It’s time to start making plans to attend summer 4-H Camp in Dawson Springs, KY. You will have four FUN days of meeting new friends, swimming, boating, fishing, learning how to dance, playing sports along with attending various nature and craft classes. Qualified instructors teach and supervise all of the activities. Youth between 9-14 years of age as of January 1st, 2017 are qualified to attend. Boys and girls are housed separately according to age, with at least 1-2 adult counselors and 1-3 teen counselors per cabin. COME ON AND JOIN IN THE FUN!!!

REGISTRATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Cost is $225 per camper

Registration Deadline is Friday, June 9th

This includes Transportation ● Meals ● Lodging ● Camp T-shirt ● Small back pack , water bottle & neck wallet

♦ A $100 dollar deposit will reserve a spot for your child at camp with final payment due June 9th.

♦ A mandatory Parent/Camper Orientation is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. - Thursday, June 2nd at the Hardin County Extension Office. ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. Additional camp paperwork and camp rules will be presented at that time. Class sign-ups will be done at camp.

♦ Teen Counselors - Must be 16 years of age as of January 1st . “Counselors in Training” (CIT’s), who are 15 years of age as of January 1st, are also eligible to apply. Primary consideration will be given to those individuals who are currently enrolled in 4-H and/or have attended camp in previous years.

♦ Adult Counselors – Must be 21 years of age and complete a background check. All Counselors are required to have 24 hours of training which will be determined at a later date.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Hardin County Extension Office or mailed upon request. Contact the Extension Office at 270-765-4121 and ask for Jessica. Send completed forms, physical, shot records & copy of insurance card along with a $100 deposit (checks should be made payable to Hardin County 4-H Council), to the address below:

WE MUST HAVE A COPY:

APPLICATION, DEPOSIT, HEALTH INSURANCE, SHOT RECORD, PHYSICAL

PLEASE MAKE SURE THE ABOVE ARE INCLUDED BEFORE MAILING!!

FINAL PAYMENT will be due FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017.
**4-H Poster Contest**

“What does 4-H mean to you?” This is the theme for this year’s 4-H poster contest. Put on your thinking cap and get busy creating your poster! Here are the rules:

**RULES:**
- Poster must have 4-H in the title and it should display what 4-H means to the 4-H’er or what 4-H provides for boys and girls.
- Age categories are Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9-12.
- Copyrighted characters cannot be used such as Peanuts, Charlie Brown and Mickey Mouse. Digitally designed art is accepted, but must be the 4-Hers original work.
- Posters must be designed on poster board 14”x22” (1/2 of a regular poster board.) Posters may be produced by any medium such as water color, ink, crayon, pencil, paint, but cannot be three dimensional. NO GLITTER, or other art supplies that may fall off or stain other projects.
- All posters must have a completed title form. Affix the form on upper left hand corner on the back of poster. Forms may be picked up at the Extension office.
- NO sharing posters. Posters are individual, original work of 4-H member.
- Posters are due by March 17, 2017

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**4-H County Talk Meet & Demonstrations Contest**

Did you know that the #1 fear of most adults is public speaking? If only they had participated in their 4-H Speech and Demonstration Contest! Now is the time to begin working on a speech or demonstration to present at the 2017 Hardin Co. 4-H Talk Meet & Demonstration Contest on Tuesday, May 2nd. Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the program starting at 6:00 p.m. You must pre-register for this event! To register, please call the Extension Office at (270) 765-4121 and be ready to give the following information: Name, Title of Speech and/or Demo and Birth Date NO LATER than Friday, April 28th. Late registrations will not be accepted. To receive a copy of the complete Rules and Regulations, stop by the Extension Office.

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**KY Farm License Plate Campaign**

THANKS to all those who participated, Hardin County 4-H received $3,530 from the KY Farm License Plate campaign. The 2017 program will begin in March and we ask that you help to SPREAD THE WORD as to encourage Hardin County farm license plate holders to commit to the $10 voluntary donation. Proceeds from the voluntary $10 donation are equally divided among 4-H, FFA and KY Proud.
Zentangle Workshop

Calling all doodlers, ages 11-18!!! Come hang with KY 4-H State Treasurer, Paloma Falcon as you learn the basics of Zentangling! Youth will learn how change and something new can benefit you in leading, as well as in life! They will learn basic patterns and techniques. Youth will have the opportunity to create their main aspect of the drawing. Youth will draw on cardstock paper with ultra-fine tipped Sharpies. This event will take place during Spring Break on Monday, April 3rd from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Hardin County Extension Office. Cost is FREE and all you need to bring is a creative mind! Please call the Extension Office to register by Friday, March 31.

4-H Teen Conference

If you are currently in 8th-12th grade, you are invited to join us this summer at 4-H Teen Conference for a four day, three-night conference at the University of Kentucky. Participants will have the opportunity to live in dorms, dine in “The 90,” attend tracks and workshops that may relate to a career or personal interest, explore Lexington with their county delegation and experience multiple opportunities for networking with peers! Please SAVE THE DATE of June 12-15. Registration information coming soon!

4-H Scholarship Information

HARDIN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

The Hardin County 4-H Council will once again be offering two (2) $500 scholarships to graduating High School Seniors who are actively enrolled in the Hardin County 4-H Program. This scholarship is based on their accomplishments in 4-H and can be used for college or vocational-technical school. Application deadline is Friday, April 28th. For more information please contact Bonnie Jolly or Marla Stillwell at (270) 765-4121 or visit our website (www.hardinext.org).

IFAL—Institute for Future Agriculture Leaders

IFAL is a unique five-day summer leadership conference that exposes students to college life and explores different fields of study for careers in agriculture. High school students who are completing their junior year in 2017 and who are among the top, well-rounded students in their class are eligible to attend IFAL. This year’s IFAL conferences will be held June 11-15 at Murray State University and June 18-22 at the University of Kentucky. Participants will be selected by their County Farm Bureau Board of Directors with the assistance of school personnel and/or youth group advisors. IFAL applications are available from your County Extension Agent, County Farm Bureau office or may be downloaded at www.kyfb.com/IFAL. Applications must be completed and returned to your County Farm Bureau office by April 14, 2017.
Hunter Safety Education

Dr. Ricky Tatum, KY Fish and Wildlife Hunter Education Instructor, will conduct a Hunter Safety Education Training (Orange Card) from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. on April 25th, 26th & 27th, 2017 at the Hardin County Extension Office. Those attending and passing the exam will receive their “orange card” certification for the safe handling of firearms. Youth must be 9 years of age to take the exam and have until they reach their 12th birthday to complete the training and pass the test.

A temporary hunter permit is also available which allows a person to hunt for one year without first completing a hunter education course.

This permit is available on the KY Department of Fish and Wildlife (www.fw.ky.gov) website for a $5 fee and is for both KY residents and nonresidents. This is a “one time only” permit and once it expires you must complete the hunter education training and pass the exam to purchase a regular hunting license.

Effective March 1, 2014—All Hunter Education Courses will require on-line pre-registration. You may find the date above at the following website....

http://www.register-ed.com/programs/kentucky/120
Scroll down to the date listed above and register for the event.
This will also allow for faster processing of cards.

LEADER’S CORNER

4-H COUNCIL

March once again came in like a “Lion” and we can only hope that it goes out like a “Lamb”! March is also the time of year for renewal of farm license plates and we want to encourage the $10 voluntary donation of the Ag Tag program as a portion of the proceeds come back to the county in support of 4-H & FFA programs. Last year Kentucky 4-H received $184,237 from the Ag Tag Donations with Hardin County receiving over $3,000 for support of our local 4-H council, clubs and programs.

4-H Council members and club leaders will be having their next meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28th at the Extension Office to begin planning upcoming activities.

SPRING TSC CLOVER CAMPAIGN

You will want to mark your calendars for the next TSC paper clover campaign with the Tractor Supply Company will be Saturday, April 20th thru Sunday, May 7th. TSC shoppers are encouraged to purchase a $1 or $5 paper clover to show their support of 4-H! Money received from the clover campaign is divided among those clubs who help with campaign during the clover promotion period. More information can be found at www.4-h.org/paper-clover-toolkit Club leaders and members wishing to be a part of the TSC Spring Clover Campaign is encouraged to call 270-769-6309 and ask for Dana Hill, manager.

MID KY KENNEL CLUB SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Mid-KY Kennel Club is offering (2) $500 scholarships for 2017 High School graduates who have maintained a 2.0 GPA or above and have accomplished one of the following: junior or regular member of Mid-KY Kennel Club; participates in junior showmanship or the 4-H dog program; involved with a service dog program; promotes welfare of dogs along with a letter of acceptance to post-secondary education. Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2017 and are available at the Extension Office.
2017 UPCOMING DATES

March 17 - Poster Contest deadline
March 23-25 - 4-H Summit (6th - 8th graders)
April 26 - May 2 - TSC Spring Campaign
May 2 - County Talk Meet
May 5 - County Fashion Revue
May 13 - Area Rally Day
May 27 - West KY 4-H Camp Open House
May 27-28 - District 5 Horse Show
June 12 - 15 —KY 4-H Teen Conference
June 14 - State Horse Judging - Lexington
June 15 - State Horse Bowl & Communications

June 16 - State Hippology plus Awards
June 23 - Nolin RECC Annual Mtg.—John Hardin
June 23-25—Clover Bud Camp
July 10-15 - Hardin County Fair
July 18 - 21—4-H Summer Camp

2017 FALL CERTIFIED LEADER WORKSHOP DATES:
November 18—Lake Cumberland State Park - Reg. Deadline 10/20
December 2 - General Butler State Park - Reg. Deadline 11/3

CONGRATULATIONS

2016 GOLD ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to Jenna Meredith for being announced one of Kentucky’s 4-H Gold Achievement Award Recipients! Gold competitive Achievement winners receive a full scholarship to the 4-H Teen Conference on the University of Kentucky campus June 12 – 15, 2017 and an $800 scholarship towards attending National 4-H Congress Conference in Atlanta, GA in November 2017. Congratulations Jenna!

The 4-H Achievement Awards Program is intended to recognize 4-H participants who have outstanding accomplishments and to provide an incentive for youth to increase their knowledge, skills and abilities. Please talk to your club leader, Marla or Bonnie about how you can apply for your 4-H Achievement Award next year.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

Congratulations to those who entered into this year’s Written Communications Contest! The following Hardin County 4-Hers will be advancing to the state contest and so we would like to congratulate:

SENIOR POETRY
Anne Adams & Claire Piscatello

JUNIOR POETRY
Martina Bunnell

SENIOR MONOLOGUE
Claire Piscatello

JUNIOR SONGWRITING
Olivia Medley
CONGRATULATIONS

2017 VARIETY SHOW RESULTS

SENIOR CLUB ACTS
Trailblazers 4-H Horse Club “Scars to Your Beautiful” .......................... BLUE & CHAMPION
Montana Roby, Savannah Roby, Martina Bunnell, Brenna Tucker, Holly Hatfield, Kylee McCoy, Rachael Nichols & Dakota Nichols

Feathers & Fluff Poultry/Rabbit Club “The Purpose of a Rabbit” .............. RED & RESERVE CHAMPION
Gabrielle Wallace, Alexandra Bialzik, Rachel Bialzik, Priscilla Riggs, Leah Riggs, AdyMae Williams, Tori Steele & Kelcie Cundiff

SPECIALTY ACTS
Senior Instrumental
Anne Adams - “Rudy’s Theme” Piano solo .............................................. BLUE & CHAMPION

Junior Instrumental
Randell Bunnell - “Jabber Wockey” Saxophone ....................................... BLUE & CHAMPION

VOCAL
Junior
Olivia Medley - “Galloping Away” ............................................................ BLUE & CHAMPION
Martina Bunnell - “Girl in Blue” .............................................................. BLUE
Priscilla Riggs - “How Far I’ll Go” ............................................................. BLUE & RESERVE CHAMPION
Kaylee & Kylee Trummer - “Do you Want to Build a Snowman & Let it Go” ............................................................. RED

THEATRICAL
Cloverbud Division
AdyMae Williams - “Can’t Stop the Feeling” - Lip Sync ............................. BLUE & RESERVE CHAMPION
AdyMae Williams - “Hair Up” -dance routine ......................................... BLUE & CHAMPION

Junior Division
Levi Dowell - “Billie Jean” ................................................................. BLUE & RESERVE CHAMPION
Sierra Patrick - “Just a Chuckle” ............................................................ BLUE & CHAMPION
CLUB NEWS

LEGO DRAGONS ROBOTICS CLUB

If you are interested in joining the Lego Dragons Robotics Club, NOW IS YOUR CHANCE! Club meetings will be held once a month on Thursday’s from 5:30-7:00 PM and members will meet to learn about different types of robotics through fun, hands-on learning activities! The remaining meeting dates are March 16, April 20 and May 20 (fundraiser). If you have additional questions, please contact club leader Shelby Bilbrey at shelby.bilbrey@hardin.kyschools.us or 4-H Agent, Marla Stillwell at marla.stillwell@uky.edu or 270-765-4121.

FEATHERS & FLUFF POULTRY/RABBIT CLUB

Congratulations to Alexandra Bialzlik, Priscilla Riggs, Tori Steele, Gabrielle Wallace, AdyMae Williams, Rachel Bialzlik and Leah Riggs for the FANTASTIC job winning Reserve Champion Senior Club Act during the 4-H Variety Show on February 25th. Members will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13th to learn more about reading and filing a rabbit pedigree. At the April meeting they will prepare for new arrivals with “Care of newborn bunnies and build a nest box”. Those interested in the Green River Poultry Show held at Brownsville, KY in Edmonson County can find more details at http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Green_River.html

PAWS CLUB

Members will meet 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14th at the Extension Office to discuss county dog camp and summer activities. PLEASE be in attendance to give your support and thoughts. And Educational Field Trip is planned for Friday, March 17th to the AKC Dog Show in Louisville, KY. Those attending will need to submit names in advance to Jessica, 4-H secretary, to receive an excused absence. PRACTICE/TRAINING DATES AT BELLA’S ARE MARCH 8TH & 15TH: Beginner & Cloverbuds – 4:30 p.m. Advanced – 6:00 p.m. PLEASE arrive 10 minutes early to potty dogs!

HOME SCHOOL CHEFS

Your next club meeting will be all about St. Patrick’s Day and will be all things green!!! Be prepared for a great time on March 17th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Hardin County Extension Office.
CLUB NEWS

TRAILBLAZERS

Congratulations to Montana Roby, Savannah Roby, Rachael Nichols, Dakota Nichols, Martina Bunnell, Kylie McCoy, Holly Hatfield and Breanna Tucker for having the Senior Champion Club Act “Scars to Your Beautiful” during the 2017 4-H Variety Show.

CLUB ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- **Lock-In** – Howevalley Elementary, March 10th 7pm to 8am following morning
- **Business Meeting** – 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 13th-Extension Office – Dr. Bob Coleman, guest speaker
- **Road to the Horse** – Lexington March 24 – 26th
- **Hippology Practice dates**: March 6th, 13th & 20th

For more information please contact Yvonne Nichols at nicholsym@gmail.com

LIVESTOCK CLUB

Congratulations to Kayleigh Thomas, Avery Harned, Trent Pike and Paige Geer as they attended the 2017 KY Beef Expo in March. Kayleigh and Avery enjoyed participating in the judging competition while Trent & Paige took part in the market animal show ring.

Club members look forward to their next meeting at **6:30 p.m.** on **March 14th** at the Extension Office as Katelyn Hawkins and Nikki Ellis from the KY Beef Council will BEEF it up with a lesson and cooking demonstrations done by members. Don’t forget those who have not **KUIP market steers and/or heifers** will have a chance to do so from **5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17th** at the Hardin County Fairgrounds.

Riley Filyaw, Breanna Tucker and Kurtlyn Creamer are pictured with Amy Brown, AQHA Congress Queen along with 4-H teen shadow participants Jalen Wilson and Nicole Towe during the 2017 Dixie National Quarter Horse Show in Jackson, MS.
Members will be having their annual MANDATORY Safety Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on March 9th at the Extension Office. “Orange Card Training”/Hunter Education Training will be April 25, 26 & 27 at the Extension Office. Read details in newsletter.

DISCIPLINE/ACTIVITY PRACTICES:

- **Air Rifle**: March 6th & 20th - Valley Creek Archery - 6:00 p.m.
- **Archery**: March 13th & 27th - Valley Creek Archery - 6:00 p.m.

For more information please contact: **Leann Givan** (270) 734-0587; **Brian Mackey** (270) 763-7000 or **Dale Givan** (270) 862-3957.

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**TARGET MASTERS**

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**HOT STOVES COOKING CLUB**

This year, we have been learning about “Back to Basics” and have made some really yummy recipes! **March 20th** will be our next meeting from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Be watching for a text reminder for details! Enrollment in this club is full.

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**CLOVER BUDS CLUB**

The next meeting for Clover Buds is scheduled for **Saturday, March 18** from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. We will be learning about Gardening. If you have any questions, please contact Marla Stillwell at (270) 765-4121 or marla.stillwell@uky.edu.

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**BOBBINS SEWING CLUB**

Our sewers have been busy working on their 4-H clothing projects and will be meeting again on **March 14th** and **28th** to continue their hard work! Please save the date for the County 4-H Fashion Revue for **May 5th** and remember your projects must be complete by **Friday, April 28th**!

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**PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB**

Calling all youth photographers! Please consider joining the 4-H Photography Club! We will be working on learning the basics of photography and working towards getting some great shots for fair entries! Next meeting will be **March 9th** at 6:00 p.m. The remaining club dates are: **April 13** and **May 11**. You may contact the Extension Office to signup or if you have questions.
TEEN CLUB

Attention ALL 4-H teen members! PLEASE JOIN US at the next 4-H Teen Club meeting on March 20 starting at 6:30 p.m. The 4-H Teen Club will meet monthly to plan community service projects, fundraisers to help pay for 4-H teen events, and focus on building leadership and communication skills. Did I mention there will always be FOOD?!? Other scheduled meeting dates include, Apr 17 and May 15. Please let Marla know if you have any questions.

SCHOOL CLUBS

In February, Mrs. Stillwell visited the 4th and 5th grade classrooms at the following schools to learn about the “Insects.” The March meeting dates are listed below.

VINE GROVE ELEMENTARY
Coleman, Proffitt, Whelan and Webb’s 5th grade clubs – March 28
Hill, Fowler, New and DeRossett’s 4th grade clubs – March 21

HEARTLAND ELEMENTARY
J. Miller, Hobbs and Walker’s 4th grade clubs – March 17

CREEKSIDE ELEMENTARY
Wednesday, March 22nd ~ 4th Grade
Tuesday, March 21st ~ 5th Grade

LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY
Monday, March 27th ~ 4th Grade
Friday, March 31st ~ 5th Grade

HOWEVALLEY ELEMENTARY
Thursday, March 9th

RINEYVILLE ELEMENTARY
Friday, March 10th
Monday, March 13th

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