthy turkey snack wraps, and we even had a real Turkey call for students to try.



Students loved discussing their favorite Thanksgiving side dishes. Macaroni and Cheese was by far the #1 favorite with Mashed Potatoes a very close second!



4-H Holiday Festivities



Catlettsburg Elementary 4-H Clubs made Christmas Cards for service men and women stationed overseas. After the cards were finished we had time for a fun reindeer lesson and Santa sent them all a Rudolph nose for being good boys and girls!



*Boyd County 4-H Livestock Club "Country Christmas" float in the Ashland Christmas Parade
*Parade photos provided by the Ashland Beacon**



Holy Family Playschool and Preschool students got in the Christmas spirit making live holiday wreaths.

Cloverbud Livestock Club wore their festive Christmas PJs to their Christmas party. They decorated sugar cookies and made live greenery holiday wreaths.



18th Annual 4-H Horse Club Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2025
Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Location: Boyd County Extension Education Center
 1758 Addington Road, Coalton
Pricing: \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 for children 6 and under
Tickets available at the Extension Office, from your favorite Horse Club member or purchase at the door the day of the event



Kentucky's 4-H Program would not exist without its thousands of volunteers. 4-H volunteers coordinate 4-H community clubs, lead 4-H projects, and help plan and conduct local, regional, state, and national 4-H events.

***Interested in sharing your time and talent with local youth?
 Call Boyd County's 4-H Youth Development Agent, Becky Stahler at 606-739-5184 to discuss volunteer opportunities.***

Communications Projects



It's officially Speeches and Demonstrations Season!
 Be on the watch for Information to be sent home from your child's school!



The Office Goose, "Gonzito" celebrated **National 4-H Week** in October



Boyd County Extension staff wore their favorite 4-H Camp T-shirts in honor of International Wear Your Summer Camp T-shirt Day #campshirtday



The Boyd County 4-H Team recently attended a Professional Youth Development Training in Lexington. While there we participated in a behind the scenes tour of Kroger Field. #teamwork #Kentucky4H

Family Feast Dinner

Our 4-Hers are a hard-working group. As a service project and to thank their families, Horse and Livestock Club members prepared an entire dinner for their families.



Country Ham Projects January 20; **State Fair Ham Competition** August 14
Embryology in the Classroom Spring 2025
Reality Store March 27
Dollars and Sense April 17
Boyd County Speech Competition May 7th at 6:00 PM
Teen Conference June 10-13
Boyd County 4-H Camper Orientation June 27
Boyd County 4-H Camp June 30-July 3
State Communications Day July 12
Boyd County Fair - Opening night August 12
Truth and Consequences September 2025



Truth and Consequences (September 2024) was a tremendous success. Many thanks to everyone that participated!



In October, 4-H collaborated with, "The Blumengarten" and held a Christmas Tree Painting Fundraiser.

Thank you to everyone that attended! The day was a great success and donations received will go towards 4-H Camp scholarships.



BOYD COUNTY

**4-H
CAMP**

**NORTH CENTRAL
4-H CAMP
CARLISLE, KY
CAMPERS AGES 9-13**

JUNE 30-JULY 3, 2025

\$300 PER CAMPER

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE BASED ON NEED

***REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 1*
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US :
(606)739-5184**


Rebecca W. Stahler
Boyd County Extension Agent
for 4-H Youth Development

4-H Campers enjoy~

- **SWIMMING**
- **ARCHERY**
- **FISHING**
- **CANOEING**
- **KAYAKING**
- **OUTDOOR LIFE**
- **RIFLERY**
- **ZIPLINING**
- **SOCIALIZATION with students from our Region**
- **ENRICHMENT CLASSES Arts & Crafts, Cooking, STEM, AND MORE!**

**SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED!
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE!**

**For more information about camp
or how you can help please contact
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