GOODBYE FROM SHELLI

Dear Jackson County 4-H Family,

I would like to thank each and every one who has played a role in helping me make memories with this 4-H Family. I call Jackson County 4-H my family because you all have been my life for the past five years, two years of being a member and three as a YPA. As many of you know I am a full time student at the University of Central Missouri, I will be a senior next year. In order for me to graduate, I am required to complete a paid internship with in my career field of Safety Management. After a very hard decision, I recently accepted an internship offer with a company named Cargill and will be resigning as the Jackson County 4-H Youth Programs Assistant. I will now be the Animal Agriculture Environmental, Health and Safety Intern with Cargill Pork in Beardstown, Illinois. This is a very exciting opportunity for me and is one step closer to graduating with my Bachelors of Science in Safety Management and a minor in Agriculture. I will miss all of my 4-H family. Thank you to all of the members, volunteers, families, and staff for all of the support you have offered me the last five years.

Sincerely,
Shelli Botts

CHECK IN WITH AMANDA

We are going to miss Shelli here in Jackson County 4-H. Thanks to all of you who attended our 4-H Council farewell celebration for her on April 20, signed her photo frame, or passed on your well wishes in person or via Facebook. I know we’ll stay in touch with Shelli in her next adventures. Also on the staffing front, joining us as a Jackson County 4-H summer intern will be Kate Lee. Kate brings many years of Jackson County 4-H experience to her internship role and will join our team beginning May 11. There is also a new full time 4-H Educator position posted (spread the word) with a start date of later this summer. I’m looking forward to having another full time person in the office to support all that you do.

In the programming world, our spring King & Queen and Equine Clinic events are complete and our summer Fair events are in full swing – what a fun and busy time to be in Jackson County 4-H! Please be sure to pay careful attention to all of the information about our FAIR events in the newsletter below. There is a flyer for you to share on p.10, a call for help to recruit judges on p.2, and information about our Horse Show on p.4. The Fair Book, event flyers, registration forms, and more are all on our website (http://extension.missouri.edu/jackson/4h.aspx) with consistent updates on Facebook. I’m excited to see everyone at our Fair events! How will YOU participate?!! Thanks for all you do.

FIND THE HIDDEN SYMBOL

Where will it be? What awesome new prizes are in the office for you to win? Ask Alyssa Pemberton of Sunset Trails, who was the first to find the April hidden symbol. This month’s symbol is: 🦃. Be the first to e-mail Amanda with its location this month to win a prize.
4-H COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE
The next County Council meeting will be on Monday, May 18 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, May 7 at 7:00PM. At this meeting the Equine Council will work on finalizing plans for our County Horse Show on May 30 and begin plans for State Fair Horse Show at the end of July. 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.

4-H COUNCIL REPORT
Congratulations everyone for putting your effort into raising $6000, so for the first time in a long time the fair will have its full budget! ‘A Fair to Remember’ is still looking for more people to participate. A video about some of the types of projects you can submit at Fair is now online. A 3x8 banner will be made for Fair to show it is open to the public. Each club needs to set up a booth for Family Fun Night. Volunteers are needed at the County Horse Show, for more information contact Jackie Davis. Since the social committee had to move the event to next 4-H year, the social committee will be doing a teaser trailer at the King and Queen event on May 2 from 7-9PM. Remember to dress in your color. The Paper Clover Campaign will be from April 22-May 3. The livestock show is June 20. The next county council meeting is May 18 at 7pm.

Joshua Felton, County Council Reporter

EQUINE COUNCIL REPORT
The Equine Council met on April 2, 2015 at the Blue Springs Office. Our 2015 Horse Show Clinic is rescheduled for May 3, and registration is due by April 30. It will be held at Sunset Trails Stables. The 2015 County Horse Show will be on May 30, with a rain date on June 6. It will be at Sunset Trails Stables as well. Horse enrollment and signed helmet forms are due on May 1. The next Equine Council meeting is Thursday, May 7 at 7:00PM at the Blue Springs Office.

Erin Roberts, Equine Council Reporter

COUNTYWIDE 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. Please contact Amanda with any questions at perrycac@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

JACKSON COUNTY FAIR UPDATES
At our April 20 4-H Council meeting, our Fair Committee shared a packet of materials to help you promote participation in all of our upcoming Fair events to 4-H members, volunteers, families, and our Jackson County communities. That packet and our 2015 Fair Book have all been posted online and e-mailed to club leaders. Thank you to everyone’s shared effort in planning our 2015 Fair events and putting together these awesome resources to share with everyone! Here are a few of those reminders:

- Check out our awesome flyer to share! (p.10)
- The Fair pre-registration deadline is June 8, 5PM
- What ideas do you have for demonstrations, illustrated talks, and public speaking entries? See p.5 to get some ideas to increase participation.
- The Fair Committee is looking for volunteers to judge exhibits at the fair. If you know 4-H alumni, past 4-H project leaders, or someone in the community who is skilled in a certain project area.
- There will be a new open livestock show (see p.4)
- Participating in ‘A Fair to Remember’ earns you another ribbon (see p.4)
- Remember to continue your club’s Fair subcommittee work.

NEWSFLASH!!!
Please have all of your information for the June newsletter sent to Amanda by May 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

Calling Amphibian & Reptile Enthusiasts!

Who would be interested in participating in a wonderfully educational, hands-on program at Burr Oak Woods? I would like to coordinate an activity there but they require a certain number of guaranteed youth participants in order for them to run the program for us! Contact Katie Ledford to plan a group meeting: kledford81@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

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.

Jackson County 4-H Royal Court

Thank you to all of our 4-H clubs and families who made our King and Queen event such a success this past Saturday, May 2! The room was filled with color, fun, and tasty treats as we “Colored Outside The Lines”. Congratulations to our new 2015 Jackson County 4-H Royalty crowned at the event:

- Queen – Michaela McMillan
- Prince – James Ledford
- Princess – Clare Fleischmann
- Junior Prince – Caleb Johnson
- Junior Princess – Rachel Johnson

Congrats also to the Champions Club for having the highest percentage of their club in attendance, and to the Valley 4-H Explorers Club for raising the most money from their silent auction gift basket. THANK YOU to our interview judges Barbara Barry, TuFanza Byrd-Primos, Dana Schnell, & Jackie Stenger, our DJ Rick Rivas, and our 2014 Royalty committee for organizing our awesome event.

Horse Enrollment & Helmet Policy Agreement Deadline – May 1

Horse enrollment forms AND a signed copy of the new Jackson County 4-H Helmet Policy agreement form were both due to the Blue Springs office by 5PM on May 1. Club leaders will be notified later this week if any members missed this important deadline.

Congratulations Clover to:

- Our Jackson County 4-H Hippology team for winning a confident first place at the State competition on April 26! All four – Claire Clevenger, Elisabeth Fleischmann, Sarah Eliason, and Kyle Maize – were also in the top 10 individually rankings placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 8th respectively. They will now compete at Nationals in November in Louisville, Kentucky. Huge thanks to coaches Cynthia Calbert and Lisa Eliason.
- To the newest recipients of a $1000 college scholarship from the Jackson County 4-H Foundation: Ethan Cross, Anna Lee, & Michaela McMillan. In addition to these 3 graduating high school seniors, congrats also to 5 renewal scholarships to current college students Nicole Bricker, Kelsey Ellis, Kate Lee, Dani Picard, & Sydney Webb. Continue thanks to the Jackson County 4-H Foundation for these scholarships!

Next: It’s All About Fair! – Keep Reading
‘A Fair To Remember’ – May 22-23
Jackson County 4-H Foundation
ATTENTION all 4-Her’s and alumni and supporters! Jackson County MO 4-H Foundation is sponsoring a "Then and Now" display and reception at Lee's Summit's 150 year celebration; A Fair To Remember. We invite you visit the fair, enter your old or new projects and visit with us, have some CAKE. If you have ancient projects we would like to see them. Prizes and ribbons for all! Join us as we kick off Memorial Day weekend May 22-23 at Paradise Park.

- All project categories are welcome except large animals.
- Pre-entry is required (contact Maggie for form).
- Members, leaders, families, friends, and the public are welcome to join in the festivities.
- You do not have to be enrolled in the project to enter in this event.
- Past projects, project talks, demonstrations, and small animals are welcome.

If you have questions please contact Maggie Everson at (816)-509-2088 or sunsettrails@sbcglobal.net.

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 Animals 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.

Jackson Co 4-H T-Shirt Orders by May 18
Do not miss your opportunity to own a Jackson County 4-H t-shirt of your very own! This year the t-shirt will be Sapphire Blue, using the winning design by Brooke Terry of Classy Clovers. Thanks to Meredith Cole who also submitted a design. The shirt will be printed with design and colors seen here. Youth and Adult sizes are available at a cost of $12/shirt for most sizes, and $15/shirt for Adult 2X and 3X. Order forms are available in the Extension Office and online at the Jackson County 4-H website. All orders with payment (check or cash), MUST be in the Blue Springs Office by Monday, May 18 by the end of the 4-H Council meeting.

County Fair Horse Show – May 30
The Jackson County 4-H Fair Horse Show is happening later this month on May 30 at Sunset Trails Stables beginning at 9AM. The show bill is online http://extension.missouri.edu/jackson/documents/2015CountyFairShowbllPreregister.pdf and includes a preregistration form due by May 22. All participants must have a signed Jackson County Helmet Policy on file and follow policy guidelines at the event. Current negative Coggins test required on all horses and presented at the gate to obtain entry.

Horse project participants are encouraged to find show and class sponsors to help support the event: http://extension.missouri.edu/jackson/documents/2015CountyFairHorseShowDonationRequest.pdf

Rain date for the show is Saturday, June 6. Concessions will be available. Please contact event chair Jackie Davis with preregistrations, questions, or volunteer availability: jackiedavis@johnstonfiss.com or 816-806-9591. Be sure to come out to the show as a participant or a fan – it will be a great event!

New Jackson County Open Livestock Show June 20, Johnson County Fairgrounds
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. Please contact the 4-H office or attend one of the monthly Fair Committee meetings if you are interested in helping to organize this exciting event. You can find the event flyer on our website and e-mail Abbie with questions: 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/

**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 3-9 PM. They will meet at 1 PM before judges arrive. They then help check in exhibits from 5-7 PM, assist judges with the judging process, complete paperwork, record ribbons, and assist with displaying exhibits after judging is complete.

- **Fair Judges** will serve from 4-9 PM. 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!

**FAIR PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE – JUNE 8, 5PM**

With the Fair Books posted online and printed for club copies, it’s time to think about 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 perryac@missouri.edu, by 5 PM on June 8.

**CONTEST DAY – JUNE 13, 9AM**

*Blue Springs Freshman Center, 2103 NW Vesper St.*

Come and join us for Contest Day 2015 from 9 AM until the events are completed around 1 PM. 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.

**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 5-7 PM. 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 5 PM.** Starting at 3 PM Thursday, June 26, exhibit tabs 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.
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.

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. While on their tour, groups will 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.

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? Start planning now! Club Leaders once you have an idea for your booth, 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.

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!!
CLUB LEADER OPPORTUNITIES

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/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; 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.

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 & OPPORTUNITIES

SPORTFISHING STATE EVENT

The Sportfishing State Event will be held at Little Dixie Lake Conservation Area (in Millersburg, MO between Fulton & Columbia). The event is open to all 4-H Sportfishing project members. (Must be enrolled to participate). Prizes awarded in 3 age divisions for all events (youth must have a Certified Sportfishing Leader):
1. Junior: 8–10 yrs.
3. Senior: 14 & older
The enrollment deadline is May 15. For more info: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/sportfishing/StateEvent.htm

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 arrangements. Both can be found on the website, at http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/filmfest/

STATE 4-H CONGRESS – JUNE 2-3

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 MU campus in Columbia. We have four Jackson County 4-H members headed to attend this event (registration closed April 15). At State 4-H Congress, they will:
 unanimity; connecting with experts in quality workshops and learning opportunities!
 unanimity;Experience campus living – residence halls, cafeterias, classrooms, you name it!
 unanimity; Elect your representatives on State 4-H Council!
 unanimity; Get to know other 4-H youth from across Missouri...and HAVE FUN!
 we look forward to hearing their experiences and planning who will attend next year.
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 in that project. In order to be eligible to exhibit your animal at the Jackson County fair, you must complete the appropriate level of MSMQA. Missouri 4-H Food Quality Assurance Policies and MSMQA Information are available at: http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/livestock/docs/foodqualityassurance.pdf
An online tutorial is available at: http://www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/

Show Me 4-H Wares at the MO State Fair

Show Me 4-H Wares will offer 4-H youth 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

Art/Science Camp at Mizzou

Calling all High School Students interested in Art and Science

Creative, Imagination and Innovation

A summer art/science camp for high school students ages 15-18

The Arts As A Portal to Science Communication

July 12-16, 2015

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. To enroll, go to http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers/ and click on the link for online registration.

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
Non-refundable Registration Fee:
- $20 (for both youth and adults) until May 15 deadline
- $25 (for both youth and adults) until June 1 deadline

Made in Missouri

Made in Missouri State Entrepreneurship Competition is back in 2015. Entries can be made in the “Youth” or “Open” categories by May 31. Finalists will be invited to participate in a Missouri State Fair trade show, final presentation and judging, and cash awards, August 18, at the Matthewson Center. http://www.mvcaa.net/index.cfm?Page=MADE

National Events & Opportunities

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 Im, 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.
Bekaert Supports 4-H

Through May 30, 2015, Bekaert Corporation will donate 1% of retail sales on their Premium Gaucho® high strength barbed wire fencing line to National 4-H Council with a minimum guaranteed donation of $25,000. For more information, visit http://fencing.bekaert.com/en/about-bekaert/bekaert-proudly-supports-national-4-h-council.

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.

4-H Club Reports

Countywide Shooting Sports

The Countywide Shootings Sports club held their meeting on April 14. Here is a summary of the project group reports:

- Archery will start on April 21 at 6:30pm at Lake Lotawana. The goal is to shoot every Tuesday. Bring your bow (if you have one) and bug spray.
- Air rifle and pistol will meet at Christy Waller’s house on April 26 from 2-4PM.
- .22 meets every third Sunday at 2:00PM at Lake City Range. See the schedule for all meetings.
- Shotgun will meet on the April 24 at 6:00PM at Lake Lotawana Sportsman’s Club. Make sure to bring your own gun, ammo, safety gear, and $5/round for each of the 2 rounds.

We also discussed fundraising ideas, but in the end we decided to table it until the fall. We talked about are King & Queen basket and the decorations; we also talked a little about fair decorations.

Jerded Brown, Shooting Sports Co-Reporter

Home’s Cool

Home’s Cool Club met on Friday, April 17 for a short business meeting. After the meeting some members finished working on the decorations for the King & Queen event. We had Carl from Shooting Sports share a blacksmith project. Members appreciated the hands-on activity. Our next meeting is Friday, May 3.

Rachel Johnson, Home’s Cool Reporter

Classy Clovers

The Classy Clovers 4H club meeting was held at 7PM at Franklin Smith Elementary. Andrew presented the new club website. Plans for our King and Queen table decorations were discussed and decided on. The club is now working the TSC clover campaign on May 2 at the Lee’s Summit store and May 3 at the Independence store. Clare gave a demo on handling a guinea pig, and Dalton gave a demo on how to properly set a table.

Elisabeth Fleischmann, Classy Clovers Reporter

Sunset Trails

The Sunset Trails Club meeting was held on April 13 at the Everson’s Shop. They first talked about the horse project and they are continuing to have horse riding practices, but if it’s raining, they will have a horse bowl or hippology meeting at the Everson’s. Next, a shooting sports update was given stating that archery is starting at 6:30PM on Tuesdays. They need people to help clean up the shooting range! The club is holding a camp out on Saturday, April 25 at Sunset Trails Stables. The Sunset Trails Fun Show will be on May 9 at Sunset Trails Stables. The Horse Show Clinic will be on May 3 at Sunset Trails Stables. The next Equine meeting is Thursday, May 7 at 7:00PM at the Blue Springs Office. Lastly, the next club meeting is Monday, May 11 at 6:30PM at the Everson’s Shop.

Erin Roberts, Sunset Trails Reporter

Valley 4-H Explorers

We had our monthly meeting on April 5. Officers arrived early to review parliamentary procedures and discuss ways to make each job work hand in hand with each other. After that we talked about fundraising options and discussed Japanese culture and had a delicious Japanese meal.

Tallon Wessel, Valley 4-H 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!
Friday June 26
9AM - 9PM
Exhibit Hall open for viewing
Come see the impressive 4-H projects created by youth members throughout the past year and find out which ones are headed on to Missouri State Fair!

9:45AM - 2PM
Youth Group Tours
(Tours Running) [Call 252-5051 to register your group]

6PM - 8:30PM
Family Fun Night
Includes carnival style games made and run by 4-H members and 4-H clubs. Will also have outside vendors. 1 Ticket = $2.50. Come help support the local 4-H clubs while having good family fun!

Saturday June 27
9AM
Exhibit Hall open to the public

9AM
Rabbit Show

10AM - 1PM
Dog, Poultry, and Small Animal Shows.

June 13
Contest Day at Blue Springs Freshman Center for demonstrations, illustrated talks, and the Jackson County Public Speaking Contest.

June 20
Livestock Show at the Johnson County Fairgrounds

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**JACKSON COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Dates and times are subject to change; please make sure you have the most recent calendar.

**MAY**

1. Horse enrollment and helmet forms due
2. Show Me 4-H Wares at the MO State Fair youth exhibitor applications now accepted
3. National Geographic now accepting submissions for Engineering Exploration Challenge
4. King & Queen, 7-9PM, Delta Woods Middle School, Lee’s Summit
5. Equine Clinic, 9AM-3:30PM, Sunset Trails Stables
6. Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign ends
7. Council Officers Meeting, 6PM, Blue Springs Office
8. Equine Council Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
9. Early registration deadline for the Arts as a Portal to Science Communication camp
10. 4-H Fair Committee Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
11. Registration deadline for State Sportfishing Day
12. Registration deadline for 4-H FilmFest
13. Last day to register for State Poultry Day for $20 (it will cost $25 after this date)
14. 2015 Jackson County 4-H T-Shirt orders DUE, 5PM
15. King & Queen Committee Review Meeting, 6PM, Blue Springs Extension Office
16. 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45PM, Blue Springs Office
17. Articles due to Amanda for inclusion in the June Newsletter
18. Pre-registration deadline for Jackson County 4-H County Fair Horse Show
19. ‘A Fair To Remember’ in Lee’s Summit
20. 9th Annual Missouri 4-H Equine Tour
21. Jackson County 4-H County Fair Horse Show at Sunset Trails Stables, (rain date June 6)
22. State Sportfishing Day, Little Dixie Lake, Millersburg, MO
23. MADE in Missouri State Entrepreneurship Competition entry deadline

**JUNE (CONTINUED)**

8. 4-H Fair Committee Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
9. Countywide Shooting Sports committee meeting for all Jackson County Certified Shooting Sports Leaders, 6PM, Blue Springs Office
10. Countywide Shooting Sports meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Extension Office
11. Jackson County Contest Day & Public Speaking Contest, Blue Springs Freshman Center
12. State Poultry Day, MU Columbia
13. 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45PM, Blue Springs Office
14. Jackson County Open Livestock Show, Johnson County Fairgrounds, Warrensburg, MO
15. Articles due to Amanda for inclusion in the July Newsletter
16. Jackson County 4-H Fair, Grain Valley Community Center (see flyer for events)

**JULY**

2. Equine Council Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
3. 12-16 Art/Science Camp, MU campus, Columbia
4. 4-H Fair Committee Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
5. 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45PM, Blue Springs Office
6. Articles due to Amanda for inclusion in the August Newsletter
7. Youth Futures conference, Columbia, MO
8. State Fair Horse Show, Sedalia, MO

**JUNE**

1. Jackson County Public Speaking Contest registration deadline
2. 4-H Congress, Columbia, MO
3. Equine Council Meeting, 7PM, Blue Springs Office
4. Rain date, Jackson County 4-H County Fair Horse Show (only if needed)
5. Jackson County Fair pre-entry deadline, 5PM
Clover Kids Activity – Nature Scavenger Hunt

The weather is getting warmer, and flowers are blooming! A scavenger hunt is a great way to enjoy the sunshine and learn about the amazing things you can find in nature.

**MATERIALS**
- Paper (index cards work great for this)
- Pencil, pen, or marker
- Small bags (paper or plastic)

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

**REFLECTION**
What exciting things did everyone find? Ask youth to share about their favorite object that they discovered. What do they find interesting about it? If we did another scavenger hunt, where could we go or what should we look for?

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