**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!

**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.**

**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.
**State Poultry Day**

When: Saturday, June 13, 2015  8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Where: Animal Sciences Center, University of Missouri – Columbia
Cost: $20 for youth and adults – fee includes lunch

Activities for the day include: Production judging contest, poultry quiz bowl, domestic Poultry Photo Contest, Dozen Egg contest and lots of educational info on poultry. Registration for this event will be through your family profile in 4H Online at https://mo.4honline.com. To check out the activities available that day, go to [http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/livestock/index.htm#poultry](http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/livestock/index.htm#poultry).

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**Final Call: 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. 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. 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).

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**University of Missouri Livestock Judging Camp**

The University of Missouri Livestock Judging Camp is open to 4-H/FFA members 14 to 19 years of age as of January 1, 2015. Dates are June 16th to the 18th and the deadline for registration is May 23, 2015. For more information call Chip Kemp at 573-882-2618.

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**Cemetery Clean-up**

Thanks to all the helping hand to showed up to pitch in and show our community that we care.

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**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.

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**Congratulations!!!**

Caps off to the graduating Class of 2015!

Clark County Seniors:
Emily Gregory
Cory Baker
Dylan Wright
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.

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. For those without internet access, call your local Extension office.

5th Annual FilmFest 4-H
We are very pleased to announce that FilmFest 4-H will be held June 14-17, 2015! FilmFest is a national 4-H film festival strictly for youth ages 11-18. Like any major film festival, there are screenings, workshops led by film industry professionals, and much more! This year’s FilmFest will take place at the beautiful Hilton St. Louis Frontenac in St. Louis, Missouri. All Access Pass is $129 and Hilton room rates are $119. If you have any questions about FilmFest 4-H go to http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/filmfest.

Summer Entrepreneur Opportunities
There are a few excellent opportunities this summer for 4-H members who have interest in becoming an entrepreneur.

- **Summers @ Mizzou Build-a-Business Camp** is for youths who are interested in earning their own income, working at something they love, or taking up a cause to make a difference. Camp is July 12th-16th. Learn all about the camp at http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers/buildabiz/.

- **Show Me 4-H Wares Sales Booth** is for members who want to sell their 4-H projects or other original items at the State Fair August 13th-16th. Applications for a booth are due by July 1! For more information go to http://4h.missouri.edu/events/fair/showmewares.htm.

- **MADE in Missouri State Entrepreneurship Contest** is for youth who have a sound business idea and are ready to move forward with a business plan, help from adult advisors, and a chance to win $2,500 to support their business. Deadline to enter is May 31st and finalists will present at the State Fair on August 18th. Check out the details at http://www.mvcaa.net/index.cfm?Page=MADEInMissouriCompetition.
New Event at the Missouri State Fair

Event: Let’s Talk Livestock

Purpose: To expand the Missouri State Fair mission, by serving as an agricultural classroom, and offering Missouri 4-H and FFA youth opportunities to showcase high-quality livestock to the fair-going public.

The Let’s Talk Livestock program will consist of short informal demonstrations by 4-H and FFA youth exhibitors during scheduled times during the Fair, with the overall goal of answering the question “Why do you show your ____________?”

Demonstrations will be conducted for the following livestock: cattle (beef and dairy), sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, equine, goats and dogs. Demonstrations shall be approximately 15-20 minutes long, with opportunities for questions and answers by fair-goers following. Youth conducting the demonstrations will be given example topics to discuss during their presentation including general information about their animal(s), livestock care, show prep, goals, experience level, family participation, etc. If interested, contact your local extension office.

Missouri Life Magazine Fundraiser

The Missouri Life Magazine club fundraising program is still available to Missouri 4-H clubs, and we highly encourage you to take advantage of this generous opportunity.

The details: Missouri 4-H clubs will receive $7 for every subscription sold (an annual subscription is $20)! We’ve sent out promotional packets to all of the county extension offices that include a sample of the magazine, order forms, detailed instructions, and a four-page brochure to use when selling subscriptions.

Major incentives: Not only will clubs be earning 40% of each subscription sold, Missouri Life Magazine is offering some pretty incredible rewards to get clubs involved. Top seller in the state will receive a $500 Visa gift card.

Belonging

We are going to continue focusing on program quality at the point of contact which is the 4-H club. In youth development work, belonging represents a widely agreed upon aspect of quality. The need to belong is an ongoing part of life. When club and project leaders deliberately strategize and structure activities geared toward belonging, all members have the opportunity to have this key experience.

Here are some specific examples of how program leaders can encourage belonging in the group:

1. Leader provides structured get to know you opportunities – this is extremely important when new people are joining the group, but having get acquainted activities at all meetings helps everyone feel like they belong.
2. Inclusive behavior – when members include others, even those they do not know well, and this promotes a sense of belonging for all members.
3. Youth identify with program offerings – members feel a sense of ownership in the group, members refer to the group as “us” or “we.” “This is our club.”
4. Leader provides structured opportunities to recognize members – each year the county has a recognition banquet/event that provides an opportunity to recognize members and leaders. A good 4-H club will also find ways to recognize within their own structure.

This trait of program quality is also referenced in the Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development in the Inclusive Environment. Observably belonging is a very important part of everything that we do in the 4-H program.

Information came from the Weikart Center and from the University of Minnesota Extension
May 18-25th is National Backyard Games Week! This is a day when friends and family are encouraged to gather together to play games outside. Each person or family can bring an activity to share for small or large group games. Consider having a 4-H Backyard Games day!

**Clover Kid Corner**

Through Clover Kids clubs, 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.

**Lip Balm**

**Materials/Supplies**
- Double Boiler
- Empty film container or other small container (clean)
- ¼ tsp. flavoring like lemon, vanilla, orange
- Glass measuring cup
- Measuring spoons
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. beeswax
- Food coloring

**Directions**

Purchase beeswax at a health food or craft store.
- Put two to three cups of water in the bottom of a double boiler.
- Measure oil and beeswax and pour into the top of the boiler.
- With adult supervision heat the pan over medium heat until the wax melts.
- Remove the pan from heat and let cool one to two minutes.
- Add flavoring and one to two drops of food coloring.
- Pour the liquid into a measuring cup and then pour into the film or other container.
HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

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