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**Lafayette County 4-H Fun Day**

**Sunday, February 22, 2015 2:00-5:00 p.m.**

Warrensburg Community Center, 445 E. Gay Street, Warrensburg, MO

You can swim, play basketball, play bingo and board games, eat pizza and cookies, meet 4-H members and friends from all over the county and have a terrific afternoon. We will plan to eat about 4:15 so you will have more time to swim!

**Cost:** $2.50 per person or 3 canned items
$x10.00$ per family (parents also pay) or 12 canned items
Each family is asked to bring one of the following:

- Last name beginning with A-H 1-2 liter bottle of soda, lemonade, tea
- Last name beginning with I-P Vegetable tray or fruit tray
- Last name beginning with Q-Z Dessert
- Door prizes!!

Listen to KMZU 100.7 FM radio for weather cancellations.

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Lafayette County Happenings

ROBOTICS – LAFAYETTE COUNTY UPCOMING EVENTS

- **PARENT MEETING**  Tuesday, Feb 17 6:00 pm  Short meeting for parents at Higginsville High School Library
- **FIELD TRIP**  Thursday, February 26th, 4:00-5:00 pm  Field trip to Ecircuits, Blue Springs, ecircuitsusa.com
  Please email, text, or call Joan to discuss whether you can bring your child or need a ride for them.
- **MU Robotics Challenge**, Columbia Sat, April 11th, 9-3: Please let Joan know if you can take your child! We have had fun the last 2 years attending as teams and meeting new people!

IMPORTANT SHOOTING SPORTS DATES

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...Allison Bertz and Abby Bertz who were selected to compete for Regional Representative to the State 4-H Council. This will take place at State 4-H Congress, June 3 to 5 at the University of Missouri in Columbia. If you are 14 and older, sign up for State Congress and go and support them!! Let’s have a Lafayette County Showing!

...Corbin Bell whose MRF (Missouri Report Form) will advance to the state level after interviews at the Regional Energizer. Good luck Corbin!

...Josiah Vogelsmeier, Andrew Haase, Lane Borchers, Abby Haase, Lane Meyers, and Annika Riekhof for their great leadership at the Robotics workshops at the Regional Energizer on Saturday, Jan. 24.

...Corbin Bell and Rebecca Butters who were workshop presenters at the Regional Energizer. Way to go!

...Dalton Bargfrede for sharing his entomology box with the Clover Kids at the Regional Energizer.

CLOVER KID CORNER

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

101 Things Friends Do...

**What you need:** Paper  Markers  Poster Board

**What you do:**
Divide the group into smaller working groups. Tell them that they are going to come up with as many things that friends do as possible, because the entire group has to come up with 101 things. Give them a few minutes to come up with ideas and then share them with the big group – keeping track on the poster.
**LAFAYETTE COUNTY BEEF STEER/MARKET HEIFER WEIGH-IN**

Sunday, March 1 at Concordia Vet. Clinic, Concordia. Time to be announced in next month’s newsletter. Please enter from the south.

- All steers/market heifers to be exhibited at the Lafayette County 4-H/FFA Fair are required to weigh in and be identified with a Lafayette County ear tag. Your steer/market heifer must be identified with a Lafayette County tag to show at the Lafayette County 4-H/FFA Fair. If a tag is lost, contact the Extension office.
- Animals (steers and market heifers) to be exhibited at the Missouri State Fair need to be nose printed.
- Members may register for “Bred and Owned” at the Weigh-In.

**2015 MISSOURI PORK EXPO AND IN THE SHOW RING**

The 2015 Missouri Pork Expo and In the Show Ring are rapidly approaching and is set for February 10-11, 2015. Those attending also receive Show Me Quality Assurance certification/recertification. Pre-register, as it will make registration at the event much smoother and quicker.

All information can be found on the website [http://www.mopork.com/events_missouriporkexpo.asp](http://www.mopork.com/events_missouriporkexpo.asp) Click on the Register Now button to register and pay (if necessary) online.

**MISSOURI YOUTH GRADING AND JUDGING CONTEST AND CLINIC**

March 7, 2015  Sponsored by the University of Missouri Division of Animal Sciences

Held at Trowbridge, University of Missouri Columbia.

Open to all youth. Individual and team competitions. No limit to the number of teams. Four members per team.

The judging and Grading Clinic teaches how to evaluate live animals by applying USDA grade standards.

Website: [http://animalsciences.missouri.edu/gradingclinic/](http://animalsciences.missouri.edu/gradingclinic/)

**STATE HORSE JUDGING CLINIC**

Open to all 4-Hers. The Horse Judging Clinic takes place at Trowbridge Livestock Center on March 14. There is no limit on the number of members a county may pre-enter in the clinic; however, youth must pre-enter. Cost is $5 per individual and no fee for parents or leaders. Lunch for youth paid participants will be provided.

Check in for pre-entered youth begins at 9 a.m. The Judging Clinic begins at 9:30 a.m. with a 30 minute break for lunch about noon and ending by 1:30 p.m. Youth will have “how to” instruction in the morning and give 1 set of reasons after lunch. Pre-entered youth will receive an information letter with maps, details, etc.

**STATE HORSE JUDGING CONTEST**

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015, 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, 2015) and senior teams (ages 14-18 as of Jan. 1, 2015) comprised of no more than 4 members and no less than 3 members. Entry registrations are due to the Extension Office by Friday, February 7, 2014. There is a $15 per person entry fee. For more information, contact the Extension Office.

**CHANGES IN STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK RULES FOR STATE FAIR 2015**

There have been some significant changes especially in the beef area. Go to [http://www.mostatefair.com/premium-guide](http://www.mostatefair.com/premium-guide) under updates to the rules and regulations to preview these changes.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**MISSOURI STATE FAIR**

**AUGUST 13-23, 2015**
## February

10  4-H/FFA Fair Board, 6:30 p.m., Higginsville
16  President’s Day, Office Closed
22  Lafayette County 4-H Fun Day, Warrensburg Community Center 2:00-5:00 p.m.
26  Extension Council Annual Meeting

## March

1    Deadline for application for hosting in-bound student from Japan, Finland and Costa Rica for summer or school year program
1    Beef Steer Weigh-In, Concordia Vet Clinic, Time to be Announced
7    Livestock Judging and Grading Contest/Workshop, UMC, Columbia (See article inside)
14   4-H Horse Judging Clinic and Contest, Trowbridge Livestock Center, Columbia, MO
19   **4-H Council  7:00 p.m. Extension Center, Higginsville**
20   Scholarship Applications due in the Office
28-29 State Teen Conference, Columbia

### MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI

It’s time for 4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE)! Enrollment for new and re-enrollment for current MOVErs begins January 1, 2015. MOVE promotes physical activity and encourages youths to engage in a range of activities like walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more.

Using a paper tracking system youths and their families can “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year and during the competitive part of the MOVE program from February 1 – April 30. 4-Hers can enroll as individuals and/or as part of a team. An individual MOVEr may also be a 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.