Congratulations on a successful 4-H/FFA Fair!
A special thanks goes to judges and helpers, concession stand workers, announcers, building hosts, Super Farmer helpers, those who set up and cleaned up the livestock barns and worked the arena. Your commitment to 4-H and Lafayette County youth is greatly appreciated.

Say thanks to...
- Plaque sponsors. Send those thank you notes that were attached to the plaques.
- Members of the Fair Board for all of their hard work and dedication. Join me in saying “Thank You” to Eric Struchtemeyer, Steven Czeschin, Brenda Guess, David Soerries, Jennifer Daubendiek, Susan Jaster, Doug Limback, Chris Bargfrede, Emily Bergsieker, Andy Twyman, Steve Bell, Wally Dyer, Bill Daubendiek, Martha Schreiman and Melisa Bertz.
- Kim Bell and her assistant Corbin Bell who coordinated the concession stand for the County 4-H Council. Kim did a terrific job of organizing the food and the volunteers who worked the stand.
- The Super Farmer Committee who worked all year to carry off a Super Farmer Event with nearly 100 participants! Rhonda and Rebecca Butters; Tiffany, Caleb, Connor and Caedon Bergman; Reeves, Ryli and Remington Kesten.

Fair Odds and Ends...
- Some plaques still need to be picked up at the office. Lost and found includes two lawn chairs

Nominations needed for the 4-H/FFA Fair Board! Four positions are available for a three year term. Contact a fair board member or the office to nominate a new member or to volunteer for the position. Brenda Guess, Steven Czeschin, David Soerries and Eric Struchtemeyer will be leaving the board.

Mighty Mo 4-H Club invites all Lafayette County 4-H’ers for a swim party!
August 12, 2015 7:00 pm
Odessa City Pool in Dyer Park.
Cost is $1.00 per person.
Questions? Contact Rhonda Butters
816-690-8737
Volunteer Hall of Fame

Susan Jaster will be inducted into the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame on Saturday, August 15 at the Fred E. Davis Multipurpose Auditorium at State Fair Community College campus. Congratulations to Susan and the entire Jaster family on their years of service to 4-H.

AWARD APPLICATION TIPS
- Use the most current application form and have all the required signatures.
- Follow the directions on the application.
- Do not include your entire 4-H career. Emphasize experiences with reference to the past three years.
- Use a professional folder, be neat, check grammar and spelling, and write active sentences. Proofread!
- Always emphasize what skills, knowledge and lessons you have learned from each experience, and how you can and are applying the things you have learned, not only in 4-H but other areas as well.
- The leadership, citizenship and community service sections, and the resume can include experiences in 4-H, school, church and your community. Remember that this is a 4-H application, so include 4-H experiences as well.
- Throughout the application, make sure you capture your 4-H experiences emphasizing what you have learned in these areas and goals you have accomplished. Using real stories is a plus.

4-H CAMP FOOD AND FITNESS

4-H Camp Food and Fitness is scheduled on December 5-6, 2015, on the MU campus. The primary audience for the camp is youth age 12-14 enrolled in 4-H Foods projects but young people associated with any Extension program are eligible to attend if they meet the age criteria. Given that Camp Food and Fitness was not offered in 2014, I would like to extend an invitation to youth who wanted to attend last year but may have “aged out” for 2015. We will make sure that now 15 year olds that wanted to attend last year get the opportunity to do so. Watch for information about the on-line registration.

Here’s cool stuff youth get to do:
- Learn about culinary skills and practices
- Learn about food/nutrition and healthy eating
- Engage in hands-on food science activities
- Increase physical activity

MISSOURI STATE FAIR

All State Fair exhibits are due in the Extension Office by noon on Friday, August 7. Exhibits can be picked up on Tuesday, August 25 and Wednesday, August 26. Items remaining after that date may be disposed of at the discretion of the office.

When bringing items, please leave Lafayette County Fair tags on, but take off the ribbons.

CLOVER KIDS DAY AT THE MISSOURI STATE FAIR

Sunday, August 16
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
A special day for Clover Kids (youth ages 5-7) in the 4-H building in Sedalia on August 16. All 4-H Clover Kids and their families are invited to attend this event.

Clover Kids can:
- Display an item they have made
- Receive a State Fair participation ribbon
- Give a demonstration
- Participate in arts/crafts, science and other fun learning activities
- See cool 4-H stuff displayed in the building

All you have to do is show up, no registration is needed. Don’t miss out on the fun!

YOUTH SERVICE TO COMMUNITIES FORMS DUE TO EXTENSION OFFICE BY AUGUST 20

The form (LG760) can be found in the Clover (pages 71-72) or on the web as a fillable PDF at http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/service/docs/LG760FILL.pdf.

Please send all forms to the Extension Office by August 20 and we will forward them to the state 4-H office. The form found in the Clover instructs clubs to send their forms directly to the state office. Ignore those instructions.
All Award applications are due no later than Thursday, September 10 at the 4-H Council meeting.

Forms are available from the office or click on “4-H” at http://www.extension.missouri.edu/lafayette

Member Completion Recognition – Members completing the 4-H year (Minimum requirement is attending at least one half of the club meetings and completion of one project) receive a membership pin. At the Sept. 4-H Council meeting the club leader turns in a list of members who have completed the year.

4-H Project Application Award – Members age 8 to 18 may submit an application for each project they complete. Members who complete this form are invited to attend the Recognition Event.
• Ribbon 1st year in project and completing form
• Ribbon 2nd year enrolled in the same project and completing form
• Project Pin 3rd year enrolled in the same project and completing form

We recommend that members place project applications in a folder and add each year’s application on top of the previous years.

Missouri 4-H Recognition Form (MRF) – 4-H members at all three levels (8-10), (11-13) and 14 and over may compete for this award. A cash award is presented to the top application in each age division. Records compete at the Regional and State level for state recognition, scholarships and trips to National 4-H Congress. Please include only this year’s MRF in a folder.

Community Service Log – Clubs complete the Communities form (LG760) found at the back of The Clover or at http://www.extension.missouri.edu/lafayette
All clubs completing will receive a Community Service Award at the Recognition Banquet. This is due at the August 20 4-H Leader Round-Up.

Clover Kid Award – Clover Kid members complete the Clover Kid Award Application (parents may help). Those completing the form are invited to the Recognition Event and receive a special Clover Kid Ribbon.

First Year Member Award – A cash award is presented to one boy first year member and one girl first year member and is based on the First Year Member Application. No limit to club nominations.

Young Teen Award – For teens, age 12-15. Awards will be determined by the score sheet. Awards will be presented to a boy and a girl. Recipients receive a cash award and a certificate. A club may submit as many nominees as they wish.

Junior Leader Pin – 4-H members age 14 and over who serve as Junior Leaders submit Leadership Plan Part I to the office at the March 4-H Council Meeting. They keep a copy of this plan and complete Part II and turn in at the September 4-H Council meeting. They will receive a Jr Leader Pin.

I Dare You Award – This award is presented to two outstanding members, age 15 or older, who excel in 4-H, leadership, academics, school and community. A 4-H leader nominates the 4-H member. The application may be completed by the leader or the member and signed by the leader. Winners are presented the book, I Dare You and a certificate.

4-H Clover Awards – 4-H project and club leaders are recognized for their years of service. A certificate is presented to First Year Leaders. Leaders receive a pin at the Recognition Event after each five-year increment of service. At the September 4-H Council meeting the club leader turns in a list of leaders and their years of service.

4-H Club Scrapbook Award – Each club may enter their scrapbook, a record of their 4-H activities for the past year. Books will be on display at the Recognition Event. The top scrapbook committee receives 4-H scrapbooking materials.

Friend of 4-H Award – Each club may nominate an individual, business or organization as a Friend of 4-H. The 4-H Council covers this cost. If a club wants to give more than one award the club will be billed. Clubs should invite their recipient to the 4-H Recognition Event and a member from the 4-H club presents the award.

Club Seals of Achievement – Clubs wishing to apply for a Seal of Achievement should submit the application. Seals of Achievement are awarded at the Recognition Event.

Outstanding Secretary – Secretaries who complete the book and submit it by the due date will be invited to the County Recognition Event. The Outstanding Secretary will be awarded Lafayette County 4-H gear. Secretaries who attend the Recognition Event will be recognized.

Outstanding Treasurer’s Book – Clubs must complete and submit this book to complete the year and get re-enrollment materials. All treasurers who complete the book and submit it by the deadline date will be invited to attend the Recognition Event. The Outstanding Treasurer will receive Lafayette County 4-H gear.

•4-H Key Award – A top State award. Club is not limited in the number of members who may apply. Members must be 14-18 years old on Dec. 31 of the program year, have been a 4-H member for one year and worked with an adult mentor (not their parent or guardian) Complete the application process and submit NO LATER THAT AUGUST 20. Application is available at http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/awards/personalgoals.htm#key
August
7 State Fair Exhibits due at the Extension Office by noon
13-23 Missouri State Fair
20 4-H Leader Round Up 7:00 p.m. Extension Office, Higginsville
25-26 Pick up State Fair Exhibits at the Extension Office - no premium money will be awarded on State Fair exhibits

September
7 Labor Day—Office is closed
10 4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 pm Extension Office
19 State Fashion Review, Columbia
19-20 State Shooting Sports, Columbia
30 End of 4-H Year

October
1 Begin the new 4-H Year
4-11 National 4-H Week
11 4-H Recognition Banquet Program, American Legion Hall, Higginsville
15 4-H Council, 7:00 pm, Extension Center
24 State Public Speaking Contest

TIME TO THINK ABOUT RE-ENROLLMENT!
Our current 4-H year ends August 31 and we will begin new enrollments and re-enrollments on October 1. Yes, we are missing a month in there! 2016 enrollment will begin October 1. Enrollment materials will be distributed at the Aug. 20 Leader Round Up.

Lafayette County 4-H Dues
As of Jan. 1, 2015 Lafayette County 4-H dues are $25.00.
Of this $25.00, $20.00 will go to the state and $5.00 to remain in the county.

_Lafayette County 4-H/FFA Fair the best ever._
_The Extension Office_
_Judy & Kathy_