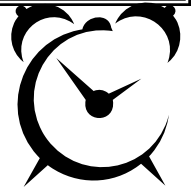


Audrain County 4-H News

March 2009



“SPRING AHEAD”—MARCH 8



Don't Forget!
Audrain County 4-H
Foundation Soup and
Sandwich Supper

Friday, March 20
11:00 am—1:00 pm

4:30—
pm 7:00



Fair Slogan Contest

Congratulations, to Matthew Shaw
member of Busy Beavers 4-H Club,
for having his fair slogan
“Come See Us Shine in 2009”
chosen for this year’s Fair Book Cover.

We had 13 entries—Thanks to all who
submitted a slogan.

Meeting Reminders

March 11 Awards Committee Meeting
March 16 Junior Leaders—7:00—4-H Center
April 6 4-H Foundation and Fair Board
7:00 p.m. 4-H Center

Congratulations

To the members of the Horse Bowl Teams:
Senior Team: Mercedes Printz, Kelsey Whipple
& Sami Jung
Junior Team: Jayme Fulkerson, Rainie Schulte,
Susan Fulkerson & Lana Lierheimer
Junior-Junior Team: Abby Fulkerson & Ana
Minnick
The Junior-Junior team, joined with 2 members
from Boone County, placed first and will
participate in the State Horse Bowl on April 18.
The Junior team won 2 of their 6 matches.
Individuals placing in the top 10 include Mercedes
Printz—3rd place Sr.; Jayme Fulkerson—6th
place Jr.; Rainie Schulte—10th place Jr.; Abby
Fulkerson—6th place Jr.-Jr.

4-H Day with the Cardinals

It is once again time for 4-H Day With the
Cardinals—Ticket Order Form is included in this
newsletter—Tickets are limited and have been
sold out before the deadline the past few years so
be sure to send your order in early. If club groups
want seats together the orders must be sent in
together.

Thank You

A huge thanks to the Junior Leaders who helped
prepare and serve the Annual Extension
Council dinner on February 24. Randy & Ryan
Meyers, Nick & Amber Stumpe, Matt &
Nikole Hagan, Courtney & Audry Wilson,
Caitlyn Hoffman, Brittney McBride, Savana
Buck, Melanie Worley, Phoebe Frazer, Kylie
Sargent, and Sami Jung. Thanks also to all the
adults who helped out especially Darren &
Christi Hoffman & Erma Wrye.

Reminders and Notices!!!



Livestock Dates to Remember

Swine Weigh-in April 30 to May 11
Registrations due into the Extension Office
by May 13

Information will be sent to swine project members & leaders 4 to 6 weeks prior to weigh in.

If you plan to show hogs at the Missouri State Fair please contact us so we may know how many DNA cards to order.

Ownership Dates for Participation in Audrain County 4-H & Youth Fair

Market Steers—January 16
Bucket Calves—January 1– June 1
Breeding Beef—May 1
Market Hogs—May 1
Purchased Breeding Swine—May 1
Breeding Swine farrowed between Jan 1–Mar 1
Goats (Meat or Dairy)—May 23
Market Lambs—May 23
Breeding Rams & Ewes—July 1
Rabbits (Except Meat)—May 1
Meat Rabbits—4 weeks before the fair
May 1— Horse Enrollment Forms Due
All members much be “in good standing” that is, have attended at least 1/2 of club meetings and project meetings, to show at the fair.
And, for beef, swine, sheep, goat, rabbit or poultry project members must meet Show Me Quality Assurance qualification.

State Poultry Day

The 2009 State Poultry Day will be held on Saturday, June 13 at the Animal Science Center—University of Missouri. Pre-registration required by May 1. Registration forms available on the Missouri 4-H web site or contact the Extension Office.

Centralia FFA Alumni Jackpot Show

A Market Animal Jackpot Show sponsored by the Centralia FFA Alumni will be held on May 24 at the Audrain County 4-H Fair Grounds.



Farm Safety Day

Mark Your calendars for Farm Safety Day on June 13 at the Audrain County 4-H Fair Grounds.



4-H Hall of Fame

Each county is invited to nominate a member for admission to the 4-H Hall of Fame. Members will be recognized at a ceremony during the 2009 Missouri State Fair. 4-H Volunteers or businesses who have made a major contribution to 4-H may be nominated. If you have suggestions please send the names along with a brief statement as to why this person should be included in the Hall of Fame. Living or deceased 4-H supporters may be nominated. This is a great way to remember those leaders who helped develop the 4-H Program in Audrain County.



4-H Scholarship Reminder

4-H Scholarship Applications must be in the State 4-H Center by April 1. Please allow time for us to look them over and get them to the State by the deadline. Remember many of the Scholarships are available to current College Students. See a full listing and Application Form at: <http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/>

4-H Camp

4-H Camp information and registration forms are included in this newsletter. Remember, non-4-H members are welcome to attend camp. Invite a friend, and get your registration in early.



Ham Project Members

It will soon be time to remove the cure from your hams and rewrap them for final curing. A project meeting is being planned—a post card will be sent to ham project members giving time and location.

State Fair Information!!!

2009 State Fair Update

All items displayed at the State Fair 4-H Building are selected as champions from their county. Exhibits are not re-judged at the State Fair. Items made by 4-H members should reflect the skills they have learned in their 4-H project. Use the 4-H Project literature and the “Clover” for ideas and criteria. There are also ideas on the “Project Briefs” which are available on the Missouri 4-H Web site.

Item sent to the State Fair must be:

- Made in the current 4-H year
- Be the work of the 4-H member
- Member must be enrolled in the project
- Be of Blue Ribbon Quality

In addition to items made (or grown) in a project “educational” exhibits may be entered in any project. These are exhibits that illustrate lessons learned in the project. These include notebooks, file cards, posters (not larger than 14” x 22”), photo displays and three dimensional educational displays (must not exceed 11” height x 12” depth x 14” width).

- All photography exhibits must be mounted on 11”x 14” mat board (not to exceed 1/8” thickness)
- Working models should require floor space no larger than 14”x 22”
- Decorated Cakes are to be no taller than 13” and no longer than 13” on either side. Cake boards should not have more than a 1” margin around the cake. Dummy cakes only—no real cakes—must use royal icing, rolled fondant or commercial product (i.e. Dapp) that becomes very hard
- **NEW THIS YEAR**—Scrapbooking exhibits should be only 1 page representative of the complete scrapbook—size not to exceed 12”x 12”. All pages should be in a clear protective sleeve or clear zipper bag. Do not frame.

Complete information on State Fair Exhibit Guidelines can be found at:
<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/building.htm>

Come to the Fair!!
Missouri State Fair
August 13-22, 2009

Show-Me 4-H Wares

Youth applications for the Show-Me 4-H Wares booth at the Missouri State Fair will be available beginning March 15, 2009. (Applications will be available on the 4-H website or by contacting the Extension Office)

The 3rd Annual Show Me 4-H Wares booth will be accepting applications for young entrepreneurs to sell their 4-H products and services at the State Fair on August 13, 14, 15 or 16.

A change from the past 2 years—4-H Members do not need to have a State Fair eligible project to display a product or service at Show-Me Wares.

Teams of up to 3 youth representing 4-H club-based ventures or fundraisers may apply as group exhibitors (club-based ventures include only products or services produced and sold by 4-H members themselves.)

For more complete information on Show-Me Wares and an application check the Missouri 4-H web site after March 15 or contact the Extension Office. Applications will be accepted until May 15—selected participants will be notified by June 1.

Nose Printing for Sheep & Goats

Market Lambs and Market Goats that are going to show at the Missouri State Fair must be nose printed and the nose prints on file at the State Fair by June 15. If you are planning to show either Market Lambs or Market Goats at the State Fair please call the Audrain County Extension Office so we can arrange a time for nose printing.

Swine DNA Cards

Blood cards for Swine DNA must be submitted for all Market Swine to be shown at the Missouri State Fair. DNA cards need to be submitted to the State Fair before June 15. DNA cards are \$2 each please call the Extension Office and let me know how many cards you will need and I will mail them to you along with weigh-in information

State Fair Sheep Demonstration

Again this year, there will be no Sheep or Lamb Meat Demonstrations at the 2009 Missouri State Fair.

The Missouri Sheep Producers will provide special monetary recognition for any demonstrator presenting a general or working demonstration about lamb, wool, or sheep. The title of the demonstration must include a specific reference to sheep to qualify.

Events Day News

Events Day—also known as Achievement Day in many counties and sometimes as Contest Day or 4-H Day—This is your chance to show the skills you have learned through your 4-H experience. In an effort to make it easier for more youth to participate in the Events Day activities it has been decided to have the Events Day activities during the fair.

This is the tentative schedule:

- Friday, July 17—Creative Table Setting—Clover Kids and 4-H members will be able to set up their display and have their interview following their Conference Judging.
- Saturday through Tuesday, July 18-21—Project Judging—Judging classes will be set up throughout these 4 days and members may complete judging cards and give reasons at various times as there are lulls in fair activities.
- Sunday, July 19, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.—Demonstrations, Personal Development and Public Speaking

Because of the many activities going on during the fair it will require a great deal of cooperation to make sure everyone has the opportunity to participate in as many activities as possible.

The registration form for Events Day activities will be included with the April Newsletter. We will make every effort to accommodate members schedules to achieve this. We would like to know as soon as possible who plans to participate especially for the Speech Contests and Demonstrations.

Recognizing that some of the youth will be showing animals or helping in the food stand in-between giving speeches or demonstrations, we will accept a more casual dress code than would normally be acceptable for these events.

Events Day Activities are designed to help 4-H members develop those all important life skills of public speaking, decision making, planning, organization, communication and self-confidence.

The deadline for submitting demonstration to be presented at the State Fair is normally July 15 but we have received permission to send in State Fair Demonstrations a little later. We will need to get the registrations in as soon as possible.

This is a brief description of the various Events Day Activities. More information on the Public Speaking and Demonstrations can be found on the Missouri 4-H Web Site.

Events Day Activities:

Creative Table Setting—Pick a theme—design your menu and set up one place setting for your special occasion—may be formal or casual.

Personal Development—Dress for a special occasion—dress-up or casual—answer questions about personal development.

Project Judging—Rate 4 items from best to worst for the situation presented and present your decision to a judge. Great way to develop decision making skills as well as presentation skills.

Demonstrations—The top demonstrations will be selected to be presented at the Missouri State Fair. There are several categories, including:

- **Working Demonstrations**—Member will work continually for 30 minutes demonstrating a particular skill. A poster giving the topic may be displayed—be prepared to answer questions about your demonstration as you work.
- **General Demonstrations**—A 5 to 7 minute demonstration or illustrated talk on any 4-H project. May be an individual or team (2 or 3 members) demonstration.
- **Electric Theatre**—any demonstration using electricity in the demonstration.
- **Specialty Contests** (These have special awards and many offer the opportunity to proceed to a national contest)
 - Egg Contest
 - International Topic Demonstration
 - Agri-Missouri Foods Contest
 - Soyfoods Contest
 - Sheep Demonstration (may be any general or working demonstration about lamb, wool or sheep)
 - Beef Cooking Contest (not a 4-H Contest this is sponsored by Missouri Beef Council)
 - 4-H Chicken Bar-B-Q Contest

Public Speaking Contests:

There are divisions for 8 to 13 and 14 & over in the following areas:

- Prepared Speech (3-5 min Jr.; 5-7 min Sr.)
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Public Service Announcement
- Technology Assisted Speaking
- Interpretation (in these sub categories)
 - Dramatic
 - Humorous
 - Pantomime