

Kentucky State Fair is pinnacle event for 4-H

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Kentucky 4-H youth will be showcasing their hard work and talents at the upcoming 2025 Kentucky State Fair, to be held August 14–24 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville. This annual event marks the culmination of months of dedication through

4-H project work in counties across the Commonwealth. A 4-H project is more than just a hobby—it's a hands-on learning experience that empowers youth to explore their interests while developing essential life skills. Kentucky 4-H offers a wide variety of project opportunities for young people to pursue in seven core areas: natural resources; agriculture; communication and expressive arts; family

and consumer sciences; health and wellness; leadership; and science, engineering, and technology. Throughout the year, 4-H members spend six or more hours working individually or in clubs to master specific skills within their chosen project area. Along the way, they gain valuable competencies, such as public speaking, record-keeping, and decision-making, that lead to 4-H members who thrive and

are beyond ready for what the future may hold. The Kentucky State Fair serves as the pinnacle event for 4-H project work every year. Youth who earn champion status at the county level are invited to compete at the state level, where their projects are displayed for thousands of fairgoers to admire—from livestock exhibits in the West Hall to creative arts and STEM displays in Cloverville, located

in the South Wing. "All 4-Hers who participate in county, regional, or state fairs are winners," said Kimberly Schrader, extension specialist for 4-H Youth Development. "They walk away with more than ribbons—they gain confidence, skills, and a sense of accomplishment that lasts a lifetime." All members of the public are invited and encouraged to visit the 4-H Cloverville

exhibit during the fair to celebrate the achievements of Kentucky's youth and to learn more about the impact of 4-H in their local communities. For more information about Kentucky 4-H projects and participation at the Kentucky State Fair, contact the Harrison County Extension office.

Food pantry receives donation from hospital Auxiliary



Harrison Memorial Hospital

The HMM Auxiliary presented a donation to the Harrison County Food Pantry. The donation represented proceeds from the Dairy Queen Fundraiser held in May. From left: Judy Letcher, HMM Auxiliary DQ volunteer coordinator; Deann Ruppert, Harrison County Food Pantry Director; and Theresa Philpott, HMM Auxiliary president.

Rotary Club says 'Thanks!'



Submitted by Mike Fisher

In appreciation of the FBLA's help with the Fabulous 4th celebration, the Cynthiana Rotary Club presented the team with a contribution. Both organizations provided volunteers to help support the event. The Rotary Club is very appreciative of the support from the many organizations that help to make the event a continued success.

Kentucky Wesleyan College awards degree to Sullivan

Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro awarded bachelor's degrees and associate of science degrees at the 157th Commencement on May 3,

2025. Among those graduates was Raven Sullivan of Harrison County, who earned a bachelor's of science in zoology.

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Cynthiana Elks utilized both their Freedom and Beacon grants to purchase complete sweatsuits (339 pants and shirts) for patients in need at the Lexington VA Health Care System and its four satellite clinics. Veteran Lodge Chair/VAVS Representative Brian Kinney, right, is pictured delivering the donation to Patrick Sinclair, the Chief of Voluntary Service



Submitted by Mike Fisher

The Cynthiana Rotary Club welcomed new member David Lang last week. From left: David Asher, incoming Rotary Club president; Lang, and current Rotary President Mark Sifford.

Rotary Club welcomes new member

The Cynthiana Rotary Club welcomed its newest member, David Lang, at a recent meeting. Lang is an Engineer at 3M and is involved in many projects and organizations throughout the community.

July marks the beginning of a new year for the Rotary club officers. Mark Sifford turned over the club's reins to incoming president David Asher.

"Becoming a Rotarian connects you with a global network of professionals dedicated to service and positive change. It offers opportunities for leadership, personal growth, and meaningful friendships, while allowing you to contribute to impactful projects in your community and beyond. Rotary membership enriches your life through service, fellowship, and purpose," explained Mike Fisher, past Rotary Club president.

The Cynthiana Rotary Club meets at Biancke's at noon every Thursday. The community is invited to attend and learn more about the club's work in the community.



Outgoing Rotary Club president Mark Sifford, left, accepts a plaque of appreciation from incoming president, David Asher.

"Attendance at each meeting is not required," Fisher said, "but it encourages us to provide a break and meet with our community leaders. We encourage you to visit on a Thursday and meet the club."

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