Final Reminder:
**Show-Me Quality Assurance (SMQA)**

If you missed the training, you will need to complete the training online at [http://www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/](http://www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/) by June 1st to be eligible to exhibit livestock in the state of Missouri. After completing the training, please contact the Extension Office so that we can change your status and send you your SMQA card.

Recently, Knox County 4-H Geology project members received a $500 grant from FCS Financial which will be used to replace damaged flower barrels in the Knox County Courtyard. Each year, the Geology members plant and care for the flowers under the direction of Geology project leader, Pat Shultz.

(Back row, l to r) Knox County Commissioners Mike Fox, Evan Glasgow and Roger Parton (Middle row, l to r) FCS Financial Representative Debbie Ragsdale, Ben Hettinger, Geology Project Leader Pat Shultz, Jake Aldridge, Daniela Dooley (Front row, l to r) Isabella Strange, Jaydin Hicks and Lucas Ackman

**Congratulations!!!**

Caps off to the graduating Class of 2017!
Knox County Seniors— Tanner Ellison, Karissa Hamlin and Garyn Miller
Lewis County Senior— Jaclyn Scott

**Calendar**

- **May 31-June 2**
  - State Congress
- **June 4-7**
  - Teen Camp
- **June 6**
  - County Liners Meet
- **June 7-11**
  - Junior Camp
- **June 9**
  - Relay for Life Luminaries 1:30 pm
- **June 11**
  - Colony Meets/ Nursing Home Visit 3 pm
- **June 12**
  - Liberty Leaders Meet
- **June 13**
  - 4-H Council/Fair Board Meet
- **June 23**
  - Fair Pre-registrations due
- **June 24**
  - Horse Show
- **June 26**
  - Royalty Tea 2 pm
- **July 10-14**
  - Knox County 4-H/FFA Fair

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Achievement Day Makes a Comeback in Knox County 4-H

The first Knox County 4-H Achievement Day in many years was held on Sunday afternoon, April 23, 2017 in the Knox County R-1 cafeteria from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

“It has been several years since Knox County hosted an Achievement Day,” said Co-Superintendent Tonya Hamlin. “Our current membership is younger and most of them have never experienced this event.”

Achievement Day gives 4-H members the opportunity to showcase what they have learned in 4-H and engage in friendly competition with their peers. These events are typically held in the spring and no two events are the same from county to county across the state. Eighteen Knox County 4-H members participated in five different areas of competition including Demonstrations, Collections, Judging, Personal Development and Table Setting. Members were allowed to participate in as many or as few categories as they chose. All of these categories are designed to build member confidence in public speaking and life skills. The Judging committee was made up of Steve Miller, Karen Hall and Green Acres Family & Community Education (FCE) members Virginia Carpenter, Linda Harder and Nena Palmer.

“Our first year was an informal attempt to introduce Achievement Day to our members. We are pleased with the turnout! We had several 4-H members that attended as observers and we are confident that the kids will “sell” the event to their friends,” said Co-Superintendent Heather Hubble.

Demonstrations are a way for members to show others what they have learned in their 4-H projects and activities. In 4-H demonstrations, there are five main parts: introduction, steps, summary, questions, and conclusion. Four members of the Liberty Leaders 4-H Club entered this category of competition. Ben Hettinger received a blue ribbon for his demonstration of different Meat Goat Breeds. Receiving a blue ribbon for a “Save the Bees” demonstration from her 4-H Entomology project was Michaela Hettinger. Haven Hubble showed judges how to create different cake icing borders during her blue ribbon demonstration entitled “Seeing Stars”. Also receiving a blue ribbon was Kimber Hunolt for her demonstration on how to set up a scrapbooking page.

The Collections category is an opportunity for youth to become more comfortable speaking in front of adults. Collections subjects are chosen by each member based solely on what they are interested in and do not have to be 4-H related. Six 4-H members from the Liberty Leaders 4-H Club received blue ribbons for their Collections: Jake Aldridge, Pokemon; Michaela Hettinger, Photography; Haven Hubble, American Girl doll; and Mattie Ward, Metal Detecting; Madison Harder, Pokemon and Ben Hettinger, Geology.

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Decision-making skills and the ability to logically and clearly express oneself are prized attributes in many careers today,” said Mary Jo Williams, State 4-H Youth Development Specialist, “One 4-H teaching technique — judging — can help members develop these skills. Judging is making a decision and telling why you made it. Judging also teaches members to appreciate standards, to observe closely and to develop their reasoning ability. Successful judging depends on knowledge of the product, understanding the standards or criteria for the product, and the ability to compare products to the standards (giving reasons).

4-H members entered in up to three judging classes in the following 4-H Projects: Arts & Crafts, Cake Decorating, Character, Dogs, Foods & Nutrition and Horticulture. Fifteen blue and five red ribbons were distributed to County Liners 4-H Club member Lilah James, Colony 4-H Club members Orlando Bacigalupi, Trevor Bacigalupi, Isabella Strange and Liberty Leaders 4-H Club members John Clark, Madison Harder, Ben Hettinger, Michaela Hettinger, Haven Hubble, Kimber Hunolt, Branson Miller, Nash Miller and Mattie Ward.

In the Personal Development portion of Achievement Day, 4-H members are scored on an interview with the judge on their grooming habits, attitude, personal appearance, and interview. When talking with the judge they must be prepared to introduce themselves, telling the judge about their favorite 4-H project, favorite subject, hobby or sport in school. Proper posture and eye contact are also important.

Seven girls and seven boys received blue ribbons in the Personal Development category: Lane and Lilah James of the County Liners 4-H Club; Isabella Strange, Orlando Bacigalupi and Trevor Bacigalupi of the Colony 4-H Club; and Michaela Hettinger, Kimber Hunolt, Haven Hubble, Mattie Ward, Lucas Ackman, John Clark, Ben Hettinger, Branson Miller and Nash Miller of the Liberty Leaders 4-H Club.

Lastly, three creative Table Settings entries received blue ribbons. Table Settings are scored on the theme, general appearance, proper use of tableware, harmony and explanation. Themes included a Paris birthday party by Kimber Hunolt, a girl’s baby shower by Haven Hubble and a Halloween birthday party by Orlando Bacigalupi.
Required in 2017

All Knox County 4-H/FFA Fair Exhibitors **MUST** wear the designated Fair t-shirt when exhibiting their Art Hall or Livestock projects per the Knox County 4-H/FFA Fair Board.

May 2017

Project Meetings and Nursing Home Visit
Public Speaking Academy
The 4-H Public Speaking Academy is preparing for its sixth year! Extension faculty, along with 4-H volunteers and college professors will provide educational workshops to help youth build their skills and comfort with public speaking. Participants will be guided through the basics and finer points of writing and delivering a speech. Youth will receive individual assistance. The camp is open to all youth 11-13 years of age interested in learning more about public speaking. The Academy will be held June 21-22, 2017 and registration is due May 16th. Lodging will be provided on the campus of Central Methodist University in Fayette, Missouri. For more information, contact Patty Fisher at fisherp@missouri.edu or 573-324-5464 and be sure to download the brochure on the Missouri 4-H page at http://4h.missouri.edu/public-speaking-academy/main.

2nd Annual 4-H Day with the Kansas City Royals
Missouri and Kansas 4-H members, parents, volunteers, supporters and alumni will gather at Kauffman Stadium on Friday September 8, 2017 for the 2nd annual 4-H Day with the Royals, who will be playing the Minnesota Twins. Tickets for the game will be $60 by July 15, and this includes a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Royals emblem on the front. Pre-game ceremonies will include one 4-H member joining the Captains Club to represent 4-H prior to the game and four 4-H members and/or volunteers attending batting practice. Tickets for the event must be ordered on the 4-H Day with the Royals website at http://tinyurl.com/gt4e7k9. Tickets usually sell out before the order deadline, so families are encouraged to order early. 4-H Clubs, counties, or groups of families who would like to be seated together must order together. Families can also participate in the 4-H Day with the Royals raffle to win prizes. Complete information can be found on the print order form.

Summers at Mizzou
Do you have an idea you want to turn into your own business? Do you like helping people? Do you want to learn about drones? Are you interested in science? Do you want to put your coding knowledge to work? If any of these apply to you, Summers @ Mizzou is where your should be this summer. Camps are offered the week of July 9-13 and July 16-20. Summers @ Mizzou offers even different camps: Scrub In to a Health Career, Build-a Business, Dog Days of Summer, Network Forensics for Hacker Trackers, Robo Palooza, Telling the Story of the Stars and GeoTech: Drone Camp. These camps are offered as residential or day camps. Camps are available for a wide range of ages beginning with 12 year olds; check registration information for the age range of each camp. Early registration is due by May 5th. For registration and available scholarships see http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers. For those without internet access, contact your local Extension Office or Teresea Bishop at 573-884-0554 for a brochure.

2017 State Shoot
The Missouri 4-H State Shoot Dates have been decided--mark it on your calendars!
- Archery 300 State Shoot: August 26 & 27 at Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports in Columbia MO
- State Trap Shoot: August 26 at Missouri Trapshooters Association in Linn Creek MO
- State Skeet Shoot: August 27 at Gateway Gun Club in Bridgeton MO
- State Shoot in September: September 16 & 17 at Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports in Columbia MO.
State Poultry Day
State Poultry Day will be held June 17, 2017 in the Animal Science Building on the University of Missouri campus in Columbia, Missouri from 8am until 3:30pm. This will be a youth training/skills demonstration event in an educational format. There will be two educational sessions for the day which will include production judging contest, fun poultry quiz bowl, domestic poultry photo contest and a dozen eggs contest. This will be a great opportunity for leaders to pick up information and materials they can take back home to assist their poultry training and programs for members to hone their skills in a voluntary “just for fun” quiz bowl. Registration opens April 15th in 4-HOnline. The event is open to all 4-Hers, but participants 14 and over (4-H age) will be placed in the senior division. It is $20 for both youth and adult registrations until May 15th. Late registrations will be $25 until June 1st. For further information, check out http://www.4h.edu/poultry/statepoultryday.

Midwest On Target Show Goat Camp
Midwest On Target Show Goat Camp will be held May 26-27, 2017 will be held on the Davis County Fairgrounds in Bloomfield, Iowa. Camp Presenters Teel Show Goats—Joe, Barbie & Noah Teel of Stillwater, Oklahoma will cover basic care, feeding, selection, grooming, training, exercise, show day prep, and showmanship. All meals and lodging will be at the student’s expense. Parents, teachers, or advisors are encouraged to attend with their child at no additional cost. Camp will run 6-9pm on the 26th and 8am-4pm on the 27th. Camp organizers include Bruce Handy, Elaine Van Wyk, Dennis and Shannon Smith, and Montie and Amy Wuthrich. For more information, contact Elaine Van Wyk at 641-660-6929 or handyboergoats1@hotmail.com.

Eighth Annual Missouri Agriculture Photo Contest
The Missouri Department of Agriculture is asking Missourians to share the unique stories and images of agriculture through photographs. The contest, which runs through June 15th, is an opportunity for amateur (of all ages) photographers across the state to submit their best images of agriculture. Participants may enter up to three photos in each of the six categories—Beauty of the Farm, Faces of the Farm, The Farmer’s Life, Pride of the Farm and Farm Selfie. A special category, Children’s Barnyard, is for budding photographers ages 12 and under. For more information and to submit photos, go to agriculture.mo.gov/focus and complete the online form.

Sports Leader Certification Workshop
The 2017 Fall Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop will be October 6-8, 2017 at Pinecrest Camp in Fredricktown, Missouri. Watch for more details on this event!

Monthly MOVEment Activity: Steppin’ out
Youth can do this activity outside, in a large room or hallway. How many giant steps does it take to get across the yard or room? How many “baby steps” does it take to get back? Can youth walk backward doing baby steps? Can they do this without falling or losing their balance? Participants can make a list of different steps for the group to try. Next to each one, they can write how many steps it took for each trip up and down the yard or room. Compare and discuss the results!

Source: Missouri 4-H Couch Potato Challenge-www.4h.missouri.edu

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Clover Kids Corner: Grow Your Own Clovers

Supplies:
- Clover Seeds
- Potting Soil
- Plastic cups (one per child)
- Plastic Wrap
- Rubber Bands

Directions:
1. Fill cups half full with potting soil.
2. Sprinkle clover seeds on top of the potting soil.
3. Cover seeds with potting soil, but only fill the cup 3/4 full.
4. Cover cups with plastic wrap and seal with a rubber band.

When Children Get Home:
1. Place cups in a warm, shaded location for the seeds to germinate (i.e., top of a refrigerator).
2. After the first seed leaf, pushes through the dirt, remove the plastic wrap and place the cup in a sunny area. It is important to keep the soil moist with fresh water.
3. After clovers begins growing, transplant them into a bigger pot—either inside or outside.
4. Encourage children to look through the clovers to see if they can find the four-leaf kind!