Lafayette County 4-H Happenings

4-H COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, September 11, 2014
Extension Center, Higginsville 7:00 p.m.
Who: New and Returning 4-H Club Leaders, new Council representatives and club presidents, candidates for council officers
Agenda to include:
- Election of officers
- Final date for all reports and year-end applications
- Review of enrollment materials, yearly calendar
- Recognition Banquet Plans
- Preview of 4-H on-line enrollment

LAFAYETTE COUNTY 4-H/FFA FAIR WRAP-UP
- Achievement Day 54 Demonstrations, 59 Judging Contest Participants, 15 Public Speaking Entries, 9 Fashion Review Participants
- Clover Kid Pet Show 19 Entries
- Cured Hams 26 Entries
- Rocket Shoot 61 Entries
- Shooting Sports 90 Entries
- Building Exhibits 1516 Exhibits
- Livestock 59 Beef, 10 Dairy, 5 Cats, 24 Dogs, 243 Horse class entries, 47 Poultry, 60 Goats, 45 Rabbits, 23 Sheep, 74 Swine
- Total auction sales $91,836.50

4-H DOG AGILITY OPEN HOUSE
Have you ever wanted to do more with your canine companion? The Lafayette County 4-H Dog Agility Group invites you to an Open House to check out the fun you and your furry friend can do together in 4-H! We will have all of our professional agility equipment set up for your dog to try their “paw” at! We will also be serving lunch and answering all of your questions regarding 4-H Dog Obedience and Agility. We will meet outside the 4-H Barn in Higginsville (inside the barn if it rains) on Saturday, September 20 from 11-2 p.m. Please plan to attend especially if you are thinking about taking Dogs as a project this year. If you have any questions, please call Stephanie at 816-739-5351

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER WORKSHOP
October 3-5, 2014 Blue Mountain Camp, Ironton/Fredericktown
Registration is due no later than September 15, but don’t wait. The workshops fill early, so send in registration as quickly as possible. Details and registration form is available on the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports website:
http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm

2014 STATE SHOOTING TEAM TRY-OUT INFO
Try outs for the 2015 state shooting teams began in August for Shotgun and others will be held in September or October. Each team will have a unique system to make the team, so read the details and submit pre-registration forms in a timely manner. Those selected to one of the nine state shooting teams will represent Missouri at the 4-H Shooting Sports National Invitational in Grand Island, NE, June 21-25. Details and pre-registration form is available on the 4-H Shooting Sports website:
http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm
GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR AG YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS
Applications must be postmarked by Dec. 1, 2014.

The Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA) reminds Missouri 4-H and FFA chapters to submit proposals for Building Our American Communities (BOAC) Grant Program to fund their community service projects.

Projects may include improvements to existing facilities, grounds or buildings used by local organizations in the applicant’s community. BOAC Grants to Missouri 4-H Clubs and FFA chapters of up to $500 are available to support projects that benefit an agricultural community and/or promote community development. Up to 12 $500 4-H BOAC grants and 12 $500 FFA BOAC grants are awarded annually, two in each of the six districts. For the application go to:
http://agriculture.mo.gov/connect/youth/boac.php

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

Exploring Fabric
What you need:
MANY DIFFERENT types of fabric. Try to get some burlap, silk, cotton, satin, corduroy, etc.

What you do:
Allow the children to “explore the fabric” by using their senses.
Let them smell, see, feel, etc. the difference in fabric types. After they have explored the fabric, let them guess what each type is by only using their sense of smell or feel. What type of fabric do you think would be hot? What would keep you warm?

MISSOURI CATTLEMEN’S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship program is available to all high school seniors and current college students. Applicants or their parent must be a member of MJCA or MCA. Applications are due September 30 to MCF. Go to http://www.mocattle.com/ for the application.
4-H Member Enrollment 2014-2015

All member enrollments will be completed on-line this year. The system will not be available until after October 1. Here’s how to get ready!

Members:
- Club leaders will distribute enrollment forms that include the member name, correct address and the number of 4-H years they have completed. Fill in your project choices. Use the Clover magazine to identify the name and number of the projects you wish to take.
- Bring this form with you to your October club meeting along with information for completing a health form (insurance information, medicines taken, allergies, emergency contact information). This will also be done on-line.
- October meetings will be scheduled at places that have Wi-Fi access or a computer lab. Use the information from your enrollment form to complete your on-line enrollment.
- If you do not have internet access/computer to complete the enrollment, we will work with you and your club leader to make enrollment possible.
- **YOU WILL NOT BE OFFICIALLY ENROLLED UNTIL YOU COMPLETE THE ON-LINE ENROLLMENT.**
- Dues are to be paid at your October meeting.

  Until December 31 County dues —$14.00  
  After January 1 County dues— $25.00

4-H Volunteer Enrollment 2014-2015

All leader enrollments will be completed both on paper and on-line this year. The system will not be available until after October 1. Here’s how to get ready!

Leaders:
- Leaders must complete a new form each year in order to be a certified leader and eligible to work with the 4-H program.
- Club leaders will have enrollment forms at your September 4-H meeting that have the volunteers name, correct address and the number of years they have been recognized volunteers.
- Complete that form and bring it with you to the October meeting. The Volunteer Leader Form must be completed and SIGNED.
- Enroll on-line in the 4-H Online system.
- **YOU WILL NOT BE OFFICIALLY ENROLLED UNTIL YOU COMPLETE THE ON-LINE ENROLLMENT AND YOU COMPLETE THE PAPER FORM.**

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

All 4-H volunteers must complete one time in their 4-H career.

You can complete the training:
- **In person.** There will be an Orientation in December, date and location TBA
- **On a CD which you can get from the Extension Office.** You still need to connect to the internet to complete the required quiz to receive credit for completing the orientation training or you can complete a paper quiz.
- **A paper copy is also available from the Extension Office.**

TOP TEN REASONS TO JOIN 4-H!

1. Meet new friends  
2. Explore new things  
3. Work as a group  
4. Develop self confidence and self-esteem  
5. Be involved in your community  
6. Develop responsibility and accountability  
7. Be an entrepreneur  
8. Become a leader  
9. Cultivate public speaking skills  
10. FUN! FUN! FUN!
September
1  Begin the new 4-H Year
1  Labor Day—Office is closed
6  State Horse Demonstrations and Public Speaking - Columbia
11 4-H Council  7:00 pm, Extension Center, Higginsville
13  State Fashion Review – Columbia
20 4-H Dog Agility Open House 11:00-2:00 4-H Barn, Higginsville
20-21  State Shooting Sports Contest – Columbia

October
4  State Public Speaking Contest - Columbia
5-12 National 4-H Week
5  National 4-H Sunday
12 4-H Recognition Banquet Program,
    American Legion Hall, Higginsville
13  Columbus Day, Office Closed
16 4-H Council, 7:00 pm, Extension Center
31  Halloween!!

All applications, end-of year reports, nominations, Club Scrapbooks, Secretary’s books and Treasurer’s books are due no later than Thursday, September 11.

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Don’t forget!