

# AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES



Top (clockwise): Tractor Driving Champions at the Pendleton County Fair, these kiddos will go to State Fair in August; The NKY KACAA Area Planning Committee at Annual Meeting Picnic; Checking in on the observation bee hive with our Fitness for Produce Hikers; The Kentucky Delegation representing in Dallas at the National Association of County Agriculture Agents Annual Meeting.

## Programs & Activities Highlights

### June

- **KACAA** - As a member of the hosting committee, we welcomed 100 ANR Agents and their families to Shelbyville, KY. I handled the marketing, communications, award ceremony, and banquet. My highlight, was our diversified ag tour where we saw Icelandic Horses and toured a beef feed lot facility.
- **4H Camp** - Joined the 4H Camp gang as an adult counselor for the week. We had smooth sails and enjoyed a week of outdoor activities. The slip-n-slide was epic!
- **County Fair** - Another successful county fair took place. Jumping from livestock shows to tractor driving and even selling some ribeyes with the Cattleman's kept me busy during a hot week.
- **4-H District Tractor Driving** - Hosted the District Tractor Driving Competition. These kids will compete at State Fair in August. Huge gratitude to our volunteers who make this possible!
- **CAIP Deadline Week** - We had 77 farmers complete farm improvement projects around Pendleton County who will be receiving cost-share funds of up to \$5,000 each for their completed projects. CAIP is a program governed by the Kentucky Legislature, but specifically the Kentucky Ag Development Fund. This program has been instrumental in diversifying our ag landscape. This year a total of \$206,000 + dollars will be dispersed among the approved applicants.

### July

- **Hunger Helpers** - Our work towards fighting hunger in Pendleton County continue. The committee met in June to spearhead the tangibles from our working group. We have created a comprehensive food resource guide pamphlet and will be adding information to a website for ease of access for our community.
- **Fitness for Produce** - A group of 17 hiked the trails at Campbell County Environmental Center adjacent to AJ Jolly Park. The trails offer a diverse but easy walking path to take in flora & fauna. The wetlands make this a unique gem in our area.

## Programs & Activities Continued

- **Farm Tour** - The second annual Pendleton County Farm Tour was a success. Over 145 people visited 7 local farms to learn about the diversity of agriculture in our county and connect with their local farmers. This program is lead by leadership from our Pendleton County Farmers' Market who have taken this long desired program and made it a reality. The PCEO assists behind the scenes with "Farm Tour Hosting Kits" to help farms open their gates to the community safely. This year each host received two fire extinguishers, last year they received first-aid kits.
- **Sprouts Kids Club** - Prepared for the PCFM Blackberry Jam-boree by showcasing all things blackberry. This multi-partnership program developed by #lindiecountygagent is now in it's 10th year and stronger than ever. Our local PC FFA Chapter officers teach the lessons to the kiddos, and disperse the 5 - \$1 tokens for participants to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. The PCEO is the organizer and facilitator of this program.
- **National Association of County Agriculture Agents** - I was fortunate to attend my 10th national meeting with 44 of my fellow KY AG Agents. This time in Dallas, Texas. It was technically hotter in Kentucky while I was there, but I enjoyed the farm visits to a goat ranch and the StockShow grounds & Rodeo (though there was no actual rodeo) and took home more ideas for expanding my Business of Farming Program.
- **Hiking Club** - The PENco Hikers took to the pinnacles in Berea. 20 Hikers braved a tough incline to complete 7 miles. The Berea Forestry Outreach Center is a real gem in the state of Kentucky.
- **PCFM** - Market is open and averaging 14 vendors each week bringing the best of local produce, locally made goods, and handcrafted bounty.

## Upcoming Programs & Events

- **Fitness for Produce** - Various events the Month of July
- **Barket at Market** - August 3
- **Cattleman's Ball** - August 10 - Tickets \$75 for scholarship program
- **Farmers' Feast** - August 17 - Tickets available at market now
- **State Fair** - August 12-24
- **Ag & Cultural Heritage Tour** - September 1-8, 2024
  - 34 travelers signed on for an 8 day adventure
- **Hiking Club** - Mammoth Cave - September 27-28
- **Master Cattleman** - Fall 2024



**KY Tick Surveillance Program**

"The Kentucky Tick Surveillance Project directly contributes to our understanding of tickborne diseases and their distribution across the state," said Jonathan Larson, UK Department of Entomology assistant professor. "By the community participating, Kentuckians are not only aiding in crucial public health research but are also taking proactive steps toward safeguarding their own health and their neighbor's."

**Follow STRICT Guidelines**

- Must Submit Digital Form
- Do Not Mail Live Ticks:
- Avoid Liquid Alcohol:
- Proper Packaging:
- Avoid Taping Ticks:

For form & address, scan the QR code



### STAY IN THE LOOP

**SIGN-UP FOR THE AG NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL FOR AG UPDATES ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING.**





# FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE



Top (clockwise): PENco Hikers took on the Pinnacles at the Berea College Forestry Outreach Center, Participants working together in the kitchen for Food as Health, Little Drummer kiddos learning patterns and rhythms at Pres-school Camp, and families gathering at the Fairgrounds for Storwalk.

## Programs & Activities Highlights

- Food as Health - Pilot program for the University of KY - four session every Monday in June
  - 35 Seniors reached
- Kindergarten Camp - 40 youth reached - 3 days in June
- County Fair
  - Homemaker Funnel Cakes
  - Cake Auction
- Food Insecurity planning
- Fitness for Produce hikes and activities
  - AJ Jolly
  - Jacobs Farm
  - Berea Pinnacles
  - Kincaid Frisbee Golf
  - Trail at office
- StoryWalk at Fairgrounds
- Area Homemaker Council and planning programs

## Upcoming highlights

- Kick off to 24/25 FlowerBuds - August 14
- State Fair
- Area Homemaker Lesson in Boone County on Sustainability
- New England Trip
- Kick off to Cloverbuds - September 23rd

# 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



## Programs & Activities Highlights

- Kentucky Junior Livestock Exposition- East- Livestock Judging competition- Senior Team- 2nd Overall, Junior Team- 4th Overall
- 4-H Camp @ North Central 4-H Camp Grounds
- Kentucky State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest- Juniors- 4th Overall Team, 2nd Overall Reasons Team, 4th Overall Cattle Team, 1st Overall Swine Team, 4th Overall Sheep/Goat Team. Seniors- 4th Overall Team, 4th Overall Reasons Team, 3rd Overall Cattle Team, 4th Overall Swine, Team, 4th Overall Sheep/Goat Team.
- Pendleton County Youth Fair (Floral Hall, shows, sale, and tear down)
- Clover Bud Camp @ North Central 4-H Camp Grounds
- State Fair large and small livestock entry data
- Kentucky 4-H State Communications Contest- Blue ribbon demonstrations by Michael and Abigail
- Post Camp Meetings
- Kentucky 4-H State Written Communications contest- 2nd Senior Poetry (Patrick), 3rd Junior Original Monologue (Ben), Blue ribbon Poetry (Abigail).
- Pendleton 4-H Livestock Sale Buyers/Add On's Banquet
- Judging Grant County Country Ham Speeches
- Art Club Fundraiser at 150th Anniversary of Kelly-Donohue Farms (Art club made and manned 8 full size Carnival Games)
- Normal monthly meetings for the following- Fair Board, Livestock Committee, 4-H Council, Poultry, Livestock, Rabbit, Cooking Club, Art Club, Camping Group, State Programming, etc.



# 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

## Upcoming Events & Activities Highlights

- Horticulture Day- August 1st
- Last ham cleaning and speech prep before State Fair- August 7-9
- State Fair- Entries, ham days, animal shows, clean up assignment.
- Programming Update Meetings
- Country Ham Banquet for Pendleton County Youth
- Wool Festival
- 1 Year of being a 4-H Agent (October 15th)
- End of 4-H Program Year Awards Banquet



## SHOUT OUT

Klaber Wolfe and TJ Weinel were selected to travel on the Top 12 Livestock Judging- Kentucky State All Star Team!

Both individuals spent an entire week traveling the tri-state competing for their spot on the Elite 8 team... and they both made it! Keep in mind, this is their first year judging livestock!

This team will travel the country judging livestock at various competitions this fall all over the United States!





# PROGRAM ASSISTANTS



## JENNIFER BRETT

- All 7 cooking clubs met the first week of June to complete their last lesson of the year and complete their books to get them ready for fair entry.
- 301 Year end Party- youth made a full meal plus dessert and had a party for their families showing the skills they had learned, as well as decorated, planned and led games, and cleaned-up afterwards.
- Assisted with county fair entries into floral hall and take down after fair
- Had 25 food entries and 20 Cooking Club project book entries in the PCYF
- All cooking club groups participated in a community service project/fundraiser in June- Made 240 apple pie squares and then served the food provided by Rotary for the Rotary 100th Birthday Bash
- Level 301 Educational Field trip to NKY and Ohio-see Facebook post for details
- Level 401 Educational Field trip to Central KY- see Facebook post for details
- Both of these were paid for by fundraisers the youth did
- Levels 101 & 201 prepped food and led youth at the story walk in making a healthy snack that went along with the story as a community service project

4-H

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- Led snack activities at Kindergarten Readiness Camp
- June and July Plate it Up! Kentucky Proud sampling at PCFM- incorporating older 4-H youth to help prep, and serve to enhance their food service and serving skills
- June and July Senior Center Nutrition Lessons at PCSC- coordinating/cooking meals and teaching lesson to 40-45 seniors

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## Upcoming

- Assist with Cardinal and Ready Fests
- Ongoing monthly Senior Center Nutrition Lessons
- Ongoing monthly during market season Plate it Up! Kentucky Proud sampling at PCFM
- August will start the new year for Flowerbuds- Assist FCS agent with planning and teaching
- Judge Country Ham Speeches at State Fair
- Prep for Farm Field Day
- September starts all cooking club levels again- monthly meetings for 8 groups this year
- In charge of Coffee Booth at Wool festival- logistics, scheduling, supply procurement, etc.

## KAYE JOHNTING

- KayeC's Sunshine Girls- Homemaker group: 12 adults meet once weekly to make various sewn projects.
- The American Quilt Society annual show in Paducah.
- Has sewn with 1 senior, 2 unit 3 and 1 unit 1 youth.
- Assisted with Deep Sea Exploration Project Day April 10, made burrito ocean themed pillow cases with 14 kids
- Upcoming- Mountain Fest Quilt Show in Pigeon Forge next week, judging 4-H clothing and quilting at other county fairs and 4-H Clothing judging at State Fair.





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**AISSATOU GALLAGHER**

Aissatou is the new Horticulture/4H program assistant! Her primary roles will be to run the 4H Garden club, recruit potential volunteers, assist the 4H agent in tasks, and branch out to community organizations in providing helpful horticulture related resources.

Current primary goals:

- restore and repair the greenhouse
- renew the raised beds at the Extension Office
- contact community organizations and schools
- assist 4H agent
- attend trainings