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"A NEWSLETTER FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY 4-H FAMILIES"

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Lafayette County Happenings

REGIONAL ENERGIZER - REGISTER TODAY! - The Regional Energizer will be held on Jan. 24 in Blue Springs. This event invites 4-H members and leaders from 13 different counties to participate in workshops and activities. It is a great way to get new ideas, meet new people, and find out about other programs 4-H offers throughout Missouri. This year the Regional Energizer will include the required Show-Me Quality Class for all exhibitors of food animals projects (beef, dairy, goats, sheep, swine, chickens, etc.) Everyone will be required to attend one of these classes, so this is a great way to get started. It will also include the mandatory Volunteer Orientation.

Information including workshop topics can be found at the end of this newsletter. The cost is \$10 if you pre-register and \$20 if you do not. Pre-registration includes lunch. Registration at the door does not include lunch. For lunch, you must pre-register. You must register by January 14th. Call the office at 660-584-3658 to register.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION DATES

Just a reminder that all volunteers must attend orientation by Jan. 1, 2009. **IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND ONE OF THE TRAININGS BELOW OR COMPLETE YOUR CERTIFICATION ONLINE BY JANUARY 25th YOU WILL BE DELETED FROM THE SYSTEM.** This means that you will need to start the enrollment process again and will not be able to work with youth or sign paperwork of any kind until you have completed the training. Currently there are two trainings planned in this area.

Higginsville—Extension Center Tuesday, January 20 6:30-8:30pm
Blue Springs - at Regional Energizer Jan. 24th

ON-LINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPTION

If you are unable to make it to the face to face trainings you can complete the Volunteer Orientation online. Go to <http://blackboard.missouri.edu>. Select Login and for the user name use _kids and the password is volunteer. Select "Yes" any time the security information box appears to ask if you want to display non-secure items. Select the link located on the left side of the screen "Online 4-H Volunteer Orientation." A welcome screen appears and will guide you through the course.

If you do not have access to the internet you can also check out a CD Rom from the Extension Office to take the Volunteer Orientation. A written test is required if you choose this option.

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LAFAYETTE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Thursday, January 15 6:30 pm Officer meeting; 7:00 pm 4-H Council Meeting Extension Center, Higginsville
Please have all clubs represented!



OFFICER TRAINING

All 4-H Club officers are invited to attend Officer training on Thursday, January 8. Pizza will be served at 6:00 pm and the workshop will be from 6:30-7:30. Plan to attend!

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERS

Do you have an outstanding leader in your club? Each year the Lafayette County 4-H program has the opportunity to honor two outstanding leaders with the Frank Graham Outstanding Leader Award. Nominations for this award will be accepted at the 4-H Council meeting and the completed application is due in the state office by Feb. 1.

Teen Opportunities

MO AGRI-BUSINESS ACADEMY

Applications are at www.mda.mo.gov for the 2009 Missouri Agri-Business Academy to be held June 8-12. To be eligible students must come from a farming family or be an active 4-H or FFA member. Students are selected through a competitive written application and oral interview process. This year, Academy members will tour St. Louis agribusinesses. Sponsored by the Missouri Dept of Agriculture, MABA is an outstanding experience for youth interested in careers in agribusiness. Application deadline is February 2, 2009.

KANSAS CITY GLOBAL CONFERENCE

2009 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference is March 18-21. Go to <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/globalconf/> for conference workshop and tour descriptions, details, and a link to the Kansas State site. Registration cost is \$260. The 4-H Council will reimburse 20%. Registration due by Feb. 1.

PHOTO CORPS 2009

Photo Corps is a team of Missouri 4-H photographers (age 12-18 on January 1, 2009). Team members take photos showing their perspective on a theme. This year's theme, "My 4-H World," will include the nature of Missouri, the people of 4-H, and the programs of MU Extension. For information and an application form, visit <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/programs/photocorps/>. See 2008 Photo Corps in *Rural Missouri*, <http://www.ruralmissouri.org/08pages/08Dec4HPhotoCorps.html>

3, 2, 1 ACTION

Want to learn videography skills? Join youth age 13-18 on February 7-8 at Whiteman Air Force Base Youth Center to use videography to produce a public service announcement. A clip from last year's 3, 2, 1 Action won an award in the 4-H Digital Mayhem Challenge! View samples at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/getinvolved/leadership/>
The application form is available on the OMK web page at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/programs/military/> and is due Jan 30.

OMK DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Don't miss an opportunity to tour the Capitol in Jefferson City and meet your legislators on President's Day, Monday, February 16 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The event is for youth ages 13-18. We will also be joining 4-H Legislative Academy participants at the end of our day at the capitol. The application form is available on the OMK web page at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/programs/military/>.

International Programs

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

MU Extension 4-H is looking for families to host a child between ages 10-16 or an adult chaperone for the summer in-bound Japanese program that begins July 23. There is no need to plan special events for the month-long stay; everyday family life is preferred. Deadline is March 1. For more information and forms, go online: 4h.missouri.edu. If you have questions, contact Joyce Taylor at 660-728-2280 or TaylorJL@missouri.edu.

Scholarships/Grants

YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP

The application deadline for the Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture Scholarship is Feb. 15. To apply, you must be an active 4-H or FFA member; have exhibited at the Missouri State Fair; have plans to pursue a degree in agriculture at a Missouri college or university; and have not sold livestock in any past Missouri State Fair Sale of Champions. The scholarship program is funded through the generosity of Youth in Agriculture sponsors and buyers of the livestock sold during the Sale of Champions. Applications are available at www.mostatefair.com. For more information, call the Missouri State Fair at 1-800-422-FAIR or email mostatefair@mda.mo.gov.

SARE GRANTS

NCR-SARE Youth & Youth Educator Grants are intended to provide opportunities for youth, ages 8 - 21, and youth educators in the North Central Region to learn more about Sustainable Agriculture. The grant application can be found at <http://www.sare.org/ncrsare/cfp.htm> and are due by **4:30 pm, Friday, January 30, 2009**. There is about \$18,000 available for this program. Projects must be finished and final reports submitted by December 31, 2009. Grant options include: 1.) Youth Grants - Grants for on-farm research, demonstration, or education projects by youth ages 8-21. \$400 maximum. 2.) Youth Educator Grants - Grants for educators to provide programming on sustainable agriculture for youth. \$2,000 maximum. For questions contact Debi Kelly at 573-882-1905 or kellyd@missouri.edu.



**Become a 4-H
VOLUNTEER**

Shooting Sports

SHOOTING SPORTS MINI-GRANTS

A limited number of mini-grants, sponsored by the National Wild Turkey Federation, are available to county 4-H shooting sports programs. If approved, county programs may receive up to \$500. Application deadline is Jan.15. Eligibility requirements and application forms can be found online at 4h.missouri.edu.

AIR PISTOL POSTAL MATCH

4-H pistol shooters can participate in a competitive match this winter/spring via the post office. Youth can shoot the Air Pistol competition at home (under direction of certified leader) and mail the targets in for official scoring. The age divisions and rules are the same as those used at the State Shoot. The match is composed of 4 rounds of official targets which are scheduled between January 28 - March 25. Details are available on the shooting sports website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm> or download a PDF copy at http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/AirPistol_PostalMatch.pdf.

SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

Date: March 27-29, 2009

Location: Camp Jo-Ota, Clarence, Missouri

Registration and detailed information available in mid-January

4-H Move Across America

4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE) promotes physical activity! MOVE encourages youth to engage in physical activities they enjoy such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more.

Using an online system, youth and their families can "log" the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year and during the competitive component of the MOVE program. 4-Hers can enroll in the online MOVE program as individuals or as part of a team. A team can consist of a family or members of a 4-H club or group. MOVE awards will be provided. Stay tuned - <http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/>

CLOVER KIDS CORNER

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Each month we try to provide an activity, information or other materials for leaders to share with Clover Kids.

Homemade Butter -Made Easy!

What you need: Whipping cream, Glass jars with lids (any size) and Marbles - one per youth.

What you do: Pour cream in the jar (any amount). Place one marble in each jar. Cover the jar tightly with the lid. Shake! Keep shaking until the cream turns into butter. Others may need to help because it can take a while! Remove the marble after the butter has set. Spread the butter on different kinds of whole grain bread for a tasty treat!




Calendar of Events

January

- 8 Officer Training 6:00 Pizza 6:30-7:30 Workshop Extension Office, Higginsville
- 13 Fair Board, 7:00 p.m. Extension Center, Higginsville
- 15 4-H Council 6:30 Officers 7:00pm Council meeting Extension Center, Higginsville
- 20 4-H Volunteer Orientation 6:30-8:30 pm Extension Center, Higginsville
- 23 and 24 Shooting Sports 740 6:30-9:00pm Community Center Fairground Park, Higginsville
- 24 Regional Energizer Blue Springs—see flyer for registration
- 29 Extension Council 7:00pm Extension Center, Higginsville

February

- 1 Cookie Sales Begin
- Jan 31—Feb 1 State Teen Conference
- 8 Lafayette County 4-H Fun Day, Warrensburg Community Center 2:00-5:00 p.m..
- 10 Fair Board, 7:00 p.m. Extension Center, Higginsville
- 12 4-H Volunteer Orientation 6:30-8:30 pm Extension Center, Higginsville
- 16 President's Day, Office Closed
- 26 Extension Council Annual Meeting



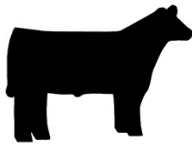
**Cookie Sales Begin
February 1**

**Final orders must be
turned in at 4-H Council
on March 19. Watch for
your cookie sales forms
in the mail.**

Livestock News

BEEF STEER WEIGH-IN

Sunday, March 1 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Concordia Vet. Clinic, Concordia. Please enter from the south.



All steers to be exhibited at the Lafayette County 4-H/FFA Fair are required to weigh in and steers will be identified with a Lafayette County ear tag. If a tag is lost, contact the Extension office. Animals to be exhibited at the Missouri State Fair need to be noseprinted.

PORK "IN THE SHOW RING"

The Missouri Pork Association is offering a youth-focused educational track called "In the Show Ring" at the Missouri Pork Expo, Feb. 11. Young people attending the entire session will receive Show Me Quality certification or recertification. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged, but not required. Find information about this and other MPA opportunities at www.mopork.com.

STATE FAIR ANIMAL OWNERSHIP DATES

Beef Cattle - Steers - 3/15
Beef Cattle - Breeding Animals - 6/1
Sheep - Breeding Animals - 7/1
Sheep - Market Lambs - 6/15
Swine - Breeding Gilts - 90 days
Swine - Breeding Boars - Since farrowing
Swine - Market Hogs - May 15
Dairy Cattle - All Dairy Cattle - 6/1
Dairy Goats - 6/1
Meat Goats - Breeding and Market - 6/15
Dogs - 4/1
Horses - 5/1
Rabbits - Breeding - 6/1
Rabbits - Meat Pen - 5 - 10 weeks prior to show
Poultry - Meat Pen - 8 - 10 weeks prior to show

STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRY DUE DATE CORRECTION

The Missouri State Fair business office accidentally shared an incorrect due date for 2009 4-H livestock entries. **The correct date is "Must be received by July 2, 2009."** New this year.... entries postmarked July 2 but arriving later than July 2 will not meet the "received by" entry deadline. This also applies to horse project members.

SHOW-ME QUALITY ASSURANCE

If this is your first year in a meat animal project you must attend a Show-Me Quality Assurance training. All juniors (youth 4-H age 13 and under) who were in the project last year must attend a second session this year. If you have questions about this information please contact Kathy Bondy. The date of the training will be Thursday, April 9 and the training is available at the Regional Energizer.

Equine News

EQUINE TRIP ANNOUNCED

The Equine Trip is scheduled for May 22-28, 2009 for 4-H youth ages 14-19. Trip participants are accepted until bus is filled. The trip will focus on the stock horse and related horse industries in the states of Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas. Trip objectives and application can be downloaded from the Missouri 4-H website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/>.



STATE HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2009, at the Trowbridge Livestock Pavilion, UMC campus, Columbia. The contest offers competition for both junior and senior teams. Counties may enter unlimited junior (ages 8-13 as of Jan. 1, 2009) and senior teams (ages 14-18 as of Jan. 1, 2009) comprised of no more than 4 members and no less than 3 members. Entry registrations are due to the Extension Office by Tuesday, January 20, 2009. There is a \$15 per person entry fee.

HORSE JUDGING WORKSHOP CLINIC

We also have a "how to judge horses" clinic at the same time at Trowbridge Livestock Center. **Members must choose to be in either the contest or clinic but can't do both as they are at the same time.** Youth must pre-register. Check in of those pre-registered at 9 a.m. The Judging Clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will finish by noon. Pre-registered youth will receive an information letter with maps, details, etc. **Cost \$15 per individual. Registration Deadline** Entry registrations are due to the Extension Office by Tuesday, January 20, 2009.