



# Jackson County 4-H Newsletter



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## MESSAGE FROM MEG:

And there went February. We had some great 4-H events in February. Committees are gearing up for our summer events. Congratulations and THANK YOU to all of you who sold fair book advertisements. YOU raised more money this year, than ever before, over \$5000, which will make the fair even more SPECTACULAR!

Club leaders the 4-H Council officer team would like to attend your meetings. Please contact me with your upcoming meeting dates. [sagemachm@missouri.edu](mailto:sagemachm@missouri.edu)

## 4-H COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next 4-H Council meeting will be on **Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7PM, at the Blue Springs Extension Office.** Each and every club can help shape the direction of the Jackson County 4-H program by having your club represented by a youth member from your club. At this meeting, you will be voting on the t-shirt color and design for the 2011 Jackson County 4-H t-shirt.

## EQUINE COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next Equine Council meeting will be on **Thursday, April 7 at 7PM,** at the Blue Springs Extension Office. Please make sure if your club has a focus on the equine project you have a youth and an adult representative at each equine council meeting. We will be discussing Trade Day, the Clinic and finalizing County Fair horse show.

## CONGRATULATION CLOVERS TO:

☘ Our new 2011 Jackson County 4-H Royal Court members are...


- ❖ Junior Princess: Sarah Morris, Greenwood Hustlers
- ❖ Junior Prince: Alex Harvey, Peacedale
- ❖ Princess: Brooke Terry, Classy Clovers
- ❖ Prince: Ethan Cross, Valley 4-H Explorers
- ❖ Queen: Kate Lee, Valley 4-H Explorers

All of these 4-H members must do at least one presentation for another 4-H club. Club leaders; please feel free to contact these individuals to have them attend one of your upcoming meetings.

☘ **Classy Clovers** had over 90% of their club members and leaders attend the King and Queen Dance. **Silver Spurs** donated baskets that rose over \$125. Each club was presented with a \$20 gift certificate to the 4-H Source book.

☘ Results from the West Central and Northwest Regional Horse Bowl competition are as follows: The Jackson County JR JR team was: **Nicole Wild** and **Morgan Sales** of Jackson County and one Clinton County player. The Jackson County JR JR team placed first over the Ray/Clay County team. **Nicole Wild** was the high point individual for the JR JRs. Jackson County did not have a Junior team. The Jackson County Senior team placed first over the Ray/Clay and Clinton County teams. Senior team was: **Faith Hawley, McKenna Mathewson, Carsyn Glenn, Lanie Shelton,** and **Erica Maize** (and Codie Sherwood from Clinton County team). **Carsyn Glenn** was high point senior individual.

## FIND THE HIDDEN SYMBOL

Congratulations to Daniel Wild, of Seven Oaks, he was the first person to find the symbol hiding in the February newsletter. Daniel will get a 4-H prize for his reading and detective skills. Each month the symbol will change. The first 4-H member to find the symbol and email Meg with its location at [sagemachm@missouri.edu](mailto:sagemachm@missouri.edu) will win a 4-H prize of their choice. The names of each 4-H member will be announced in the following newsletter. This month's symbol is:  Read the newsletter carefully to find the symbol.

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## COUNTY WIDE SHOOTING SPORTS

The next County Wide Shooting Sports meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 12 at 7PM at the Blue Springs 4-H Office**. Anyone interested in participating in any of the shooting sports projects (740-749) must be led by a state certified instructor, so you **MUST** attend the county-wide meetings and shoots if you are enrolled in these projects. Contact Susan Smith at [smithsusan@missouri.edu](mailto:smithsusan@missouri.edu), with any questions about shooting sports.



## COUNTY WIDE PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Anyone enrolled in the photography project is welcome to attend the County Wide Photography Project meetings. The next meetings will be held on **Saturday, March 19 at 2:30PM at Burr Oak Woods Nature Center** and **April 16 at 2:30PM at George Owens Park**.



## 4-H COUNCIL REPORT

The February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting was called to order by President-Elect **Nicole Bricker** at 7PM. Pledges were led, roll was called and minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was reviewed and filed for audit.

**Jerry Plummer**, Jackson County 4-H Foundation Board Member shared the names of new board members, and reminded Seniors to apply for the 4-H Foundation scholarship. There was no February Equine Council meeting, due to the weather.

**Committee Reports-** Passed around Committee sign-up sheet. 4-H King and Queen Committee had 7 applicants for royalty positions, interviews were held last weekend. Event is this Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:00PM at Delta Woods Middle School. Fair committee presented changes to the Fairbook, and passed around the superintendent sign-up sheet. We need MANY volunteers (youth & adult) to help with the County Fair. Interested, please contact Meg ASAP. **Old Business-** Re-Enrollment forms-please return any missing forms and forms needing signatures ASAP, membership is not complete until all enrollment information is complete. Leaders must complete volunteer orientation online. WC Regional Energizer was great with over 50 from Jackson Co. there. Club leaders are asked to share information about your upcoming meetings so 4-H Council and Equine Council officer teams can visit your club meetings. **Ivan and Marge Slaughter** will be submitted as the Jackson County inductees into the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame. **New Business-** Fair book covers are due Wed. March 2<sup>nd</sup>. T-Shirt entries are due Monday March 21<sup>st</sup> by 5PM. **April 4-H Council meeting was changed to April 11<sup>th</sup> due to a scheduling conflict.** **Reminders-** Next Equine Council meeting: Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM, Blue Springs 4-H office. Next 4-H Council meeting: Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM, Blue Springs 4-H office. PLEASE COME JOIN US AT OUR NEXT 4-H COUNCIL MEETING!!!



## 4-H CLUB REPORTS



### VALLEY 4-H EXPLORERS

On February 6, 2011, the 4-H members went to businesses around Grain Valley to sell fair ads. They sold one on the spot and got a lot of names to call later. They did a good job! On the same day, the Clover Kids went to Deals to buy the stuff to go into Birthday Boxes.

At our February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, we talked about some things that are coming up like the King/Queen Dance. We found out that Ethan and Kate are running for Prince and Queen. We didn't know that! We also talked about each family collecting some donations of things like toothpaste, clothes, and food to take with us when we go to the shelter. Then we put together the Birthday Boxes. Inside were things like balloons, plates, cups, hats, and noisemakers. After that, we took them to the Grain Valley Assistance Council so that people who don't have a lot of money right now can still give their kids a little birthday party.

*Harrison Perry, Valley 4-H Explorers Club Reporter*



### NEWSFLASH!!!

Please have all of your information for the April newsletter sent to Meg at [sagemachm@missouri.edu](mailto:sagemachm@missouri.edu) by **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please make sure that the information is 4-H related.



### COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Nicole Bricker is working on a community service project for Sugar Creek Equinapy on behalf of our county. A fire destroyed the barn that housed the Sugar Creek Equine Therapy program at Pine Dell Boarding Stable. Pine Dell is located in Pleasant Hill. Sugar Creek is a wonderful organization that helps special needs children and a few adults through equine therapy. They lost 6 wonderful horses and virtually everything their program had. The program is in need of everything and is basically going to have to start from scratch. A horse trailer was being used as a tack room, and the fire destroyed it and everything in it as well. They need brushes, halters, bridles, muck buckets, stall forks, wheelbarrows, buckets, saddles, etc... They take students to a show at the American Royal every year, so they could also use any old show clothes you may have at home. Once they determine where they will house them, they are going to also need lesson horses so they can resume their work with the disabled as well as their lesson program. They will have a list of things that they still need posted on [sugarcreekequinapy.com](http://sugarcreekequinapy.com). They will update that frequently so that donations can be as helpful as possible. Let Nicole know if you have anything you would be willing to donate to Sugar Creek. Nicole can be reached at: [painhorselover.nb@gmail.com](mailto:painhorselover.nb@gmail.com)

## HAMS PROJECT - CURING

Any 4-H member who would like to participate in curing a Country Ham with Alewel's Country Meats in Warrensburg, please contact Jay Craven. He will help make the arrangements with Alewel's. Please note that you will need to start the project as early in March as possible to have hams ready for the Jackson County Fair. Jay can be reached at 816-224-1315.

## MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI

The MOVE Across Missouri program will be back for 2011. The goal of the MOVE Across Missouri program is to promote physical activity. MOVE encourages youth and families to engage in a broad range of physical activities. Using an online program, members and families can "log" in the number of hours they MOVE. **Members and leaders will need to sign-up again after January 1, 2011.** For more information visit the MOVE website at: [www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/](http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/)  
The competitive event runs from February 1 – May 31.

## VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION REQUIRED FOR ALL LEADERS

The Missouri 4-H program feels that orienting all 4-H leaders will create a stronger 4-H program overall. As of January 1, 2009, all 4-H leaders (organizational, project, activity and resource leaders) are required to attend or complete a one-time volunteer orientation session.

Leaders may complete this session two different ways. One: complete the online orientation, or Two: complete a volunteer orientation CD.

### Online Orientation

- <http://4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/application.htm>
- Scroll down the page till you see the heading:  
**Online version**
- You may want to use the optional Study Guide (PDF) to track your progress.
- Begin the Online Volunteer Orientation
- After completing the Online Volunteer orientation – follow the link to the Required Quiz.

### Volunteer Orientation CD

Each club organizational leader has a copy of the volunteer orientation CD. Copies are also available to be checked out from the Blue Springs Extension Office. The CD contains the 7 units of the orientation for those who may have slow internet connections. However, you must have internet access to complete the online quiz.

**New leaders must complete this orientation prior to working with youth, and by January 1, 2011.**

## T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

4-H members, here is another chance to get those creative juices flowing. We want Jackson County 4-H members and leaders to look "GOOD" at all County, Regional and State Events. Put on your thinking caps, be creative and have fun with your designs. The rules are as follows:

- All eligible designs must be submitted by an enrolled Jackson County 4-H member.
- Designs must be print ready. An electronic version of the design must also be submitted.
- Designs must be submitted on paper, preferably 8 1/2 x 11.
- Designs must be neat and legible.
- Designs will be printed in one or two color ink only.
- Designs will be printed on just front or back of shirt.
- Designs must include: Jackson County 4-H
- Designs should focus on the theme of "Together We Can" Please include the words in the design.
- Designs must include the 4-H clover, and the clover CANNOT be altered in any way.
- Please do NOT include your name or club name in the design.
- Please do NOT include a year on the design.
- ONLY one design per 4-H member will be accepted.

Please place your name, age and club on the back of your designs. **All designs are to be in the Blue Springs Extension Office by Monday, March 21 by 5PM,** so the 2011 design can be chosen at the 4-H Council Meeting that evening.

## 4-H ANIMAL OWNERSHIP DEADLINES FOR JACKSON COUNTY AND MISSOURI STATE FAIR

One of the objectives in owning an animal is to learn new skills in animal breeding, feeding, management and health. To accomplish this, the member should secure the animal as early in the year as possible. For the Jackson County Fair and the Missouri State Fair the dates for minimum length of ownership necessary for exhibiting are:

• Beef Cattle - Steers	3/1
• Breeding Animals	6/1
• Dogs	4/1
• Horses	5/1
• Swine – Breeding Boars	Since farrowing
• Market Hogs	5/1
• Breeding Gilts	90 days
• Sheep – Market lambs	6/1
• Breeding Animals	7/1
• Dairy Goats -	6/1
• Meat Goats -	6/1
• Rabbits -	6/1
• Meat pen	5-10 weeks prior to show



## ROBOTICS, ROBOTICS, ROBOTICS

There are lots of opportunities for youth interested in learning more about the Robotics project.

- 4-H groups that currently participate in the robotics project are invited to submit a video for the 4-H Robotics Video Contest sponsored by Lockheed Martin and JCPenny Afterschool. **Submissions begin on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Submissions close on March 25<sup>th</sup> and voting will begin.** For more information visit: [www.4-h.org/4-h-robotics-video-contest](http://www.4-h.org/4-h-robotics-video-contest)
- There are several regional, state, and international FIRST Robotics events this spring in Missouri. <http://usfirst.org/> If you are interested in robotics, you may want to attend one of these events to cheer the teams and learn about FIRST competitive robotics. Events: **March 16-19, 2011** - St Louis Regional FIRST Robotics Competition at Chaifetz Arena - <http://www.stlouisfirst.org/>; **April 25-30, 2011** - FIRST World Championship (JrFLL, FLL, FTC, FRC)
- **Robot Challenge** - The MU College of Engineering is again inviting 4-H groups to participate in the InSITE Robotics Challenge for elementary and middle school youth. The event is **Saturday, April 30** at the College of Engineering in Columbia. **Registration deadline is March 31.** Challenge objectives, rules, and details are at [http://4h.missouri.edu/events/robots/docs/insite\\_challenge.pdf](http://4h.missouri.edu/events/robots/docs/insite_challenge.pdf) This is a great event for novice and experienced young roboticists. Preparing for the challenge can provide an excellent focus for robot project groups.
- **MU Lego Robotics Camp** – Learn more about Science, Engineering and Technology at MU Lego Robotics Camps. There are many different dates available: **April 16-17, June 3-5, July 22-24 and August 12-14.** For more information visit: <http://www.engineering.missouri.edu/lego/index.php>



## SNAWS

### SHARING NATIVE AMERICAN WAYS SEMINARS

Interested in learning more about bow making, flint napping, Indian Dance basics, applique beading, and much much more? Then you should attend this workshop on **Saturday, March 26** at Saint Pius X High School in Kansas City. Presented by the Indian Council of Many Nations, this event will help you learn the REAL Native American way of life and traditions. Youth participants ages 10 ½ - 18 years of age will pay \$20. For more information and to register visit [www.snaws.org](http://www.snaws.org)



## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

It is scholarship application time. We will try to announce as many as we can each month.

- **Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarships** - This year the Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer over \$60,000 in college scholarships. Members who are high school seniors and current 4-H members are eligible to apply for 60 different scholarships. The guidelines and application are available at: [4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/](http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/)  
Helpful hint: If you have completed the Missouri Recognition Form, you have already completed most of your scholarship application. **Application deadline is April 1 at the State 4-H Office in Columbia.**
- **Jackson County 4-H Foundation Scholarship** -  
The Jackson County 4-H Foundation sponsors three of the scholarships awarded through the MO 4-H Foundation process. The Jackson County 4-H Foundation will be offering three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded annually and renewable for up to three years while completing continuous undergraduate study. Students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average and complete 50 hours of service in a Missouri Extension office (preferably the Jackson County Extension office) during each year the scholarship is awarded, to be eligible to receive the scholarship for 4 years.  
Scholarship applications will be accepted from any enrolled 4-H member in Jackson County who is a high school senior and has been a continuous 4-H member for no less than the three (3) previous 4-H years.  
Members interested in this scholarship should follow the guidelines and use forms from the Missouri 4-H Foundation. These can be found at <http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/>  
**Applications must be in the State 4-H Office in Columbia by April 1. Meg must sign your application before it is sent to the State 4-H Office. Please note Meg will be out of the office March 16-19 chaperoning KC Global and March 28-April 1 at a training. Please contact Meg, to schedule a time to get her signature on your application.**
- The US Geospatial Intelligence Foundation has a \$2000 scholarship available to high school seniors. More information can be found at: <http://usgif.org/education/scholarships> Scholarships are due to the USGIF by **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**.
- Daisy Outdoor Products is sponsoring a \$500 scholarship for 4-H Shooting Sports members graduating in 2011. Eligibility requirements include: 3.0 GPA and 3 years participating in the 4-H Shooting Sports project. Application is due to National 4-H Council by **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. More information can be found at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports>



### ***4-H SCIENCE VIDEO CHALLENGE***

National 4-H Council, National 4-H Headquarters and the University of Arizona 4-H Youth Development invite all 4-H volunteers to produce their own digital video for front line educators and volunteers to better implement 4-H science programs. The purpose of this contest is to build the vault of films to show great 4-H facilitation and learning in practice. They seek films that will help others know what inquiry based learning looks like in real life. For more information visit: [www.4-h.org/videochallenge](http://www.4-h.org/videochallenge), **submissions are due April 1.** As the saying goes – A picture is worth a thousand words.



### ***STATE 4-H CONGRESS***

Make plans to attend the 2011 State 4-H Congress “Missouri 4-H...A Leader’s Paradise,” scheduled for **June 1-3 at the University of Missouri-Columbia.** The State 4-H Council plans this annual event for members ages 14-19, as of January 1, 2011. Delegates will get a taste of campus life while attending workshops and getting to know 4-H members from around the state. Delegates will also elect the 2011-2012 State 4-H Council officer team.

**Registration is \$160 and is due by April 6 to the Blue Springs 4-H Office, along with your registration and health forms.** Registration materials are available at the Blue Springs 4-H Office or check the State 4-H website for more information:

<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/>



### ***MISSOURI CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION-THE CAPITOL***

Do you want to become more informed about Missouri government and acquire greater understanding of how it functions for the common good of the citizens of MO? Then Missouri Citizenship in Action (MCIA) is the conference for you! The 2011 MCIA will be held **June 29-July 1 in Jefferson City.** Youth 14-19 as of January 1, 2011, are eligible to attend this conference. Youth can select workshops in the judicial, legislative, executive or media track. More information and registration materials for Citizenship Youth Forum can be found at:

<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/events/mcia/>

Registration Options: \$119 per delegate (4 per sleeping room) or \$145 per delegate (2 per sleeping room). Three people per sleeping room is available upon request! There are a limited number of scholarships that are available.

**Scholarship requests, which must include a letter of recommendation from Meg, are due to the State 4-H Office by April 1. Registration forms and fees for the conference are due to the Blue Springs 4-H Office by April 6.**



### ***JACKSON COUNTY 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST***

The Jackson County Public speaking contest will once again be hosted by the Downtown 4-H office. **The contest is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, at 6:00 PM at the Pioneer Community College Auditorium.** Clubs are limited to sending 5 participants per club. Registration forms are available at the 4-H Office and will also be handed out at the March 4-H Council meeting. **Pre-registration is required by Friday, April 15 by 5:00 PM to the Downtown 4-H Office.**



### ***SUMMERS@MIZZOU CAMP***

How will you spend your summer? With Summers@Mizzou, you can...live like a college student and create your own business; participate in caving and geography; make movies; explore health careers; operate on mock animal patients; and more. There are 7 different camp options available. Camps are open to different age/grade groups. These are based on what grade you will be in starting in the fall of 2011. The week-long experience is scheduled for **July 24-28** at the University of Missouri. **Registrations range from \$400-450 for early bird submitted by May 6 to the MU Conference Center Office. Scholarships are available from the State 4-H Office, fill out the application and return it with your registration and full payment.** If you are a recipient, the scholarship amount will be refunded to you. More information can be found at:

<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers/>



### ***TRACTOR SUPPLY SUPPORTS 4-H***

Tractor Supply Stores have a couple of different things that will be supporting the 4-H program.

- ◆ **Paper Clover Campaign...April 15 - 25**– Tractor supply Stores will be selling Paper Clovers at their stores. Paper Clovers are a representation of the 4-H Clover and are sold for \$1 at check-out. The clovers will be prominently displayed in the store during the Paper Clover Campaign. Jackson County will look into having booths at each store (Independence and Lee’s Summit) and having 4-H clubs help to staff the booths over the weekends. If your club is interested in helping at one of the stores, please contact Meg.
- ◆ **TSC Reusable Bags** – Ongoing – TSC Reusable bags can be found near the check out registers and are an easy and green way to carry all your project supplies. Purchasing a bag will help TSC support 4-H.





## *NEW AT MISSOURI STATE FAIR...*

### **New event in 4-H Building at State Fair**

You've seen it on television; now experience it in person in the 4-H Building at the Missouri State Fair – CUPCAKE CHALLENGE. **Friday, August 19** will mark the first Cupcake Challenge for teams of 4-H'ers. You can find the detailed guidelines on the left-hand side of the page at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/>. You won't want to miss this exciting event.

### **New Show Rules for 2011**

#### **Nose Print and DNA Deadlines:**

#### **NOSE PRINTING STEER, MARKET LAMBS AND MEAT GOATS**

A. Each Agriculture Teacher and Extension Agent will be responsible for mailing or delivering ALL cards to the Missouri State Fair by the deadline specified in this premium catalog. Nose print cards will only be mailed to and received from Agriculture Teachers and Extension Agents. No nose prints will be accepted from individuals. There will be no exceptions.

B. The deadline for providing a legible nose print on a card with proper identification is **March 15** for steers and **June 15** for lambs and meat goats. The nose prints must have the correct postmark date on them, **and also must be received within 10 days following**. (Faxes are not acceptable; postmarks must meet deadline dates; metered mail is not preferred, but if used, please allow sufficient time for delivery.)

#### **DNA Validation Card - Ownership of Animals:**

All individual market hogs entered for competition must have been owned solely by the exhibitor by **May 1, 2011**. A DNA sample card must have been mailed to the Missouri State Fair, postmarked by **May 15, 2011, and also must be received within 10 days following**, for each market hog entered. Animal identification (ear notch) must be included on the DNA sample card. DNA validation cards submitted to the Missouri State Fair on all junior market hogs become the property of the Missouri State Fair. Exhibitors relinquish any claim to said cards when submitted as proof of ownership. Validation cards are stored in a secure environment at the Missouri State Fair and are destroyed in due time following the show. These samples will never be made available for cloning or any like procedure. In all market hogs at the Missouri State Fair, any DNA samples that have been harvested (collected) prior to the Sale of Champions Auction (with the exception of the DNA validation cards submitted to the Missouri State Fair as proof of ownership as stated above) will be considered to be the property of the exhibitor to use at their discretion. Exhibitors will not be allowed to harvest any samples after the transfer of ownership via the "fall of the hammer" at the Sale of Champions Auction unless agreed upon in writing between the buyer and the seller.

#### **Beef:**

**Market Heifer Show** - There will be a 4-H/FFA and Open Market Heifer Show.

**Market Steer Show** – Rules changes:

All steers will be mouthed at weigh-in. Steers with a broken mouth will be disqualified, meaning that a full set of baby teeth is required.

Market Steer & Market Heifer Rule –Tattoo required  
No halters with sharp objects.

**4-H/FFA & Open Brahmousin Show** will take place this year.

#### **Sheep:**

**4-H/FFA & Open Natural Colored** – Fine & Coarse will be combined into one Natural Colored show, when numbers warrant classes will be broken,

**4-H/FFA & Open All Other Wool Breeds (AOWB).** This will allow Columbia, Rambouillet and other wool breeds to exhibit, when numbers warrant classes will be broken,

**4-H/FFA & Open All Other Meat Breeds (AOMB).** This will allow other meat breeds to exhibit, when numbers warrant classes will be broken,

**Create a Heritage Breed Display.** There will be an Educational Display in the Sheep Pavilion.

**Hampshire "Slick Sheared" classes.** Slick sheared classes to include Ram Lambs, Yearling Ewes, and Ewe Lambs. Classes will be sponsored by the Missouri Hampshire Sheep Association.

**4-H/FFA Sheep Fitting** – Rule Change- Pre-entry is required. When a pre-entered exhibitor does not participate, the pre-entered exhibitor is allowed to select a replacement participant.

**Wool:** There will be NO entry fee this year. Premiums are sponsored by Missouri Sheep Producers (MSP).

**Meat Goats: FFA Showmanship** will be split into two divisions – 14-17 & 18-22.

**Swine: 4-H/FFA Swine Showmanship** has been moved to Friday night

**4-H/FFA & Open Crossbred Gilt Show** will take place this year.

**4-H/FFA & Open Crossbred Boar Show** will take place this year.

## *JOIN THE REVOLUTION*

We are very excited to announce the launch of "Join the Revolution of Responsibility." This campaign tells the 4-H story in far more compelling terms than ever before. It showcases the stories of real 4-H members making a real impact in their communities, and gives a voice to the uncommon dedication and barrier-breaking commitment of the young people who are 4-H. Visit the website at: [www.4-h.org/about/revolution](http://www.4-h.org/about/revolution) to learn more about Revolution of Responsibility.





## FILMFEST 4-H

Youth ages 11-18 will not want to miss the first 4-H film festival with a national invitation, held right here in **Branson, Missouri August 1-3!** Much like other film festivals, *FilmFest 4-H* will be a showcase of talent and opportunity. It will include workshops lead by professionals in the industry, cultural opportunities, and allow our young 4-H filmmakers a venue for showcasing their work. The contest categories are Narrative, Documentary and Music Video.

This event is very likely to receive national exposure and participation from 4-H groups across the country. Registration will be \$66 for 4-H members, lodging will be less than \$100/night, and those who wish to submit films may do so for a \$15 submission fee (no fee if mailed by April 1). Please visit the *FilmFest 4-H* website, at <http://4h.missouri.edu/filmfest> for more details!



## COMMUNITY SERVICE CORNER

Community service is an important piece of the 4-H puzzle. Need some community service ideas? Try the community service page, on the state 4-H website at <http://mo4h.missouri.edu/projects/service/>. Don't forget to start filling out your club Service to Communities form in the back of your Clover.

This month we will focus on things related to helping the hungry and/or homeless.

1. Help cook and/or serve a meal at homeless shelter.
2. During National Nutrition month in March, organize a nutrition awareness campaign.
3. Organize a food scavenger hunt to collect food for the needy.
4. Alter and repair clothes for the needy, elderly and homeless.
5. Gather clothing from your neighbor and donate it to a local shelter.
6. Make "I Care" kits with combs, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc. for homeless people.
7. Help with repairs at a local homeless shelter.
8. Donate art supplies to kids in a homeless shelter.
9. Make a care package with mittens, socks, T-shirts, etc. for a child at a homeless shelter.
10. Collect grocery coupons to give a local food bank.
11. If your community doesn't have a food bank, work with local officials to start one.
12. Clip coupons and give them at your local food pantry or homeless shelter.
13. Pack and hand out food at a food bank.
14. Organize a neighborhood group to plant, tend and harvest a vegetable garden.
15. Donate the produce to a food bank.
16. Sponsor a food drive at your school or parent's workplace or business.



## 4-H HORSE NEWS



### EQUINE COUNCIL MEETING

The next Equine Council meeting will be on **Thursday, April 7, 2011** at

7PM at the Blue Springs 4-H Office.

## JACKSON COUNTY EQUINE LEVELS PROGRAM

The Levels program in Jackson County has been developed to ensure 4-H members have the basic skill and knowledge necessary to safely care for their horse, and that the member has the riding skills necessary to safely compete with their horse. The Levels Program is divided into four leaves (divisions): **Health, Management, Riding, and Safety**. It is the belief of the Equine Council that certain knowledge is fundamental and necessary for a person to remain safe and to keep a horse safe and healthy.

The Levels Program provides education to youth and a safe environment in which the members can compete with other members of their same skill level. The basic thought that governs the Levels Program is that age and skill level are not necessarily the same thing. A Level 1 Beginner is a beginner whether they are eight or eighteen years old. The same basic skills need to be learned by both. There are three levels; Level One, Level Two and Level Three.

For Level One and Level Two we will be using the Junior Master Horseman Program. For Level Three we will be using the Nebraska Levels program. Youth please contact your club leader about getting your books. The books will be used for instruction, activity guides in club meetings and individually.

### Level One and Two

EACH 4-H member who will be working on Level 1 or 2 must create an account on the Junior Master Horseman website at [www.juniormasterhorseman.com](http://www.juniormasterhorseman.com) and join the Jackson County, Missouri 4-H group - **Code JCMO4H**. To create an account, you will click on the option of registering your book. It will ask you for a group code, type in **JCMO4H** and complete the rest of the information. Written testing for Level One and Level Two will take place online on the Junior Master Horseman website. If you have questions, contact Meg.

### Level Three

For those 4-H members working on their Level 3 testing, please use the website listed below for your study guide, skills test, record sheet, feeds chart and health care chart.

### Riding Test for ALL Levels

For the riding test portion of the levels program, all levels will use the Nebraska riding test for their level. The skills tests can be found at:

<http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/equine/4H/advancementlevels.html>



**JACKSON COUNTY 4-H  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



Dates and times are subject to change, please make sure you have the most recent calendar.

**MARCH**

- 15 Deadline for Steer nose prints to State Fair for entry
- 21 T-shirt design deadline, 5 PM, Blue Springs Office
- 21 4-H Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 25 Submission deadline for 4-H Robotics Video Challenge to National 4-H Council
- 26 SNAWS event, Saint Pius X High School
- 31 Registration deadline for MU Engineering Robot Challenge

**APRIL**

- 1 Missouri State 4-H Foundation Scholarship applications due to State 4-H Office in Columbia
- 1 Scholarship application deadline for Missouri Citizenship in Action
- 1 Deadline for FREE submission to Filmfest 4-H
- 1 4-H Science Video Challenge submission deadline to National 4-H Council
- 4 Fair Committee meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 6 County registration deadline for State 4-H Congress
- 6 County registration deadline for Missouri Citizenship in Action
- 7 Equine Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 9 Trade Day early bird pricing deadline to Corrine Everson
- 11 4-H Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office – changed due to a scheduling conflict**
- 12 Shooting Sports meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 15 Items due for inclusion in May newsletter
- 15 Public Speaking Contest registration deadline, to Downtown 4-H Office by 5PM
- 15-25 Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign
- 16 Trade Day, 8AM-1PM, Sunset Trails Stables
- 16-17 MU Lego Robotics Camp, Columbia, MO
- 28 Jackson County Public Speaking Contest, 6PM, Pioneer Community College Auditorium
- 30 Robot Challenge, MU College of Engineering

**MAY**

- 1 Market Hog ownership deadline for exhibition
- 2 Enrollment deadline to be eligible for participating in Jackson County 4-H competitive events (Horse Show, Contest Day, County Fair, etc.), Blue Springs 4-H Office, 5PM
- 2 Horse Enrollment deadline, by 5PM, Blue Springs 4-H Office
- 2 US Geological Society scholarship application deadline to USGIF
- 2 Fair Committee meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 5 Equine Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office

**MAY cont...**

- 6 Summers@Mizzou camp registration and scholarship deadline to MU Conference Center, Columbia
- 7 Jackson County 4-H Horse Clinic
- 15 Items due for inclusion in June newsletter
- 15 Daisy Outdoor Products scholarship application deadline to National 4-H Council
- 15 Swine DNA card submission deadline
- 16 4-H Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 21-27 Missouri Youth Horse Tour
- 31 MOVE Across Missouri Competition closes

**JUNE**

- 1 Pre-entry deadline for Jackson County 4-H Fair
- 1-3 State 4-H Congress, Columbia, MO
- 2 Equine Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 3-5 MU Lego Robotics Camp, Columbia, MO
- 6 Fair Committee meeting, 7PM, Grain Valley Community Center
- 11 Contest Day, Blue Springs Freshman Center
- 14 Shooting Sports meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 15 Items due for inclusion in July newsletter
- 15 Lamb and meat goat nose print deadline for entry at State Fair
- 18 Jackson County Fair Horse Show
- 20 Fair Committee Meeting, 6PM, Blue Springs Office
- 20 4-H Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 22-25 Jackson County Fair, Grain Valley Community Center
- 29-July 1 Missouri Citizenship in Action, Jefferson City

**JULY**

- 7 Equine Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 15 Items due for inclusion in August newsletter
- 18 4-H Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 22-24 MU Lego Robotics Camp, Columbia, MO
- 24-28 Summers@Mizzou Camps, Columbia, MO
- 27-31 State Fair Horse Show, Sedalia, MO

**AUGUST**

- 1 Fair Evaluation meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 1-3 Filmfest 4-H, Branson, Missouri
- 3 State Fair exhibits to Blue Springs Office, 8AM-5PM
- 4 State Fair exhibits to Blue Springs Office, 8AM-7PM
- 4 Equine Council meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 9 Shooting Sports meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 11-21 Missouri State Fair, Sedalia
- 12-14 MU Lego Robotics Camp
- 15 Items due for inclusion in September newsletter
- 15 4-H Council and Equine Council Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
- 19 Cupcake Challenge, 4-H Building, Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, MO
- 22 State Fair exhibits available to be picked up from Blue Springs Office, 3PM – 5PM
- 23 State Fair exhibits available to be picked up from the Blue Springs Office, 8AM – 5PM

# 2011 Jackson County 4-H

# EQUINE TRADE DAY

Saturday, April 16 • 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Sunset Trails Stables Arena  
2100 S. E. Ranson Road,  
Lee's Summit, Missouri

*Web search Sunset Trails Stables Lee's Summit for a map.*

## BUY! SELL! TRADE!

- New and used saddles, bridles, show clothes, horse supplies, and much more
- Booth spaces and trailer parking spaces are \$29 each. After April 9, spaces are \$39 each.
- Set up time is at 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 16.
- Admission fee: \$2 per adult, \$1 per child 5 – 18, Free to children age 4 and under.
- Proceeds benefit the Jackson County 4-H Equine Council and its youth equine programs.

**For more information and to reserve your booth space contact:**

**Corrine Everson at [ksucorky@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ksucorky@sbcglobal.net) or call 816-509-0149**

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**To register as an exhibitor, submit this completed form by Saturday, April 9.  
Space will be assigned on a first come basis.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Please reserve the following space, which includes two adult admissions:**

- Booth space, 12' x 12' with 8' table - \$29 each
- Outdoor parking for tack trailer or horse trailer - \$29 each
- I'm unable to attend but wish to make a contribution to Jackson County 4-H \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Add an additional table with space - \$10 each

**Mail this form and your payment to Corrine Everson, Sunset Trails Stables**

2100 SE Ranson Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64082

**Checks should be made payable to: Jackson County 4-H Equine Council**

Jackson County 4-H, Sunset Trails Stables, organizers and volunteers are not responsible for loss, accidents, theft, and/or injury to persons or to property involved in this event.

**Move Across Missouri - Monthly MOVEment Activity**  
**Community service ideas that involve MOVEment!**



- Conduct a bicycle rodeo to help children learn bicycle safety.
- Organize a safe walk to school event.
- Assist an after-school little league or other sports program for younger children.
- Clean yards of neighbors who cannot do it themselves.
- Hold a sports contest.
- Teach others about a sport you enjoy and know a lot about.
- Clean up trash at a community event or county fair.
- Clean up vacant lot.
- Set up a recycling system for your home and participate in your neighborhood curbside recycling pick-up.
- Create a campaign to encourage biking and walking.
- Rake leaves, shovel snow, clean gutters or wash windows for a senior citizen.
- Go for a walk with a senior citizen in your community.
- Hold an afternoon dance for a local nursing home.
- During bad weather, visit seniors to make sure they have everything they need.
- Serve as a coach for a youth sports team.

*YOU CAN ALSO VIEW YOUR MONTHLY 4-H NEWSLETTERS ONLINE AT: <http://extension.missouri.edu/jackson/>*

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