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4-H COUNCIL MEETING—MARCH 12

The next meeting of the Gasconade County 4-H Council will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, at Farm Bureau Meeting room in Owensville. Each 4-H club should plan to have representatives at the meeting. All 4-H members, volunteers, and parents are welcome.

UPDATES FROM LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

The Gasconade County Fair Livestock Committee met on January 31. The following information you will need to know for this year:

- On January 26, thirty-one 4-H and FFA youth weighed in market steers for this year's fair.
- Market pigs will not have a weigh-in this year, however you are required to complete a Market Swine check-in form and mail it into the Gasconade Fair Board Office by Saturday, April 20. The forms may be picked up at the MU Extension office and will be attached with this newsletter.
- Market lambs and goats will weigh-in on Saturday, April 27 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dairy Barn on the Fairgrounds.
- All Fair entry forms for livestock must be mailed to the Fair Office.

MISSOURI SHOW ME QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING

March 6 at Owensville Middle School at 6:30 p.m.

All 4-H members enrolled in food animal projects (beef, bucket calf, swine, sheep, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, and rabbit) must complete the appropriate level of Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance (MSMQA) certification as part of their 4-H project. Whether you show your animal(s) at a fair or not, you must be certified.

Show-Me Quality Assurance was developed by the University of Missouri Extension to teach 4-H food animal project members the importance of producing safe food and how they can do their part. It includes fun, hands-on activities and a lot of great information.

Members **cannot** show on an expired card. Please double-check the expiration date on your card. Each member is responsible for his or her status. If you cannot find the card please let the office know as soon as possible and we will issue a new card.

If you have any questions at all about the SMQA process or the cards please contact me at 573-437-2165 or humphreyb@missouri.edu.

PUBLIC SPEAKING ACADEMY

The 4-H Public Speaking Academy is preparing for its seventh year! Extension faculty, along with 4-H volunteers will provide educational workshops to help youth build their skills and comfort with public speaking. Participants will be guided through the basics and finer points of writing and delivering a speech. Youth will receive individual assistance. The camp is open to all youth 11-13 years of age interested in learning more about public speaking.

The Academy will be June 12-13, 2019 and registration is due May 1. Lodging will be provided on the campus of Central Methodist University in Fayette, Mo. The cost is \$100.

For more information, contact Patty Fisher at fisherp@missouri.edu or 573-324-5464 and be sure to download the brochure on the Missouri 4-H page at <http://4h.missouri.edu/public-speaking-academy/main>.

4-H FEEDING MISSOURI

This month, Missouri 4-H is partnering with [Feeding Missouri](#) in a first-of-its-kind statewide food drive!

Every 4-H club in the state is invited to contribute to its success. Feeding Missouri is a coalition of our state's six major food banks that work to provide hunger relief to every county in the state and the St. Louis City through a coordinated network of more than 1,500 community-based feeding programs.

From February 1-28, 4-Hers across Missouri will engage in a friendly service competition to see which clubs can contribute the greatest amount of food, cash contributions and volunteer hours. You'll have an opportunity to organize and/or participate in food drives, fundraising, volunteerism and outreach to educate themselves and their communities about hunger and food insecurity.

It's all about Missourians helping Missourians fight hunger.

Our goal: 1 million meals



4-H DAY WITH THE CARDINALS

Join 4-H families from Missouri and Illinois for the 18th annual [4-H Day With the Cardinals](#). The Cardinals will play the Pittsburgh Pirates on May 11 in a 1:15 p.m. game at Busch Stadium. Tickets are \$25 each and include a specially designed T-shirt featuring the 4-H clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front.

All youth and adults who purchase a 4-H Day ticket using the [4-H Day With the Cardinals order form](#) will have an opportunity to participate in the pregame parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Pregame activities will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by Missouri and Illinois 4-H members. The first 30,000 fans age 16 and older will receive a Cardinals performance T-shirt.

Ticket order forms are available at www.mo4h.missouri.edu. Orders must be postmarked by April 1. Tickets usually sell out before the order deadline, so families are encouraged to order early. County groups or families who would like to be seated together must send their orders in the same envelope.

Families can also participate in the 4-H Day With the Cardinals raffle to win prizes such as throwing out the first pitch, autographed baseballs and tickets to other Cardinals games. Funds raised through the raffle support Missouri and Illinois 4-H programs. Complete information about the 4-H Day With the Cardinals raffle is on the ticket order form. The event has raised more than \$80,000 to support Missouri and Illinois 4-H programs in the first 17 years, including many college scholarships for 4-H members.

Time for 4-H Project meetings to Begin!

- If you have not heard from your 4-H project leader please call Brenda Humphrey @ 573-437-2165.
- Project leaders if you need a list of who is in your project contact me at Humphreyb@missouri.edu.
- Start livestock projects by reviewing the housing, feeding and veterinary care needs of the animal now.

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IT'S TIME TO MOVE!



As you know, MOVE promotes physical activity and encourages youths to engage in a broad range of activities such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more.

The competitive period is from February 1 to April 30. There is no pre-registration required. Here's what youth and adults need to do to participate:

- Enroll in the Move Across Missouri (MOVE) project (HF775) in 4HOnline in their profile. *Enrollment in 4-H MOVE does not count as a part of county limits on projects.*
- From Feb 1 through April 30:

Using a paper tracking system found on the 4-H website at: <http://4h.missouri.edu/4hmove/moveinfo> youth and their families can "log" the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year and during the competitive component of the MOVE program (scroll to the bottom of the website page and click "My Move Activity Log"). Record keeping through the paper tracking system is important because the competition period is from February 1 to April 30.

4-Hers and adults can register for the competitive event as individuals and/or as part of a team. An individual MOVER may also be a part of a team. A team can consist of a family or members of a 4-H club or group.

- From April 30 through May 14:

Youth and families will submit their total number of minutes logged throughout the competitive period in 4HOnline. The final reporting will take place inside of a no cost event registration that will only be open from April 30 and May 14.

MOVE awards will be provided—they are normally here in time to be passed to the counties at 4-H State Congress.

For more information about 4-H MOVE visit - <http://4h.missouri.edu/4hmove/main>

STATE 4-H CONGRESS

Congress is designed for Missouri 4-Her's ages 14-19. The Missouri State 4-H Council plans and implements the event that is held on the University of Missouri campus.

What you'll do at State 4-H Congress:

- Learn the life skills of a super leader, connecting with experts in quality workshops and learning opportunities!
- Experience campus living—residence halls, cafeterias and classrooms, you name it!
- Elect your representatives on the State 4-H Council!

Get to know other 4-H youth from across Missouri...and have FUN!

All delegates must be 14 years of age before January 1 of current program year. Eligible members may attend more than one State Congress, unless prohibited by local county policy.

Registration begins on February 15 on 4HOnline and closes April 15. Registration fee is \$225 If you need assistance with the registration fee partial scholarships are available and any out of county trip is eligible for a fifty percent reimbursement on trip charges in August.

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER

All clubs are asked to have their club leader or another representative present at the 4-H Council meeting on Tuesday, March 12. We will be handing out our annual Raffle Tickets for the 4-H Council Fundraiser. The raffle is an effort to do a one-time fundraiser for the 4-H Council that allows us to fund our county programs and scholarships without adding additional cost to the \$20 enrollment fee.

This year we will again be offering tickets for 4 field box seats to a 2019 St. Louis Cardinals game that comes with the opportunity to watch batting practice from the field. The raffle tickets are \$1 per ticket or six tickets for \$5.00. The ticket sales begin March 12. All tickets and money is due back to the Extension Center by May 9, 2019.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 7—Drake 4-H Meeting 7:00 PM
- Feb 10—Town and Country 4-H Meeting 5:00 PM
- Feb 10—Bay Community 4-H Meeting 6:00 PM
- Feb 14—Bem 4-H Meeting 7:00 PM
- Feb 17—Woollam 4-H Club Meeting 4:00 PM
- Feb 17—Bourboise 4-H Club Meeting 6:00 PM
- Feb 17—Double S 4-H Club Meeting 7:00 PM
- Feb 20—Gasconade County 4-H Shooting Sports Club Meeting 5:45 PM

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO COUNTY WIDE SWINE MEETINGS IN 2019, if you need assistance finding a swine leader please contact Brenda Humphrey at 573-437-2165.

MARCH

- Mar 12—4-H Council Meeting: Raffle Tickets go home with Club Leaders!
- Mar 16-17—Teen Conference in Columbia



APRIL

- Apr 20—Market Swine Check-In Forms due in mail to Gasconade County Fair
- APR 27—Market Lamb & Market Goat Weigh-In for Gasconade County Fair

MAY

- May 11—4-H Day with the Cardinals
- May 29—31 State 4-H Congress in Columbia