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(where ALL the answers are)

Recognition Form
Deadline for ALL
counties is Tuesday,
September 4th. All year end
records—Secretary Book,
Treasurers Book, etc. are DUE
the same day!

STATE FAIR
EXHIBITS
Please drop off your
State Fair exhibits at
the Extension
office from
10am to 3pm from Monday,
7/30 to Wednesday, 8/1. We
need to collect all exhibits so
that they can be tagged and
transported to Sedalia.

October
4-6 Interstate—St. Joseph
10 4-H National Youth Science Day
10 4-H National Youth Science Day
16 4-H National Youth Science Day
21 Clinton County 4-H Council
Recognition Program, 2:00pm Youth
Building, Plattsburg

DeKalb County 4-H Council
Recognition Program, 2:00pm
27 Caldwell 4-H Council Recognition
Program, Dinner & Dance, 7 pm
CLOVER CORRECTION

We have discovered that on page 8 of the Clover the new paragraph "Choosing 4-H projects" states that 'you will receive a project manual.' Obviously this is not correct since materials need to be purchased by individuals.

Please assist us to share with families as they enroll that they will NOT be receiving a project manual but that we will continue to have those available for sale as in the past. Sorry for the misprint and error.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST UPDATES

Please find some updates and additional information regarding the 2012 State 4-H Public Speaking Contest on September 22, 2012. Registration deadline is August 15.

Health Form - As always, we do need a health form with each participant. It is now online in the registration section of the web site.

New Category - As mentioned earlier, the "PSA" category has transitioned to "Revolution of Responsibility." This was a recommendation of the #MO4H Program, Policy and Advisory Committee, and the possibilities are exciting!

We Need YOU! - Please mark your calendars and consider volunteering to serve as a judge, to help us ensure the best possible experience for our youth. It is exceedingly difficult to find quality judges in sufficient numbers each year, and your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Additional Information

All other guidelines and policies are unchanged from last year:

Age Divisions - Youth may compete in the Junior (ages 8-10), Intermediate (ages 11-13) or Senior (ages 14-18) age divisions.

Categories - Youth may only compete in one category.

   Note: This will be the last year for Pantomime, unless it experiences significant growth in 2012.

Number of Competitors - Counties may send 3 competitors per category per division, except for Interpretation. For Interpretation, counties may send up to 5 competitors per category per division.

Registration Fee - The registration fee will remain $20 for 2012 (it will most likely have to increase next year).

FREE HORSE SAFETY DVD PRODUCED BY NUTRENA FEEDS

Ranging from Horse Psychology to Rules for the Trail and Arena, this FREE 50-minute DVD on horse safety will help you learn the basics of being safe around your horse. Horse safety is an essential part of the equine experience - and a passionate part of the Nutrena brand culture. For all of us at Nutrena, that includes safety in riding and handling, as well as nutrition. With 11 chapters ranging from Horse Psychology to Rules for the Trail and Arena, this 50-minute DVD will help you learn the basics of being safe around your horse. Chapters include: Safety equipment, horse psychology, catching & building trust, leading, tying, grooming, tacking & untacking, riding (arena & trail), trailering, feeding, compatibility. Request a DVD at http://www.nutrenainfo.com/horsesafetydvd
THE COUNTDOWN TO 4-H NYSD IS HEATING UP!

National 4-H has kicked into high-gear to bring you 4-H National Youth Science Day materials early this year so you can begin planning now! Get started with these great tools:

**4-H Eco-Bot Challenge Kit Now on Pre-Sale**

Pick up your 2012 4-H NYSD kit at the 4-H Mall for just $22. Each kit has enough materials for ten youth to participate in the experiment, including:

* Facilitator guide (1)
* Youth Guides (5)
* Challenge Mats (5)
* Oral-B Cross Action Pro Health Manual Toothbrush (5)
* 10 mm Pager Vibrating Motor with wires attached (5)
* LR44 1.5 volt Button Cell Watch Battery (5)
* 3M Scotch Brand #110 Foam Mounting Tape

Order your kit now for delivery in July 2012!

Just getting started with your first NYSD Event? The 4-H NYSD website is your headquarters for all things 4-H Science! From planning to promotion, find free materials to help make your 4-H NYSD event stand out.

Get familiar with the 2012 National Science Experiment, 4-H Eco-Bot Challenge, by downloading and reviewing the youth and facilitator guides.

Start building momentum for your NYSD event by downloading our free event planning toolkit.

Coming soon Put your event on the map! In August add your NYSD event to the national map so local 4-H’ers and partners can join you for the big day!

Questions? Send an email to 4HNYSD@4-H.org.

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4-H is all about Communicating—Lessons learned from Livestock Judging Camp.

Public speaking is feared only second to dying someone once said. 4-H and FFA youth attending camp are taught to deal with their fear of speaking in public through the process of giving reasons. Before we get any further into explaining the notion of reasons, let’s back up a second and talk about the camp.

This year there were about 40 youth from all over the state. Camp is three days and held on campus. Chip Kemp, MU Collegiate Livestock Evaluation coach and Animal Science Instructor is the teacher. This camp has been around since 1999. New this year, the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources offered a couple of scholarships to the top 2 youth. The high individual was Devan Brewer, a senior from Cuba, MO. She received a $1000 scholarship. And, the second place overall was Joel Martin from Bucklin, MO. Joel is a high school freshman. He will receive a $500 scholarship. Camp is ultimately about learning life skills, pursuit of excellence and encouragement to attain higher education. There are lots of methods that might facilitate learning life skills, decision making and critical thinking but, for this situation, we utilize the process of evaluation and judging.

Evaluation and judging, which is what we do at this camp, is a 4-H and FFA term. The goal is to help kids learn a process for decision making and critical thinking. Youth are taught in the camp to observe characteristics of the objects being judged as compared against a standard. There are 4 objects in a judging class. They could be cookies, potatoes or in this case, livestock. We judged sheep, goats, cattle, and pigs. The goal is to place the objects in the class in rank order from the most desirable to the least. Sounds easy, right? If you could just mark your answer on the card and walk away it could be fairly easy to do but wait…. there is another step in the process and it’s called reasons.

One by one members stand before the judge and explain their placing by comparing and justifying their decision making process. Did we mention they don’t get to use notes and the scores are better if they remember lots of details. And, just to make it interesting they have to make eye contact, maintain voice projection and have positive non-verbal body language. Plus, they have 12 minutes to prepare. Are reasons starting to sound like public speaking? Or perhaps a job interview? Most of these participants know they won’t make their living as livestock judges, commented Chip at one of the sessions. But, he added, everyone one here will need to be effective communicators.
Discover the Clover

Building Strong Programs

September 29 - Grand River Technical School, 1200 Fair Street, Chillicothe, Missouri (Send registrations to Shaun Murphy at Murphysce@missouri.edu)

Schedule:
8:30 Registration
8:45 Welcome and Overview
9:00 - 10:15 Rev up Your 4-H Program with Service Learning and Social Media
Talking about a revolution? You bet, because 4-H youth are a living breathing, culture-changing revolution for doing the right thing and making a difference. This takes uncommon commitment, and research clearly shows that youth who are involved in 4-H are more likely to contribute to their community. Come to this session to "rev up" your 4-H program with service learning and social media.
10:15 Break
10:30 - 12:00 Look What Can Happen When Youth and Adults Work Together!
Learn more about youth/adult partnerships and how they can help your club plan for the year, assist club officers to be more successful and engage more youth in activities.
12:00 - 12:45 Lunch Provided
12:45 - 1:45 Helping Kids Learn
Help young people explore the world around them and develop new skills as they go. Learn how to help them think like scientists and become an active participant in the Inquiry and Experiential Learning Models.
1:45 - 3:00 4-H Beyond Club Borders
Learn more about county, regional, state and national 4-H events and how volunteers and youth from your club can be involved! Energizers, conferences, trips, contests, award and scholarship applications, and more will be discussed.
3:00 - 3:30 Creating Environments for Positive Relationships
Relationships in youth development are like location and real estate - it is almost impossible to have one without the other! This session includes interactions about the culture of today's youth, physical environments, interacting with youth, dealing with challenges, and creating youth leadership within your program as key elements of building relationships.
3:30 Adjourn

Discover the Clover Missouri Volunteer Forum

Discover the Clover Program (PDF)
Discover the Clover Registration (PDF)
**MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI**

**4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE)** promotes physical activity by encouraging youths and families to engage in physical activities they enjoy such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more.

Using an online system, youths and their families can “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year. Sign up as an individual or as part of a team. MOVE awards will be provided. Sign up on the 4-H website at [http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/](http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/)

**Monthly MOVements Activity**

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

**Jump the Line**

**Supplies**

String, chalk, or colored tape

You will need at least 4 people for this activity. Draw a line with chalk, or make a line with the tape or string. Arrange players so that each is on the line. Instruct players to do the following:

- Jump with both feet along the line
- Jump over the line, turn and jump back over the line. Repeat.
- Jump from side to side over the line.
- Jump forward and backward over the line.
- Jump high over the line.

Repeat several times. You can add to, mix up, or speed up the commands for added challenge.

**Variations:** Individual players can demonstrate or lead jumping for others. Arrange players in one line. The front player selects a way of jumping and leads the others in that method.

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**Clover Kids 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.

**Nature Scavenger Hunt**

**Supplies:**

- paper (index card works great for this)
- pencil or pen or marker
- small bags (paper or plastic)

**Directions**

Make a list of items for youth to search. You can include leaves, flowers, pebbles, moss and other outdoor items. You can include insects and animals on the list but instruct them to check them off instead of taking them. Give them small bags and a time limit to go exploring. Teach them to recognize poisonous plants, such as poison ivy, mushrooms, and stinging nettle; tell them not to touch them. Have people share their favorite items with the group.

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**CLOVER KIDS DAY AT THE MISSOURI STATE FAIR**

Calling all Clover Kids! A special day for Clover Kids is scheduled during the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia on August 12 in the 4-H Building from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Clover Kids will have an opportunity to:

- Display one item made during a Clover Kids meeting or event in the 4-H Building that day
- Receive a State Fair participation ribbon
- Give a demonstration (sign up that day in the 4-H Building)
- Participate in arts/crafts, science and other fun activities
- Make balloon animals

Please encourage Clover Kids to attend!
Attn: 4-H members! It is that time of year again! Recognition Forms are DUE! Here is a list of tips is to help you enhance and improve your 4-H award application.

Missouri Recognition Forms—Application Tips & Benefits

1) Review the application and examples of applications on the Missouri 4-H website. Make sure that you have the most current version. **FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS!!!**

2) It is not intended to focus on the total accumulation of all the years of 4-H. Individuals are to emphasize the past years experience with specific reference to only three (3) years.

3) Use a professional folder, *not a 3-ring binder*, check grammar and spelling and write active sentences.

4) There is an increased focus on leadership, citizenship, and community service throughout the awards program, make sure you capture your experiences emphasizing what you have learned in these areas and goals you have accomplished. Really work at understanding the difference between citizenship and community service and define each in your answers.

5) Citizenship is about community decision making. Sharing examples about helping others is good, but strong reports involve influencing the community decision-making process, mobilizing the community towards a worthy goal and include voting on issues where appropriate.

6) Community Service is about helping others. Participation is good, however the stronger reports members take leadership roles in organizing community service events.

7) The leadership skills are described in the application forms for Levels II & III. Each paragraph describes that area and provides some key questions to address. Make sure that all important questions are answered, remember—**FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS!!!** The selection committee is not looking for a definition of each leadership area, they are looking for how you have applied skills in these areas.

8) Always emphasize what you have learned from each experience, and how you can apply the things you have learned.

9) The 4-H projects and activities section and the 4-H story give facts to specific 4-H experiences and how they enhance the total youth development of the individual. Write about how experiences have changed you as an individual as well as life skills you have learned along the way.

10) 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 and/or what differences do these skills, learned from your 4-H experiences make in your life presently. Youth should write how they have transferred what they have learned in recent 4-H projects, activities, and events and how they have helped to teach others. Teaching others is an excellent learning experience in itself.

11) The leadership, citizenship and community service, and the resume should include experiences in 4-H, school, church and community. Remember that this is a 4-H application.

12) The *resume and reference* piece in the Level III application gives youth some experience in the workforce preparation area. The resume example focuses on the leadership and participatory aspect of involvement with little work experience reflected. The resume fact sheet has a heavier orientation to the workplace where resumes are expected and common. The resume needs to be prepared in the context of a possible first job or aspirations for another job in the future. The resume example provided is only one format of how a resume may be prepared. Not only can approved styles vary, but also formats may vary. *(Information source: UMC Career Planning & Placement Center.)*

**FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS!!!** Check, proofread, check and proof again!
Pool Party
Saturday, August 4th at CAMERON Pool (YMCA)
6-8 p.m. Family Potluck Dinner
at the Shelter House next to the Pool.
Swimming from 8-10 p.m.
Club Leaders please R.S.V. P. to the Clinton County
Extension office with number of members attending
Sponsored by
the Caldwell, Clinton and DeKalb County 4-H Councils

Clinton County Fair – Joining the Revolution of Responsibility!

Do, reflect, and apply - the mantra of the 4-H program. To this end, 4-H members were answering the following questions put to them by our esteemed judges during Clinton County Achievement Day on Friday, June 22. “What did you like best about constructing your project?” “What did you learn from your experience? “What would you do differently if you had the opportunity?” The judges determined a Blue, Red or White Ribbon for each project based on two major considerations as they visited with each 4-H member: the quality and workmanship of the project and the lessons learned. The blue ribbon winners were eligible to be selected for State Fair, Interstate Exhibition in St. Joseph and County Champion awards.

The Clinton County Best of Show Division Winners were determined from the class champions and the winners were as follows: Best Foods: Kayla Groebe, Cameron Keystone Willing Workers; Best Clothing: Gretchen Mayes, Lathrop Shamrock; Best Craft: Caroline Mayes, Lathrop Shamrock; Best Natural Resources: Collin Mier, Gower Dynamites; Best Science and Technology: Kate Wright, Gower Dynamites; Best Household Science: Gretchen Mayes, Lathrop Shamrock; Best Recreational/ Health: Jack Berhorst, Lathrop Shamrock; Best Animal Science: Tana Anderson, Clinton County Posse; Best Vocational Technology: Sydney Orton, Gower Dynamites; Best Horticulture: Kate Wright, Gower Dynamites and Best Leadership/Career: Rebecca, Elizabeth and Emily Barclay.

On Monday morning, June 25th, the Clinton County Livestock pavilion was filled with the baaing of sheep. That means one thing; it’s time for the Clinton County Livestock Sheep show! On Monday, exhibitors from the area brought their sheep, goats, and pigs to be judged by Randall Von Krosigk from Wyoming, the assistant coach of the K-State livestock judging team. Special thanks go out to him, the sponsors, the exhibitors, parents, and everyone else who helped make these shows successful. (see next page)
This year’s sheep show started at 9:00 am consisting of 62 head of sheep and 24 exhibitors. The results are as follows: Supreme Champion Ewe – Kristin Herndon of Hopkins; Reserve Champion Ewe – Nanette Gorsett of Carrollton; Supreme Champion Ram – Nanette Gorsett; Reserve Champion Ram – Nanette Gorsett; Supreme Champion Market Lamb – Kristin Herndon; Reserve Champion Market Lamb – Kaysee Wiederholt of Maryville; 14 & over Showmanship - Bryton Bowles of Bethany and 13 & Under Showmanship – Bethany Herndon of Hopkins.

The goat show at 1:00 pm continued to be a popular event with over 64 head of goats and 25 exhibitors. The results are as follows: Supreme Champion Doe – Sterling Siemens of Orrick; Reserve Supreme Champion Doe – Lauren Haley of Chillicothe; In-County Supreme Champion Doe – Austin Dotson of Cameron; In-County Reserve Supreme Champion Doe – Brayde Adam of Plattsburg; Supreme Champion Buck – Zach Taylor of Bethany; Reserve Supreme Champion Buck – Sterling Siemens; Supreme Champion Market Wether and In-County Supreme Champion Market Wether – Carter Ward of Plattsburg; Reserve Supreme Champion Market Wether – August Hoepker of Maryville; In-County Reserve Supreme Champion Market Wether – Carter Ward; 13 & Under Showmanship – Courtney Hueffmeier of Brookfield and 14 & Over Showmanship – August Hoepker.

The swine show at 6:00 pm kept numbers down due to the excessive heat; however, the overall quality remained high with 63 head of hogs and 29 exhibitors. The results are as follows: Supreme Champion Gilt and In-County Supreme Champion Gilt – Brayde Adam of Plattsburg; Reserve Supreme Champion Gilt and In-County Reserve Supreme Champion Gilt – Britney Adam of Plattsburg; Supreme Champion Boar – Zach Craven of Norborne and Reserve Supreme Champion Boar – Jesse Huber of Trenton; Supreme Champion Barrow & In-County Supreme Champion Barrow – Brooklyn Adam of Plattsburg; Reserve Supreme Champion Barrow – Dillon Stiens of Maryville; In-County Reserve Supreme Champion Barrow – Britney Adam; 13 & Under Showmanship – Brayde Adam; and 14 & Over Showmanship – Brooklyn Adam.

The beef show held on Tuesday, June 26th at 6:00 pm brought in 36 head of cattle and 24 exhibitors up from the 2011 numbers even though the heat was certainly an issue. The results are as follows: Supreme Champion Bull – Kathryn Goforth of Savannah; Reserve Supreme Champion Bull – Mattison Ishmael of Gallatin; Supreme Champion & In-County Champion Heifer – Jacob Heimsoth of Lathrop; Reserve Supreme Champion & In-County Reserve Supreme Champion Heifer – Collin Barker of Kearney; Supreme Champion Steer & In-County Supreme Champion Steer – Cameron Henry of Gower; Reserve Supreme Champion Steer – Wyatt Smith of Amity; 13 & Under Showmanship – Kathryn Goforth; and 14 & Over Showmanship – Jake Heimsoth.

On June 14th at the Cameron Community Building, the annual Small Animal show was held with many poultry, rabbits and a few dogs and cats being exhibited. In the Rabbit Division, Best in Show went to Brylee Bowles. The Poultry Division was won by Trevor Simmons from Buchanan County with a beautifully conditioned Rhode Island Red pullet. Showmanship in all species was addressed and mini-seminars were presented by the judges in each discipline.

Congratulations to all participants in these events with special thanks to all the sponsors of the 2012 Clinton County Fair!
Images and Results from the DeKalb County Fair 2012

SWINE
Supreme Champion Gilt
Brayde Adam
Reserve Supreme Champion Gilt
Conner Derr
In—County Champion Gilt
Mallan Cole
In—County Reserve Champion Gilt
Braelyn Windham
Supreme Champion Boar
Zack Craven
Reserve Supreme Champion Boar
Megan Thacker
In—County Champion Boar
Brycen Windham
In—County Reserve Champion Boar
Brooklyn Adam
Supreme Champion Barrow
Tessa Schwartzkopf
Reserve Supreme Champion Barrow
Mallan Cole
In—County Champion Barrow
Clara Graves
In—County Reserve Champion Barrow
Auburn Cole
Pee Wee
14 & Over Showmanship
Britney Adam
13 & Under Showmanship
Brayde Adam
SHEEP
Supreme Champion Ewe
Morgan Hallock
Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe
Erin Greeley
In—County Champion Ewe
Kendal Keller
In—County Reserve Champion Ewe
Lane Keller
Supreme Champion Ram
Jacey Cook
Reserve Supreme Champion Ram
Katie Jones
In—County Champion Ram
Kendal Keller
In—County Reserve Champion Ram
Lane Keller
Supreme Champion Market lamb
Erin Greeley
Reserve Supreme Champion Market lamb
Kaycie Wiederholt
In—County Champion Market lamb
Cierra Keller
In—County Reserve Champion Market lamb
Lane Keller
14 & Over Showmanship
Bailey Pritchard
13 & Under Showmanship
Blayre Messner
DAIRY GOAT
Supreme Champion Doe (also In—County)
Clara Graves
Reserve Supreme Champion Doe
Veranda Nelson
MEAT GOAT
Supreme Champion Doe
Supreme Champion Heifer
Morgan Hallock
Nadine Parkinson
Reserve Supreme Champion Doe
Reserve Champion Heifer
Cara Fordyce
Nadine Parkinson
In—County Champion Doe
High Point 14 & Over
Cara Fordyce
In—County Reserve Champion Doe
High Point 11 - 13
Kendal Johnson
Supreme Champion Buck
High Point 8 - 10
Jacob Kulak
Reserve Supreme Champion Buck
High Point 11 - 13
Chelsea Price
Supreme Champion Market Steer
High Point 1” Year
Emily Brown
Reserve Supreme Champion Market Steer
Reserve High Point 1” Year
Mariah Gach
CATTLE
Supreme Champion Heifer
Cole Greig
Reserve Champion Heifer
Jake Heimsoth
In—County Champion Heifer
Trey Conley
In—County Reserve Champion Heifer
Wyatt Smith
Supreme Champion Bull
Katherine Goforth
Reserve Champion Bull
Mattison Ishmael
In—County Champion Bull
Tricia Erickson
In—County Reserve Champion Bull
Tricia Erickson
Supreme Champion Market Steer
Wyatt Smith
In—County Champion Market Steer
Tyler Sloan
In—County Reserve Champion Market Steer
Bill Jennings
Pee Wee
Katherine Goforth
14 & Over Showmanship
13 & Under Showmanship
HORSES
High Point 14 & Over
Kendal Johnson
Reserve High Point 14 & Over
Cara Fordyce
High Point 11 - 13
Jacob Kulak
Reserve High Point 11 - 13
Chelsea Price
High Point 8 - 10
Emily Brown
High Point 1” Year
Mariah Gach
Reserve High Point 1” Year
Nicole Harringer
Caldwell County Fair – Results!

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“What did you like best about constructing your project?” “What did you learn from your experience?” “What would you do differently if you had the opportunity?” The judges determined a Blue, Red or White Ribbon for each project based on two major considerations as they visited with each 4-H member: the quality and workmanship of the project and the lessons learned. The blue ribbon winners were eligible to be selected for the Missouri State Fair and the Interstate Exhibition in St. Joseph.

A total of 169 projects were exhibited by Caldwell County 4-H members of the following clubs: Braymer Pleasant Hill Hustlers, Hamilton Achievers, Hamilton Shooting Stars, Kidder Lone Stars and Polo Trail Blazers. Those who qualified to have projects exhibited at the State Fair are Katie Adkison, Sam Allen, Zach Allen, Kelly Baldon, Ryley Baragary, Chase Bowen, Courtney Clifton, Morgan Clifton, Jacey Cook, Shelby Copeland, Chance Cummins, Dustin Davies, Shelby Davies, Christian Derrickson, Laynee Derrickson, Cody Dotson, Morgan Dotson, Elizabeth Dunnington, Shaylea East, Lindsey Ernat, Gavin Fitzwater, Jessica Gunderson, Rachel Hartley, Chloe Hibler, Caitlin Hoak, Ally Houghton, Kayla Larkins, Thea Nelson, Veranda Nelson, Kristen Nicas, Michael Nicas, Murphy Park, Bayley Pickering, Jesse Pratt, Kaitlyn Rechterman, Madison Rechterman, Madison Shaw, Morgan Shaw, Collin Taylor, Morgan Taylor, Julia Wiedmier and Ariana Wolf.

Those 4-H’ers qualifying for the Interstate Exhibition are as follows: Katie Adkison, Ryley Baragary, Chase Bowen, Merideth Clevenger, Morgan Clifton, Jacey Cook, Shelby Copeland, Chance Cummins, Dustin Davies, Shelby Davies, Laynee Derrickson, Cody Dotson, Morgan Dotson, Elizabeth Dunnington, Shaylea East, Lindsey Ernat, Gavin Fitzwater, Jessica Gunderson, Rachel Hartley, Chloe Hibler, Caitlin Hoak, Ally Houghton, Katelyn Kyser, Kayla Larkins, Megan Nelson, Thea Nelson, Veranda Nelson, Kristen Nicas, Michael Nicas, Losson Park, Murphy Park, Bayley Pickering, Jesse Pratt, Kaitlyn Rechterman, Madison Rechterman, Madison Shaw, Morgan Shaw, Collin Taylor, Morgan Taylor, Julia Wiedmier and Ariana Wolf.

Fashion Revue was well represented by Madison Rechterman, Merideth Clevenger, Jacey Cook, MiKayla Robertson, Julia Wiedmier, Ally Houghton and Kayla Larkins.

A record number of Demonstrations were presented. Judge Richard Evans stated, “The quality and number of demonstrations were a huge improvement over last year.” Outstanding demonstrations that qualified for presentation at the State Fair in August are Courtney Clifton, Thea Nelson, Dustin Davies, Shelby Davies, Ryley Baragary and Rance Waigand. Those advancing to the Interstate Competition are Laynee Derrickson, Elizabeth Dunnington and Collin Taylor. Demonstrations were also presented by Katelyn Kyser, Chance Cummins and the team of Megan Nelson / Losson Park.

Congratulations to all the participants and a special thank you to all the judges at the 2012 Caldwell County Fair Achievement Day!

Exhibitors from the area brought their sheep, goats, and pigs to be judged by Brycen Stark from Princeton, MO. Special thanks go out to him, the sponsors, the exhibitors, parents, and everyone else who helped make these shows successful.

This year’s sheep show on Thursday afternoon, July 19th started at 4:00 pm with over 50 head of sheep. The results are as follows: Supreme Champion Ewe, Bryton Bowles; Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe, Murphy Park; In—County Champion Ewe, Murphy Park; Supreme Champion Ram, Katie Jones; Reserve Supreme Champion Ram, Jacey Cook; In—County Champion Ram, Katie Jones; Supreme Champion Market lamb, Bryton Bowles; Reserve Supreme Champion Market lamb, Jamie Switlik; In—County Champion Market lamb, Jamie Switlik; 14 & Over Showmanship, Bryton Bowles and 13 & Under Showmanship, Brylee Bowles.
The goat show at 6:00 pm continued to be a popular event with many goats and exhibitors. The results are as follows: Supreme Champion Doe, Austin Dotson; Reserve Supreme Champion Doe, Grace Von Opitz; In—County Champion Doe, Austin Dotson; Supreme Champion Buck, Kaycee Vandiver; Reserve Supreme Champion Buck, Katie Adkison; In—County Champion Buck, Katie Adkison; Supreme Champion Market wether, Dana Switlik; Reserve Supreme Champion Market wether, Austin Dotson; In—County Champion Market wether, Dana Switlik; 14 & Over Showmanship, Grace Von Opitz and 13 & Under Showmanship, Kinslee Vandiver.

The beef show held on Friday morning, July 20th at 8:00 am brought in 28 head of cattle and several exhibitors up from the 2011 numbers even though the heat was certainly an issue. The results are as follows: Supreme Champion Heifer, Kinsey Harpster; Reserve Champion Heifer, Jason Gates; In—County Champion Heifer, Kinsey Harpster; Supreme Champion Bull, Katie Rechterman; Reserve Champion Bull, Madison Rechterman; In—County Champion Bull, Katie Rechterman; Supreme Champion Market Steer, Carson Luther; 14 & Over Showmanship, Morgan Reed and 13 & Under Showmanship, Jason Gates.

The swine show at 5:00 pm on Friday afternoon proved successful with the overall quality remained high with over 80 head of hogs and 29 exhibitors. The results are as follows: Supreme Champion Gilt, Braelyn Windham; In—County Champion Gilt, Jared Robinson; Supreme Champion Barrow, Calvin Grady; Reserve Supreme Champion Barrow, Rance Waigand; In—County Champion Barrow, Rance Waigand; 14 & Over Showmanship, Morgan Dotson and 13 & Under Showmanship, Cody Dotson.

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On Sunday, July 22nd the Caldwell County fair Horse show was held at the Polo Saddle Club Arena in the park in Polo. High Point Senior was won by Mason Kipp and the Junior High point award went to Cydnee Kipp.

Congratulations to all participants in these events with special thanks to all the sponsors of the 2012 Caldwell County Fair!

**Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame**

The Missouri 4-H Foundation will honor 53 inductees from 43 counties in their annual Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame Ceremony during the State Fair. Each Missouri County can nominate an individual who has made significant contributions to their 4-H program. The special honorees from our three counties include: John Saunders, DeKalb; Linda McElwee, Caldwell; and Margaret Bray, Clinton. We are very appreciative of their dedication to 4-H and congratulations to each!

Please join us at 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 18th at the Fred E. Davis Multipurpose Auditorium on the State Fair Community College campus, just west of the Missouri State Fairgrounds. A reception will follow the ceremony. The Davis building is air-conditioned and accessible, and should easily accommodate family and friends (seats 2,000 guests). Free parking is available on the north side of the auditorium.
Clovers,

It's here! Missouri State Fair Season! Today, our horse members are headed to Sedalia to kick off the first event, the State Fair Horse Show. In a few days, projects will be transported and displayed in the 4-H building, members will be demonstrating, livestock families will be camping out while they are exhibiting, and many of us will be visiting the fair looking for the best of our county participating at the State Fair! We are so proud of each member's efforts displayed this summer at our county Achievement Days and Livestock shows! No matter the age or skills learned, the pride has been evident through the smiles. Congratulations to all! Good luck to all who will be competing at the State Fair this month and safe travels for all families and especially animals transported in this unrelenting heat.

The increasing stress of this drought and heat is taking its toll on everyone. Seeing the producer's efforts wither away is heartbreaking. However, at the most recent livestock shows I witnessed nothing but a positive and cooperative spirit prevailing among all the adults and participants. It would have been easy to grumble and talk incessantly about all the problems. However, it was so obvious that everyone was there for the kids and creating a positive experience for them. This was just another reminder to me how great it is to be a part of your 4-H world. We will survive and come out on the other side of this stretch of bad times together. Thank you.

Debbie Davis