WELCOME BACK, KATE!

Hello Jackson County 4-H! It feels good to be home and involved with 4-H again. Since I will be working in the office this summer I just wanted to briefly introduce myself. My name is Kate Lee and I will be assisting the 4-H office this summer. You may know my sister, Anna, who is a current member of Valley 4-H Explorers. I, myself, was a member of Jackson County 4-H for seven years where I was involved with the rabbit project, was a County Council officer, and also served as Queen. In the fall, I will begin my fourth year at Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH where I am an accounting major. In the meantime I look forward to meeting many of you and seeing you all at our events this summer. I am sure all of you are hard at work on your projects.  

-Kate Lee, 4-H Intern

CHECK IN WITH AMANDA

Are you ready?! What a month we have coming up in Jackson County 4-H! As this newsletter goes to press, we’re keeping our fingers crossed we’ll be able to hold our Jackson County Fair Horse Show this Saturday, May 30 (rain date is June 6). Then we have Contest Day, the Livestock Show, and the Jackson County Fair to follow. Be sure to pay careful attention to all of the information about our Fair events in the newsletter below. There is a Family Fun Night flyer for you to share on p.10, a call for help to recruit judges and volunteers on p.4 (we need more!), and information about your fair entries on p.4-5. Remember, the Fair Book, event flyers, registration forms, and more are all on our website with consistent updates on Facebook (http://extension.missouri.edu/jackson/4h.aspx). Spread the word, finish up those projects, and see you there!

Amanda

4-H COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next County Council meeting will be on Monday, June 15 at 6:45PM. Every club can help shape the direction of the Jackson County 4-H program by having at least one 4-H member from your club attend and vote at the 4-H Council meetings. We want to have your VOICE guide these meetings so please come and help us continue to improve how we do youth leadership in Jackson County.

EQUINE COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next Equine Council meeting will be on Thursday, June 4 at 7:00PM. At this meeting the Equine Council will report out on the County Horse Show and continue plans for State Fair Horse Show at the end of July. The July 9 Equine Council will feature an awesome presentation on preparing for horse shows. Don’t miss it! If your club has a focus on the equine project, please make sure you have at least one youth and one adult representative at each Equine meeting.

NEED HELP WITH FAIR ENTRIES? CHECK OUT PROJECT BRIEFS!

Are you looking for exhibit or demonstration topic ideas in a certain project area? Check the State 4-H website →Projects → Project Briefs. Project briefs were written for leaders and members as a supplement to the 4-H project curriculum. They are a fabulous tool to summarize project learning objectives, exhibit ideas, and so much more. Check them out for valuable ideas and resources!
**FIND THE HIDDEN SYMBOL**
Where will it be? What awesome new prizes are in the office for you to win? Ask Turner Ledford of the Champions 4-H Club, who was the first to find the May hidden symbol. This month’s symbol is: 📢. Be the first to e-mail Amanda with its location this month to win a prize.

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**4-H COUNCIL REPORT**
Welcome Kate to the 4-H family! Kate is an intern and will be taking Shell's spot this summer. The fair committee has sent out packets that you fill out at fair, and there should be some fliers to be sent to local shops. A great, big, new banner has been made for fair! The Classy Clovers will be doing a food booth for the livestock show. A teaser for the Share the Fun Event was performed at King and Queen, and remember the full Share the Fun event will be in November. Fair is coming up really fast so better get your pre-entry forms into the office by June 8. The next county council meeting will be June 15 at 6:45PM.  
*Joshua Felton, County Council Reporter*

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**EQUINE COUNCIL REPORT**
The Equine Council met on May 7, 2015 at the Blue Springs Office. The council first talked about the "A Fair to Remember" event coming up, and we still need exhibits for that event! Next, they discussed 4-H Council report which stated that the livestock show is on June 20. All Shooting Sports projects are now meeting for this 4-H year. Our Jackson County Horse Show is going to be on May 30 at 9AM, with a rain date of June 6, at Sunset Trails Stables. Pre-entry forms go to Jackie Davis, and sponsorships are still needed for the show! The annual Equine Tour will be on May 23-29, and 4 Jackson County members are going. The Missouri State Fair is July 30 to August 2. Entries are due at the Fair Office by July 1 and they all must be signed by Amanda Perry before turning them in. If anyone that is new to showing at the State Fair, and needs a stall board, let your club leader know so they can update Jackie Davis with a total number. The council voted to move the July meeting to July 9. At the meeting there will be a presentation about how to be ready for the State Fair – be sure to come! Lastly, the council reviewed the dates for all upcoming meetings and events.  
*Erin Roberts, Equine Council Reporter*

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**COUNTRYWIDE SHOOTING SPORTS**
The next Countywide Shooting Sports meeting will be Tuesday, June 9 at 7PM, at the Blue Springs Extension Office. Anyone interested in participating in any of the shooting sports projects (740-749) must be led by a state certified instructor, and MUST attend the countywide meetings. 4-H members must have their red folders with all documents present in order to shoot at any project meeting. Please contact Amanda with any questions at perryc@missouri.edu. Every 4-H shooting sports member and leader should download and read the 2015 State Shoot rules now posted on the state website. Please mark the following dates on your calendars:

- State Trap Shoot: August 22, MTA Fields, Linn Creek, MO
- State Archery -NFAA 300: August 22-23 Prairie Grove, Columbia, MO
- SS Leader Certification Workshop: summer/fall August 28-30, LifeChange Camp, Clinton, MO
- State Shoot: all other events, September 19-20 Prairie Grove, Columbia, MO

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**FAIR PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE – JUNE 8, 5PM**
With the Fair Books posted online and printed for club copies, it’s time to turn in those pre-entries. Pre-entry forms can be found on the Jackson County 4-H website. Pre-entering of ALL indoor exhibits is HIGHLY recommended (and comes with prizes!), although is not required. However, for some contests and special events pre-entering is required:

- **All Small Animal Exhibits** (excludes June 20 show)
- **Demonstrations/ Illustrated Talks/ Extemporaneous Speaking**
- **Food Revue**
- **Fashion Revue**
- **Public Speaking** (register by June 1)
- **Club Booths**
- **Family Fun Night Booths** (4-H and Non)
- **Ribbon Challenge Exhibit** (Individual or Club)

Completed pre-entry forms can be dropped off, mailed or emailed to Karen colbyks@missouri.edu, or Amanda perryc@missouri.edu, by 5PM on June 8.

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**NEWSFLASH!!!**
Please have all of your information for the July newsletter sent to Amanda by June 20. Please make sure the information is 4-H related.
**Doggie Corner – For Dog Project Members**

Calling all dog (project) lovers from across Jackson County 4-H: dog project meetings have been in full swing. They are covering parts of the dog, dog facts, and training in showmanship, rally and obedience. If you would like more info or a meeting schedule, please contact Angela Brown 816-503-8876 or brownfamilyof5@gmail.com

**Interested in Scrapbooking?**

Lone Summit 4-H’ers club leader Christy Waller is leading a scrapbooking project in their club and she is open to having members from across the county join them if interested. Contact Christy at: christywaller79@gmail.com

**Wanted: County-Wide Project Leaders**

We agree – creating more county-wide projects in Jackson County will strengthen and deepen available opportunities for youth. Ideas include photography, dogs, goats, and more. Are you willing to help make it happen?

- If you are a project leader who is already leading meetings, are you willing to open your project meetings up to youth from outside your club?
- Are you interested in being a project leader for a project, but there aren’t any youth in your club interested in that project?

If so, contact Amanda at perryac@missouri.edu.

**Move Across Missouri (MOVE) Results**

From February 1 – April 30, MOVE participants across the state logged a total of 21,624 hours of physical activities such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more. The following Jackson County 4-Hers competed:

- **Champions:** Alisha Ledford, Carter Ledford, James Ledford, Jeremiah Ledford, Turner Ledford, Nash Hill, Noah Hill, Sasha Hill
- **Home’s Cool:** Aimee Johnson, Caleb Johnson, Isaac Johnson, Joshua Johnson, Rachel Johnson
- **KC Homeschool:** Nathaniel Teeter, Nicholas Teeter
- **Peacedale:** Alex Harvey, Julianna Immer, Sophia Immer

Special shout outs go to Alex Harvey of Peacedale 4-H, who is the individual winner for Jackson County, and Champions 4-H, the team winner for Jackson County. Participants and winners will all receive their awards at this fall’s Achievement Night. Way to MOVE, everyone!

**Membership Assistance**

Did you know that three health care companies in Missouri will pay annual membership dues for their insured youth to participate in one youth organization – like 4-H – each year?! If you or any members in your club are covered by HCUSA-Aetna, HomeState, or MissouriCare, talk to your club leader or our 4-H office to find out how to get a copy of the membership voucher application. Many leaders and members in Jackson County already know how to utilize this awesome opportunity.

**Congratulation Clover to:**

- Our new Jackson County 4-H royalty: Queen Michaela McMillan, Prince James Ledford, Princess Claire Fleischmann, Junior Prince Caleb Johnson, and Junior Princess Rachel Johnson. We look forward to your leadership at our Fair!
- Veronica Webb for being selected to interview at next week’s State 4-H Congress for the opportunity to represent Missouri at this year’s National 4-H Congress. Good luck, Veronica!

**4-H Animal Ownership Deadlines For Jackson County & Missouri State Fair**

One of the objectives in owning an animal is to learn new skills in animal breeding, feeding, management, and health. To accomplish this, the member should secure the animal as early in the year as possible. For the Jackson County Fair and the Missouri State Fair the dates for minimum length of ownership necessary for exhibiting are:

- **Beef Cattle:** Steers 3/1; Breeding Animals 6/1
- **Dogs** 4/1
- **Horses** 5/1
- **Swine:** Breeding Boars Since farrowing
  Market Hogs 5/1; Breeding Gilts 90 days
- **Sheep:** Market lambs 6/1; Breeding Gilts 7/1
- **Dairy & Meet Goats** - 6/1
- **Dairy Cattle** 6/1
- **Rabbits:** 6/1; Meat pen 5-10 weeks prior
- **Poultry:** Meat pen & Fryers 5-10 weeks prior
  Roasters 8-10 weeks prior to show
  Broilers 6-8 weeks prior to show

These are the minimum length of ownership.

Members should be working with their animals as much as possible. **Beef cattle, sheep,** and **goats** need to be nose printed by Extension staff if you want to show at County or State Fairs. **Swine** must have a blood DNA card submitted. Please contact Amanda for more information or to make an appointment.
**Volunteers Needed!**

**Jackson County Open Livestock Show - June 20**

4-H volunteer Abbie Seeley is leading the charge in creating a new Jackson County large animal open livestock show. The show is June 20 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. You can find the event flyer on our website. **We need volunteers to help out at the Jackson County Open Livestock Show!** There are a wide variety of tasks, including handing out ribbons, penning pigs after they’ve been judged, keeping track of placings during competitions, and checking people in. If you are interested in lending a helping hand, contact Abbie Seeley at abbieseeley@yahoo.com.

**Let’s Talk About It — Calling Members!**

Try adding a member Demonstration or Illustrated Talk as part of your monthly club meetings. They are a great way for members to learn about other’s project work, to develop the life skill of giving effective presentations, AND to prepare to participate in the June 13 Contest Day. There are resources available on the Missouri 4-H website and our Jackson County website to help youth and club leaders.

We also want to increase our participation in our annual Jackson County Public Speaking Contest held at Contest Day on June 13. Members can showcase their project work and challenge themselves to be creative and eloquent. Check out resources: [http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/publicspeaking/](http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/publicspeaking/)

**Wanted: Fair Superintendents & Judges**

The Fair Committee is looking for superintendents and judges for the evening of Thursday, June 25.

- **Fair Superintendents** will serve from 3-9PM. They will meet at 3PM before judges arrive. They will meet in exhibits from 5-7PM, assist judges with the judging process, complete paperwork, record ribbons, and assist with displaying exhibits after judging is complete.

- **Fair Judges** will serve from 4-9PM. Following their judges meeting, judges will meet with 4-H members individually for conference judging. Conference judging involves one-on-one communication in which the judge learns about and evaluates a member’s project. By asking questions and providing feedback, the judge helps each member learn from their expertise and reflect about their experience. **You do not need 4-H experience to be a judge!**

- We also need small animal judges on Saturday, June 27 for the live animal fair: amphibians & reptiles, cats, dogs, poultry, & rabbits.

If you know 4-H alumni, past 4-H project leaders, or someone in the community who is skilled in a certain project area and may be willing to judge, please send their contact information to Amanda ASAP. Thanks!

**Checking in Your Exhibits at the Fair**

Here are a few things to remember as you are checking in your items at the Fair:

1. The Extension Office will NOT take exhibits. All exhibits MUST be brought to the Grain Valley Community Center, 713 Main Street, on Thursday, June 25 from 5-7PM. If you are unable to bring your exhibits at this time, please ask someone else in your club to bring them for you.
2. Make sure that all of your exhibits follow exhibit guidelines from the Fair Book.
3. Make sure that all of your items are properly labeled, including exhibit tags. **Exhibit tags are available in the Extension Office from June 8 until June 24 at 5PM.** Starting at 3PM Thursday, June 26, exhibit tags will be available at the Grain Valley Community Center.
4. When you and your exhibits arrive at the Fair, check in with the superintendent in each project area. Your name will be put on a list for judging.

**Staying Healthy at the Fair**

Whether you are at a petting zoo or showing livestock in a competition, it is important to remember to wash your hands after coming into contact with animals so you don’t get sick.

Here are some tips from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- Find out where hand washing stations are located.
- Always wash your hands right after petting animals or touching the animal enclosure.
- Always wash hands upon exiting animal areas even if you did not touch an animal, after going to the toilet, before eating and drinking, before preparing food or drinks, and after removing soiled clothes or shoes.
- Running water and soap are best. Use hand sanitizers if running water and soap are not available. Be sure to wash your hands with soap and water as soon as a sink is available.
**CONTEST DAY – JUNE 13, 9AM**  
*Blue Springs Freshman Center, 2103 NW Vesper St.*  
Come and join us for Contest Day 2015 from 9AM until the events are completed around 1PM. Events included on this special day will be the Demonstration and Illustrated Talks Contest, Decision Making Contest, Public Speaking Contest, Food Revue Contest, and Fashion Revue. Check out the Contest Day information and guidelines on pages 25-28 of your Fair Book. Contest Day allows 4-H members more of an opportunity to participate in all of these amazing contests. Pre-entry forms are due by June 8 to participate in all of the contests at Contest Day; except Decision Making Contest – the Decision Making Contest is open to all with no pre-registration.

**EXHIBIT JUDGING – JUNE 25, 5-7PM**  
Judging for all exhibits for 2015 will be done through Conference Judging by project area for each and every exhibit. Conference judging gives a judge and 4-H member a chance to discuss the exhibit. More important than the exhibit itself is the growth and development of the 4-H member. This is an opportunity to build your self-confidence as an exhibitor. 4-H members will have a chance to point out the positive aspects of their exhibit(s) as well as ways they can improve. Conference judging is another way for the 4-H member to share their exhibit(s) development experience or tell their exhibit(s) story. It is an opportunity for 4-H members to share some of the mishaps and challenges they may have had while working on their exhibit(s). If there are extenuating circumstances, which prevent a 4-H member from being able to conference judge, then those exhibits MUST have a 3x5 notecard attached to the exhibit, explaining the following:

- Why the 4-H member chose to make this exhibit?
- What, if anything would the 4-H member do differently if they made this exhibit again?
- What did the 4-H member learn from making this exhibit?
- Share any challenges or mishaps the 4-H member overcame while making this exhibit.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT – JUNE 26, 6:30-8:30PM**  
Attention Jackson County 4H! The Jackson County 4H Fair is just around the corner and we want to make Family Fun Night something to talk about! This year EACH club will create and operate a fun booth or game for FFN! What is your club going to do? Contact Cori Mann at BASTIN1999@GMAIL.COM or 816-921-3803. Provide her with the name and description of your booth. How much room will you need? Will you need water? Do you need to set up early? Please provide as much information as possible. **Do you need help coming up with ideas for your booth?** Creating a booth can be as easy or as challenging as your club desires. Contact Cori and she will be happy to email ideas or come out and brainstorm with your club. We want EVERY club to have a successful FFN so call or send us an email.

**INVITE EVERYONE TO ATTEND!**  
Members, leaders, families, friends and the public are invited to join in the fun of a homegrown Family Fun Night with games, fun booths, and prizes. Game booths will be operated by 4-H clubs and visitors can view the amazing 4-H exhibits that will be on display. **Tickets** will be on sale for $.25 each on Friday starting at 5PM. Half of the proceeds from tickets will go to the 4-H Council and half of the proceeds will go to the 4-H clubs. Clubs must have an EIN on file at 4-H office to receive funds. For all of the info on the booth requirements, please see the form posted online.
**YOUTH TOUR DAY – JUNE 26, 9:45AM-2PM**

As a community service part of the Fair, the Fair Committee offers Youth Tour Day to youth groups (day cares, summer programs, home school groups) in Jackson County for FREE. Do you know a group who might be interested? Groups will be guided by 4-H members through the Fair and have the opportunity to experience a science demos; explore the world of soil; view and pet animals; milk a model cow; view 4-H projects ranging from crafts, to vegetables, to robots; and participate in other amazing hands-on activities. Groups must be of 20 kids or less with 1 adult chaperone(s) per 10 kids. **All groups must arrive by 9:45AM and plan to stay until 1:35PM.** Groups should bring a sack lunch and drinks for each of their kids and chaperones. Call 252-5051 to reserve your spot!

The Fair Committee is also looking for youth ages 13 and over to serve as youth tour guides for Youth Tour Day. Tour guides will be assigned to one of the groups signed up for the event. The tour guide will guide their group from station to station. Contact Amanda if interested.

**LUNCH & AWARDS CEREMONY – JUNE 27, 1PM**

This year there will be a potluck lunch on Saturday with meat provided by the 4-H Council starting at 1PM. 4-H members, their families, and 4-H Alumni are invited to join us for this event. Drinks, plates, cups and silverware will be provided. 4-H Families are asked to provide the following items along with serving utensils for their dishes:

- Last names starting with A–H: Salads & Side Dishes
- Last names starting with I–P: Desserts
- Last names starting with Q–Z: Meat/Protein Casseroles

The Awards Ceremony will immediately follow the family lunch – all are invited. Help celebrate the accomplishments of all of those who participated in the 2015 Jackson County 4-H Fair!!

**MISSOURI STATE FAIR ENTRIES (INCLUDING THE STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW)**

Info and helpful tips about this year’s State Fair are all online: [http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/](http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/). Check out the 4-H Building guidelines, Photography Exhibit guidelines (including frequently disqualified items), and links to the Missouri State Fair website. The State Fair Book is ONLY available online. All horse and livestock exhibitors are responsible for pre-entering their own animals for State Fair. Refer to the above website for rules and regulations. **Pre-entry deadline is JULY 1 IN THE State Fair Office/Sedalia FOR MOST AREAS.** Please refer to the website for specific guidelines. **Amanda’s signature is required on all State Fair Entry forms.** Please contact Amanda to make an appointment to get her signature.

**CLUB LEADER OPPORTUNITIES**

**ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER MEETING**

We are going to bring back the annual (and required) organizational club leaders meeting this year. The meeting will be held on an evening in **late July or early August.** At the meeting, I will provide dinner and we will hand out awards packets, discuss end of the year reporting requirements, and update you on new information for the 2015-2016 4-H year. What would YOU like us to cover during out time together to best prepare our shared leadership for the 4-H year to come? Please contact Amanda via e-mail or phone with feedback on meeting content and scheduling. More info to come.

**END OF YEAR REPORTS & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Here is your friendly reminder to be aware that the end of the 4-H year is headed our way. General 4-H Awards, Club officer awards, Secretary and Treasurer Books, Missouri Recognition Forms, Equine Award Applications, **trip scholarships,** and all other award applications are due **Monday, August 31** at the Blue Springs 4-H Office by 5PM. There are SO many opportunities here – don’t miss them! No late applications are accepted. For a complete listing of all the awards available, along with the award description and applications check the Jackson Co 4-H website. [http://extension.missouri.edu/jackson/4h.aspx](http://extension.missouri.edu/jackson/4h.aspx). The 2014-15 awards will be updated later this summer – stay tuned.
**Volunteer Screening & Orientation**
4-H Online enrollment is in full swing, but your adult club leaders and volunteers won’t be approved to fulfill their important roles until they have completed the following required steps that are all also outlined on the state 4-H website: http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/getinvolved/volunteer/index.htm

1. Complete the annual volunteer application [http://4h.missouri.edu/resources/materials/doc s/LG636FILL.pdf](http://4h.missouri.edu/resources/materials/docs/LG636FILL.pdf) and submit the original signed copy to our 4-H office.

2. Our office will use the application to complete a background check for the volunteer. The volunteer will get a postcard mailed to them saying the background check is complete and provide a code needed for step 3b.

3. a) Next volunteers need to complete a one-time volunteer orientation. You have 3 options for how you can complete that training: online with required quiz [http://mo4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/orientation](http://mo4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/orientation) using a CD from either your club leader or the Blue Springs Extension Office and online quiz; or contact Amanda to organize a group orientation.

b) After completing orientation, volunteers will need to take a short quiz. The quiz will ask for the code listed on your background check postcard in order to link to your online profile.

4. Last, each adult volunteer and 4-H member needs to enroll on [www.4-HOnline.com](http://www.4-HOnline.com).

Our 4-H programs are stronger when everyone is on the same page, and our youth are projected and supported. Thank you for supporting those shared goals by completing these important volunteer application steps. Contact Amanda with questions.

**Regional Events**

Robotics Summer Day Camps: Fun with Bots!
The West Central Region is putting on 4-H robotics day summer camps starting this summer. If you believe this is something you may be interested in, the camp is for grades 3-4 and is expected to fill up quickly at each site. The registration forms can be provided by Brittany Nieder, Cass County 4-H Educator niederb@missouri.edu or 816-380-8460.

**State Events**

MU Build-a-Business Camp
If you are a young person ages 12-18 interested in learning how to earn your own income, work at something you love, or take up a cause to make a difference, Build-a-Business Camp is for you. At camp, you will gain the confidence, connections, and a course of action to make your imprint on the world as a young entrepreneur! The camp will take place at MU in Columbia on July 12-16th. The entry deadline is June 1st, so register ASAP!

FilmFest 4-H
A national event in our own back yard is pretty cool! Please try to come be a part of this unique 4-H event, the only one of its kind in the country. Attendees do not need to be in a filmmaking project (or even in 4-H!), and only a small fraction of them submit a film. After FilmFest, you can return to Jackson County and make short videos about our 4-H program, our councils, or even a recruitment video for members or volunteers. To attend FilmFest you’ll need (1) an All Access Pass, and (2) lodging. Both can be found on the website: [http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/filmfest/](http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/filmfest/)

Missouri Show-Me Quality Assurance
All 4-H members enrolled in food animal projects including beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, meats, dairy goats, rabbits and poultry must complete the appropriate level of MSMQA certification to be considered a 4-H member in good standing. If you are a young person ages 12-18 interested in learning how to earn your own income, work at something you love, or take up a cause to make a difference, Build-a-Business Camp is for you. At camp, you will gain the confidence, connections, and a course of action to make your imprint on the world as a young entrepreneur! The camp will take place at MU in Columbia on July 12-16th. The entry deadline is June 1st, so register ASAP!

Show Me 4-H Wares at the MO State Fair
Show Me 4-H Wares will offer 4-H youths ages 11-18 opportunities to market and sell original items at the Missouri State Fair, August 13-16. Participants can also compete in an on-site 4-H salesmanship contest, judged by “mystery shoppers” who visit the booth in the Mizzou Central building. Youth exhibitor applications can be made, May 1-August 1. [http://4h.missouri.edu/events/fair/showmewares.htm](http://4h.missouri.edu/events/fair/showmewares.htm)


**LET’S TALK LIVESTOCK**

Let’s Talk Livestock is a new event at the Missouri State Fair! The program will consist of short informal demonstrations by 4-H and FFA youth exhibitors during scheduled times during the Fair, with the overall goal of answering the question “Why do you show your ______?” Demonstrations will be conducted for the following livestock:

- Cattle (beef/dairy)
- Sheep
- Swine
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Equine
- Goat
- Dogs

Demonstrations shall be approximately 15-20 minutes long, with opportunities for question and answer by fair-goers following. Youth conducting the demonstrations will be given example topics to discuss during their presentation including general information about their animal(s), livestock care, show prep, goals, experience level, family participation, etc. If you are interested in participating, fill out the application form at [http://extension.missouri.edu/jasper/documents/4H/LetsTalkLivestockDemonstrationForm2015.pdf](http://extension.missouri.edu/jasper/documents/4H/LetsTalkLivestockDemonstrationForm2015.pdf)

**STATE POULTRY DAY**

This event is open to all 4-Hers, and will take place on Saturday, June 13 at the Animal Science Building, University of Missouri, Columbia. Participants 14 and over by January 1 will be in the senior division. Registration for this event is open NOW through your family profile in 4HOnline. A help sheet for registering for an event can be found at [http://4h.missouri.edu/enroll/docs/MOEventRegistration.pdf](http://4h.missouri.edu/enroll/docs/MOEventRegistration.pdf)

Non-refundable Registration Fee:

- $25 (for both youth and adults) until June 1 deadline

**ART/SCIENCE CAMP AT MIZZOU**

Come to Mizzou this summer from July 12-16 and experience an atmosphere that promotes creativity, imagination and innovation! Experience a science lab and work beside world famous scientists where their recent discoveries will be revealed. Experience an art studio and explore the arts as a way to understand and communicate the complexity of science. In order for students to receive individual attention, enrollment will be limited to 20 students. Camps will fill on a first-come, first-serve basis. Enroll at [http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers/](http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers/) and click on the link for online registration.

**NATIONAL EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

Do you have a passion for helping kids? Have you worked hard to improve the lives of your peers or younger children, and now want to do more? Apply for the National Child Awareness Month (NCAM) Youth Ambassador Program, a year-long program for young leaders ages 16-22 to create change around issues facing youth today. Fifty-one NCAM Youth Ambassadors will be selected - one per state + DC. Ambassadors receive a $1,000 grant, an all-expense paid, three-day leadership training in September 2015 in Washington, DC, and ongoing training and networking opportunities. Apply at: [www.YSA.org/ncam](http://www.YSA.org/ncam)

**ENGINEERING EXPLORATION CHALLENGE**

Coming summer 2015, the second annual National Geographic Kids Engineering Exploration Challenge asks students worldwide to design, build, and test solutions to challenges that National Geographic explorers face in the field every day. Students who participate in this challenge will:

- Receive a certificate of accomplishment from National Geographic
- Earn a voucher for a free movie ticket to the new National Geographic film, ROBOTS 3D
- Have the chance to have their solution published in a National Geographic Kids book, Everything Robotics!

This challenge is open to individuals or groups of students ages 6-18, and will be open for submissions from May 1 – August 1. Visit NatGeoEd.org/NGX for more information.

**TEEN LEADERSHIP POSTER SESSION**

If you have a program that utilizes teens in leadership roles and you are interested in sharing what you are doing, consider developing a 10-15 minute virtual presentation. Please contact Ed Bender at ebender@fourhcouncil.edu for more details.

**A HUGE CLOVER THANKS TO THE JACKSON COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION & EVERYONE WHO REPRESENTED JACKSON COUNTY 4-H AT ‘A FAIR TO REMEMBER’ THIS PAST WEEKEND!**
TIARA TALES: A MESSAGE FROM ANNA Lee

As a 4-H member you may have heard about the King & Queen Dance. If you have attended the event and dressed up with your club, you know a little bit about how fun royalty can be in Jackson County. You have seen youth get crowned as different positions, but how much do you know about what goes on before and after that night? In 2014 I was crowned Jackson County 4-H Queen. Now, I’m going to let you in on all the royal secrets.

So, how can a 4-Her become royalty? It is simpler than you may think. First, you have to complete an application that only asks for some basic information, for example, what club and projects you are involved in. Then, you do a short interview, like you would for a job. You can practice a few basic responses in advance but it’s important to just relax and be yourself. This easy process generally happens in the months leading up to the King and Queen Dance.

Another common question is what does 4-H royalty do? You may have seen us speaking at events or think all we do is wear our tiaras around. I learned that a lot more work is required. As Queen, I was expected to attend Fair Committee and King and Queen planning meetings. I had to show up early to help decorate for events like achievement night and the fair. I acted as an ambassador, explaining my position when asked about my crown and sash. Most visibly, royalty work every year as emcees for different activities reading a script we prepare in advance.

Even though it took some of my time, I loved my year as queen. I got to be more involved in my county and work on skills like interviewing and public speaking. Applying for a royalty position is something I would encourage every 4-H member to consider. Positions are open for all ages and, despite what you might think, for boys and girls. All it takes is a desire to be a leader and representative of this county and organization. Look out for the application in the newsletter next year and, like our city’s baseball team, you too can be Forever Royal.

-Anna Lee, Jackson County Queen 2014

4-H CLUB REPORTS
HOME’S COOL

Home’s Cool Club had a busy month. We had our business and committee meetings on Friday, May 1. After the meetings, we finished our decorations for the King and Queen Event that was the following day, May 2. On May 8, the families with sewing project members went on a field trip to Eleos Cafe. They service the homeless and the local community. We were there to see the facility. We are also sewing burlap bags for them to sell. The profit will used for the ministry to continue. The following day, some members went to the Independence USPS to help with the National Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

Friday, May 15, members met at our usual location to work on our 4-H projects. Our next business meeting will be June 5.

Rachel Johnson, Home’s Cool Reporter

SUNSET TRAILS

The Sunset Trails club met on May 11, 2015 at the Everson’s Shop. The club first talked about the camp out that they will be having on Saturday, May 16 at Sunset Trails Stables. Next, the "A Fair to Remember" event will be on May 22nd and 23rd at Paradise Park, and all exhibits are welcome! All Shooting Sports disciplines have started, and the next Shooting Sports meeting is Tuesday, June 9th at 7PM at the Blue Springs Office. The County Fair Horse Show will be on Saturday, May 30th at 9AM at Sunset Trails Stables. Fill out pre-entries and give them to Jackie Davis! The Missouri State Fair Horse Show is on July 30th-August 2nd in Sedalia, MO and the show bill is now out! Also, contact Jackie Davis if you are new to State Fair and are in need of a stall board. The Sunset Trails Fun Show will be on Saturday, May 16th at 10AM. The next 4-H Council meeting is on Monday, May 18th at 6:45PM at the Blue Springs Office. The next Equine Council meeting is Thursday, June 4th at 7PM at the Blue Springs Office. Lastly, the Jackson County County Fair is on June 25-27 at Grain Valley Community Center.

Erin Roberts, Sunset Trails Reporter

ALL OUR OTHER CLUBS

We missed hearing from you for this newsletter! Be sure to have your reporters get back in touch with us with updates from your first events of the new 4-H year.

Thanks to Celeste Tilley for compiling this newsletter!
Jackson County

Friday Fun Night

June 26th, 6pm to 8:30pm
Grain Valley Community Center
713 Main Street, Grain Valley, MO 64029

Bounce House  Dunk Tank  Face Painting
Come join us for a fun filled night of carnival style games!

Food

Tickets are 25 cents each and most booths are 3 or 4 tickets. Proceeds directly benefit Jackson County 4-H.

Vendors
There will also be booths to shop and support local vendors. FUN!

Mark your calendars NOW!
JACKSON COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Dates and times are subject to change; please make sure you have the most recent calendar.

JUNE
1  Jackson County Public Speaking Contest registration deadline
1  MU Build-a-Business Camp registration deadline
1  State Poultry Day registration deadline
2-3  State 4-H Congress, Columbia, MO
4  Equine Council Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
6  Rain date, Jackson County 4-H County Fair Horse Show (only if needed)
8  Jackson County Fair pre-entry deadline, 5PM
8  4-H Fair Committee Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
8-24  Exhibit tags for Fair available at Blue Springs Office
9  Countywide Shooting Sports committee meeting for all Jackson County Certified Shooting Sports Leaders, 6PM, Blue Springs Office
9  Countywide Shooting Sports meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Extension Office
13  Jackson County Contest Day & Public Speaking Contest, Blue Springs Freshman Center
13  State Poultry Day, MU Columbia
15  Officers leadership meeting, 6PM, Blue Springs
15  4-H Council Meeting, 6:45PM, Blue Springs Office
20  Jackson County Open Livestock Show, Johnson County Fairgrounds, Warrensburg, MO
20  Articles due to Amanda for inclusion in the July Newsletter
25-27  Jackson County 4-H Fair, Grain Valley Community Center (see flyer for events)

JULY
1  State Fair Horse Show and livestock entries due at Fair Office (signature required)
9  Equine Council Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
12-16  Art/Science Camp, MU campus, Columbia
12-16  Build-a-Business Camp, MU campus, Columbia
20  4-H Council Meeting, 6:45PM, Blue Springs Office
20  Articles due to Amanda for inclusion in the August Newsletter
20-24  Youth Futures conference, Columbia, MO
7/30-8/2  State Fair Horse Show, Sedalia, MO

AUGUST
7/30-8/2  State Fair Horse Show, Sedalia, MO
1  Show Me 4-H Wares application deadline
1  Deadline for Engineering Exploration Challenge
6  Equine Council Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
10  4-H Fair Committee Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs
11  Countywide Shooting Sports committee meeting for all Jackson County Certified Shooting Sports Leaders, 6PM, Blue Springs Office
11  Countywide Shooting Sports meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Extension Office
13-16  Show Me 4-H Wares at the MO State Fair
17  4-H Council & Equine Council join Meeting, 6:45PM, Blue Springs Office
20  Articles due to Amanda for inclusion in the September Newsletter
22  State Trap Shoot, Linn Creek, MO
22-23  State Archery, Columbia, MO
28-30  SS Leader Certification Workshop, LifeChange Camp, Clinton, MO
31  Deadline for all end of year paperwork including awards and trip scholarships
Clover Kids Activity – **Homemade Lip Balm**

Did you know that you can make your own lip balm? Here’s how it works:

**MATERIALS**
- Double boiler
- Small, clean container
- ¼ tsp of flavoring (lemon, vanilla, orange, mint, etc.)
- Glass measuring cup
- Measuring spoons
- 3 TBS of olive oil
- Food coloring
- 1 TBS beeswax (this can be purchased at a health food or craft store)

**PROCEDURE**
1) Put two to three cups of water in the bottom of a double boiler.
2) Measure oil and beeswax and pour into the top of the boiler.
3) With adult supervision heat the pan over medium heat until the wax melts.
4) Remove the pan from heat and let cool one to two minutes.
5) Add flavoring and one to two drops of food coloring.
6) Pour the liquid into a measuring cup and then pour into the small container.

**REFLECTION**
What was your favorite flavor that you tried? How is making lip balm similar to cooking? How is it like a science experiment?

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