Dear 4-H Families:

For those of you who are new, the newsletter will contain dates of upcoming events, important deadlines, and information on regional and state events. If you have questions, please call or email. I also post a lot of information on the Greene and Lawrence County 4-H Facebook pages, so if that is more your style look for it there as well!

This past week, I had the opportunity to introduce two Greene County 4-H members, AB Burkhart and Lora Wright, to all those in attendance at the Greene County Extension Annual Meeting. AB and Lora were the featured speakers that evening, and they shared a bit about their 4-H experiences and what 4-H has meant to them.

While that may seem just like a nice, feel good evening, the story we all tell about 4-H has more power than you realize. Right now in other states, especially in Pennsylvania and Illinois, 4-H and FFA are being targeted by state legislators for elimination. By sharing the impact 4-H has on you, your family and your future, you show stakeholders and funders how important this program really is. 4-H teaches incredible life skills. 4-H teaches us all to be more caring, and to give back to our communities. 4-H helps us all develop confidence by enhancing skills. And 4-H helps develop skills that are important to our future in the workforce, so that we are capable and competent.

There are lots of events and opportunities coming up in the next few months that can help enhance your 4-H experience. See details in this newsletter about the RATT trip, Dairy Cow Camp, state events and more.

As always, if you have questions about anything, please don’t hesitate to call, text or email. My goal is to help each and every member and volunteer be successful in the 4-H program.

Karla Deaver
4-H Youth Specialist
**4-H Foundation Scholarships**

College is expensive but 4-H can help! 4-H participation and involvement leads young people to explore various careers and educational options. The Missouri 4-H Foundation offers college scholarships that help 4-H members pursue their educational dreams.

In 2016 thanks to generous donor support, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer approximately 54 college scholarships ($500 - $2,500/scholarship). 4-Hers who are current high school seniors and former 4-Hers who are college students are eligible to apply. The scholarship guidelines and application is available on the Missouri 4-H website at [http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition/](http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition/). Check with your local Extension office for the local application due date. Applications are due in the State 4-H Office by April 1, 2016.

Check out the list of scholarships on the 4-H scholarship website and apply! The scholarship application format is almost identical to the 4-H Missouri Recognition Form (MRF) format. If you complete the MRF form, you’ve completed most of the narrative for the scholarship application, too.

**State 4-H Congress Registration Now Open**

**June 1-3, 2016**

**Registration through 4-H Online**

Registration fee: $225

Congress is designed for Missouri 4-Her’s ages 14-19. The Missouri State 4-H Council plans and implements the event that is held on the University of Missouri campus.

What you’ll do at State 4-H Congress

- Learn the life skills of a super leader, connecting with experts in quality workshops & learning opportunities!
- Experience campus living — residence halls, cafeterias, classrooms, you name it!
- Get to know other 4-H youth from across Missouri...and HAVE FUN!
- Elect your representatives on the State 4-H Council!

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**RATT Trip Plans Finalized**

This year’s RATT (Regional Action-Packed Trip for Teens) is an exciting collaboration with Missouri State University Collegiate 4-H! Set for April 8-9, 2016, it’s a RATT lock-in! You can choose to participate Friday night only, Saturday only, or stay for both! We will be doing workshops, tours, and lots of games and fun! See the registration flyer for more details. Give us a call if you have questions, and we hope to see you there!

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**Summers@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 you should be this summer. Camps will be offered the week of July 17-21 and July 24-28.

Summers@Mizzou offers seven different camps: Scrub-In to a Health Career, Build-a-Business, Dog Days of Summer, SENSEible Science: Dyeing to do Chemistry!, The Arts and a Portal to Science, Network Forensics for Hacker Trackers 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 the registration information for the age range of each camp.

Early registration is due by May 6. For registration and available scholarships see [http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers](http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers). For those without internet access call your local Extension Office or Teresa Bishop at 573-884-0554 for a brochure.
4-H Western Heritage & Cowboy Shooting Leader Training
April 22 – 24, 2016 at the Polk Co. Fairgrounds in Bolivar, Mo.

Workshop begins at 10:00 a.m. Friday.

The 4-H Western Heritage Project is a different kind of 4-H Shooting Sports. It combines a study of the Old West with cowboy action shooting. The project provides an avenue for 4-H members and adult leaders to experience the lifestyles and cultures of the American frontier during the period of 1860-1900 through a living history approach to learning while instilling the concepts of gun safety and personal responsibility.

No current county program? You must recruit a team of volunteers to attend the workshop. On-going programs may send a single individual (or more).

Registration opens March 1 in 4HOnline and will close April 15 - or when workshop is full.

Fee: $60 – includes curriculum notebook, resource book, member’s activity book, ammunition used and 3 noon meals. Does not include evening meals. Does not include lodging.

Missouri 4-H Western Heritage “Sampler” State Event
Sunday, April 24 at the Polk Co. Fairgrounds in Bolivar, MO

Missouri is again hosting the national Western Heritage & Invitational Cowboy Shoot in Branson, MO, August 1-4; which makes it difficult to host a state only event. Therefore; we will conduct an abbreviated “sampler state event” for Missouri 4-Hers. This will allow our new WH project members & leaders an opportunity to experience competition prior to the national event; and will give our experienced members a “warm up” event. More information and details will follow as developed; so visit the webpage frequently. http://4h.missouri.edu/shooting-sports-events/western-heritage

Southwest MO 4-H Camp Schedule
Theme: Hawaii Down on the Farm

June 11-12  Alumni Camp
June 12-15  Member Camp 1, Ages 8-12
June 15-18  Member Camp 2
June 18-19  Clover Kids Camp
June 19-23  Teen Camp, Ages 13 and over

Watch next month’s newsletter for details!

Move Across Missouri 2016
4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE) is back for 2016! And, youth and adults can register for it on 4HOnline!! Enrollment for new and re-enrollment for current MOVErs began January 1, 2016. MOVE promotes physical activity and encourages youth to engage in a broad range of activities such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more.

There is no pre-registration required this year. Just enroll in the Move Across Missouri (MOVE) project (HF775) in 4HOnline in your profile. Enrollment in 4-H MOVE does not count as a part of county limits on projects.

Using a paper tracking system found on the 4-H website at: http://4h.missouri.edu/4hmove/moveinfo you can “log” the number of minutes accumulated throughout the year and during the competitive component of the MOVE program (scroll to the bottom of the website page and click “My Move Activity Log”. Record keeping through the paper tracking system is important because the competition period will be from February 1 to April 30. 4-Hers and adults can register for the competitive event 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. Youth and families will submit their total number of minutes logged throughout the competitive period at the end in 4HOnline. The final reporting take place inside of a no cost event registration that will only be open at the end of the competition period from April 30 and May 14. MOVE awards will be provided.

For more information about 4-H MOVE visit - http://4h.missouri.edu/4hmove/main.

Dairy Cow Camp Registration Now Open

Missouri 4-H Dairy Cow Camp is scheduled for May 25-27, 2016, and registration is now open. You can find the registration brochure on the Lawrence County website at http://extension.missouri.edu/lawrence or it is also posted in 4-H Online.

Camp fee is $90 for current Missouri 4-H members. For more information, contact Karla Deaver at 417-466-3102 or deaverk@missouri.edu.
Don’t forget to “like” us on Facebook! We post lots of updates, deadlines, and photos as well as 4-H news! You can find Lawrence County 4-H here: https://www.facebook.com/LawrenceCounty4H

Greene County 4-H can be found here: https://www.facebook.com/greenecountymo4h

The Lucky Charms 4-H group met on Feb. 16 at 6:30. We had a total of 11 members and 6 adults. During this meeting, we discussed officers, along with upcoming events. We also discussed having a project meeting in order to ask for help if needed. Our next meeting is scheduled for Mar. 8 at 6:30, feel free to pop in any time.

Save the Date

Film Fest—July 31—August 3
State Trap & Archery Shoot—August 27-28
State Horse Public Speaking & Demo Contest—August 27
State Public Speaking Contest—September 10
State Livestock Judging Contest—September 10
September State Shoot—September 24-25

MU’s Parent’s Weekend

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Clover Kids Corner

Through Clover Kids clubs, children learn how to get along, share, and work in groups, explore their interests, and build self-confidence. Each Clover Kids Corner provides an activity, information or other materials that Clover Kids leaders can use in planning and implementing experiences that introduce five to seven-year olds to the 4-H concept of learning by doing.

Making a Kazoo

**What you need:**
- Empty toilet paper rolls
- Rubber bands
- Wax paper
- Markers
- Gummed stars

**What you do:**
Show the children how to assemble their own kazoos by folding the waxed paper several times so that it covers the end of the paper roll. Rubber band it in place. Encourage the children to decorate their kazoos with the markers and stars. To test the kazoos, place the end of the roll lightly to your mouth and sing or hum. The vibration of the layers of waxed paper should make your kazoos sound great!