

Newsletter



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



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All meetings will be held at the Ballard County Extension Office, 110 Broadway LaCenter, unless otherwise stated.

October 2021

**Kids Helping Kids
Silent Auction
benefiting Emily and
Hudson was successful.
Between the Gun Safe
Raffle this summer and
the Silent Auction in
late August, \$6,542
was given to each of
them for cancer
treatment expenses.
Thank you to everyone
who had a part in this!**

October 1-2	Extension Homemaker Yard Sale
October 3-9	National 4-H Week
October 3-9	Ballard County Scavenger Hunt
October 13	Explorers Club, 3:20-4:30pm
October 14	Carson Park 4-H Horse Club TBA
October 11	Achievement Applications due
October 11	Ballard County 4-H Council, 4:30pm
October 12	4 th Grade Clubs
October 19	Livestock Club, 3:20-4:30pm
October 20	Technology Club, 3:20-4:30pm
October 27	Cloverbuds 3:20-4:30pm
November 3	Photography Club, 3:20-4:30pm
November 10	Explorers Club 3:20-4:30pm
November 16	Livestock Club 3:20-4:30pm
November 17	Technology Club, 3:20-4:30pm
November 23	4-H Banquet, 7pm
March 17-19	4-H Summit, Lake Cumberland
June 14-17	4-H Teen Conference, UK Campus
June 27-30	4-H Camp, WKy 4-H Camp, Dawson Springs – campers going into 4 th grade – age 14. JC's are 15. Teen Leaders 16-17. Then adult leaders 18 and up.

The month of November, I have been called into jury duty. My schedule is uncertain, but we will have a substitute if I can't do Technology Club.



Congratulations!!!

We had five youth compete at the State 4-H Shooting Sports Competition. In Rifle we had Teddy Blankenship, Grayson King and Luke Fickes with Coach Stacy Blankenship. In Shotgun we had Lane Wicker, Preston Reno, Grayson King and Teddy Blankenship. They practiced with Coach Dale Parham. Coordinator Roxie Blankenship took care of the entries, paperwork and other duties. She was also our range worker at the state shoot. And very exciting news, while we are proud of all the 4-Hers and their efforts year round, we get to celebrate Lane Wicker qualifying to try out for Kentucky's first Gold Shotgun Team to compete at Nationals in 2022. Wish him luck as he competes and practices with youth from across the state for four spots on the team. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me at the 4-H office, 110 Broadway, LaCenter Ky, 270-665-9118.

Ballard County Scavenger Hunt for National 4-H Week

This is a great opportunity for all of you who will be home for fall break. Included in this mailing or email is the Ballard County Scavenger Hunt. Learn about historical landmarks and their history around Ballard County. I will have a 4-H prize for everyone who completes the Scavenger Hunt. You just go to the locations, read about the location, take a selfie and when you're done send it to me or post it directly on the Ballard County 4-H Facebook Page. You can make a collage if you're able but not required. Thank you to Tom Miller, Ballard County Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent, for developing this.

New Photography Club

Photographer, Matt Stevens, has volunteered to do a 4-H Photography Club this year. This is a great opportunity for anyone that's interested in photography. Including anyone that's a reporter or historian for a school club of any kind. We will start out at the Extension Office, but may be taking field trips to the Wildlife Refuge and other locations.

November 3 will be the first meeting. It will be afterschool at the Extension Office, 110 Broadway, La Center.

For all clubs outside of school:

Please CALL the 4-H Office to sign up, 270-665-9118. Even if you were in a club last year, please let us know your plans to return. It helps us plan and have enough refreshments, supplies, etc. If you came last month, you don't have to sign up again for this month. (At this time masks will be required for youth indoors and employees. Non-vaccinated volunteers are encouraged to wear masks and others are welcome to as well but it is not required as of 8-23-21.)

After School 4-H clubs:

Explorer's Club is for 3rd-5th graders. Jennifer O'Neill is the volunteer leader.

Livestock Club is for K-18. Tracy Garner is our volunteer leader.

Technology Club is for 4th grade (or 9) and up. Paula Jerrell is the leader, but welcomes another adult to join.

Cloverbuds are for K-2nd graders. Holley Thompson and Ashley Haynes are the leaders.

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Driving Tour/Scavenger Hunt – History of Ballard County

Transportation and changes in transportation are crucial in the development of Ballard County. On your tour, in a few short hours you will be able to cover more territory than our earlier ancestors could cover in a day and prior inhabitants could cover in several days. While transportation will not be the focus of the tour, I hope you will come to realize how the changes in transportation led to the development and the history of our county.

(Stop 1) Wickliffe Mounds 94 Green St Wickliffe

Home of the first inhabitants of Ballard County, they are located here because of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers and their confluence. As you will start to see, walking or going by canoe or small boat were the only modes of transportation available at this time [AD 1100 to 1350].

Across from the entrance to Wickliffe Mounds is a marker dedicated to LaSalle, an early French explorer who explored the Mississippi River in 1682.

(Stop 2) Fort Jefferson FT Jefferson Hill Rd Wickliffe

Again the rivers played a major factor in the decision to locate this fort in 1780, well before there were any permanent settlers in Ballard County. There are 4 historical markers here, as well as a wonderful view across to Missouri and up the river to Illinois. Along with the early Fort, this location also played a role in the early years of the Civil War.

(Stop 3) Ballard County Courthouse 132 4th St. Wickliffe

As we move away from the river, the county starts to change. With the Jackson Purchase in 1818, settlers started coming into Ballard County. Within 25 years, there were enough people to make a new county. In front of the Courthouse is a marker telling of the naming of the county in 1842. However, Wickliffe was not the first seat of government for Ballard County. We will head there next.

(Stop 4) Site of Blandville Court House 38 Blandville Rd Wickliffe

Although it is almost hard to imagine now, this location was the political and economic center of Ballard County in the early years. There were many stores, several doctors and lawyers and even a college. There are 2 historic markers here. Transportation had changed, while the rivers were still important, the main mode of travel changed to the horse. Ballard County developed many small towns that were at the main crossroads of the mud, dirt and partially gravel roads that allowed travel over the county. These towns had stores, churches, doctors, all the services that early settlers needed, located within a few hours horse ride.

(Stop 5) Dr. David Polk Juett Farmstead near 400-904 Flournoy Rd Wickliffe

We move into the years of the Civil War. The horse was still the main mode of transportation. While no major battles of the war were fought in Ballard County, there were skirmishes and raiders that took food and horses from the settlers and destroyed businesses so that they could not aid the enemy. Neighbors may have been against other neighbors and families split over loyalty to the North or South.

(Stop 6) Lovelace House 298 West Walnut Lovelaceville

This house continues the theme of the horse for transportation as we transition away from the Civil War toward World War 1 and continued development. Small rural towns continue to be the way of life as most people live on the farm and are fairly self-sufficient, only making the trip into town once or twice a week to get things they can't produce themselves. We will move from the south side of the county to the north side, where farms are larger, the land is flatter and new technology is on the horizon to change transportation and the way of life again.

(Stop 7) Grave of Col. W W Faulkner Abe Herring Cemetery near 10210-10366 Ky1105 West of

Bandana This is the location of the grave of the highest ranking officer in the Civil War from Ballard County. From the Civil War onward, towns like Bandana, Oscar, Hinkleville, New York, Hazelwood and Ceredo were thriving communities. Many only now remembered because of road names and addresses.

(Stop 8) Oscar Turner Plantation Near 2300-2696 Turner Landing Rd. La Center

Site of a large plantation owned by one the most important political leaders from Ballard County. With the turning of the 20th century, the railroad came to Ballard County and changed the way of life again. In 1902, a railroad line was constructed from Paducah to Barlow and then on to Cairo, IL. With the coming of the rail road, we come to our next stop.

(Stop 9) "La Center" 446-490 Broadway La Center at city park

Until the coming of the railroad, there was no Kevil or La Center. Both towns were started to take advantage of the new mode of transportation. Several buildings from Ingleside were moved to Kevil. Almost the entire town of Hazelwood was picked up and moved to La Center, including houses and churches.

(Stop 10) Barlow House 509 Broadway St Barlow

Barlow was another town that took advantage of the railroad for economic growth. After WW1, county roads began to be graveled and the automobile became much more available and practical. Through the 30's, 40's and 50's, pavement took the place of gravel and personal travel became much easier. Instead of making a weekly trip to town by horse, citizens began making trips to larger shopping and medical centers in Cairo and especially Paducah. The high point of Ballard County was in the late 50's and early 60's with the construction of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant and the late 60's with the coming of Westvaco Paper Mill.

Transportation is constantly changing, the main railroad through Ballard County is gone. Highway 60, 286 and 51 replaced the rail road as the main form of transit. As transportation evolves, a new 4 lane highway through the county is on the way. Where it actually runs and how it interacts with the current communities in its path, will go a long way to shaping the future of Ballard County.

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