

4-H robotics offers STEM experiences

Kentucky 4-H recognizes a strong background in science, technology, engineering and mathematics can benefit young people, not only as they progress through school but as they enter the job market. In 4-H, our educators work to help youth develop an understanding of a variety of STEM-related disciplines. Green County 4-H will be offering a beginner robotics and computer programming class on February 26.

4-H robotics is a popular STEM offering. Robotics projects can range from junk drawer robots, which teach young people basic robotic construction using everyday items, to robots so large they are powered by motorcycle batteries. The most common form used by Kentucky 4-Hers is the Lego Mindstorm NXT robotics kit, which are powered by AA batter-



ies. A new offering for some 4-H programs are Pro-Bots.

Pro-Bots are battery-operated robots shaped like automobiles. They give young people an introduction into Logo programming. In this type of technology, young people program the robot to draw a certain configuration. This teaches them to plan, design and execute routes. In the process, young people learn coding. They can easily see an immediate outcome from the codes they enter into the Pro-Bots.

Pro-Bots also come equipped with sound, light and touch sensors that young people can program to react in various ways.

For more information on local 4-H ro-

botics or STEM opportunities, contact the Green County Extension and 4-H office. 4-H offers robotic classes. The next beginner class is February 26 from 3 to 6 p.m. CT at the Extension Office. To participate in the beginner class, youth must call the 4-H office to register at 270-932-5311. There are limited spots; please call and confirm availability.

Youth will learn and practice basic computer programming before constructing a robot car that can be programmed for basic task. Youth who complete the basic class can return in the summer for the advanced robotics academy where robots that are more complex are built and programmed. Opportunities are available for youth to compete with other youth in robotic obstacles and task oriented missions. These options will be

discussed further in the advanced class. There are no skills or equipment requirements for the beginner class, but if a student has an tablet or phone, they can use it for the initial programming lessons. There is no cost to participate in the beginner classes.

Green County 4-H is available for you ages 5-18 with some programs being targeted towards specific ages or grades. For specific questions, call the 4-H Office. Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

Johnson crowned



Photo submitted

Green County's Keiley Hope Johnson, 15, was crowned Miss Junior Teen Kentucky United States Sunday. The pageant, which ran Feb. 15-17 in Bowling Green, is a preliminary for the Miss Junior Teen United States to be held in Las Vegas July 27-Aug. 5. Johnson competed in interview, fitness, evening gown and an on-stage question. Johnson is a freshman at Green County High School. She is the daughter of Brian and Missy Johnson. Johnson started competing in the United States Pageant System to spread awareness for childhood cancer research with her platform, "Brook's Journey to a Cure," in honor of her sister, Brook Johnson.

CU programs receive high rankings

By IAN MCANINCH- CU STUDENT WRITER

Campbellsville University's online programs have received high rankings from U.S. News & World Report including being ranked first in Kentucky for 2018-19 Best Online Business Programs (excluding MBA).

Other high rankings include ranking second in Kentucky for Best Online MBA Program, ranking fourth for Best Online Education Programs and ranking fifth in for Best Online Bachelor's Programs.

Dr. Donna Hedgepath, provost and vice president for academic affairs said, "Campbellsville University is committed to providing quality programming and faculty for all modalities of instruction. The experience and program quality that a student has online is a priority to us and the ranking is a testament to our commitment to program and faculty quality."

Dr. Pat Cowherd, dean of the School of Business, Economics and Technology, said "The staff and faculty of the School of Business, Economics and Technology (SBET) are proud to be in-

cluded in the 2018 U.S. News best online program rankings.

"SBET strives to prepare students for careers in business, technology and economics by emphasizing Christian ethics and business leadership. The online format is making it possible to reach prospective business students from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds."

Cowherd said the graduates of SBET will enter "demanding professions; therefore, cultivating excellence is a minimum standard for SBET. The goal is to attract the most devoted students and match them with advisors who genuinely care about their educational success."

She said the professors in the school, through a cohesive, virtual atmosphere, "consistently use the most current teaching materials available. There is a consistent yield of exceptional graduates upon whose position in the global marketplace is revered."

Dr. Shane Garrison, vice president for enrollment services, said, "Campbellsville University has been committed to excellence in online education for years."

"One of the hallmarks of our growth is ensuring our faculty are equipped with the best online teaching methods and skills."

Garrison said he is "thrilled with the most recent rankings" adding "it gives proof that we are highly committed to making online education a significant part of Campbellsville University's future."

Dr. Lisa Allen, interim dean of Campbellsville University's School of Education, said, "We are so pleased to be ranked fourth in Kentucky for best online education programs. I believe the popularity of CU's online education programs lies in its authenticity and practicality being developed by CU content specialists and teachers, school counselors and school district ad-

ministrators from our P-12 partners."

She said the online School of Education program "has been specifically designed to meet the demands of Kentucky Public Schools and is taught by professors who have both doctorates and professional experience working in P-12 schools."

"The program utilizes online classrooms and web-based applications coupled with school-based field experiences that engage teacher, school counselor and administrator candidates in opportunities to learn, practice and apply knowledge and skills in real world contexts."

The U.S. News rankings evaluate degree-granting online programs at regionally accredited institutions.

Green County school lunch menu Feb. 21-27

The Green County school lunch menu for Feb. 21-27 is:

Thursday, Feb. 21: Chili, grilled cheese or pizza, sweet potato fries, golden corn, strawberry cup, banana and choice of low fat milk.

Friday, Feb. 22: Fish nuggets with bread or ham and cheese on bun, french fries, cole slaw, mixed fruit, apple, Scooby Doo grahams, and choice of low fat milk.

Monday, Feb. 25:

Hamburger on bun or chicken fillet on bun, french fries, peas, pineapple, apple, ice cream cup, and choice of milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 26: Deli sub or pizza, romaine lettuce, tomato, dill pickle spear, baked beans, peaches, oranges, baked chips and choice of low fat milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 27: Baked ham or baked chicken, bread, baked potato, broccoli cheese sauce, apple sauce, grapes and choice of low fat milk.

Kreps named to Berea Dean's List

Autumn Kreps resident of Greensburg has been named to Fall 2018 Dean's List at Berea College. A student is named to the Dean's

List who achieves a GPA of 3.4 or higher while passing at least 4 total credits, a course load equivalent to 16 semester hours.



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