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Hello Jasper County,

Happy 2019! I’m sure many of you have made your resolutions and are ready for some changes! My personal resolution is too be less complacent in all aspects of my life. As they say in combat, complacency kills. I believe that getting too comfortable in the position you’re in, will always lead to complacency. Sometimes I get too comfortable at home, when really I have a mile long list of things to do! The same can apply with our workplace.

So take on this new year with some grit. Be aware of your actions, and decide if they are helping you achieve your goals or causing complacency in your life. Happy 2019.

Garren Johanson

Be watching the Jasper County 4-H page for details about the Jasper County 4-H Feeding Missouri Food Drive!

DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly 1 in 5 children in Missouri live in food insecure households. That means their families can’t always afford food. They sometimes go to bed or come to school hungry. Access to healthier foods is particularly tough.

Congratulations!

Three Jasper County Shooting Sports members were named to State Shooting Sports teams and will be representing Missouri in National Competitions.

Emily Bowles—Air Pistol
Brett Pennington—Archery Recurve
Sadie Ramirez—Muzzle Loading
Best of Luck in your Competitions!
Dear 4-H Families,

Just as there is a feeling of excitement and wonder as we watch the falling of pure white snow, so also is the sense of newness and excitement as the clock ticks, the calendar changes and we begin a new year. Each new year brings with it new opportunities and new challenges. We can each enjoy this excitement and challenge if we use our opportunities and accept our challenges.

In “Charlotte’s Web”, Fern Arable seized the opportunity to save the little runt pig. She accepted the challenge of raising him on a baby bottle and even after she sold Wilbur to the Zuckerman’s, she went by often to visit. Fern learned many valuable lessons as she asked her father to let her raise this runt pig and as she followed through with her new responsibility.

4-H members learn responsibility in very similar ways. Your first project may have been a livestock project or it could have been one of many different choices. No matter what the project, when you made a choice and stayed with it until you finished, you learned valuable lessons in decision making and in accepting responsibility. Showing your project at the fair was fun, exciting and a wonderful time to develop leadership skills.

“The night before the County Fair, everybody went to bed early. Fern and Avery were in bed by eight. Avery lay dreaming that the Ferris wheel had stopped and that he was in the top car. Fern lay dreaming that she was getting sick in the swings. Lurvy was in bed by eight-thirty. He lay dreaming that he was throwing baseballs at a cloth cat and winning a genuine Navajo blanket. Mr. and Mrs. Zuckerman were in bed by nine. Mrs. Zuckerman lay dreaming about a deep freeze unit. Mr. Zuckerman lay dreaming about Wilbur. He dreamed that Wilbur had grown until he was one hundred and sixteen feet long and ninety-two feet high and that he had won all the prizes at the fair and was covered with blue ribbons and even had a blue ribbon tied to the end of his tail”.

Let’s make 2019 a “blue ribbon” year. 4-H offers something for the whole family. Through 4-H, you can make many of your dreams become realities. What projects have you begun? What goals have you set for yourself? What do you want to do differently this year? Now is the time to capture the excitement of a fresh beginning.

Have a great January.

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**Jasper County News**

**Jasper County 4-H Parents’ Association**

**Parent Association** meetings are open to all. The next meeting will be **Thursday, January 24, 6 pm** at the extension office. It is important for every club in the county to have a representative come to these meetings; that way your club has input in the County’s 4-H Activities.

**Officers:**
- President: Sheila Andrews
- Vice President: Diana Martin
- Secretary: Vanessa Hudson
- Treasurer: Julie Block
- Board Members: Rachael Ferguson, Stacie Brixey, Sarah Calvin, Melissa Gilbreath

**JCFY Sheep & Goat Tagging**

Sheep and Goat tagging for JCFY and State Fair nose printing will be May 8, 2019 from 4:30-6pm at the Municipal Park Fair Barns. Family nominations will take place. All animals must have a legible scrapie tag in their ear. Each exhibitor is allowed to tag up to 5 animals of each species. First 3 tags are free, each additional tag is $5.

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**Jasper County Youth Fair board**

meets the first Monday of the month at the Youth building, Carthage Municipal Park.

**JFCF Steer Weigh In**

Steer weigh in for the JCFY will be February 23, 2019 from 10am to 12pm at Joplin Regional Stockyards. Snow make-up date March 2, same times. Those not weighing, only tagging in a trailer need to be there by 10 am or at the end around 11:45am. Family nominations will take place. Each exhibitor is allowed a max of 3 steers. The first two steers are free to tag, third steer is an additional $5. Deworming is available for an additional $5.
Welcome new families

With the new 4-H year, we welcome many new families to the Jasper County 4-H program. As a veteran family you may remember the first few years of 4-H being confusing. Please welcome new members into your club and help them to become involved in club, county, and state activities.

You get out of 4-H what you put into it!

If you are a new family in the Jasper County 4-H program, your club leader will have a new family (or new volunteer) packet for you with a copy of the Jasper County 4-H handbook as well as other materials.

If you have questions that need answered, or just need some direction, please don’t hesitate to call the office at 417-358-2158.

Project record form

Members - get a head start on completing your end-of-year project forms. Forms can be found on the Jasper County 4-H website http://extension.missouri.edu/jasper/4hforms.aspx

Remember to take pictures all year of your project work to include in your end-of-year report.

Policies for 4-H organizations

Did you know that our 4-H Clover has the same prestige and protection as the Presidential Seal or the Olympic Symbol? All of us care deeply about 4-H programs and young people. As “keepers of the clover,” we are responsible for ensuring that all aspects of the 4-H program are of the highest quality and in accordance with approved 4-H policies.

Good financial management is an important aspect of our responsibility to 4-H. Since 1998, the required financial policies for any Missouri 4-H organization (clubs, county councils, committees and other groups that use the 4-H name) have been laid out in the publication Missouri 4-H Treasurer’s Record Book Y672.

All entities (clubs, councils, committees) that use the 4-H name MUST use this record book and meet or exceed the policies outlined in this publication.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

State and national contests: The 4-H Parents’ Association will pay the entry fees for state and national contest entries, but not expenses incurred on/for the trip. Reimbursements for national contest expenses may be considered on a case-by-case basis and will be subject to availability of funds.

Leadership trips: The 4-H Parents’ Association will reimburse 50% of trip expenses when accompanied by receipts. To be eligible for reimbursement, the member must turn in at least one end-of-year project report by 4:30 pm on the due date.

Project specific trips: Project specific trips will not be funded by the 4-H Parents’ Association.

IMPORTANT please read!

Members, if you are still showing pending in 4-H online it may be that we have not received your member dues.

If you paid your club leader, please verify with her that dues have been submitted to the office.

Until you are active in the system, you will not show up on any project report for project leaders. Which means meetings may be held without you.

New Award Resources

How-to videos for State Excellence Forms Levels 1, 2 and 3 are now available on the 4-H Website. Thank you to Karla Deaver, Lawrence County 4-H youth specialist for creating these videos and making them available to everyone. You can find the videos listed at http://4h.missouri.edu/peercompetition.aspx under each level. There is also a video on how to fill out your project record form. It is located under the project record form link at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/resources-forms.aspx
**4-H Club reports**

**Club reporters**

One of your duties as a reporter is to take notes at each meeting and prepare a report for the county 4-H office. Please send your club news to the 4-H office by the last day of the month so that it may be published in the 4-H News & Notes. You can drop your report off at the extension office; send by mail to: Jasper County 4-H, Courthouse Basement, Carthage MO 64836; or by email to jasperco@missouri.edu.

***NEW*** Club Reports – We have been asked by the state to keep track of the attendance at our county club meetings so we can more accurately report our contacts with 4-H members. We hope that this will not be an overwhelming task, so all that is being asked is to include an attendance report in your monthly club report. If you don’t have a monthly club report for the News and Notes we ask that you submit an attendance report every quarter. If you have any questions please call the office.

**Lincoln 4-H Club**

For the month of November the Lincoln 4-H meeting was held at the Harvest Community Church at 6:30 pm. We opened with pledges and prayer. Roll call and secretary’s report was given by Grace Maples. Treasurer’s report was given by Emily Egger. President Hannah Miller handed out awards to the clover kids. Pam Weaver reminded everyone to pay their dues. Project meeting reports were given and new meetings were announced. The meeting was then adjourned in prayer led by Seth Miller. Our next meeting will be held at St. Lukes nursing home to decorate the resident’s doors.

Head count: Members: 35; Others: 15

**Forest Mill Friends**

Forest Mill Friends had their December meeting at Carthage Health and Rehab to play bingo. Lydia and Nathaniel led the games while the rest of us visited with the people that live there. Then we went bowling at Grace Lanes. Our club had a short meeting before bowling. Our next meeting is January 19 at the United Methodist Church. We will have our chili appreciation dinner.

**Country Kickers**

December 4-H Meeting Report

Attendance: Adults- 8 Members- 6

Our December meeting was held at the Carthage Christmas Parade on December 3rd. We met at the First Christian Church Lighthouse and sat in front of the Carthage Junior High School. We had fun watching the floats. After the parade, we went to Braums and ate. We talked about the upcoming holiday and what each family’s plans were. Our next meeting will be January 7th at the Carthage Water and Electric Community Room.

Reporter: Michael Anderson

**Mt. Moriah 4-H Club**

On November 8th, the Mt. Moriah 4-H club held it’s annual Thanksgiving Dinner meeting. Everyone brought delicious dishes to share. Business included electing officers for the 2019 year. Everyone had a fun time chatting and eating.

December 13th was the Christmas Party for the Mt. Moriah 4-H club. People brought finger foods, along with canned foods and ornaments. The children did many crafts including creating fun ornaments and bracelets. Business included handing out certificates. We all had fun talking, eating, and making cool crafts.
Let’s make it a safe and enjoyable year!
Please be aware of any member within your club that may have food allergies and plan your refreshments accordingly. Parents if your child has a food allergy, please make those scheduled to bring refreshments at the monthly meeting aware of the restrictions.

State and National News

4-H Feeding Missouri statewide food drive

The goal of 4-H Feeding Missouri is to raise one million meals the month of February in a first-of-its-kind statewide food drive, and every 4-H club in the state can contribute to its success! From February 1-28, 4-Hers across Missouri will engage in a friendly service competition to see which clubs can contribute the greatest amount of food, donations and volunteer hours. They’ll have an opportunity to organize and/or participate in food drives, fundraising, volunteerism and educational outreach to learn about hunger and food insecurity. Stay tuned for more information!

In the meantime, please consider including educational opportunities about hunger and food insecurity during club meetings and other events leading up to the February drive. Included on the 4-H Feeding Missouri webpage is a resource section that features a “4-H: Empowering Youth to End Hunger in Their Communities Toolkit” with ready-made activities for youth to learn about this topic. You can draw from this resource to help youth learn about hunger and food insecurity.

More information can be found at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/4h-feeding-mo/main#gsc.tab=0
4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE)

MOVE in 2019! 4-H MOVE promotes physical activity and encourages youth to engage in a broad range of activities such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more.

The new MOVE year begins February 1!

Here’s what youth and adults need to do to participate:

- Enroll in the Move Across Missouri (MOVE) project (HF775) in 4HOnline in their profile. Enrollment in 4-H MOVE does not count as a part of county limits on projects.

- For more information, check out the website at: [http://4h.missouri.edu/4hmove/moveinfo](http://4h.missouri.edu/4hmove/moveinfo). Participants who sign up for MOVE before May 1 will receive a MOVE promotion item and certificate.

During our competition period February 1 through April 30, individuals and teams who log the most minutes in each county and the state will receive awards. County individual and team awards are valued at $10 and $25, respectively. State individual and team awards are valued at $50 and $250, respectively.

Missouri Youth Civic Leaders Summit (YCLS)

March 1-3, 2019

Windermere Conference Center

The Missouri Youth Civic Leaders Summit is a statewide gathering of teens and adults who are ready to engage with others on topics of leadership, service, and LIFE!

YCLS teams can be made up of local teens and adults from 4-H SPIN, community clubs, councils, schools, afterschool programs, community organizations, or countywide groups.

Teams will gather with 20-30 other teen/adult groups from across Missouri and other states to network, learn, energize, and plan for action in youth-adult partnerships!

Youth-adult partnerships are a powerful and promising way for young people and adults to develop their leadership while engaging in thoughtful and meaningful work together.

Summit teams will be challenged to identify a project or event they want to work on in 2019 to benefit their community and boost their readiness for the next stage of leadership and LIFE!

For more information: [http://4h.missouri.edu/YCLS/main#gsc.tab=0](http://4h.missouri.edu/YCLS/main#gsc.tab=0)

Registration due February 1

2019 Teen Conference—Make Your Move

Teen Conference is a leadership event for youth ages 11-13 that builds leadership and life skills, provides valuable maturation experience, and focuses on keeping delegates excited about staying involved in 4-H as teenagers. It is planned and led by the older teens of the State 4-H Council, with strong support from adult advisors.

This is the first big trip away from home for many delegates, so we make sure that they keep very busy and engaged in an environment that is safe and fun.

Come join the game of leadership at the 2019 State 4-H Teen Conference, March 16-17 in Columbia! The State 4-H Council is planning another “don’t miss” event that you’ll be talking about all year. Teen Conference begins at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday and ends by noon on Sunday.

Registration is $189 for youth (sharing a bed with a friend you select) and for chaperones. For youth who would prefer their own bed, registration is $239.

Registration through 4HOnline will open on December 10, 2018, and extend through February 1, 2019. Late registration is open February 2-10 with an additional $50 late fee. For more info on Teen Conference, please visit [http://4h.missouri.edu/teen-conference](http://4h.missouri.edu/teen-conference).
Missouri Agribusiness Academy

The Missouri Department of Agriculture is offering 30 high school students representing 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, as well as farm families, throughout Missouri the opportunity to explore careers in agriculture through the **2019 Missouri Agribusiness Academy** (MAbA). MAbA is a competitive program for sophomores interested in pursuing agriculture-related college degrees and careers.

“The next generation must be our primary focus in agriculture,” said **Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn**. “For more than thirty years, the Missouri Agribusiness Academy has introduced students to new, exiting careers in agribusiness and ag technology, inspiring them to stay engaged in Missouri’s No. 1 industry – agriculture.”

This year, the students selected will have the opportunity to learn about the unique opportunities for careers in the Springfield area. The 2019 schedule will be finalized in the spring and will include visits with industry and agribusiness leaders and tours of their facilities.

"The opportunities provided by MAbA are priceless,” said **2018 MAbA Ambassador Kaitlyn Cloud** from Carthage, Mo. “My eyes were opened to the vast career opportunities available to me here in my home state. This program is an amazing experience that will make a huge impact on your future!”

Since 1988, the Missouri Agribusiness Academy has graduated 930 students through a competitive application and interview process. The 2019 MAbA will be held June 3-7, and marks the program’s 32nd year. Students interested in participating must submit an application by **Feb. 1, 2019**.

For applications and guidelines, as well as more information on the Missouri Department of Agriculture and its programs, visit the department online at [https://agriculture.mo.gov/](https://agriculture.mo.gov/)

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**Ag Innovators Experience**

Missouri 4-H needs 20 teens age 14-18 who would like to build their leadership and facilitation skills by being a teen teacher for the Ag Innovators Experience this spring and summer at camps, fairs, afterschool, and festivals. These teen teachers need to have a special interest in Beekeeping, entomology, outdoor and environmental projects.

The application for the AIE challenge is at: [https://missouri.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0H5r7iqVWBx5wZT](https://missouri.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0H5r7iqVWBx5wZT) or the Missouri 4-H AIE Webpage at [https://4h.missouri.edu/ag-innovators/main#gsc.tab=0](https://4h.missouri.edu/ag-innovators/main#gsc.tab=0)

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**2019 Missouri 4-H Equine Tour**

Do you dream of combining your equine passion with a future career, love to learn more about the horse industry, and enjoy making new 4-H friends who share your love of horses? The University of Missouri Extension 4-H Annual Equine Career Tour may be just for you! The 2019 tour, **May 20-28**, will be exploring the horse industry in Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Canada and is open to Missouri 4-H teens, ages 14-18. Tour highlights will include collegiate equine education departments, harness racing, visiting a variety of equine farms, meeting 4-H youth, and touring Mackinac Island. Participants will learn from leading equine professionals in the fields of equine therapy, dressage, entertainment, training, art, harness racing, equine facility management and equine welfare. In its thirteenth year, the tour has proven to be a great opportunity for participants to expand and clarify their possible equine related career paths. The $650 tour fee provides charter bus transportation, 4-H staff chaperones, and most all travel related expenses. Applications are available at [http://4h.missouri.edu/equine-tour](http://4h.missouri.edu/equine-tour) and are due before **March 1, 2019**.
Farm Service Agency (FSA) loans for youth farmers

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) grants operating loans to individual rural youth to finance income-producing, agriculture-related projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, FFA and similar organizations.

Each project must be part of an organized and supervised program of work. The project must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience in agriculture-related skills. http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?rea=home&subject=paca&topic=you

4-H Project resources

Meetings ideas for Club Leaders

A document of meeting ideas for club leaders can be accessed on the website at http://4h.missouri.edu/resources-and-forms/

Fostering, Growing and Sustaining 4-H Clubs: Project Leaders

Project volunteers have a lot of responsibilities when it comes to keeping youth engaged and excited about 4-H project work across the span of several months. Be sure to check out Session 7: Creating a Project Plan resource. This outstanding training was put together through the national 4-H Military Partnership. Access this and other practical volunteer resources by going to the Missouri 4-H volunteer page http://4h.missouri.edu/volunteer.aspx and choose 4-H 201: Fostering, Growing and Sustaining 4-H Clubs under the Volunteer Training heading.

Missouri 4-H Foundation Grants

The Missouri 4-H Foundation continues to award grants to support a wide range of 4-H programs, events, and facilities. Information about grant funds and application procedures may be found on the 4-H Foundation website at http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/

- **Community Service**
  Through generous grants from Crader Distributing and Stihldealers.com, as well as DuPont Pioneer, the Missouri 4-H Foundation offers grants of up to $1,000 to match funding for a 4-H community.

- **Kids Helping Kids**
  is a program devoted to helping 4-H members and their families in times of need. Through donations made by 4-H families and friends, support is available to Missouri 4-H families that have been affected by an emergency disaster.

- **Doane Youth Center**
  Through a generous endowment given by D. Howard Doane, one of the founding trustees of the Missouri 4-H Foundation, funds are available to improve facilities owned and/or controlled by Missouri 4-H.

4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Missouri 4-H Foundation offers educational scholarships for 4-H members and former 4-H members pursuing post-secondary study.

60+ scholarships are available, each ranging from $500 to $2,500. One scholarship application permits the applicant to be considered for any available scholarship, subject to conditions specified by the donor.

**Jasper County 4-H offers a $1,000 Scholarship.** Preference is given to qualified applicants from Jasper County.

**Applications are accepted after January 1 and are due to the extension office by February 15.**

The scholarship guidelines and application is available on the Missouri 4-H website at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships
4-H Project Leader Planning Calendar

October
- Enroll in 4-H Online
- National 4-H Week
- Set project goals and activities for the year—including speakers and field trips

November
- Plan project meetings and set meeting dates, times and locations
- Contact members enrolled in project
- Begin holding meetings
- Assist members with project records for the year

December
- Plan demonstrations for the year
- Plan field trip for the year
- Check in with club leader & members new to the project

January
- Encourage member project record keeping
- Review weigh-in dates for livestock projects

February
- Discuss project goals and progress toward goals
- Assist members with project record keeping
- Discuss Member in Good Standing and eligibility for fairs and shows—SMQA
- Discuss and encourage participation in summer activities—camp, State 4-H Congress, fairs, etc.
- Check in with club leader & members new to the project

March
- Continue to encourage member project record keeping
- Discuss upcoming fairs/shows
- Take a field trip

April
- Remind members of requirements for participation in fairs and shows
- Check in with club leader & members new to the project

May
- Horse project enrollment forms due May 1
- Discuss JCYF/Achievement Day
- Check in with club leader & members new to the project

June
- Continue to encourage member project record keeping
- More discussion regarding fairs
- Encourage each member to exhibit 3 items at fair
- Final reminder about member in good standing
- Distribute fair exhibit tags
- Discuss State Fair project process
- Check in with club leader & members new to the project

July
- JCYF/OEF
- Start recruiting project leaders for next year

August
- Drop off and retrieve State Fair items
- Final reminder about member in good standing
- Distribute fair exhibit tags
- Discuss State Fair project process
- Check in with club leader & members new to the project

September
- Attend club meeting
- Check out new Clover Book online
- Invite prospective members/volunteers to meetings

Crazy Crayons

When heat is applied to a crayon, it begins to melt. When crayons are chopped into small pieces and baked, kids are able to combine different colors to make their own crazy color combinations.

Supplies Needed • A knife • Crayons (a good way to get rid of old pieces of crayon) • Mini-cake tins or any type of mold that come in different designs

Steps
1. Parents or leaders can chop up the crayons into small pieces (pea-sized). The crayons can be kept in separate colors so the kids can mix the colors by themselves.
2. Preheat the oven to 150˚.
3. The kids can mix the different colors of crayons and place them in the design they want by arranging them in the tin.
4. Bake until the waxes have melted, about 15 to 20 minutes.
5. After the wax has cooled, the shapes can be removed from the mold. If the crayon doesn’t come out, stick the tray in the freezer for an hour and the crayons will release.
6. Now it is time to draw a picture with your brand new crayons!
Calendar of Events

Dates subject to change without notice.

January 4
Bright and Bold early registration due

January 12
Bright & Bold - Nixa

January 14
Citizenship Washington Focus Trip 2nd installment payment due.

January 15
Making the Best Better registration due

January 24
Jasper County 4-H Parents’ Assoc. meeting

January 26
Making the Best Better, Neosho

January 28-31
Youth Development Academy

February 1
• Teen Conference registration due
• State Fair Youth in Agriculture scholarship application due
• State 4-H Meats Judging contest registration due
• Youth Civic Leaders Summit (YCLS) registration closes
• Missouri Agri-Business Academy application due

February 1-28
Feeding America Food Drive

February 1-April 30
4-H Move Across America (MOVE) competition periods

February 8
National Youth Summit on Photography Skills and Careers registration closes

February 15
• 4-H Foundation Scholarships application due
• Citizenship Washington Focus Trip 3rd installment payment due
• 2019 Beekeeping Essay competition

February 16
State Meats Judging

February 18-20
Legislative Academy

February 23
• JCYF Steer Weigh In
• State Horse Judging

March 1
Missouri 4-H Equine Tour applications due

March 1-3
Youth Civic Leaders Summit (YCLS)

March 16-17
Teen Conference

April 6-11
National 4-H Conference

April 15
Citizenship Washington Focus Trip last installment payment due.

May 1
Horse project enrollment form due

May 8
JCYF Sheep & Goat tagging/nose printing

May 11
4-H Day with the Cardinals

May 18
State 4-H Robotics Conference

May 20-28
Missouri 4-H Equine Tour

May 29-31
State 4-H Congress

June 3-7
Missouri Agri-Business Academy

June 22-July 1
Citizenship Washington Focus

July 5-14
Jasper County Youth Fair

July 15-19
Summers@Mizzou

July 16-19
Youth Futures Conference

August 8-18
Missouri State Fair

August 17-24
Lamar Free Fair

August 24-25
State Trap and Archery Shoot

September 21-22
State 4-H Shoot

Find a complete list of upcoming events on the Jasper County 4-H website at: http://extension.missouri.edu/jasper/upcoming4hevents.aspx