Hello Fabulous 4-H Families,

Are you on FB? Follow Clay County 4-H for Monday reminders, Tuesday Parliamentarian Pointers and other exciting news throughout the week!

Brace yourself- this is a long one! First of all, thank you to all of you who attended our Recognition event as well as our Open House event. It was amazing to see the enthusiasm to grow our community with the new year in the same week we got to celebrate the most recent year. I know I say it a lot, but I can’t tell you how lucky I am to learn this position in a county as supportive as you all! I’ll keep my note short and sweet so you can focus on all the good stuff below. 😊

Sincerely,
Sarah

COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Project/Club Leader Trainings hosted at the Clay County Office November 30th – please RSVP if you haven’t! Parliamentarian handbooks and other club materials will be distributed at training.

- County wide projects coming soon! We are working on a cookbook project for the spring, a health/fitness project aiming for October as well as a Tree Identification course coming this September/October! Look for an email coming soon with sign-ups for the Tree ID Course!

  - Making Progress – the Health and Fitness curriculum is complete! It is posted as a resource under County Wide Projects online and I can email it to anyone interested as well. This could certainly be done County Wide or within Clubs as part of your monthly program. It is NOT a script, but simply suggested activities and projects to keep your club focused on health and fitness all year. #alwayslearning #healthtobetterliving

- If you’ve had a chance to check out the Kearney Firehouse, PLEASE take a few minutes to complete this survey: https://goo.gl/forms/EqaDd0gEAM3Q9qEX2

- This year’s Dues Agreement form is ONLINE! Please complete this form so we know who to expect checks from and who will be participating in fundraising for their dues. https://tinyurl.com/countydues

- Come to Officer training to learn how to be the most awesome 4-H officer ever. We’ll bring officer tools (for you to keep) and fun activities, and you will get to meet other officers (or aspiring officers) from across Clay, Platte, & Jackson counties. Join us on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 10am-Noon MU Extension Clay County Office. It’s FREE!!! RSVP by Friday, November 10th at 5pm. RSVP here: https://goo.gl/forms/u7RYSunSVKH0H8bj2 Contact Sarah in Clay County, Laura in Platte County, and Jessie in Jackson County with any questions. *Flyer attached at back*
Enrollment News:

- Do not create a NEW profile for the New Year…if you can’t log in for any reason, call me and we’ll sort it out together.
- 17 or 18 year olds may be prompted based on their birthday to identify if they are a youth or adult member…make sure they click youth member!
- Club Leaders and Project Leaders – you will lose access to everything UNTIL you are confirmed again as an active member, so the sooner you get yours done, the sooner you can get things set up.
  - All returning 4-H club leader volunteer applicants should be DONE with all steps by 12/1; other volunteer applicants should be DONE by 12/31. Why do we set a deadline? Because we want our youth to get started in 4-H projects and activities sooner so they can have a higher quality experience.
- Volunteer Screening process is changing to help simplify things
- Video guides coming soon for 4-H online!

Getting ready to plan the new 4-H year? Check out all of the opportunities for your club!

- Northland Grandfamilies Conference is asking for help preparing for their big day. Come help get bags stuffed and ready to go October 11th from 6-8 pm at the Clay County Annex.
- Cornerstone of Care is always looking for volunteers to help maintain the grounds and make sure everything is set and ready to go for their youth. Check out what they do here: https://www.cornerstonesofcare.org/about-us
- Shoe Bin Fundraiser and Service project in one! Collect shoes (gently used) to donate to people who need them through the World Wear Project and get paid by the lb! Boxes will be sent to you for collection and you send them back full when you’re ready. Shoes that CAN’T be donated include: winter boots, foam flip flops, bowling shoes or any shoes with metal cleats. For more information email info@worldwearproject.com
- Feed Northland has many opportunities for your club to get involved! They are always looking for help for their Annual 5K prior to and the day of OR your club could sign up to participate together! They’ve also had organizations host fundraisers to raise money and donate the proceeds back to Feed Northland. Finally, you could help out one night helping to pack the “backsnacks” (backpacks filled with snacks for students who don’t have enough at home). To see more events, go to: www.feednorthland.org/events
- Host a donation drive with Goodwill! They can provide a box truck at the location of your choice and you can host your own one day drive in the community. On top of that, they could schedule a club tour of Goodwill’s Recycling Operation so you can get the whole picture of how and why they collect donations.
- Look East Community Garden has an opportunity for programming around gardening for youth as well as garden plots for clubs or projects to use together. They are located in Gladstone MO and can be contacted at 816-880-0204.
- Fundraising Opportunity from the National Junior Master Gardener 4-H Program and the WWI Memorial Commission (Lisa Whittlesey (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service))
  - The National Junior Master Gardener 4-H program has partnered with the WW1 Memorial Commission on a national service project for 4-H youth to be involved with building the WW1 Memorial. Groups can make a donation of $64.99 and receive 60 poppy seed packets from the WW1 Memorial Commission. They can then sell the seeds to support their program. The recommended selling price is $2 per seed packet which would generate $120. Basically the first dollar goes to fund the National WW1 memorial and the second dollar stays local for the 4-H club, school group, etc. to support their activities/programs. It is a great opportunity for youth to learn more about WW1, while also being a part of a national service project. Many resources, learning experiences and details on how to participate in the poppy project can be found at the website: http://jmkgkids.us/poppy/ Representatives from 4 winning groups will be invited to experience an expense paid trip to the groundbreaking of the National WW1 Memorial in Washington DC in November.
• Fall 2017 Paper Clover Fundraiser (Chris Willow)
  o The Fall 2017 Paper Clover Fundraiser is coming October 4-15. As many of you know, this is a wonderful opportunity for 4-H clubs to partner with their local Tractor Supply stores to hold in-store fundraising events. Last year, participating clubs raised $18,737 for 4-H in Missouri counties. During the spring campaign, earlier this year Missouri raised $9,329!
  o The program is continuing with the changes instituted last fall. Following the Paper Clover promotion, 80% of the funds now will go back to the State 4-H program, which will still disbursed to the counties. The funds need to be used for scholarship support for 4-H’ers to attend camps or other leadership activities. Stores with 4-H members on site during the promotion raised an average of 40% more than those that did not, be sure to check for updates on the TSC Sweepstakes Page for potential sweepstake options for in store events at Tractor Supply Company.
  o How can your county or club make this a successful program?
    ▪ 4-H’ers can set up a display about your local 4-H program.
    ▪ Schedule 4-H’ers physically in the store greeting customers and sharing about the 4-H program.
    ▪ Post signs at your extension office or other community areas promoting the opportunity.
    ▪ Share on social media about the promotion and encourage your leaders to share as well.
    ▪ The more 4-H supporters you have in the store the more the funds you will raise. National 4-H has a toolkit available with downloadable signs and social media marketing materials. If clubs or groups let their local store know two weeks in advance of any planned activities, Tractor Supply may be able to do some in-store marketing for your club’s event. Some of our most successful fundraising events last year included having youth present several times during the campaign representing 4-H and also bake sales.

  o Tractor Supply wants to stress that all project types are welcome to participate in this fundraising opportunity; they do not have to be agriculturally-based. Tractor Supply stores in urban areas would be particularly receptive to events that focus less on traditional 4-H ag projects. We sincerely hope that all clubs with a Tractor Supply Store in their county take advantage of this wonderful fundraising opportunity. For more information on the TSC Paper Clover Campaign or to get in touch with your local TSC store, visit the TSC website at http://www.tractorsupply.com/landing-pages_4-h_4h-home.html

  o As in the past, if you are a county that does not have a TSC store and you are participating in a neighboring county please contact both the TSC store manager and our office in advance in order to split the funds between the counties.

Club Reports:
• First, we started with an opening activity to get to know people better. As we said their names and tossed the ball to them, we had to answer a question that was written on the ball. After we finished, we called the meeting to order, said the pledges, and called roll. We stated old and new business, and talked about the newsletter.  
  – Kearney Klovers (Stephanie Rehrer)

• 4 Corners 4-H started their club meeting with games as social time. We then introduced new officers. We gave out the premium point checks and talked about registration for the upcoming year. There was a discussion about a fall social outing for our group. We had lots of fun at this meeting. - 4 Corners (Delaney Stokes)

4-H Member Dues and Managed Care
Missouri Care pays 4-H member dues ($20 state dues) for families that have this health insurance! Please spread the word as we begin to enroll on October 1. Qualifying families simply contact Missouri Care Member Services at 1-800-322-6027 and request a voucher. The voucher should be filled out and turned in to the county MU Extension office, then sent to the state 4-H office.
STATE NEWS

The new Clover is online and ready for use! http://www.4h.missouri.edu/clover.aspx

Global Education Update
Joyce Taylor
Check out our website for summer 2018 opportunities to have an experience with a host family for 3 weeks in Japan, Korea, Costa Rica or Norway. Application deadline is November 1. Details are included on our updated flyers under http://www.4h.missouri.edu/global-experiences/main

Youth Opportunities
Shane Potter

- **Youth Correspondent Application**
  Youth Media Correspondents (YCs) are storytellers who use technical skills in media and communications to share their perspective about the world in which they live. National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS), of which 4-H National Headquarters is a member, is now accepting applications for the fall's Youth Correspondent program, as well as the 2017-2018 team of YC Advisors. Please share the application with anyone you know who may be interested.

- **2018 4-H Youth in Action Awards: Share Your Story**
  For the last seven years, National 4-H Council has honored 13 4-H’ers who have a story to tell through 4-H Youth in Action. This year is no different as we seek out four 4-H’ers who are willing to share their stories of peer engagement, personal growth, community empowerment and much more. They are the everyday stories that result in local and national impact. Visit www.4-H.org/YouthinAction to learn about the awards program, review the guidelines, and meet past winners

Animal Science Exploration Day*
Teresa Bishop
High school sophomores and juniors:
Join us October 13, 2017 for hands on activities that delve into the various areas of Animal Science.
- Work and learn in diverse lab settings.
- Meet current Animal Science students and alumni.
- Tour the farms at the University of Missouri.
- Tour the MU College of Veterinary Medicine.

Apply at http://www.animalscied.com/

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards
Steve Henness
Do you know an outstanding 4-H member who has excelled in volunteering and community service?

Students in grades 5-12 are invited to apply for 2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards if they have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service within the past 12 months. The application is available at http://spirit.prudential.com and www.nassp.org/spirit.

Missouri's top youth volunteers of 2017 were Meredith Sharp, 19, of Springfield, who has raised more than $20,000 and provided new athletic shoes for all 311 students at a local elementary school in a low-income area of Springfield, and Madeline Domian, 12, of Fenton, who mobilized her whole school to help her create care kits for children undergoing chemotherapy in honor of a beloved aunt who died from cancer in September 2015. Read more about Meredith and Madeline's trip to Washington, D.C.
How to Apply (Prudential Spirit of Community Awards)
To apply for a 2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Award, students and certifiers must complete the following steps:

- Students complete the online application by November 7, 2017.
- Then, students submit the application for certification to their principal or head of a local participating organization.
- Certifiers review all applications for their school or organization, then select a Local Honoree to nominate for state-level judging by November 17, 2017.

Applications can be certified by a middle or high school principal or head of a Girl Scout council, county 4-H organization, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA or an affiliate of Points of Light's HandsOn Network. (Students can request a paper application by calling 855-670-4787.)


T-Shirt Sale!
Have you heard? There are new Missouri 4-H t-shirts available for you to purchase! The shirts are black, short-sleeved with a new green and white logo. Available sizes include youth small, youth medium, adult small, adult medium, adult large, adult X-Large, adult 2XL and adult 3XL. The shirts will be available for purchase through 4HOnline for $11 each, through December 15, 2017. You will find the shirt sales listed as an event in 4HOnline, for which you may register. You will pay for you shirt(s) just like you do when you register for the year, for state events, or trainings.

So how will you get the shirts?
It is not cost effective to mail the shirts to you directly, so delivery will be made to your county or region and your 4-H faculty and/or staff. Your faculty and/or staff will make arrangements regarding local delivery/pick-up.

Will you have to wait until December or January to get your shirt? The shirts will hopefully be delivered to your region and/or county in a timely manner. Do not count on them for holiday gifts.

Can you still purchase them after December 15, 2017? Certainly, but other arrangements, besides 4HOnline will need to be made.

If you have any questions please contact your county 4-H faculty or staff.

OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE 4-H

Missouri Manufacturing Day
Steve Henness
On Manufacturing Day, Oct. 6, Missouri manufacturers across the state open their doors to provide tours to student groups, community members, etc. The date falls during National 4-H Week, two days after National Youth Science Day (Oct. 4).
Find an event: [https://www.mfgday.com/events](https://www.mfgday.com/events) (not limited to these sites or the Oct. 6 date exclusively)
UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out our Clay County Calendar at: https://tinyurl.com/clayco4hcalendar

October 1 – 4-H Awards/Volunteer Recognition
October 3 – 4-H Council meeting, Clay County Annex, 7 p.m.
October 7 – State Fashion Revue, MU vs UK Watch Party, 5pm
October 9 – Expansion and Review Committee Meeting, 6 pm
November 18 – Regional Officer Training, 10 am
November 30 – Club and Project Leader Training, 6:30 pm
December 5 – 4-H Council meeting, Clay County Annex, 7 p.m.

**Keep an eye out for new Regional Events coming from the Urban Region Jr Leaders this year!**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

| 1 – Nicole Riegel – Excelsior Springs 4-H Club | 19 – Roger Barge – Project 4-H Fun |
| 3 – Emma Slipke – Golden Clovers | 22 – Emilee Person – Project 4-H Fun |
| 5 – Caden Kutzli – Happy Northeasterners | 22 – Shalyn Person – Project 4-H Fun |
| 7 – Jeana Blakemore – Kearney Krovers | 23 – Glenda Saunders – Project 4-H Fun |
| 8 – Gabe Farr – Lucky H.S. Clovers | 24 – Amy Hough – 4-Corners 4-H Club |
| 12 – Titus Tiner – 4-Corners 4-H Club | 24 – Laura Barge – Project 4-H Fun |
| 13 – Lilyana Nichols – Kearney Krovers | 25 – Annie Bensyl – 4-Corners 4-H Club |
| 14 – Edythe Weber – Happy Northeasterners | 25 – Gracyn Frecks – 4-Corners 4-H Club |
| 16 – Allison Loar – Project 4-H Fun | 27 – Joseph Bensyl – 4-Corners 4-H Club |
| 19 – Jason Thurston – 4-Corners 4-H Club | 27 – Victoria Stahr – Lucky H.S. Clovers |
MU vs UK
Watch Party

Come cheer on your Tigers as they play the Kentucky Wildcats! Join University of Missouri Extension in Clay County, fellow alumni and fans at Chappell’s in North Kansas City. What better venue for a football game than the home of over 10,000 spars rummages items? Just because the Tigers are away doesn’t mean they don’t need us! Door prizes, food and drink specials included!

Saturday
October 7, 2017
Doors open at 5
Game starts at 6:30

Chappell’s
323 Armour Rd
North Kansas City, MO 64116

For more information or ADA accommodations contact clay4mmissouri.edu or 913-467-5460.

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