

**Cooperative Extension Service**

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To: Simpson Co. 4-H Families

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RE: December News

### Country Ham Project

It's time to sign up for the 2023 4-H Country Ham Project. Enclosed is the registration form. This is such a great project! Participating includes three trips to Clifty Farms in Scottsville late March to early August of 2023. All meetings are held on a weeknight at 6:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour. Transportation is on your own. The cost to participate is free for Simpson Co. youth thanks to the annual Ham Auction. If you choose to participate for free you keep one ham and 4-H gets one of the hams you cured. You may also pay \$20 to complete the project and keep both hams you cure. Adults and Cloverbuds (must be ages 5-8) may also participate for \$20 and you will receive one ham (the state only allows 4-H age youth to cure two hams). For 4-H members ages 9-18 in addition to the three curing trips to Clifty Farms you MUST also attend the KY State Fair on August 17 and give a 3-5 minute speech. Giving the speech is required to complete the project or you will not receive either ham cured. Each year Simpson County averages twenty participants in the ham project so I hope you will consider participating. The contract is due to the Simpson Co. Extension Office by Friday, December 13. Contact Catherine with questions.

### 4-H Members Give Back...

One of the objectives of being in 4-H is for members to give back to our community! Simpson Co. 4-H wants to provide more opportunities for our 4-H families to do this so we are creating monthly 4-H Service Kits. These kits will change from month to month and will be limited in supply. For November we have baking kits available first come first served. Families simply stop by the Extension Office to pick up a kit. In the November kit is: a cake mix, can of pumpkin, baking liners, and a recipe for Chocolate Pumpkin Snack Cakes. Bake these then deliver them to someone on behalf of 4-H (you are not baking them for your own family). Maybe you know someone who doesn't have a lot of family to celebrate the upcoming holidays, maybe a shut in who isn't able to get out, or maybe you could say thank you to one of our 4-H banquet sponsors??? All we ask in return is that you send me a photo or shoot me a quick email letting me know who the muffins went to on behalf of 4-H. You can add your own label or handmade card if you'd like. Please remember if you pick up a kit it's expected you follow thru with the service project by the end of the month.



**Hometown Holiday Bazaar:**

Saturday, December 3 is the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Hometown Holiday Bazaar hosted by Simpson Co. 4-H. The bazaar is held at the Franklin 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church on the Square, in conjunction with the Christmas parade. For those of you who have never been, we have 25 vendors, a silent auction, and lunch. We will need families to volunteer to help in the kitchen, with setup & take down, with the silent auction, and/or by donating food. We have created a signup genius for this event: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ADAD2CABFFC07-hometown>. We serve homemade soups & desserts for lunch and need additional 4-H families to donate food and work the bazaar. Please share the enclosed flyer with friends & family. You can also find & share it from the Simpson Co. Cooperative Extension Service Facebook page.

**Volunteer Shifts Remaining:**

- Saturday 7:00-9:30 am Vendor Setup 4 Needed  
*Assist vendors in unloading their cars and bringing inside to their booth space*
- Saturday 9:30 am-12:30 pm Vendor breaks/silent auction 2 Needed  
Saturday 12:30 pm-3:30 pm Vendor breaks/silent auction 2 Needed  
*Keep an eye on the silent auction and assist vendors needing a bathroom or food break*
- Saturday 9:30 am-2:30 pm Kitchen 3 Needed  
*Help in the kitchen*
- Saturday 3:30-6:00 pm Take Down 3 Needed  
*Help vendors loading up and cleaning up after the bazaar*

**Food Needed:**

- One Crockpot of Taco Soup
- One Crockpot of Chili
- Two Crockpots of Potato Soup
- 3 Dozen Brownies and 3 Dozen Cookies (Individually Wrapped)

**Attention teens working towards a John Swack Scholarship** (If you have completed your clover level 3 you are eligible): To receive a scholarship you must have given 10 hours towards fundraising for the scholarship program and working the bazaar counts! I will have the Rada Cutlery the scholarship fund sells on hand and will have a booth set up. I need teens to work this booth – two from 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 and two from 12:45 to 4:00 p.m. Contact Catherine to help.

<p><b>Simpson County Community Service Project</b>  <b><u>Nursing Home Holiday Card Drive</u></b></p> <p>Make them yourselves or buy them from the store, but help to spread holiday cheer to those in nursing homes.</p> <p>Last year we collected and distributed 1200 cards! Let’s work together to collect even more this year!</p> <p>Drop your cards off at the Simpson County 4-H Extension Office through Friday, December 9th.</p> <p>Questions: Contact Amber or Cameron Huggins.</p>
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