



Cedar County Clover

March 2009

LOCAL NEWS

Share the Fun Royalty Interviews

Interviews will be scheduled for **March 23th in Stockton at the Cedar County Courthouse-1st floor.** Interviews will start at 5pm and we will schedule you a time until 7:45pm. **Please indicate on your application what time would work best for you.** We want to keep things moving and keep members from waiting for hours for their interview. This is an interview, so please dress appropriately.

Shooting Sports- Terry Costello

Air Rifle: Congratulations to the 19 youth who successfully completed the 10+ hours for the Air Rifle project. Thanks to the instructors Mike Goetz, Robert and Michelle Hoffmann and Jeff Stacy for their dedicated time. **Air Pistol** will start Sunday, March 1st, 2:00 PM at the Stockton Expo (Fair) Building and will be held on successive Sundays until completed. **Shotgun** will start on Monday, March 16th, 6:00 PM at the Fair Building in El Dorado Springs for **first time shooters.** After classroom instruction, we will move to the Eagles Trap Range just west of the Fair Grounds. Training for both **new and returning shotgun** project members will continue on the following Monday, March 23rd and successive Monday evenings at 6:00 PM at the Eagles Trap Range until the project is completed. If the new members don't have a shotgun yet, talk to instructors Mark Beason or Terry Costello before you obtain a shotgun. We have two 12 ga. and three youth 20 ga 4-H shotguns that are available for use by project members. **Archery** will start Wednesday, April 8th, 6:00 PM at Brian Eason's in El Dorado Springs and will be held on successive Wednesday evenings until the project is completed. Bring your bows to the initial meeting but we will start by constructing targets and ground quivers. If new members don't have a bow yet, talk to Brian Eason before you obtain one. We have four 4-H bows available for use by project members. **.22 cal rifle** will start on Saturday, April 18th, 10:00 AM at the Hoffmann farm south of Jerico Springs. We will skip the following Saturday, April 25th because of turkey season, but will continue on Saturday, May 2nd and successive Saturdays until the project is completed. Rifles must have either open or peep sights (no scopes) and be capable of firing one round at a time. The rifle can be clip fed, tube or lever action but 4-H rules require the rifle having only one round in the gun at a time. If you don't have a rifle call Mike Goetz (276-7608) before you obtain one. We have four .22 cal 4-H rifles that are available for use by project members. **General Info:** This will be a busy spring, particularly for youth in more than one discipline as well as instructors, but factoring in spring weather, and potential conflicts from school, sports and family events, the Land-0-Lakes Fair will be upon us quickly. Detailed directions to the various project sites will be provided separately and as needed.

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Important Dates to Remember

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Share the Fun/Royalty

Share the Fun Night will be Friday **March 28th at 6:00 pm at the El Dorado Spring Middle School Cafeteria/Multipurpose room.** Forms are on-line and the club leaders have received the forms as well. **Forms are to be turned in for all Royalty applicants and the Skits and Talents by March 16th.** Clubs may have 2 talents and 2 skits. The theme for Share the Fun Night is Decades so dress up for the occasion!! Each club has been assigned a decade so be sure to ask you Club Leader. If you are planning to attend please let your club leader know so that they can give a final number at the County Council Meeting. Snacks will be provided by the Union Hall 4- H Club. **Each club will be responsible for bringing 2-3 door prizes to be given away at this event.**

4-H Council Meeting

The next County Council Meeting will be held on March 16, 2009 at 6:30pm at the LOL fair grounds metal building. All club royalty applications and skit applications are due at this time.

HorseFest!!!

Special offer for area FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs!

Take advantage of discount pricing to attend HorseFest and the Equine Judging Clinic to be conducted by Northeast Oklahoma A&M Equine Judging Team Coach Shannon Cunningham. Cunningham has coached the NEO team to numerous honors including the 2004 AQHA World Show Judging Championship. FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs can receive 10 free tickets plus as many half-price tickets as they require. Tickets are good for all HorseFest events on Friday, March 13, including nationally-known clinicians, trade show, educational presentations and much more. Fill out and return the form below and we'll mail you 10 free tickets. These free tickets must be ordered in advance before Feb. 27. Extra half-price (\$2.50) tickets are available in advance or at the gate. The Clinic will start at 9 a.m. in the Arena. For more information go to horsefest.net

Judging Clinic Advance Ticket Request Form

School/4-H Club _____

Instructor/Leader _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Number of half-price (\$2.50 per person) tickets _____

Please send form and check for advance tickets to: Ozark Empire Fair
Nikki White
3001 North Grant
Springfield, Mo. 65803
417-833-2660

JUST A MINUTE!! CLUB NEWS

New Kids on the Block- The New Kids On The Block 4H Club met on Thursday, February 12. We celebrated Valentine's Day by having a pizza party, handing out Valentine's, singing a song and playing a game called Penguin Waddle! Ideas for Share The Fun were discussed and royalty were nominated. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 12th.

Pony Express- The Pony Express met on February 4. Our club had a great turn out at the "Making the Best Better" event at Mt. Vernon. Several members went to the local nursing home to deliver homemade Valentine's cards on Valentine's Day. Our club will be attending Share the Fun on March 28 and Achievement Day on May 9. Horse projects will be going to Horse Fest on March 13, 14, and 15 at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. Our next meeting will be March 4th at Camp Galilee.

Hannah Robertson, Reporter

Stockton Seekers- The Stockton Seekers 4-H Club met on Tuesday, February 10th at Stockton Christian Church. Information was passed out regarding our fundraiser which is Rada Cutlery. Orders and money will need to be turned in at our next meeting. The RATT trip was discussed. Project meeting reports were given in Air Rifle and Beef. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10th.

Clayton Locke, Reporter

REGIONAL INFO

Calling All Camp Counselors!!!

Do you remember going to camp, singing funny songs, sitting around a camp fire, and being with friends? Well this is your chance to be a leader and help a whole new group of 4-Her's. If you are interested in being a 4-H camp counselor for our 2009 camp season you will need to fill out the camp counselor application that can be found online or here in the Extension Office. All applications are due to the Camp Directors by April 15th. A counselor training, including a low ropes challenge, will be held Saturday, April 25

at Camp Barnabas from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for everyone applying to be a counselor. You must complete the Camp Barnabas consent form as well as the 4-H health form to participate. To be a camp counselor for Clover Kids Camp you must be 12 years old by January 1, 2009 and to be a Member Camp counselor you must be 13 years old by January 1, 2009.

“National Treasure” IS THIS YEAR’S CAMP THEME at Camp Smokey.

Do you enjoy solving hidden mysteries? Or how about finding treasure? If so, this year of 4-H camp is just right for **YOU**. This year’s camp is shaping up to be one of the most fun ever with our National Treasure theme! We will be doing our traditional activities like swimming, fishing and hiking. We also have some new activities planned too!!!

2009 Camp dates:

Teen Camp- June 12-16- ages 13 and over;
Member Camp 1- June 16-19- ages 8-12; **Clover Kids Camp 1-** June 19-20- ages 5-7; **Clover Kids Camp 2-** June 20-21- ages 5-7; **Member Camp 2-** June 22-25- ages 8-12.

All camp applications are due before May 15, 2009. Applications can be found online, in the Extension Office, or from you club leader. Please sign up as soon as possible. Space is limited. Also, please be sure to include a health form with your application.

State News

STATE FARM YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Steve Henness

Applications are now available for the State Farm Youth Advisory Board. The State Farm Youth Advisory Board is one of the nations' most exciting opportunities for youth empowerment and development. The board is comprised of a diverse group of 30 young people, ages 17-20, chosen from each of 12 U.S. State Farm zones which cover all states within the United States, and one State Farm Canadian zone (Alberta, New Brunswick, or Ontario provinces only). Three at-large members are nominated by State Farm's national service-

learning partners. Scholarships are provided to Youth Advisory Board members.

Members of this Board play an important leadership role in creating and overseeing a \$5 million a year signature service-learning initiative which addresses pressing issues of importance to youth, State Farm, and communities across North America. The Youth Board collectively helps identify these issues; develops the grant making processes for catalyzing large-scale, student-driven service-learning projects that systemically address the issues; selects the programs to receive grants; provides technical assistance and oversight to site grantees; and assists with the communications and outreach of the initiative. The Youth Board interacts with senior State Farm leaders in presenting and defending an analysis of their grant-making decisions. Application must be postmarked March 31, 2009. Learn more at <http://www.statefarmyab.com/apply.php>.

CITIZENSHIP YOUTH FORUM

Becky Simpson

This summer, youth ages 14 and older are invited to come learn how their government works! This action packed event provides participants an inside look at the Missouri legislative, executive and judicial processes. There is also the option of a media track, where participating youth report on the activities of state government, film their reports and edit the footage for various media outlets. All workshop activities use a hands-on approach, with current legislators and legal staff on-hand to assist and teach. Don't miss this unique and exciting opportunity to meet legislators and experience your state government from the inside. Scholarships are available, with applications due April 1, and CYF registrations are due May 1, 2009.

For information, visit <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/citizenship/> or contact Becky Simpson at simpsonre@missouri.edu or 660-663-3232.

SHOOTING SPORTS DATES

Gerry Snapp

State Team Tryouts

March 7-8 Pistol, Rifle, Muzzleloading
March 14 Hunting Skills
April 4 Air Pistol
April 4-5 Compound Archery, Recurve
Archery
April 5 Air Rifle
<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm>

Shooting Sports Certification Workshop

March 27-29-Camp Jo-Ota- Clarence, MO
<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm>

Hunting Skills Leader Workshop

April 18-19 (evening of 17th optional)
Windermere Conference Center-Roach, MO
<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm>

Missouri State High School Trap Meet

With special 4-H Division
April 25
Linn Creek, MO
<http://www.motraps.com/youth.asp>

Missouri 4-H State Trap Shoot

August 29
MTA, Linn Creek, MO

Missouri 4-H State Shoot (all other events)

September 19
Prairie Grove Shooting Sports
Columbia, MO

4-H PROJECT HORSE ENROLLMENT

Ben Gallup

The horse member enrollment is **due to county offices May 1** each year. 4-H members may be asked to produce a current project horse enrollment form to show at county shows. State Fair requires 4-H members to include a copy of their current project horse enrollment form with their entry.

4-H SPORTFISHING LEADER WORKSHOP

Gerry Snapp

4-H Sportfishing Leader Workshop will be held on April 18-19 at Windermere Conference Center. Missouri 4-H policy requires volunteers wishing to lead the 4-H Sportfishing project to attend a leader workshop. 4-H Sportfishing is much more than just fishing. It includes fun educational activities in 4 general areas: Aquatic Ecology, Tackle Craft, Angling Skills, and People & Fish. This workshop is offered once a year. Optional arrival on Friday evening. Workshop begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 18.

The cost is \$40.00 per person for Saturday and Sunday (4 meals and Saturday night lodging) or \$55.00 per person- above plus Friday night Lodging and Saturday breakfast.

Pre-registration due by April 1.

<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/sportfishing/workshop.htm>

HUNTING SKILLS LEADER WORKSHOP

Gerry Snapp

Hunting Skills Leader Workshop will be held on April 18-19 at Windermere Conference Center.

Participate in active learning as you become acquainted with this challenging, yet FUN project. Learn from state instructors how to lead a local/county Hunting Skills program. Experience various teaching activities that have proven effective for youth. Receive answers to your questions. Become a certified 4-Hunting Skills volunteer leader. Optional arrival on Friday evening with optional session on Friday evening.

- Wildlife Identification – hides, skulls, scat, tracks, wings
- Map & compass skills
- Game Recovery/blood trails
- Plaster casts of animal tracks
- State Contest event info & tips
- Dutch-oven cooking
- Simulated hunting/shooting activities
- Carmelita Hunt

The cost is \$40.00 per person for Saturday and Sunday (4 meals and Saturday night lodging) or \$55.00 per person- above plus Friday night Lodging and Saturday breakfast.

Pre-registration Due by April 1.

<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm>

SUMMERS @ MIZZOU

Teresa Bishop

Do you have an idea you want to turn into your own business? Are you someone adults turn to when they need help with technology? Do you want to be fit and healthy? Do you like people? Do you faithfully watch Grey's Anatomy, ER or Private Practice? Are you interested in learning about other cultures? If any of these apply to you, Summers @ Mizzou is where you should be the **week of July 26**.

These camps are offered as residential or day camps. Camps are available for a wide range of ages beginning with 12 year olds. Early registration is due by April 7. For registration and available scholarships see <http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers> For those without Internet access, call your local Extension center or Teresa Bishop at 573-884-0554 for a brochure.

TEEN CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)-Joan Zeller

Dates

April 3-5

Two Locations: Fredericktown at Pinecrest Camp and Conference Center, and Stoutsville at Mark Twain State Park

April 17-19

Two Locations: Independence at Boys and Girls Club, and Springfield at Boys and Girls Club

Schedule

- Friday, April 3 or 17
Arrive no later than 8 p.m.
- Saturday, April 4 or 18
8 a.m. to 9 p.m. CERT training and related activities

- Sunday, April 5 or 19
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CERT training and related activities
Depart at 5 p.m.

In the case of a wide spread disaster, professional emergency personnel will not be able to respond to every citizen's needs. Teens and their family, friends, and neighbors may need to fend for themselves for a significant period of time.

How can you learn the skills that will be needed before, during and after a disaster? Take Teen CERT Training! This class covers basic, critical skills needed to prepare for and protect yourself, your family, your friends, and your community in the event of a disaster.

Questions? Contact Joan Zeller
zellerc@missouri.edu.

Clover Kids Corner

Making kazoos

What you need:

Empty toilet paper rolls
Rubber bands
Wax paper
Markers
Gummed stars

What you do:

Show the children how to assemble their own kazoos by folding the waxed paper several times so that it covers the end of the paper roll. Rubber band it in place. Encourage the children to decorate their kazoos with the markers and stars. To test the kazoos, place the end of the roll lightly to your mouth and sing or hum. The vibration of the layers of waxed paper should make your kazoos sound great!

Source: "Our Flag," Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Curriculum, Ohio State University Extension