



Cedar County Clover

APRIL 2009

Shooting Sports- Terry Costello

Air Pistol will be completed as of 5 April. **Shotgun** has started and will be held every Monday evening starting at 6:00 PM at the Eagles trap range in El Dorado Springs. **Archery** will start Wednesday, April 8th at Brian Eason's in El Dorado Springs at 6:00 PM. If you need directions, call Brian or Terry Costello. **.22 cal rifle** will start Sunday, April 19th, at 2:00 PM at Michelle & Robert Hoffmann's farm south of Jerico Springs. If you need directions call the Hoffmann's or Terry Costello.

Thanks to Cole Hoffmann, Zach Whitaker, Wyatt Niermann and Marcus Gumm for helping at the National Wild Turkey Federation banquet on March 27th. NWTF is a major supporter of 4-H Shooting Sports including donating \$5000.00 to the annual State Shoot in Columbia. Congratulations to Marcus for winning the NWTF gun of the year, a Winchester Super X 3.

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Important Dates to Remember

	<u>Apr</u>
Archery Practice Starts	8
Camp Counselor Applications Due	15
.22 cal rifle Practice Starts	19
Achievement Day Applications Due	24
Market Animal Weigh-in	24

ON THE WEB!!!

- Because I get so many e-mails about different shows and events there is no way to put them all in the newsletter. You can now go to the website where you can find all of the flyers for shows and events in the county, region, state, and out of state. It will be located under "Livestock and Horse Events." You can find this website at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/cedar/youth/LSShows.htm>
- We will also have a yearly calendar with all county, regional, and state events. The newsletter will include all monthly events but if you would like to look ahead you can check out the website at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/cedar/youth/Events/CalendarJan-Dec%2008.pdf>

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO OPEN THESE FILES PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR ADOBE IS UPDATED.

Congratulations to the Cedar County Horse Bowl Team who finished 1st at the Regional horse bowl competition!!!! We wish you luck at State!!!!

Share the Fun Night!!!

Congrats to our 2009 Cedar County 4-H Royalty: Lauren Elder- Queen; Logan Hall-Princess; Jake Hillsman- Prince; Jamie Johnson- Jr. Princess; Dylan Davis- Jr. Prince. Also a congratulations to our Talent Show winners- Stockton Seeker Rachel Merrick- 1st; Union Hall Skit- 2nd; Stockton Seekers Dylan Davis and Sam Green- 3rd. Thank you to the Union Hall 4-H club for all of your hard work putting on this event. It is greatly appreciated.

LOCAL NEWS

4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H County Council Meeting will be held on May 18, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the LOL Fair Grounds.

JUST A MINUTE!! CLUB NEWS

Stockton Seekers- The Stockton Seekers 4-H Club met on Tuesday, March 10th at Stockton Christian Church. Share the Fun Night was discussed. It will be held March 28th at Eldorado Springs Middle School Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. Royalty was voted on. Fundraiser packets were turned in. Clay Hoffmann did a demonstration on how to make fishing lures. Project meeting reports were given in Beef, Gardening, Swine, Air Pistol, and Sports Fishing. We ended the meeting with a Parliamentary Procedures activity. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14th.

Clayton Locke, Reporter

Pony Express- The Pony Express had a meeting on March 4, 2009. We will be selling raffle tickets for \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets and the prize will be half a hog, but you will have to pay for processing. There will be 2 winners each receiving half of a hog. If anyone is interested, call Pam Fletcher at 417-296-0623. Our next meeting will be on April 1, 2009 at 6:30pm in Camp Galilee.

Hannah Robertson, Reporter

Horse enrollment forms due to extension offices by May 1

Remember to have your horse member enrollment forms signed by your club and project leaders so you can turn them in by May 1. The Missouri State Fair requires that the enrollment forms be sent with your entry. Signed forms should be turned into the Extension Office by MAY 1st, no later. For a form, go to: <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/>

ATTENTION Livestock Exhibitors

Land of Lakes Fair- - the Market Animal Check-In will be on April 25th from 2pm- 5pm. For questions concerning this please contact a Land O Lakes Fair Board member.

Achievement Day is set for May 9th

All 4-H'ers in good standing (public speaking and demonstrations may be done by all members regardless of project) are encouraged to participate in one or more of the Achievement Day events, Saturday, May 9th, at the El Dorado Springs Middle/High School Cafeteria. Top winners will be selected for regional and state

events. Contests include: public speaking, fashion revue, project demonstrations and member judging in foods, clothing, horse, beef, dog, cake decorating, photography, arts and crafts, woodwork, and shooting sports projects.

All Members participating MUST PRE-REGISTER BY April 24th. Achievement Day entry forms and information is on our website and have also been given to your club leaders.

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, be sure to include a health form with your application.

State News

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. CYF registrations are due May 1, 2009. For information, visit <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/citizenship/> or contact Becky Simpson at 660-663-3232 or simpsonre@missouri.edu.

No Boundaries Project

Bill Pabst

The "No Boundaries" project was developed by NASA in collaboration with USA TODAY Education to help youth explore careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and to learn about NASA. Individual or group projects can be entered in the No Boundaries National Competition. While the instructions are in a school context, youth groups like 4-H and individuals are eligible to participate.

For more information, visit: <http://www.noboundaries-stemcareers.com/>. Competition deadline is May 15, 2009.

STATE 4-H VIDEO CORPS

Bradd Anderson

Do you have a unique point of view? Do you have access to a digital video camera (or a digital camera that can record video)? Would you like to have your voice be heard in new and interesting ways? If so, Video Corps may be for you!

Announcing the State 4-H Video Corps! Video Corps is a team of 4-H videographers ages 12 and older from across Missouri, building skills, exploring career possibilities, and capturing the 4-H world through their own personal narrative. Each month, from June to December 2009, State 4-H Video Corps members find something in their world that relates to 4-H or MU Extension and use their skills to create a short 30-90

second video that shows it to the world through their unique perspective. For more information, check out the Video Corps announcement at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/programs/videocorps/>.

MISSOURI SHEEP PRODUCERS' STARTER FLOCK ENTRY FORM

Scott Kaden, Missouri Sheep Producer Executive Director

Goal: To provide a Missouri 4-H or FFA member (age 8-19 as of January 1) a grant opportunity to purchase ewes for a starter flock.

Reward: One winner will receive a \$600 grant to be used to purchase ewes from a current MSP member and work with this member in a mentoring program. The sheep purchased may be either purebred registered or commercial stock.

Application Requirements: Applicants must not currently own a flock, be involved in Missouri 4-H and/or FFA, successfully complete this application with responses to essay questions attached, and contact a current MSP member (current MSP membership directory may be obtained by contacting the executive director) to obtain a letter of recommendation and agreement by the member to participate in a mentoring program.

Winner Requirements: The successful applicant will be required to purchase starter ewes from a current MSP member and provide transportation of the sheep back to their home, purchase a ram or coordinate with their mentor on a breeding program, ewes must be purchased by September 1 and bred to lamb the following spring, the starter flock must be kept in the winners possession for a minimum of one year, and a total budget (income and expenses) for the year should be presented by the applicant at the next MSP annual meeting.

[Starter Flock Application Form](#)

Monthly MOVEment Activity

Kids, families, clubs, afterschool groups and others can have fun while being physically active.

Bounce the Ball

Materials:
2 or 3 wiffle or Ping-Pong balls
1 sheet

You will need at least four people for this game. Each person holds a corner and side of the sheet – stretched taut. Place the balls in the center of the sheet. Participants shake the sheet causing the balls to bounce

in the air. The object of the game is to keep the balls bouncing in the air and keep them from bouncing off the sheet onto the floor.

Source: Missouri 4-H Couch Potato Challenge at <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/projects/health/>

MISSOURI REPORT FORM TIPS & BENEFITS

Diana Duncan

The following list of tips is to help you enhance your 4-H Awards application.

The Story

The **4-H story** should reveal not only what the individual has done, but should expand beyond those indicators to include the skills that are being learned in preparation for life. Include the so what's of certain experiences; what differences did it make in your life to the present in regards to the experiences that you have had in 4-H.

- Many judges read the story first
- Write well to be remembered
- Write it first, fill out the other sections then go back and rewrite
- Express who you are
- Turn to written examples

Overall Story Tips

- How will your 4-H experiences give you directions in the future?
- How does this tell us who you are?
- ***Proof Read for Errors in Grammar and Sentence Structure!!***
- How do your experiences contribute to life skills
- Expand on examples

STATE SHOOT RULES 2009

Gerry Snapp

Rules for the 2009 Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports State Shoot(s) are now available for viewing. Significant changes include: FITA event added for Archery, different targets and number of shots for Muzzleloading, and live-fire Archery & Air Rifle added to Hunting Skills. Again this year, there is a separate State Trap Shoot (August 29) in addition to shotgun events at Prairie Grove, September 19. 4-H Shooting Sports members, parents, and leaders need to review both the General Rules and specific discipline rules. The 2009 edition is available at your county MU Extension Center or from the website at

<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/4HSSRrules09.pdf>

SUMMERS @ MIZZOU 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Teresa Bishop

The Missouri 4-H Foundation will be sponsoring a total of \$600 to help 4-H members attend Summers @ Mizzou. A \$100 scholarship will be available for each of the six Summers @ Mizzou camps. Applications may be found on the Summers @ Mizzou website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers/> Send in your registration now to get the lowest rates.

PLANT A TREE – 4-H MILLION TREES

Gerry Snapp

Now is a great time to plant a tree or several trees. Join other Missouri 4-H members and clubs participating in 4-H Million Trees and do your part. As of March 19, the national website shows that 526 Missouri 4-H members representing 17 family or club groups have planted 302 trees - with plans to plant another 1538. Arbor Day, the traditional day of tree-planting, is celebrated in Missouri on April 3 and Earth Day is April 22. Learn more about this environmental action project by visiting <http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/milliontrees>. Be sure to register and report at the national website.

4-H FILM MAKING STUDIO

Tara Maloney, National 4-H Council

Great News— We have officially launched The Virtual 4-H Filmmaking Studio & Workshop, located at <http://projects.4-hcurriculum.org/curriculum/filmmaking/> developed in collaboration with Montana State University. The Filmmaking Studio and Workshop is the online space to find tools and resources about video production and “how to make your own film”. On the home page of the site, you’ll find the main Filmmaking Workshop—an 11 module “virtual workshop”, geared toward youth interested in making Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET) films. The workshop discusses SET as a primary topic area and delivery mode, but the learning modes and principles apply across mission mandate areas—SET, Healthy Living, and Citizenship.

This is a BETA release and feedback is encouraged, via the “Give Feedback” button on the home page. Additional resources will be added and tweaked over time, so stay tuned. Happy Filmmaking!

AG-DISCOVERY

Bill Pabst

“Ag-Discovery” is an outreach program to help students learn about careers in animal science, veterinary medicine, agribusiness and plant pathology. This 2 week program allows participants ages 12-17 to live on a college campus and learn about Agricultural science from university professors, practicing veterinarians and professionals working for the U.S. Government. Students chosen to participate in Ag-Discovery will gain

experience through hands-on labs, workshops, field trips and other group and team building activities.

For more information, please see <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/agdiscovery/>. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 17, 2009."

POULTRY DAY 2009 ANNOUNCEMENT

Ben Gallup

State Poultry Day will be Saturday, June 13, 2009 at the Animal Sciences Center at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The fun filled day will include mini-workshops, production judging, a standard bred evaluation clinic, a dozen egg contest and quiz bowl. Resources to study are available by contacting Jess Lyons at LyonsJ@missouri.edu. Registrations are due May 1 and there is no limit on the number eligible to attend from a county. Lunch is provided for registered participants. This event is a great opportunity for poultry members and leaders. Thanks in advance for helping us advertise.

Please share the information with your poultry leaders and members. The Poultry Day flyer and registration form is at

<http://4h.missouri.edu/events/livestock/#poultry>.

STATE FAIR DNA CARD INFORMATION

Ben Gallup

The rules related to DNA cards and showing 4-H/FFA market barrows at the State Fair are at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/dnacardinfo.pdf> or [DNA Card](#) attached. Please share this information with your members and leaders interested in showing market barrows at the State Fair. If you have any questions, let me know at gallupb@missouri.edu.

Just to clarify, DNA cards **are not** required to enter the Growth and Quality Barrow Classic show. The Growth and Quality show is an open barrow show partnered by the Missouri Dept of Agriculture and University of Missouri Extension. To participate or find out more information about this show call Loyd Wilson at the Department of Agriculture at 573-751-4561.

CLOVER KIDS CORNER

Seed Sprouts: Does Light Make a Difference?

Materials

- Sandwich bags
- Paper towels
- Navy beans
- Permanent marker
- Sprayer or mist bottle with water

Directions

Give each child two bags, two paper towels, and six to eight navy beans. Help them label their bags. Label one bag "with light" and label the other bag "without light." Fold the paper towels to fit inside each bag. Spray with water until the paper towels are saturated. Place several seeds in each bag. Seal the bags. Ask the children to take the bags home; tape one to a window and put the other one in a closet or somewhere with no light. Keep the paper towels damp. Check on the seeds daily. What happens?

Related Activity

Take the children on a walk. Look under rocks or logs for seeds that have sprouted without the help of sunlight. What do they look like? What do you think will happen if they are kept in the sun?

Source: Cloverbud Program – Curriculum Instructional Materials. The Ohio State University Extension, 1994.