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## Exhibit YOUR projects at the Kentucky State Fair!

If you have a knack for photography, a passion for sculpting, a skill in woodworking, or an interest in canning, make sure to showcase YOUR project at the Washington County 4-H Project Expo! Entries will be accepted on Wednesday, July 12th and opened to the public for viewing on July 13th. Winners from this competition will have their projects advance to the State Fair. See the next page for more information. The QR code to the right can be scanned for a complete list of the vast variety of projects a 4-H'er can exhibit!



## Club and Project Updates!

The summer is often one of the busiest times for our 4-H'ers. They work all year to learn more in their project areas. In this edition of our newsletter we wanted to share what our 4-H'ers are up to this summer! If these activities are something you or a 4-H'er around you would be interested in next summer please be sure to reach out. In the meantime, we hope our 4-H families that are exhibiting at fairs, shows, shoots and other events take the time to join our Private Facebook Group. Using this group, please share your accomplishments for the summer so we can join in on bragging about the successes your child has had in 4-H! Scan the code to the right to request admission to the group and start posting!



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# PROJECT EXPO

- Entries will be accepted Wednesday, July 12th from 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.
- Projects will be Judged and then put on display on Thursday, July 13th from 3:00 PM-6:00 PM.
- These contests are for youth aged 9-19 years old. A junior category for youth 9-13 & a senior category will be for youth 14-19.

Projects from art & photography to canning & baking will be available!

Contact us for a complete list of divisions to choose from or check out our website!



Events will take place at the Washington County Extension Office.

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## Teen Conference June 13-16; Lexington, KY



Teen Conference takes place each year on campus at the University of Kentucky. 4-H'ers stay in dorms for the 4 day conference, take a class in a subject that interests them, complete a service project, and meet 4-H members from around the state!

While this event is a fun time to network, it's also a time to showcase accomplishments. Washington County 4-H members Andrea Cooksey and Morgan Thompson serve on the State Teen Council which acts as the planning and facilitation committee for this conference. In addition, both were recognized for their application for the Emerald Award. At the Conference our members were also recognized for receiving their Bronze Award. Those members include Isabella Piasecki, Jacob Piasecki, and Katlynn Metcalf.

## 4-H Camp June 20-24; Nancy, KY



4-H Camp is a kind of experience that is hard to sum up in a paragraph or two. During this four day, three night camp on the edge of Lake Cumberland, our members will make new friends, try a new skill, and take on independence. Classes include high ropes, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, archery, rifle, art, and more. By day campers will traverse the hills of Lake Cumberland to take classes and play GaGa and each evening they'll Sally the night away before returning to their cabins with other campers from Washington County. Washington County took 51 people to camp this year and it wouldn't be possible without our camp leadership team! We want to be sure to saw a very special "THANK YOU!" to the adults and teens who took on the task of leading our campers this summer!



# SUMMER 2023 CLUB UPDATES



## SHOOTING SPORTS

### County Shoots

Throughout the summer, members and their families will travel the state to attend competitions that are hosted by individual county 4-H Clubs. In the picture above you can see some of the members and their coaches who helped to facilitate the Washington County Invitational held at Hahn Ridge Trap Range. Between practices and competitions, members and their families work throughout the summer to keep improving!



### State Shoot

The cumulative event for our shooting sports members is the State Shoot to be held September 9th and 10th of this year. Current members should see our website to get registered for the State Shoot!



# LIVESTOCK CLUB



The Livestock Club meets throughout the year to better their knowledge in caring for their livestock. In the summer, these members put their skills to the test by exhibiting their showstock all across the state! This year we have members showing rabbits, pigs, goats, and cattle. Some of the challenges they'll overcome will be managing weather, stress, and potential illnesses within their livestock.



Throughout the summer these 4-H'ers and their stock will travel countless miles to exhibit their stock. They'll bring home ribbons, banners, and lessons learned. This year so far some of the awards to come back to Washington County include Wyatt Stumph receiving Supreme Showman and Reserve Champion Market Hog at the Shelby County Fair, Annaliese Hardin with her Grand Champion Angus Bull at the Boyle County Fair, and Wade Stumph receiving Champion Hampshire Market Hog at the Boyle County Fair.



Many of these members will take the lessons they've learned over the year with them as they advance on to the Kentucky State Fair in August.



# COUNTRY HAM PROJECT

The Country Ham project is more than meets the eye! For seven months, our country hams hang in our ham house to complete the curing process. Throughout that time, our members will periodically meet to wash their hams as well as practice their speeches. Speech topics vary each year to give members direction as they expand their knowledge on this heritage skill. This year's speeches are about the history of hams as well as how to manage potential pests that might affect the finished product~

Members will advance with their hams and speeches to the Kentucky State Fair where they will be judged on the looks, aroma, and composition of their ham as well as the content and delivery of their speeches. These members will compete August 17 at the s



# SEWING CLUB

Starting in March and running into the summer, our Sewing Club Master Clothing Volunteer, Mrs. Rita Yates, as well as sewing volunteers, Mrs. Martha Ann Hardin and Rosalee Carrico meet with 4-H'ers to complete their projects. 4-H members chose their projects based upon their age and the skillset they are working to establish. From adding zippers to incorporating pleats, there is no end to what our members will learn over their project.

At the completion of the project, members will exhibit their projects at the 4-H Project Showcase and a Fashion Revue to be held on July 13th.



These are only a few of the projects completed by our members this year! Make plans to come out to the Project Showcase and Fashion Revue on July 13th to support all our members in exhibiting their projects!

# HORSE CLUB

The Young Rider's Horse Club maintains a variety of activities throughout the summer to keep our horse-loving 4-H'ers involved and interested. They wrapped up the school year by attending the Bluegrass 4-H Horse Council's Horse Camp in Liberty Kentucky. They took classes pertaining to their discipline, met 4-H'ers from the surrounding areas, and competed in the Parade of Counties where Washington County brought home first place with our enthusiastic membership!



Each year in preparation for Memorial Day they work to deck out the town of Willisburg in red, white, and blue then join in to ride in the parade to celebrate the holiday.

Most recently, many members advanced to compete at the State Horse Show where they won ribbons, rosettes, and buckles for their achievements.

