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Swine/Sheep /Goat Weigh-in
Swine/Sheep/Goat weigh-in will be May 2nd from 8-9 am at the Clark County Fairgrounds. Each exhibitor may weigh-in up to 4 animals per species at a cost of $4 per tag. Sheep and goats will must be tagged and weighed. Swine must be tagged and have the option to weigh-in if they would like to participate in the rate of gain contest. Only animals tagged in will be eligible to show as market animals at the Clark County Fair.

Achievement Day
Achievement Day is scheduled for May 27th at 7pm (location to be determined). Events will include:

- Table Place Setting- Create and display a table place setting. Must provide your own card table.
- Demonstrations- Present a demonstration and be evaluated by a judge. Some demonstrations will be selected to represent Clark County at the Missouri State Fair.
- Judging Classes- Select scenarios from different topics and rank the options provided based on which is the best answer and then provide a judge with the reasons for your placings.
- Fashion Revue- Model garments you have made/selected. Some participants will be selected to represent Clark County at the State Fashion Revue this Fall.

We must have 10 members preregister by May 8th or the event will be cancelled.

Cemetery Clean-up
April 11th will be our annual county-wide community service project- cleaning up the Kahoka Cemetery. Join us at 9am! The most folks that show up, the faster the job will go!

Box Supper and Square Dance
The Livestock Committee will be holding a box supper and square dance on May 9th at the Commercial Building on the Clark County Fairgrounds. The box supper will begin at 5pm with the dance at 6:30. A box supper is where the girls make a meal for two and put it in a box they decorate and then they auction the boxes off anonymously and then the girl will shared the meal with the highest bidder. Most girls will give the guy they would like to share their supper with which box to bid on, but others will bid against him for the fun of it! The following square dance will have leaders teaching the dances. Join us for a great time and help us raise funds for our continuing efforts to improve the livestock buildings! Don’t forget we need ladies to make box suppers!
Horse Enrollments

Horse enrollment forms have been mailed out! The forms with all appropriate signatures and accompanying pictures are due back to the Extension Office no later than May 1st in order to exhibit horses at the Clark County Fair and many other fairs.

State 4-H Congress: June 3-5, 2015

Congress is designed for Missouri 4-H’ers ages 14-19. The Missouri State 4-H Council plans and implements the event that is held on the University of Missouri campus. Objectives for Congress are elect the State 4-H Council, enjoy quality workshops and educational opportunities, experience campus living—residence halls, cafeterias, classrooms, etc., get to know other 4-H youth from across Missouri,... and HAVE FUN! More information can be found at [http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/index.htm](http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/index.htm) or at the Extension office. Registration is available on 4-H Online and the deadline is April 15.

2015 4-H Camp Applications

Camp will be held at Camp Cedar Crest, 5 miles north of Mexico. Junior Camp, 8-11 years of age, will be June 10-13 and Teen Camp, 12-14 years of age, will be held June 7-10. Enclosed is an application and health form. Both forms are due May 2. A camping fee of $80 per person, or $150 for two children in the same immediate family, must be included with the application. Make your check payable to Pike County Extension Council. Non 4-H’ers are still invited to camp. Pike County has made limited assistance available. Don't miss out, get your applications in now! Applications can be found online at [http://extension.missouri.edu/pike/4hcamp.aspx](http://extension.missouri.edu/pike/4hcamp.aspx).

Clark County 4-H Council Fundraiser

Thank you to all those who helped with the fundraiser. The 4-H Council raised $2700. Congratulations to Chandra Kirchner whose name was drawn as the winner for the iPad mini and the $50 iTunes gift card. Congratulations also to Destiny Nichols for being the top seller, selling $200 in tickets! If you did not participate, you will need to make a $25 donation to be eligible to exhibit at the Clark County Fair.

Hillbilly Auction

Lewis County’s Ten Mile 4-H Club will be hosting a Hillbilly Auction April 25th at the Lewis County Fairgrounds. Consignments will be taken starting at 8 am and the sale will start at 10 am. They will be selling small animals, household items, hay, straw, and miscellaneous items. For more information, contact Paul Bringer at 573-795-3387 or Debby Hetzler at 660-216-9104.

Fair Improvements

Due to the hard and on-going work by the Building Committee, a complete 12 ft. addition will be made to the current hog barn, new free-standing pens are being constructed and the electrical in the building will be upgraded. Additionally all new concrete will be poured in the building, all in time for the 2015 Clark County Fair! Additional projects include covering the alleyway. We are so grateful for the strong community support we having that is helping to make this dream a reality.

Show-Me Quality Assurance (SMQA)

SMQA training is required by all 4-H and FFA members in order to be eligible to exhibit food animals at the county fair. Those under the age of 13 must complete two consecutive years of the training to be conditionally SMQA certified. An additional year of training is also required one youth reach the age of 14. If you missed the Clark County training, you will need to complete the training online at [http://www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/](http://www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/) and then notify the Extension Office so that we can change your status and send you your SMQA card.
14th Annual 4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals – Order Quickly

The 4-H Day with the Cardinals at Busch Stadium is set for Saturday, May 16, 2015. The National League Central Champion Cardinals will be playing the Detroit Tigers in a 1:15 p.m. game. Tickets for the game will be $25.00 each and includes a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinal’s emblem on the front. 4-H members, leaders, alumni, and their families who purchase 4-H Day with the Cardinals tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Families can also take part in a raffle for great prizes including the chance to throw out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to Cardinals baseball games provided by the St. Louis Cardinals.

Tickets for the event must be ordered on the 4-H Day with the Cardinals order form. Ticket order forms are available at the University of Missouri Extension office, or on the web at http://mo4h.missouri.edu. Ticket orders must be postmarked by April 6. Tickets usually sell out before the order deadline so families are encouraged to order early. 4-H Clubs, counties, or groups of families who would like to be seated together must send their orders in the same envelope.

Missouri Sheep Producers Starter Flock Program

Goal: To provide a current Missouri 4-H or FFA member a grant opportunity to purchase ewes for a starter flock.

Reward: Up to three winners 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 purebred, registered or commercial stock.

Applications are due to Scott Kaden by May 1, 2015 with the winners being selected by June 1. Details at www.missourisheep.com/youthprograms.htm. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Kaden, MSP Executive Director at 573-578-9801 or rollakadens@embarqmail.com.

Missouri State Sportfishing Day

State Sportfishing Day will be held May 30, 2015 at Little Dixie Lake Conservation Area (in Millersburg, MO between Fulton & Columbia). Check-in will take place between 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. with the Fishing Derby being held between 8:30-11:00 a.m. Other events that day will be a Casting Contest and a Skill-a-thon. This event is open to all 4-H Sportfishing project members. Registration will be through 4-H Online and is due by May 15.

Advanced Shotgun Clinic – April 25-26, 2015

This clinic will be held at Prairie Grove Shotgun Club at Columbia. This clinic is open to currently approved 4-H volunteers that have completed the basic 4-H Shotgun Certification. This is an opportunity for county shotgun instructors to learn about advanced techniques for teaching, practicing and shooting Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays and coaching techniques. Hands on instruction, $50 fee, find your own lodging, bring your own shells and pay the gun club for targets. Register by April 15 at https://mo.4honline.com/Login.aspx.
**Show Stock Clinic**
The Show Stock Clinic will be held April 11th at the North Missouri Livestock Auction in Milan, with registration from 8am- 8:45am and the clinic running from 9am until 1pm. Speakers will cover topics of selection, showmanship, nutrition, housing, handling, health concerns and show ring ethics for market goats, lambs, swine, beef and bucket calves. Give-away prizes include: feed, feed pans, gift certificates and more. Early registration is $10/ person (postmarked by April1) and $12 after that, including the day of the event. Lunch will be provided for youth and parents may purchase for an additional $5. For registration forms, contact the Extension Office. This is a great learning opportunity!

**Small Animal Show Clinic**
The Small Animal Show Clinic will be held Saturday May 16th from 10am-noon in Green City, Missouri. Topics to be covered include showmanship, ethics, general care and selection, animal health and feeding your show animal. A Rally Class demonstration for dogs will be held at 1:30pm. Registration $10 ($12 after May 8th). Lunch provided for youth, $5/adult. Contact the Extension Office to Register.

**Celebrate Service: April 12-18, 2015**
Take a moment during this week to remember the many 4-H volunteers that make 4-H a success! A suggestion would be for each 4-H member to send a thank you note to one project leader or their club leader.

**Livestock Judging Day**
Livestock Judging Day will be held on June 26, at the Rockin A Arena, Palmyra, Missouri. The day will begin at 9am and we hope to be completed by noon. This is open to any 4-H member; you do not have to be enrolled in a livestock project. You can practice your decision-making and public speaking skills along with having an enjoyable morning with friends.

**Global Education**
Would your family like to share your home and family life for about three weeks so our Japanese youth can learn more about 4-H and the USA? This opportunity will be available July 23-August 18, 2015. Host families are needed for youth ages 12-16. Check out our website at [http://mo4h.missouri.edu](http://mo4h.missouri.edu) under State Programs, Global Education for more details and how to apply electronically (preferred method or requesting hard copy). Deadline to apply is April 10 and you may contact Joyce Taylor, 573-882-6393 or TaylorJL@missouri.edu with questions.

**Summers @ Mizzou**
Do you have an idea you want to turn into your own business? Do you want to move from a seat in the audience to the Director’s Chair? Do you like helping people? Do you like maps? Do you enjoy helping animals? Are you interested in science? If any of these apply to you, Summers @ Mizzou is where you should be this summer. Camps will be offered the week of July 12-16 and July 19-23, 2015.

Summers @ Mizzou offers eight different camps: Director’s Cut, Scrub-In to a Health Career, Build-a-Business, Dog Days of Summer, GeoTech, The Arts as a Portal to Science Communication, Big River Experience, and Network Forensics for Hacker Trackers. These camps are offered as residential or day camps. Camps are available for a wide range of ages beginning with 12 year olds; check the registration information for the age range of each camp.

Early registration is due by May 7. For registration and available scholarships see [http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers](http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers). For those without internet access, call your local Extension office.
**Does your 4-H Club Include Supportive Encouragement?**

We are going to continue focusing on program quality at the point of contact which is the 4-H club. In youth development work, we are trying to build or improve intrinsic motivation. We want young people to see the value in who they are and be proud of what they do. We want them to want to do more because it feels good inside. Extrinsic motivation involves youth performing for an external reason, such as prize incentive, higher grade or verbal praise. These commonly used strategies can actually have a negative impact on the building of intrinsic motivation. Praise makes the power shift to the adult; judgement is passed and the youth’s internal voice is quieted.

Here are some practical strategies that contribute to a supportive and encouraging environment:

- Be actively involved in the participant’s program experience. This builds rapport and trust and aids in the development of relationships with other caring adults.
- Ask open-ended questions that explore subjects in different ways. This is an effective way to learn about their lives and helps youth feel understood and valued. Work with them to apply their understanding.
- Use specific, no-evaluative feedback to increase internal motivation. “You played both hands together!” or “What were the steps you completed to finish this project?” or “I noticed that you used both color and texture to create your sculpture.”

*Information came from the Weikart Center and from the University of Minnesota Extension*

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**MOVE Across Missouri**

Take a Walk! Gather up your friends and adults and go outside to take a walk. Enjoy the beautiful spring weather while being active. Listen to sounds of nature, notice plants and growing grass, and smell the fresh spring air. That’s it! A simple physical activity!

**Clover Kid Corner**

**Purpose:** To help members think about themselves – their hobbies, families, friends, backgrounds, favorite activities, future goals, etc. and make a collage representing themselves.

**Materials:** Paper, scissors, glue, various magazines and catalogs, construction paper or large pieces of paper, and washable markers

**Time:** 15 minutes

**At the meeting:**

1) Share this information – Each of us is different, unique, and important. We all come from different backgrounds and families with our own set of values and future goals.
2) Ask the member to make a collage as a self-portrait representing their favorite activities, hobbies, background, friends, family, future goals, etc. Cut out pictures from the magazines and catalogs and glue on the construction paper.
3) Each member should put his or her name on the construction paper with a washable marker.
4) Ask members to stand and describe their collage to the other members of the club.
5) Collages may be kept by the 4-H member or saved for the club to display in the fair booth, decorate for an achievement meeting, window display or some other occasion.
Spring is here!

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