

2024 Carter County 4-H

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2025 Dates & Information

CLUB AND PROJECTS

Email rebecca.hayes@uky.edu

4-H Projects:

Projects will be due to the Extension Office on April 28th by 4:00 pm.

Written Communications Contest:

The written communications contest ends *January 23rd*. If you are interested in participating, please see the attached information and email rebecca.hayes@uky.edu.

Communications Contest:

The speech and demonstration contests will be on May 1st.

Volunteers Needed

4-H Summer Camp:

June 30 - July 3, 2025. Price for Camp is \$325. I am working on raising scholarship money to lower the cost! Please see the attached letter. If you can help pass it out, it would be greatly appreciated!

Volunteers Needed

IMPORTANT DATES

School Clubs:

ECMS: TBD

WCMS: TBD

Prichard Cooking: January 14

Prichard STEAM: January 9

Olive Hill Cooking: January 13

Olive Hill STEAM: January 21

Carter City Cooking: January 22

School Enrichment:

Tygart Creek 4th & 5th: January 10

Star 4th & 5th: January 17

Heritage 4th: January 22

Carter City 4th: January 21

Area Teen Retreat:

This is a lock in style retreat for middle and high school youth. It is January 30-31 at the Boyd County Fairgrounds. The cost is \$60 with more information coming soon.

Teen Summit:

This is a state wide leadership event for middle school aged youth. It is March 20-22 at Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp. More information coming soon.

Rebecca Hayes



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2024

Carter County 4-H by the numbers

- 236 enrollments for 2023-2024 year and 119 enrollments so far for 2024-2025 year.
- 12 clubs in the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 program years (homeschool, cloverbuds, ECMS, WCMS, Heritage cooking, Prichard cooking & STEAM, Olive Hill cooking & STEAM, Livestock, Area Teens, Teen Council)
- 396 students in enrichment 2023-2024 and 1,018 students in enrichment 2024-2025.
- \$8,294 raised through 2 door hanger workshops, flower bulb sales, United Way of Northeast Kentucky, and sponsorship letters.
- \$7,004 in scholarship money allotted between campers and junior counselors for 4-H Summer Camp
- \$500 in scholarships for National Congress
- 256 Reality Store participants and 40 Reality Store volunteers

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Kentucky Volunteer Forum

Carter County 4-H had a wonderful delegation of volunteers attend the Kentucky 4-H Volunteer Forum this past weekend. Nevaeh Kouns had a poster presentation about her Grayson Lake Clean Up service project. DeLenna Kouns was awarded the 2022 Accredited Volunteer Award in Natural Resources for her work at the 2022 Kentucky Volunteer Forum. Lyndsay Bush, Kenzie Owens, and Wesley Wilburn were all recognized for the 10 Year 4-H Award. Rebecca presented on the office pollinator garden as well as on forestry judging with the 2023 Kentucky 4-H Forestry Judging Team. Kenzie Owens, State 4-H Secretary, presented a workshop with her fellow officers as well as presented awards at the Saturday Luncheon. We are excited to see what these volunteers bring back to Carter County 4-H!



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Capital Experience

Carter County 4-H had a wonderful representation at the Kentucky 4-H Capitol Experience. We toured the capitol, heard from many representatives and senators, heard from the First Lady, and got to hang out with Representative Patrick Flannery!



April



Congratulations!

We had an amazing group of youth compete in the Carter County Communications Contest. All winners are invited to advance to the Area Communications contest in May. We want to congratulate everyone for a job well done and wish the winners the best of luck!

Speech Contest:

13 year old winner: MacKenzie
14 year old winner: Lori
16 year old winner: Kelsey

Demonstration Contest:

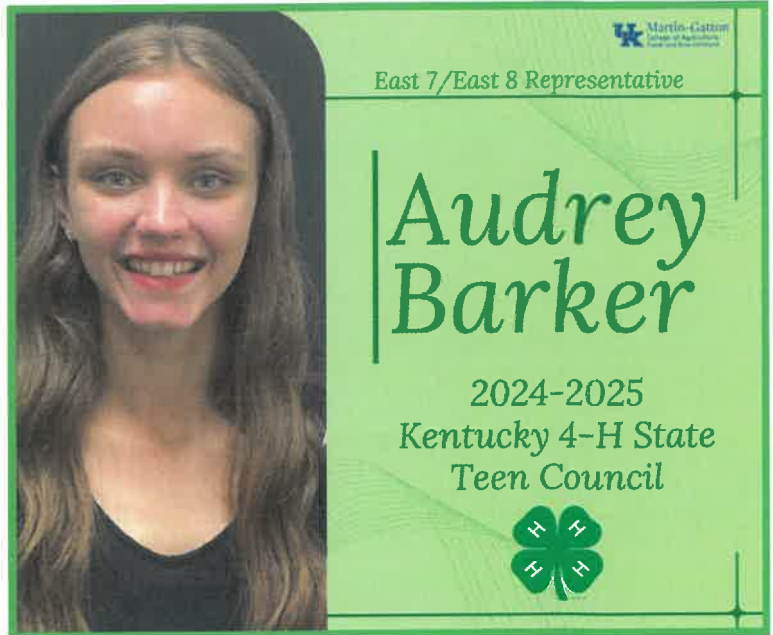
Junior Foods winner: Will Henry
Junior Visual Arts winner: Kylie
Senior Fabric and Textiles
winner: Audrey
Senior Natural Resources
winner: Nevaeh

Mock Interview Contest:

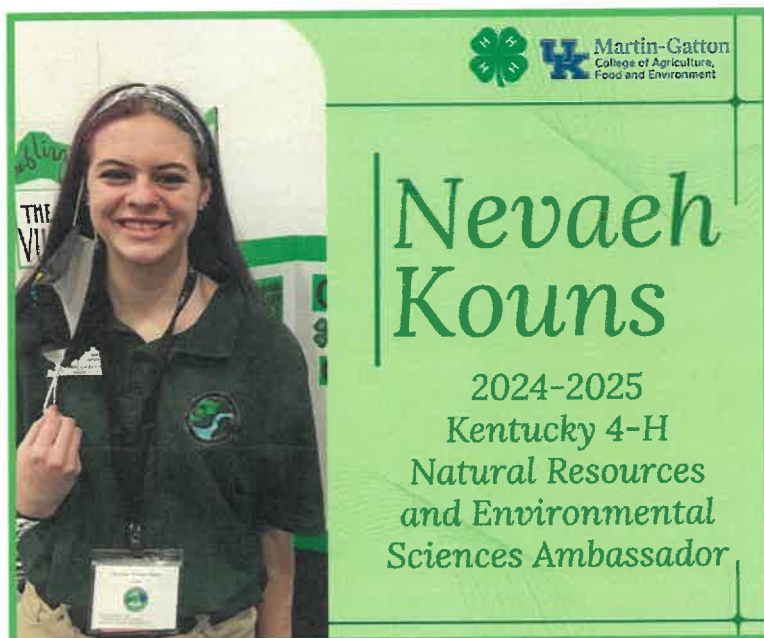
Junior winner: Kylie
Senior winner: Nevaeh



Audrey Barker



Audrey won the Area E7/E8 Senior Fabric & Textiles demonstration category. She was chosen to represent the E7/E8 area on the Kentucky 4-H State Teen Council for the 2024-2025 program year. Audrey also made it through the first round of interviews for the prestigious Emerald Achievement Award.



Nevaeh Kouns

Nevaeh was chosen as a Kentucky 4-H Natural Resources and Environmental Academy Ambassador for the 2024-2025 program year.

Kenzie Owens

Kenzie was elected the 2023-2024 Kentucky 4-H Secretary. In June 2024, she retired her green jacket. We are SO proud of Carter County's first state officer and all that she accomplished during her term and what she continues to accomplish in her life.



Summer Day Camps



This years summer day camps were Cloverbud Pollinator Day, Engineering Day, Natural Resources, and Watercolor day. To the left are the engineers building roller coasters. During Watercolor camp, they were having too much fun for pictures!



Here are a couple of pictures of the Natural Resources group practicing Tree ID at Carter Caves.

To the right, are a couple pictures of the pollinator day camp for the Cloverbuds.



Summer Camp

Summer camp was July 1-4. We had a great holiday week with fun 4th of July activities on the holiday. It was the first time we camped for 5 days and I think the kiddos were worn out. We increased our numbers by 23%!





Carter County
4-H Youth Development



Thank you to the
2024 4-H Camp
Scholarship donors!

Emerald Sponsors:
- United Way of
Northeast Kentucky

Gold Sponsors:
- Tres Hermanos
Nunez
- Family Resource
Center
- Michelle Wilhoit-
State Farm Insurance
Agent

Silver Sponsors:
- Commercial Bank
- First National Bank
- Grayson Day
Homemakers
- Ramona Salyer-
State Farm Insurance
Agent
- Food Fair
- Bill & Andrea Hayes

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Homemakers
- City National Bank
- Members Choice
Credit Union

Clover Sponsors:
- Denton-Willard
Homemakers
- American Legion
Post #342

To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Rebecca Hayes, and I am the Carter County 4-H Youth Development Agent. 4-H is the largest youth organization and serves almost all youth in Carter County. I currently visit all the 4th grade classrooms and five of the 5th grade classrooms in Carter County. The 4-H program also reaches over 200 youth outside of the school setting. Youth can join 4-H once they turn 9 years old or graduate 3rd grade. At that time, they are eligible to participate in our overnight 4-H Summer Camp!

Overnight 4-H Summer Camp provides Carter County youth with the opportunity to practice independence, learn new skills, make new friends, and make memories to last a lifetime!

Most of my 4-H program is free, except for overnight events like this one. 2025 4-H Summer Camp will cost \$325 per child to participate. This includes food, housing, transportation, learning materials, and other camp items. This is a large cost that many families in Carter County cannot afford.

I am asking if you or your business would like to donate to help a child(ren) in Carter County attend this life changing experience. If you are interested in donating, you may do as many of the following:

1. Emerald Sponsor: Over \$1,000 donation
2. Gold Sponsor: Provide two full scholarships (\$650)
3. Silver Sponsor: Provide a full scholarship (\$325)
4. Bronze Sponsor: Provide a half scholarship (\$160)
5. Clover Level: Provide a partial scholarship of your chosen amount.
6. A proceeds event at your business.

Please deliver or mail your donation to Carter County 4-H Council at 94 Fairground Drive, Grayson, KY 41143.

Thank you for considering helping the youth of Carter County THRIVE!

Rebecca Hayes

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August

County Fair

We had 30 awesome youth show their livestock at the county fair. These individuals completed 6 hours of livestock education, practiced and cared for their animals throughout the program year. Here is a snapshot of a couple of moments in the ring.



Get the Scoop!

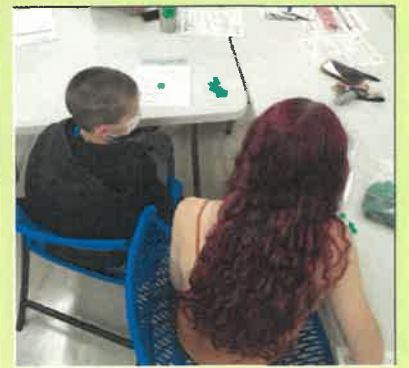
In August, our first annual marketing event took place. We hosted the “Get the Scoop on 4-H!” event where anyone interested in 4-H could come get ice cream, play games, and get their questions answered. This resulted in 4 new families!

September

4-H Happenings



S.R.T.L.C.



Homeschool Club

Prichard Elementary



Owl Pellet Dissection

Prichard Elementary

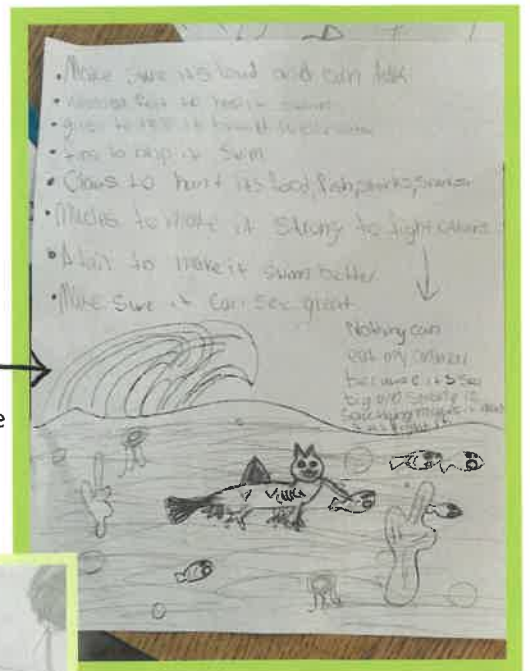


Owl Pellet Dissection

Heritage Elementary 4th grade- Straw Rockets



A cougar living in the ocean.



Heritage Elementary 5th grade Habitats and Adaptations

Shark living in the desert.



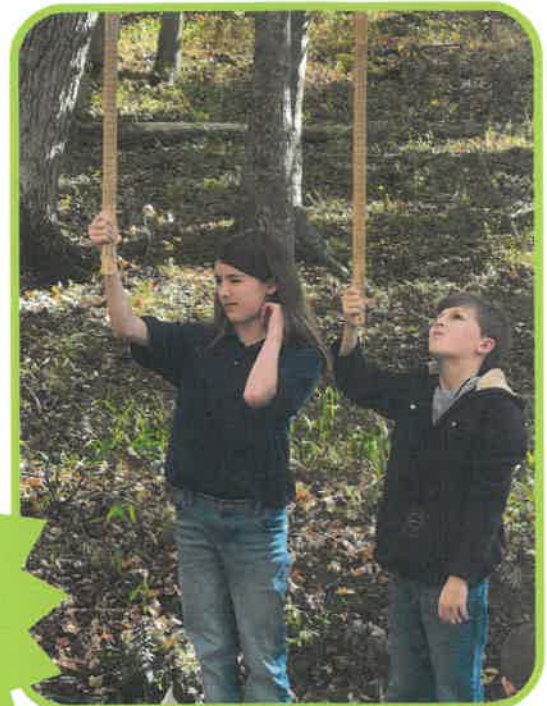
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4-H Happenings

Cloverbuds



Win with Wood



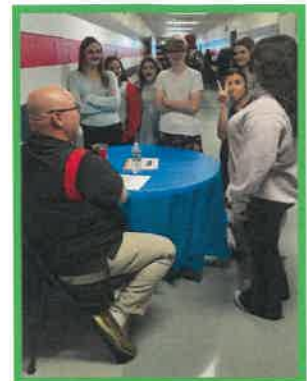
Forestry
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Day



October & November

Mentor Mondays

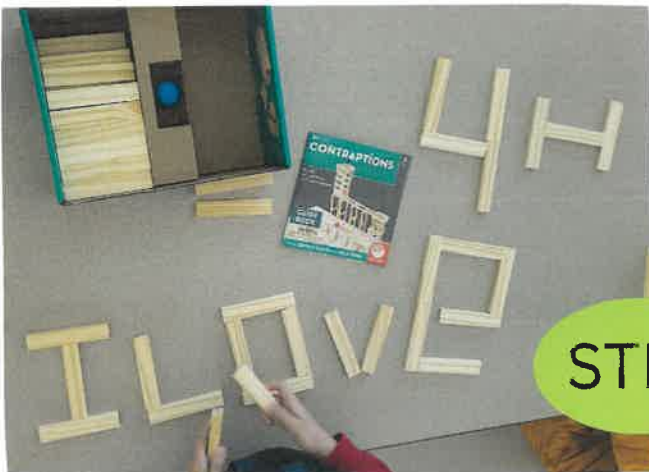
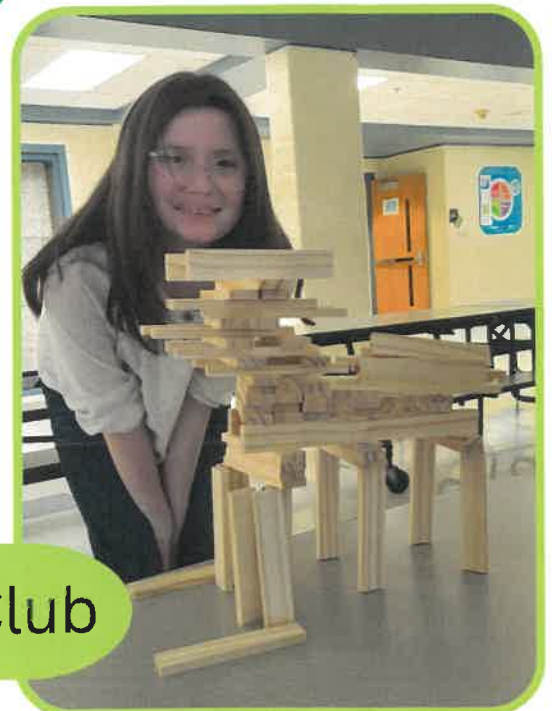
ECMS students have worked with Rebecca on 2 different occasions to work on workforce preparation. They got to practice interviewing, hand shakes and eye contact with community members and school mentors. On another Monday, they got to practice financial literacy and played a game about budgeting.



November

4-H Happenings

Cloverbuds



STEAM Club

November

National 4-H Congress



Kelsey Wilson



Nevaeh Kouns

Kelsey and Nevaeh both received their Gold Achievement Award for the 2023-2024 program year and were chosen to attend the National 4-H Congress held in Atlanta, Georgia. They were able to attend due to the 4-H Councils support of providing a full scholarship. THANK YOU for helping these young leaders enjoy this opportunity to gain new skills to bring back to the Carter County community.



Hometown Holidays

Bake off and auction raised \$128 for summer camp scholarships!
We also had story time and craft for the kiddos.



Piggy Bank Contest



Christmas Cards

ECMS Clubs, Teen Leadership Academy, Homeschool Club, and
WCMS Club made 172 Christmas Cards for the Carter County
nursing Home!

