

The 4-H Link

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LAST REMINDER Carnival – March 28th at Benson Center

The 4-H Carnival will be Saturday, March 28 at the Benson Center. The schedule for the Carnival is as follows:

- 2:00 pm.....Building Opens.
- 5:45 pm.....All Booths set-up and ready. Carnival begins at 6pm.
- 7:00 pm.....Raffle tickets and money turned in.
- 9:00 pm.....Crown King and Queen & announce raffle winners.
- 9:15 pm.....Carnival ends/clean-up – YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

All 4-H'ers will bring cakes, cookies, pies, etc. for points towards their King and Queen. The baked goods will be used for prizes in the Cake Walk & Bingo.

Keep selling those raffle tickets. All the money raised at the carnival goes directly to 4-H County Council programming and scholarships. It is the job of every Henry County 4-H'er to do their part to help raise the money to fund it. You need to have your cut-apart tickets and money turned in to your Community Leader before the Carnival or by 7 p.m. on March 28th, the night of the Carnival.

Remember the Henry County 4-H Carnival is open to the public. **Invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives!** This is our only county fundraiser. Let's team up to have fun, and raise the money for Henry County 4-H – 2008.

National Volunteer Week

April 19 – 25 is National Volunteer Week. In Henry County we have a great group of wonderful youth and adult volunteer leaders. I personally would like to thank all of you for everything you do to make our county program strong. I encourage 4-H members to take time to thank all of the wonderful volunteers that help you accomplish so much in the 4-H program.

Presentation Day Workshop

Have you ever been to Presentation Day? On April 21st the Presentation Day Committee is hosting an event for members to learn more about all the exciting things that you can do at Presentation Day. Learn more about judging classes, giving a demonstration or talk, public speaking, table top demonstrations and more. This is a great way to improve your skills if you already planned on participating or learn new skills if you have never been part of this event before. The event will be held at Henry Elementary School in the cafeteria from 6-8 p.m. It is an open house type event so you can come anytime during those hours to learn about Presentation Day. This would be a great club field trip, so plan to attend!

Presentation Day will be held on June 13th at Allen St. Baptist Church. Mark your calendars and use this workshop as a great way to get geared up for the event. More details will be in May's LINK.

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General News

Hide a Prize in the Link

Congratulations to Aaron Fickle for being the winner of the March Hide a Prize Contest. Your family is still eligible for this month's prize and the grand prize at the end of the year. Due to the change in delivery of the LINK, we have changed the format of the Hide a Prize Contest! The first five families to call in will have their name placed in a drawing and we will draw for the monthly winner! We will then draw for points to be given toward the prize at the end of the year banquet. Call in this month with the page number and article with the candle hidden in it!!



Attendance Required

Just a reminder as a 4-H member it is your responsibility to attend at least FOUR of your monthly club meetings in order to be a member in good standings. Only members in good standing can participate in the fair, livestock shows, state fair, horse shows, shooting sports activities, etc. In May I will be contacting all club leaders for a list of attendance. If you have not met the required FOUR of your monthly club meetings you will not be able to show at ANY 4-H sponsored activity until arrangements have been made. Please make an effort to attend your club meetings!

Bowling Party a Huge Success



Clinton Rockets Bowling Party was a big success! Sixteen 4-H members (from the Clinton Rockets and the Montrose Busy Beavers) and guests enjoyed an afternoon of

bowling; even a few of the seven attending leaders took a try at the lanes. The kids bowled and ate Domino's pizza furnished by the Clinton Rockets Club. They also enjoyed brownies by the Hendricks' family and Lemonade from the Fickle family. Game leader Aaron Fickle scheduled this event and furnished door prizes. Everyone attending said they had a great time.

Odessa Rodeo Queen Competition

Would you like to participate in the Odessa Rodeo Queen Pageant? It would be a good opportunity for public speaking, leadership, public relations, as well as showing off horsemanship skills while building new ones! For more information contact Kaitlyn Shankshaft at 816-263-3529.

New Family Mentors

Has your family been involved with 4-H for 5+ years? Would you like to pass on your 4-H knowledge to a new family? We have just the assignment for you!! Starting in the next 4-H year we will be pairing veteran families with new families within their clubs. Mentor families will be ask to keep their new families up to date with what is going on within the county and explain events to them as they get near.

We are currently planning two training sessions for mentor families, with the first of these being May 21st at 6:30pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room. If you are interested in participating please call Christy at 885-5556.

County Council Reminder

The next Henry County 4-H council meeting will be held Tuesday, May 19th at the Henry County Courthouse. We will go over the Carnival and the county wide budget at this time!

Science Night

Wow...we've had a rough time with Science Night, huh? I apologize for taking so long to get another one in the works, but it's almost here!!! April 7th at 6:30pm in the Courthouse meeting room is our next date...FOR SURE! Everyone is invited to attend.

Jr. Leaders are encouraged to come practice their leadership skills and lend a helping hand! Please plan on being here by 6:15pm if you are planning to help with this event!



Monthly MOVEMENT Activity

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

Bounce the Ball

Materials:

2 or 3 wiffle or Ping-Pong balls

1 sheet

You will need at least four people for this game. Each person holds a corner and side of the sheet – stretched taut. Place the balls in the center of the sheet. Participants shake the sheet causing the balls to bounce in the air. The object of the game is to keep the balls bouncing in the air and keep them from bouncing off the sheet onto the floor.

Source: Missouri 4-H Couch Potato Challenge at <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/projects/health/>

Leader News

Community Leader Meeting

We will have a meeting for all Community Leader's on Thursday, April 30th at 6:30pm in the Courthouse Meeting room. Topics for discussion include Presentation Day and the Fair, but if there is something else you feel needs addressed at this time please let me know! Have something you would like advice on? Bring it to the meeting and compare notes with your counterparts from other clubs!

Get Your Meetings in the LINK

Whether you're a club leader or a project leader, get your meeting in the LINK! Call or email Christy by the 21st of each month with your date to have it added!

Monthly Tips & Ideas

This new section in the LINK will feature tips & ideas concerning MRF's, Presentation Day, the Fair, and other events throughout the year. Watch every month for something new! Something you would like to know more about? Call or email Christy and we'll get the information in!



New Families

If your family joined 4-H this year, you may be wondering, "WHAT'S GOING ON?!" As we get into one of the busier times of the year, it's easy to get overwhelmed; but rest assured, there's always help available. Your club leaders and Christy are always there to answer any questions you may have. Don't be afraid to ask questions!

Missouri Report Form (MRF) Tips

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. Include the so what's of certain experiences; what differences did it make in your life to the present in regards to the experiences that you have had in 4-H.

- Many judges read the story first
- Write well to be remembered
- Write it first, fill out the other sections then go back and rewrite
- Express who you are

Overall Story Tips

- How will your 4-H experiences give you directions in the future?
- How does this tell us who you are?

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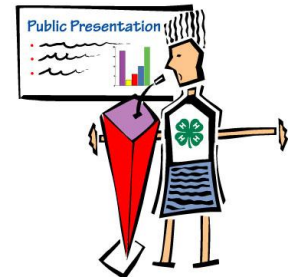
- **Proof Read for Errors in Grammar and Sentence Structure!!**
- How do your experiences contribute to life skills
- Expand on examples

Presentation Day Tips

Wondering how a good demonstration is organized? Here are a few helpful hints!!

Select a topic

What projects are you in? What have you learned that would be helpful to others? These are questions that may help you find the right topic for you. What you wind up with should be one idea which you can explain in a short period of time.



Plan your demonstration

Demonstrations are planned much like traditional speeches. They should contain an introduction, body, and summary with time left at the end to take questions. While in the planning process keep in mind what kind of supplies you will need.

Fair

It may seem like a long way off, but the Henry County Fair will be here before we know it! So what kind can we enter in the fair? Here are a few guidelines to get you started!

Members may only enter exhibits in project they are enrolled in.

Members are limited to three items in each project. (In the Benson Center.)

Exhibits may range from an item made in the project area to posters explaining what you have learned in the project.

Project News

Livestock & Hams

Upcoming Mandatory Meetings

April 20

Rabbits & Sheep

6:30pm, Clinton Technical School

Poultry & Goat

7:00pm, Clinton Technical School

Swine

7:00pm, Henry County Fairgrounds

Please note the change in meeting place for Swine.

Sixth Annual Club Goat Sale

The Sixth Annual Club Goat Sale is being held April 18, 2009, in Sedalia, Missouri at the Swine Pavilion, Missouri State Fair Grounds. This event is open to both 4-H and FFA members!

Tracy Diefenbach at 816-657-2274 or TLDief@Fairpoint.net or Mary Sherwood at 417-995-4691 or Sherwoodfarms@tri-lakes.net

Sheep

Missouri Sheep Producers' Flock Starter

Goal: To provide a Missouri 4-H or FFA member (age 8-19 as of January 1) a grant opportunity to purchase ewes for a starter flock.

Reward: One winner will receive a \$600 grant to be used to purchase ewes from a current MSP member and work with this member in a mentoring program. The sheep purchased may be either purebred registered or commercial stock.

Application Requirements: Applicants must not currently own a flock, be involved in Missouri 4-H and/or FFA, successfully complete this application with responses to essay questions attached, and contact a current MSP member (current MSP membership directory may be obtained by contacting the executive director) to obtain a letter of recommendation and agreement by the member to participate in a mentoring program.

Winner Requirements: The successful applicant will be required to purchase starter ewes from a current MSP member and provide transportation of the sheep back to their home, purchase a ram or coordinate with their mentor on a breeding program, ewes must be purchased by September 1 and bred to lamb the following spring, the starter flock must be kept in the winners possession for a minimum of one year, and a total budget (income and expenses) for the year should be presented by the applicant at the next MSP annual meeting.

Head to the Extension Office for an entry form!

Clowning

Meeting Scheduled

April 14th at 6pm at the Blue Ribbon Bakery will be the next clowning mtg. Please bring your calendar and make-up kit to the meeting with you. We will be planning our Community Service outing and discussing our Presentation Day Demos. Here comes the clowns (Silly Lilly, Sparky & Hobo Joe.)



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Shooting Sports

#745 Annual Shotgun Planning Meeting

April 1, 6:30pm, Extension Mtg Room

#741 Annual Archery Planning Meeting

April 2, 5:30pm, Extension Mtg Room

#744 Air Pistol & #747 Smallbore Pistol

Will meet at the Hendricks' home on April 5 and April 25 at 2pm.

State Shooting Sports

State Team Tryouts

April 4 – Air Pistol

April 4-5 – Compound Archery, Recurve Archery

April 5 – Air Rifle

Missouri State High School Trap Meet With special 4-H Division

April 25 – Linn Creek, MO

Missouri 4-H State Trap Shoot

August 29 – MTA, Linn Creek, MO

Missouri 4-H State Shoot (all other events)

September 19 – Prairie Grove Shooting Sports
Columbia, MO

For more information on these or other dates contact the Extension Office at 885-5556.

Horse

Horse Packets

You will soon be receiving your 2009 Horse Packet. It will be complete with your Horse Enrollment form and other information for the 2009 show season. Please note the following due dates, **late forms will not be accepted!**

May 1 – Horse Enrollment Forms Due

June 5 – Area Entry Forms Due

July 1 – County Entry Forms Due

Please note most forms above must be signed by your horse leader and your club leader so plan accordingly.

Coggins Clinic

There will be a Coggins Clinic held on March 28th from 9am- 11am at the Henry County Fairgrounds. Cost for a Coggins test will be \$14 per horse with vaccines available at a discounted rate. Dr. Johnson of Quad-County Veterinary Clinic will be administering shots and tests.



Have used tack you want to get rid of? Bring it and participate in the Shop & Swap!

Educational Opportunity

Are you interested in visiting the William Woods Equine facility and catching a show? If so, call Sheryl Hull at (660)693-2323 for more information about a trip scheduled for April 4th!

Jugtown Colts 4-H to Sponsor Fun Shows

This summer the Jugtown Colts will hold Fun Shows at the Dietz Arena in Calhoun, 1pm. The events will be held on May 17, June 7, July 19, August 30, and Sept. 13. For more information call Shelly Acosta at 351-5497.

Cass County 4-H Sponsors Fun Show May 16

Join the Cass County 4-H horse project on May 16th for one of the first shows of the season. The Cass County 4-H Spring Fun Show will be held on May 16th at North Park. A Show Bill will be included with your Horse Packet.

West Central Area Horse Show

The date for the West Central Area Horse Show will be June 20th. Our current rain date is June 27th, however we are really looking at using an indoor arena to make sure that we have the show on the 20th. The show is open to all 4-H and FFA members in the West Central Region and will be held in Cass County.

Henry County Horse Show

The Henry County Horse Show will be held July 10th, 2009 at the Henry County Fairgrounds. Mark your calendar NOW!

Camp News

4-H Camp Coming Soon

It is that time already. We have already been working hard to plan three days of exciting activities. Camp will include swimming, a cookout, dances, crafts, and so much more. This year's theme is "What's Buggin You."

Camp will again be held at Camp Bob White near Warrensburg, MO. Youth can choose one of two camp dates June 22-24 or June 24-26. Camp applications can be obtained from the Henry County 4-H Web site or by calling the Extension Office. Be sure to have members who attended last year talk about camp at your upcoming club meetings. Camp is for youth ages 8-12. Youth age 13 who have been to camp before can apply to be Counselors in Training (CIT), Youth ages 14-18 can apply to be Camp Counselors, and prior Camp Counselors who have graduated from the program can apply to be Program Educators.

Camp Counselor Applications

Camp counselor applications are now available. Camp will be held June 22-24 and June 24-46 for all youth ages 8-12. Youth age 13 who have been to camp before can apply to be Counselors In Training (CITS) and camp counselors can be youth ages 14 and older. Counselors are required to attend camp counselor training held April 25th in Warrensburg from 9am – 4pm. Youth who have graduated from 4-H, but who still would like to help at camp can apply to be Program Educators. If you are interested in any of the positions listed, please call Christy at 660-885-5556 for an application. Applications are due April 15.

Aeronautics & Robotics Day Camp

We are still looking for adult volunteers and teen counselors (ages 13 and up) for this exciting new camp. Teen counselors will participate in Counselor training at the same time as traditional camp counselors. If you are interested in one of these positions contact Christy at the Extension Office.

Club Reports

The **Shawnee Indians** met on March 2nd, 2009. President Ashley Newell called the meeting to order. Leia Love led the Pledge of Allegiance and Kennedy Early led the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was answered by "Tell a favorite healthy snack". The minutes were read by Briana Larson. Treasurer Levi Sherman gave the Treasurer's report. Leia Love, Kennedy Early and Charity Sherman gave a Public Speaking Demonstration. Our upcoming fundraiser and the 4-H Carnival were discussed. Club members were urged to come up with ideas for the T-Shirt contest and reminded everyone that there is a \$20.00 prize for the winner. After the Leader's report was given, the meeting was adjourned. **Submitted by: Kevin Larson**

The **Clinton Rockets** met on March 9th, 2009. Discussion topics included final plans for the Bowling Party on March 14th, as well as final preparations for the Henry County 4-H Carnival. The next meeting, to be held on April 13th will focus on Presentation Day.



Older Member News

Jr. Leaders

Jr. Leaders is a special club for members 13 and over. We will meet **Friday, April 17th at 7pm** for a lock-in which will last until 9am Saturday morning. Please let the Extension Office know if you plan to attend by 4:30pm Monday, April 13th.

Jr. Livestock Committee

The Jr. Livestock Committee, a joint committee of Henry County 4-H & FFA members, will meet April 6th in the Media Center at the Clinton High School. Everyone is invited to attend!



Zumbrunnen Scholarship for Seniors

\$1000 will be given to one Henry County High School senior planning to attend a 4-year University in Missouri. This scholarship is given by the Zumbrunnen Family in memory of Gerald Zumbrunnen, long-time 4-H Youth Specialist in Henry County. There is an application and interview process. Get an application from your school counselor or check out our local web site at extension.missouri.edu/henry. Applications are **due March 31**.

4-H Scholarships Available

College is expensive but 4-H can help! The Missouri 4-H Foundation offers college scholarships that help 4-H members pursue their educational dreams.

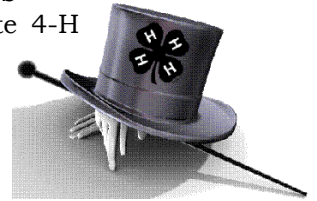
In 2009, thanks to generous donor support, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer 58 college scholarships (\$500 - \$2,500 per scholarship). 4-Hers who are current high school seniors and former 4-Hers who are college students are eligible to apply. The scholarship guidelines and application is available on the Missouri 4-H website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/>. Applications are **due in the State 4-H Office by April 1, 2009**.

Citizenship Youth Forum

This summer, youth ages 14 and older are invited to come learn how their government works! This action packed event provides participants an inside look at the Missouri legislative, executive and judicial processes. There is also the option of a media track, where participating youth report on the activities of state government, film their reports and edit the footage for various media outlets. CYF registrations are **due May 1, 2009**.

State 4-H Congress

Mark your calendars for State 4-H Congress, June 3-5, 2009. The cost is \$160. Sarah Bush is running for regional representative. Make plans to attend to support her! Forms can be found at <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/> or by stopping by the Extension Office. **Registration is due at the Extension Office by 4:30pm April 10th**.



Clover Kids News

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.

Seed Sprouts: Does Light Make a Difference?

Materials

- Sandwich bags
- Paper towels
- Navy beans
- Permanent marker
- Sprayer or mist bottle with water

Directions

Give each child two bags, two paper towels, and six to eight navy beans. Help them label their bags. Label one bag "with light" and label the other bag "without light." Fold the paper towels to fit inside each bag. Spray with water until the paper towels are saturated. Place several seeds in each bag. Seal the bags. Ask the children to take the bags home; tape one to a window and put the other one in a closet or somewhere with no light. Keep the paper towels damp. Check on the seeds daily. What happens?

Source: Cloverbud Program – Curriculum Instructional Materials. The Ohio State University Extension, 1994.

County Wide Clover Kids Meetings

The County wide Clover Kids Club will meet on Thursday, April 2nd at 7pm in the meeting room at the Courthouse. All Clover Kids are welcome to attend!



Countywide Project Meetings

-Listed in alphabetical order by project-

Project	Date	Time	Location	Contact Info
Aerospace	April 4	10:00 am	GV Memorial Hosp Helicopter Hangar	Kent Pyle 885-2176
Clowning	April 14 May 12	6:00 pm	Blue Ribbon Bakery	Becky Church 525-4037
Countywide Clover Kids Club	April 2nd	7:00 pm	Courthouse Mtg Rm	Christy Hicks 885-5556
Crocheting	Call if you need help.			Gloria Sherman 885-4535
Junior Leaders	April 17 th	7:00 pm LOCK-IN!	Courthouse Mtg Rm	Christy Hicks 885-5556
Robotics	March 30 th April 27 th	6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Courthouse Mtg Rm	Christy Hicks 885-5556
Shooting Sports – Shotgun Planning Mtg	April 1	6:30 pm	Courthouse Mtg Rm	Forest Church 525-4032
Shooting Sports – Archery Planning Mtg	April 2	5:30 pm	Courthouse Mtg Rm	Forest Church 525-4032
Shooting Sports – Air Pistol & .22 Pistol	April 5 April 25	2:00 pm 2:00 pm	Hendricks' Home	Sandra Hendricks (660)694-3699




Poultry and Goat Mtg	April 20	7:00 pm	Clinton Tech School	Christy Hicks 885-5556
Sheep & Rabbits Mtg	April 20	6:30 pm	Clinton Tech School	Christy Hicks 885-5556
Swine Mtg	April 20	7:00 pm	HC Fairgrounds	Christy Hicks 885-5556
Weigh-in (all but Beef)	May 2	9:00 am	HC Fairgrounds	Christy Hicks 885-5556

Please note that **all Ham and Livestock meetings listed are MANDATORY** if you intend to sell at one of the 2009 Henry County sales! Mark your calendars and make plans to attend!

Information Due 21st of Each Month. If you would like to include information about something your club or project group is doing, or just want to announce an opportunity for members please send your submissions to the Henry County Extension Office by the 21st of the month. Send e-mail to HicksCM@Missouri.edu or mail to: The 4-H LINK, 100 W. Franklin, Room 16, Clinton, MO 64735. We are always looking for good information to share with our 4-H members and leaders.



		1 -4-H Scholarship forms due to Sate Office -Shotgun Planning Mtg, 6:30pm CH Mtg RM	2 -Clover Kids, 7pm -Archery planning mtg, 5:30pm, CH Mtg Rm	3	4 -Aerospace Project Meeting, 10am Hangar at GVMH -Horse trip to William Woods
5 -.22 Pistol & Air Pistol, 2pm Hendricks' Home	6 -Jr. Livestock Committee	7 -Science Night, 6:30pm CH Mtg Rm	8	9	10 -Congress Registration Due
12 	13 -RSVP for Jr. Leaders Lock-in by TODAY!	14 -Clowning, 6pm, Blue Ribbon Bakery	15	16	17 -Jr. Leaders Lock-in, 7pm, CH Mtg Rm
19 -SS & Outdoor Skills Workshop -National Volunteer Week Begins!	20-Mandatory Rabbit, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, & Goat Mtgs. 6:30pm See article for locations	21 -Demo Work Night 6-8pm, Henry Elementary	22	23	24
26	27 -Robotics Project Mtg, 6pm, CH Mtg Rm	28	29	30 -Leader's Meeting 6:30pm, CH Mtg Rm	
25 -Camp Counselor Training, 9a-4p, Warrensburg -.22 Pistol & Air Pistol, 2pm Hendricks' Home					

						1 -Horse Enrollments Due	2 Sheep, Swine, Goat Weigh-In, 9am HC Fairgrounds
3	4	5 -Jr. Leaders, 6:30pm, CH Mtg Rm	6	7 -Clover Kids, 7pm CH Mtg Rm	8	9	
10 	11	12 -Clowning, 6pm, Blue Ribbon Bakery	13	14	15	16	
17	18 -Robotics Project Mtg, 6pm, CH Mtg Rm	19 -4-H Council, 7pm CH Mtg Rm	20	21 -Mentor Training, 6:30pm CH Mtg Rm	22	23	
24	25 <i>Office Closed</i> Memorial Day 	26	27	28	29	30	
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