Youth from every corner of the state gathered on the University of Missouri campus May 28-30 for the 69th annual State 4-H Congress. In all, 294 teens ages 14-18 participated in a variety of hands-on workshops that fit their interests. Choices ranged widely, from leadership development to acting, writing, and meteorology.

“4-H is about building life skills,” said Becky Simpson, 4-H Youth Development Specialist, “State 4-H Congress helps teens develop important abilities, explore careers and make positive new friends from across the state.”

State 4-H Congress delegates also elect 36 peers to represent them on the state’s 4-H council for the coming year. This council works with faculty from MU and Lincoln University to provide a youth voice in the continued development of Missouri 4-H programs.

4-H in Missouri is a program of MU Extension. Over 22,000 Missouri children and youth participate in 4-H clubs, and over 276,000 were reached by Missouri 4-H programs in 2012. Research shows youth involved with 4-H more likely to pursue careers in science, excel in leadership, have higher educational goals, and embrace fewer unhealthy behaviors such as alcohol and tobacco.

Harrison County 4-H members attending State 4-H Congress included Kinslee Vandiver, Cooper Sadowsky, and Rebecca Prest.

Cooper Sadowsky, daughter of Jim and Teela Sadowsky of Eagleville was recently elected to be the Missouri State 4-H Council secretary. Sadowsky is a member of Harrison County 4-H and the Pawnee Pepper 4-H Club of Eagleville. The election took place as a part of the 69th annual State 4-H Congress May 28-30, in Columbia.

This will be Sadowsky’s second year as a member of the state 4-H council, a group of teens who represent the voice of Missouri 4-H’ers. She will serve with seven other youth on the executive council, two of whom are from the Northwest Region. The new slate of officers include: Trent Ludwig from Cole County, president; Marcie Eggers from Livingston County, vice president; Mikayla Engeman from Henry County, treasurer; Bridget Schumer from Caper Girardeau County, MO 4-H Foundation Trustee; Nathan Smith from Franklin County, State Extension Council Liaison; Jennifer Durbin from Marion County, Kids Helping Kids Coordinator; and Nicholas Dungy from Livingston County, serving as County Youth Liaison Coordinator. In addition, 36 youth were elected to be regional representatives for their respective region on Missouri.

Sadowsky and her fellow council members will be working with state 4-H Council faculty advisors, Bradd Anderson, Keverick Wilson, Stephanie Schindler and Becky Simpson.
Fifty-one enthusiastic Missouri 4-H teens embarked upon the eighth annual 4-H Equine Career and Horse Industry Tour in late May, 2014 traveling to destinations in Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado. The quote from Mary Webb, “Saddle your dreams before you ride them” sums up the focus of this great opportunity for youth who hope to couple their equine passion with a career. The tour explored the ranching and rodeo world at the renowned Pitzer Ranch, spent at night at the Sand Hills Calamus Ranch after an afternoon of ‘tanking’, and had a special ‘behind-the-chutes tour at the famous Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo. Participants gained insight into equine and animal science programs at Kansas State and Colorado State, watched morning practices of the famous Westernaires, a youth drill and trick riding troupe and the Denver Polo Club, and even got to try out the sport of vaulting. Equine welfare issues were a focus at the Elm Creek, NE, BLM wild horse facility and a visit at an equine rescue facility where the group helped with morning chores. Probably the highlight for all was a trail ride in the Rocky Mountains near Estes Park with a steak dinner on the trail. “Always follow your dreams” was the special message delivered by Kate Tweedy, daughter of Penny Chenery, owner of Secretariat, who visited with the group.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.– More than 2,400 Missouri and Illinois 4-H’ers and their families and friends invaded Busch Stadium in downtown St. Louis on a recent Saturday afternoon for the 2014 edition of “4-H Day with the Cardinals.” Clad in T-shirts with the familiar 4-H clover logo, the throng completely encircled the field for 30 minutes during a pregame parade. The annual 4-H visit to Busch Stadium is a great morale builder, publicity event and fundraiser wrapped into one. It’s one of the biggest single groups the Cardinals entertain all season.

A NW MO 4-H delegation participated in this great 4-H event chaperoned by 4-H Youth Specialists, Becky Simpson and Debbie Davis. In addition to the Cardinals game, participants visited the City Museum, the St. Louis Arch, a Mississippi River Steamboat Tour, the Butterfly House, Forest Park, Wild Bird Sanctuary, Weldon Springs Site, and a dinner at Fitz’s with the bonus of watching the bottling process of Fitz’s famous sodas.

Some comments from the teen participants: “I love getting to watch the Cardinals play and parade on the field before the game. Probably my favorite activity is the City Museum. It’s just awesome!” “It’s cool to be a part of the hundreds of other 4-H’ers walking on the Cardinals field!”

**Clover Kid Day at the Missouri State Fair!**

**Sunday, August 10**

**Display a project, give a demonstration!**
LEADER LOOKOUT
August club leader tips

The club year is coming to a close, and the excitement of a new year is building. Many thanks to you for a job well done! Here are some suggestions and ideas for a strong finish:

1. Award forms, reports, and treasurer’s audits are due by Aug. 31. Encourage members to apply for awards. Complete application for club seal.

2. Elect club officers and leaders prior to taking new members into the club Sept. 1. This will ensure experienced members are elected officers.

3. Discuss new member, and maybe project leader, recruitment and develop a plan to increase membership. Invite prospective new members and volunteers to the first meeting of the new year. Assign a mentor to new members and volunteers to answer their questions during the first meetings.

4. Elect club officers. Some clubs prefer to do this at the first meeting of the new year; others do it in May to utilize the summer for planning.

5. Discuss delivery and pick-up of state fair items as directed by county MU Extension staff.

6. Hand out reenrollment information to current members and volunteers.

7. Report club leaders, officers and 4-H council representatives to the MU Extension center for the upcoming year.

8. Identify club leaders for the coming year, pending volunteer application approval. Notify local MU Extension center of any changes in club leadership. Proposed club leaders sign confidentiality agreement related to the volunteer application process.

Important Reminder!!

The 4-H age of youth remains in effect throughout the summer. If your youth was 7 on January 1, 2014, they are still considered 7 and may only show in Pee Wee classes at fairs. Your youth member will not change their 4-H age until they sign up for the new year this fall. If they have not signed up for the new year until October 3rd, they are still a member from 2013 not 2014. This is a state-wide rule.

You may be asked to prove your child’s age if there is a question at a livestock show.

Achievement Days for Daviess and Gentry Counties

Gentry County: Monday, July 7. Hundley-Whaley Discovery Center in Albany. Project check in and conference judging will begin at 8AM. If you have any questions contact Janet Sager at 660-726-5610.

Daviess County: Tuesday, July 1: Project Check-in at the Daviess County Library, 2PM-5PM and Contest Day will begin at 6PM. We will be doing conference judging this year. The youth will visit with an adult about their project, explaining how and why they made the project. If youth are not available for conference judging they will be asked to fill out a questionnaire to explain their project.

98th Annual
Northwest Missouri State Fair
August 28th - September 1st
http://nwmostatefair.com/new/

Libby, Cord and Alex Endicott were exhibitors at the recent Midwest Jr. Preview Show held in Sedalia, Missouri, on June 14, 2014. They exhibited their Hampshire and Tunis ewes with over 150 exhibitors from seven states. Libby and Alex are members of the Knee-Hi 4-H Club and all three are the children of Corey and Alicia Endicott of Gallatin.
State Shoot Information – IMPORTANT

Registration details for the August and September State Shoots are still a few days away; but there are some significant changes coming that every Shooting Sports member, parent, and leader need to be aware of. **THE BIG CHANGE:** the August 23 Trap Shoot and the August 23-24 Archery –NFAA 300 will have **online registration** this year. Yes, registration and scheduling will be done via the internet. This will be a new experience for all of us, so please read closely information as it becomes available. For now, make plans on how you will accomplish online registration. Contact the extension office if you need help.

The September 20 – 21 events will use paper registration, as in the past. When details are available we will notify all shooting sports enrollees via email. So, please make sure your correct email is in the 4-H system. Details will sent to local extension offices and will be posted on the website: [http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm](http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm). County deadline is July 21.

‘Everything is AWESOME in 4-H’ was the 2014 NW Missouri 4-H Camp theme for over 200 campers, ages 8-13 during two sessions, June 2-5 and June 9-12 at Camp Crowder, Trenton. Canoeing, leather crafts, archery, team building challenges, swimming and evening dancing were some of the traditional camp activities for the campers. Additional fun and scientific activities included giant bubbles, aquatic organisms, and utilizing engineering skills to create a balloon propelled car from recycled materials.

Camp gives youth a chance to experience outdoor activities, build friendships, and learn new skills through the supervision and leadership of NW 4-H staff, 4-H volunteers and selected 4-H teen counselors. The traveling Garfield Award for the county with the highest percentage of campers attending was awarded to Livingston County closely followed by Caldwell, Gentry and Clinton Counties.
On Saturday, June 14th Grundy County 4H hosted their 2nd annual archery and outdoor skills contest. Forty-three youth from fourteen different counties participated. Medals were given to the top three individuals in each category and age group in archery. A trophy was given to the top three individuals in each age group in hunting skills.

Following is a list of winners:

**Traditional** - junior age group:
1) Matthew Wells- 104 2x (Sullivan County)
2) Nathan Wells- 77 2x (Sullivan County)

**Compound Fingers** - Junior age group
1) Ruger Cox- 158 3x (Livingston County)

2) Emma Qualman- 123 1x (Daviess County)
3) Ezekiel Emmons- 112 1x (Buchanan County)

(Buchanan County)

**Archery Results for Andrew County**

4-H members from across Northwest Missouri participated in a Regional 4-H Shooting Sports Contest, hosted by Andrew County 4-H, at the Jeff and Caelene Lance Farm, Savannah, Missouri, Saturday, May 31. Ninety-six 4-H’ers from a nineteen county area participated in a total of 149 events. Events included Archery, Air Pistol, BB, Pellet, .22 Rifle, 22 Pistol and Shotgun, and for the first time muzzle loading.

The contest was divided into three age divisions: Junior, Ages 8-10; Intermediate, Ages 11-13; and Senior, Ages 14-18. Trophies were awarded to the top finishers in each event, in each age division, medals were given to other who placed. Juniors did not compete in Shotgun, and Seniors did not compete in BB. Archery offered two courses, the NFAA 300. The NFAA 300 events included: Traditional Recurve/Longbow, bare bow with no sights or accessories; Freestyle Recurve/Longbow, with sights and accessories; Compound Release, release aids, sights and accessories permitted; and Compound Fingers no mechanical releases, sights and accessories permitted.

**22 SMALLBORE RIFLE OPEN SITES**

**JUNIOR**

2ND WADE JOHNSON--HARRISON

**AIR PISTOL INTERMEDIATE**

1ST MADELYN DERKS--GENTRY

22 PISTOL

2ND KYLIE GANNAN--HARRISON

**SHOTGUN SENIOR**

1ST ETHAN COLEMAN--HARRISON

3CH JACOB ADDISON--HARRISON

3) Zachary Moore- 251 6x (Harrison County)

Compound Release Aids - Senior age group

1) Nathan Moore- 297 38x (Harrison County)
2) Javin Tharp- 284 18x (Sullivan County)
3) Travis Zimmer- 253 9x (Clay County)

Hunting and Outdoor Skills - Junior age group

1) Kaci Persell (Grundy County)
2) Evan Tharp (Sullivan County)
3) Darrin Deporto (Sullivan County)

Hunting and Outdoor Skills - Senior age group

1) Hannah Persell (Grundy County)
2) Javin Tharp (Sullivan County)

For more information about the Regional 4-H Shooting Sports Contest, or the Andrew County 4-H program, please contact Carol Williams, 4-H Youth Program Associate for University of Missouri Extension, at 816-324-6216 or williamscarol@missouri.edu
State Fair Celebrates Kids in Agriculture

(SEDALIA, Mo.) – A new event day, Celebrate Kids in Agriculture Saturday, Aug. 16, will top the list of exciting new promotions offered at the 2014 Missouri State Fair. Activities this day will be coordinated by the Missouri State Fair and Missouri Department of Agriculture, and sponsored by Missouri Department of Conservation. The day will acknowledge youth currently involved in Missouri’s agriculture industry, and help raise awareness of and encourage an interest in agriculture among Missouri youth. Plans this day will include free gate admission for children ages 12 years of age and younger, free old-fashioned harvest games and new contests in two competitive exhibit categories. The event day will be the culmination of the 2014 Fair’s marketing campaign, which includes a heightened emphasis on celebrating youth.

“Fostering youth development is the premise of our agriculture showcase,” Missouri State Fair Director Mark Wolfe said. “This year during the Fair youth will be celebrated starting with the Opening Day Ceremony held in front of our Family Fun Center and continuing through the final weekend. The new day, Celebrate Kids in Agriculture, will offer several unique experiences especially for youth and their families.”

Old-fashioned harvest games, such as gunny sack races, egg relay races and water relays, will be offered for two age divisions and located on the lawn of the Missouri Department of Transportation’s Highway Gardens Saturday, Aug. 16. Games for 4-7 year olds will be offered between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., and games for 8-12 year olds will be offered between 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Complete details are available at [www.mostatefair.com/special-contests](http://www.mostatefair.com/special-contests).

Two new contests are also being offered to encourage participation in competitive exhibits amongst youth attending this year’s Missouri State Fair, the Largest Homegrown Tomato Contest and the Fun on the Farm Poster Contest.

“It is important that we encourage participation in the Missouri State Fair, starting from a young age,” Missouri Director of Agriculture Richard Fordyce said. “Youth involved in projects at the State Fair learn about agriculture heritage, commitment and hard work, and they acquire leadership skills that will benefit them and our industry in the future.”

Entries in the Largest Homegrown Tomato Contest will be accepted in one age division, youth 3-12 years old, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, in the AgriMissouri Tent located west of the Agriculture Building. Judging will be based on the weight of the tomato.

Entries in the Fun on the Farm Poster Contest will be accepted in two age divisions, youth 5-8 years old and youth 9-12 years old, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, in the Fine Arts Building. Judging will be based on theme, creativity and adherence to rule specifications.

The winning names for the top four places in both the tomato and poster contests will be announced at 6 p.m. at the Touchstone Energy Stage, Aug. 16. Winners in both contests will receive the following prizes, good for the 2015 Missouri State Fair: 1st place will receive 22 gate admission tickets and 2 unlimited carnival ride wristbands; 2nd place will receive 16 gate admission tickets; 3rd place will receive 12 gate admission tickets; and 4th place will receive 8 gate admission tickets; each winner will also receive a coupon for a free funnel cake or corn dog from Westmoreland Concessions, redeemable Aug. 16. Every contestant, in both contests, will receive a participation ribbon for their efforts, and a coupon for a free snack from the AgriMissouri Market, located inside the Agriculture Building, also redeemable Aug. 16.

The contests offer opportunities to engage youth in summer-long projects, as they wait to compete alongside their peers on Aug. 16. Complete details for the contests are available at [www.mostatefair.com/special-contests](http://www.mostatefair.com/special-contests). The Missouri State Fair, themed, Harvest the Fun!, will be held Aug. 7-17 in Sedalia. Visit the website for

Projects selected for Missouri State Fair

If you have blue ribbon items they are automatically selected for the 2014 Missouri State Fair. Items must be in the Extension Office by **Monday July 28, 2014 at NOON**.

You may pick 2 of your blue ribbon items to send to the fair. The only exceptions are in the categories of Photography, Cake Decorating and Scrapbooking. These categories had specific items selected by Achievement Day judges. If you have food to send, it will not be returned after the fair.

All other items sent to the state fair will remain in the Extension office until after the Northwest Missouri State Fair in Bethany. State fair items will be entered in the fine arts building at the NWMO fair which will be held August 28-Sept. 1, 2014.
Important dates to remember

State Fair Entries
May 1 - July 1

http://www.mostatefair.com/premium-guide

State Trap Shoot
August 23

Archery-NFAA 300
August 23-24 (all ages)

State Livestock Judging
September 13

State Shoot
September 20

http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm

3-D-Sporting Clays and Muzzleloading
September 21

Fashion Revue
September 13

Public Speaking Contest
October 4, 2014

Show-Me 4-H Wares at the State Fair
August 7-10

http://4h.missouri.edu/events/fair/

Harrison County 4-H Families

This is the year we serve the Grundy Electric Dinner.

It will be an all hands on event!!!

We will be serving the meal, drinks and doing clean-up.

DATE: Thursday, August 7, 2014

You will receive a postcard with more information in the coming weeks. This is our fundraiser for 3 years.

STATE FAIR 4-H BUILDING REQUIREMENTS

Photos must be mounted on an 8 x 10 solid mounting surface. (Should be mat board)

Solid surface requires that there are no cutouts or other holes in the mat board, either around or behind the photo. May be purchased at Achievement Day for $2/each.

A zip-lock style bag is required for all photos.

Educational displays A new product is now available to make educational displays easier to construct. The size is 24 inches by 18 inches. When it opens and stands it has 6 inch sides and a 12 inch back. This is acceptable. For 2013 the original dimensions of 11 inches in height, 12 inches in depth (front to back) and 14 inches in width will also be accepted.

Scrapbooking exhibits should only be 1 page and 1 side of the represented scrapbook. (12x12 page at the largest.)

All pages should be in clear protective sleeve or clear zipper bag. Do not frame.

Decorated cakes may not exceed 13 inches high or wide. Must use fondant or royal icing. Cake board may not be more than 1 inch larger than cake.

All items sent to state fair must be of BLUE RIBBON quality.
What time is it?

I know it is a sign I am getting older but the adage is true, time does go by faster and faster the older you get. Perhaps it is because first occasions are novel events and we tend to make more detailed and lasting memories of those times.

It is hard to believe I have been a 4-H Youth Development Specialist for 9 years. I now do things automatically because…it’s that time of the year. It is time to get the kid’s projects to the state fair and then to the Northwest MO fair.

It is also time to be thinking about finishing up a great 4-H year with county recognition events. Part of the recognition process is completion of project records and Missouri Recognition Forms. The deadline for handing in these forms is September 11. (The second Thursday after the NWMO Fair closes.) Please plan to help your 4-H’er complete their forms and hand them in to your local extension office.

Soon it will be time to send the kids off to their first day of a new school year! Crazy! Seems like school just got out for the summer.

As you help your kids get back in the swing of the school year, also help them to plan for their new 4-H year. The new 4-H year will begin on September 1. Help them to think about the new projects they might like to try or even which projects they would like to continue from this year. Perhaps they showed an animal for the first time. (Yes, you made it! And yes, you can do it again next year.)

It is also time for us to be thinking about who will lead our clubs in the coming year. Perhaps someone is “retiring” from 4-H leadership. That’s okay. Your club can carry on. Club leadership can look very different from county-to-county and even club-to-club. One person does NOT have to lead the club. It can be a collaboration of several people. What works for your club might not work for the next club. We need to find a balance that works for your families.

It is also time to be thinking about project leaders. Who will lead the projects your child is interested in? Perhaps you will be the one to step-up.

We can never have enough shooting sports leaders. If you think you might be interested in helping out with shooting sports, please give me a call or even email me. I would love to find more help for our leaders.

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