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. Please contact the Extension Office by June 15th to pre-register.

Super Farmer

Returning again this year to Wednesday afternoon of the Clark County Fair is the Super Farmer Contest. Beginning with registration at 12:30 and the games begin at 1pm. Calling all parents and members, join us for an afternoon of fun and if it is anything like last year, laughter!

Clark County Fair

- Painting and Scraping will be set after the June’s Livestock meeting.
- Clark County Fair T-shirt orders are due to the Extension Office by June 26th. T-shirts are provided free to all exhibitors. Additional T-shirts may be ordered for $10 each.
- Set-up for the 2015 Clark County Fair will be held July 18th at 8 am. Please plan to come and help set-up the livestock barns and the Art Hall. Stall assignments will be announced at this time.
- REMINDER- Livestock, Pepsi, and Cattlemens forms are due to the Extension Office by noon July 1st. No late entries will be accepted. If you have questions, contact Katie Hogan now, do not wait for the deadline! All animals coming to the fair (including small animal entries by Clover Kids) must be pre-registered.

Box Supper and Square Dance

Thanks to the small crowd that gathered for an evening of years gone by for the box supper and square dance. Thank you to Shawn McAfee for putting the event together and to all those who made and bought baskets. At the end of the night $1010 was raised for the Livestock Building Fund.

Preparing Your Photographs for Fair Exhibition

As you are getting ready for the fair and displaying photographs, 8x10 matte board (no window) are available for $.50 (Y3500) and 8 l/4”x10 1/8”clear photo sleeves are available for $.25 (Y3501). Shipping costs will be added to your total. These can be ordered from Extension Publications 1-800-292-0969 or online: http://extension.missouri.edu/orderpubs.
Attention Swine Producers

In response to the existence of porcine epidemic diarrhea virus (PEDv) in the United States swine herd, MU Extension is educating 4-H families on how to slow or stop the spread of the virus.

It is important to understand the symptoms of the virus for early detection. The incubation period is very short, with clinical signs of vomiting and severe diarrhea seen in 24-48 hours. The virus will show clinical signs in all ages of swine, however, piglets less than 14 days may have a mortality (death) rate in the range of 30-100%, with most cases at or near 100%. The virus is transmitted only by fecal-oral contact (examples: pigs, boots, truck, clothes, feed). It is important to note that PEDv ONLY infects pigs. It will NOT infect humans and is NOT a food safety concern.

County fairs are just around the corner and biosecurity measures are your best defense to prevent a PEDv outbreak. When purchasing pigs or returning from a show it is best to isolate them from the rest of your herd for 30 days and monitor for signs of illness. When it comes to chores, work from the youngest to oldest pigs. Cleanliness is also a must. Wash your trailers with the hottest water possible and allow to completely dry before loading pigs. Change your boots and clothes whenever you change location or buildings. Use strong disinfectants: Lysol or bleach on steering wheel and floor mats, Synergize or Traffic Cop on vehicles, trailers, boots, and facilities.

As a part of biosecurity, if you have sick pigs, DO NOT bring them to the fair. It is recommended that pigs be PEDv free (negative test-no fecal shedding) for at least 30 days before exhibition. If you have any questions regarding PEDv, contact your local livestock specialist, Zac Erwin e-mail erwinz@missouri.edu, or 660-665-9866, or your veterinarian.

Celebrity Livestock Show

A new event called the Celebrity Livestock Show is joining the schedule of the 2015 Clark County Fair. The show will be held Wednesday July 22nd, following the Open Bucket Calf Show which begins at 5pm. You have the opportunity to nominate someone to be a showman for a $20 nomination fee. Nominees must be 18 years of age or older and individuals that are interested in supporting the efforts of youth active in 4-H and FFA in Clark County. Nominees will be required to display their showmanship skills by competing in the beef, swine, sheep or goat division.

At the time of nomination, the nominating party must provide the prospective showman’s name, phone number, address, and species which they are being nominated to show. If a nominated showman is unable to or declines the nomination to participate, it will be up to them to secure a replacement nominee, or pay a $20 fee to be relieved of their nomination. The Celebrity Livestock Show Committee will secure the show animals for nominated showmen. Nominees will be offered the opportunity for training by one of our qualified Clark County 4-H and FFA members. The nominating party will not be revealed until the showmanship class is in the ring.

The top showman in each division will then compete in the all species championship to determine who will be the 2015 Celebrity Livestock Showman.

All proceeds will go to the Clark County Junior Livestock Committee’s Building Fund to be used in their continuing efforts to renovate and upgrade the livestock facilities utilized by 4-H and FFA members on the Clark County Fairgrounds.

Nominations may be made at the Clark County Extension Office located in the basement of the Clark County Courthouse. The nomination deadline is July 15th.

Think about nominating someone and join in the fun! Stop by the Extension Office and complete your nomination and then mark your calendar for Wednesday July 22nd for the Celebrity Livestock Show!

For more information, contact the Clark County Extension Office at (660) 727-3339 or a member of the Clark County Junior Livestock Committee.
State Fair to Accept Online Competition Entries and Payment

Exhibitors interested in competing at the Missouri State Fair will now be able to access new online entry and payment options, and online registration for the vendor input form. The new online entry system started on May 7. Missouri State Fair Director Mark Wolfe said that the new ShoWorks exhibitor and entries management software program will allow exhibitors to register and submit their entries along with their payment by using an easy online portal available at mostatefair.com.

Also new in 2015, a livestock entry will no longer be required at the time of submission of a camping reservation form. Livestock camping forms were available on May 1. Reserved campsites open Sunday, Aug. 9, and are only available for livestock exhibitors, commercial vendors and persons with disabilities. Camping rules have been updated and are available on the Fair’s website.

Exhibitors under age 13 will be admitted free to the 11-day Fair again this year, while exhibitors age 13 and over will be able to purchase up to 40 single-day exhibitor admission tickets at a special price of $5. The discounted exhibitor tickets are available to order from the Fair business office at the time of competition entry through Aug. 12. These tickets will not be available at the gate, and they do not include exhibitor parking.

The 113th annual Missouri State Fair, themed “Show Offs Welcome” will be held Aug. 13-23 in Sedalia. More than 30,000 entries are expected for this year’s annual agriculture showcase. For more information about the year’s fair, visit www.mostatefair.com, follow the Missouri State Fair on Facebook and Twitter or call 1-800-422-FAIR (3247).

Missouri 4-H Century Family

The Missouri 4-H Century Family program recognizes 4-H families with long, sustained involvement in the 4-H program. Missouri 4-H Families with a combined 100 years or more of membership and/or volunteer service in 4-H will be recognized. Applications can be submitted at any time before July 1 to be recognized during the county recognition program. If your family has been involved with Missouri for 100 years, you are encouraged to apply! More information and application can be found at http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/recognition/century.shtml.


If you are a young person ages 12-18 interested in learning how to earn your own income, work at something you love, or take up a cause to make a difference, Build-a-Business Camp is for you. Explore the world of entrepreneurs and get ready to start something! Meet new friends, experience life on campus, and team up with students, faculty, entrepreneurs, social media experts, and business advisors who can help you. At camp, you will gain the confidence, connections, and a course of action to make your imprint on the world as a young entrepreneur! Register online by June 1, 2015 at https://extweb.missouri.edu/NewWebReg/NewIntro.aspx?tp=2&u=467&p=125626&d=swDj8MmbzR/UfHC+bPWmzA.

Bowling Green FFA Jackpot Show

Bowling Green FFA Jackpot Show will be Saturday, June 6 at the Pike County Fairgrounds. Show is open to any 4-H or FFA member in good standing. Pike County residents will have a $5 per head entry fee. Out of county exhibitors will be charged a $20 per head entry fee. No pre-entry needed. For more information, contact Bowling Green FFA (Christopher Hudson at 573-647-1534).
Show Me 4-H Wares

The 8th Annual Show Me 4-H Wares sales booth is accepting applications for young entrepreneurs to sell their 4-H products and services at the Missouri State Fair on August 13, 14, 15 or 16, 2015. Any 4-H member age 11-18, pair of 4-H members (biz buddies), or group of up to three 4-H members from the same club (team), is eligible to apply to market or sell original products or services.

Youth need not be currently enrolled in the 4-H entrepreneurship project to participate, although these members, along with youth participating in county fair sales booths, are highly encouraged to apply! Register to be a youth exhibitor at the Missouri State Fair this summer. **Apply online between May 1-July 1**, or until all booth slots are filled. Up to 16 youth exhibitors, buddies, and/or teams will be selected to sell during four days. Selected youth will be notified by July 15 and invited to participate in a conference call on August 1.

Camp Food and Fitness Back for 2015

4-H Camp Food and Fitness is scheduled for December 5-6, 2015 on the MU campus. The primary audience for the camp is youth age 12-14 enrolled in 4-H Foods projects but young people associated with any Extension program are eligible to attend if they meet the age criteria.

Since Camp Food and Fitness was not offered in 2014, an invitation is extended to youth who wanted to attend last year but may have “aged out” for 2015. We will make sure that now 15 year olds that wanted to attend last year get the opportunity to do so.

Here’s cool stuff youth get to do:

- Learn about culinary skills and practices
- Learn about food/nutrition and healthy eating
- Engage in hands-on food science activities
- Increase physical activity

Shooting Sports Contest Opportunities

The Monroe County Invitational will be held June 6, 2015 at the Monroe County Gun Club. Registration, health form and entry fee is due by June 3 to the Monroe County Extension Office. If you have any questions, please contact either the Monroe County Extension Office at 660-327-4158 or Darrin at 660-327-5525 in the evenings.

The Pike County Invitational will be held June 28, 2015 at Ka-Tonka near New London, Missouri. Registration, health form and entry fee is due by June 12 to the Pike County Extension Office. If you have any questions, please contact either the Pike County Extension Office at 573-324-5464 or Nancy Buchmeier at 573-470-6254.

The Randolph County Invitational will be held June 13, 2015 at the Lion’s Club Park north of Huntsville, Missouri. Registration, health form and entry fee must be postmarked by May 29 and mailed to Randolph County Shooting Sports, Gary Hunt, P.O. Box 655, Moberly, Missouri.

The Lewis County Invitational will be held August 1, 2015 at the Deer Ridge Conservation Area-Jenkin’s Shooting Ranges north of Lewistown, Missouri. Pre-registration is required and must be received by July 12. Forms are available at your local extension office or by contacting the Lewis County Extension Office at 573-767-5273.

The Audrain County Invitational will be held June 20, 2015 at Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports. Registration form, health form and entry fee is due Friday, June 5. Check with your local extension office for registration forms.
Leadership – Is It Happening In Your Club?

We are going to continue focusing on program quality at the point of contact, which is the 4-H club. Leadership is not something that simply emerges automatically with adulthood. Leadership is not something that youth are born with either. Practicing on a small scale and developing related skills allows youth to grow in their leadership abilities. Sometimes youth exercise leadership on their own and that is good. However, we need to ensure that all youth develop and practice these skills and characteristics. Leaders need to make sure they are creating opportunities for all youth to develop leadership skills.

Here are some examples of how adult leaders can encourage leadership in their clubs:

1. Youth participate in small or large group conversations. Youth learn the give and take of sharing ideas, responding to others ideas positively, and coming to consensus or compromise when working on a project. Youth need numerous opportunities to practice these skills.

2. Youth assigned leadership roles. This is when youth have a chance to contribute their knowledge or expertise to others. This is similar to the Experiential Learning Model – do, reflect, and apply. Youth in leadership roles are having the opportunity to apply the knowledge they have learned in the program to other youth involved in 4-H.

The 4-H program provides numerous opportunities for youth to develop leadership. As a program, we need to make sure we are including all youth in those leadership opportunities.

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

MOVE Across Missouri

Shake, Stomp and Roll

Materials: Music and music player

Directions: You can do this activity with any number of people. Arrange players in a scatter formation with space between them. Play music and alternately call out the following:

• Shake – players should shake all their body parts
• Stomp – players should alternately stomp their feet
• Roll – players should lie on the floor or ground and roll from back to stomach, stomach to back

Clover Kid Corner

Through Clover Kids, children learn how to get along, share, and work in groups, explore their interests, and build self-confidence. Each Clover Kids Corner provides an activity, information or other materials that Clover Kids leaders can use in planning and implementing experiences that introduce five to seven-year olds to the 4-H concept of learning by doing.

Build a Tower – design and build

Challenge: Working in teams of two, design and build a tower that is at least 12 inches tall.

Materials: toothpicks, gumdrops, ruler

Directions: Teams design and build a tower that is at least 12 inches tall.