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!

Our busiest time of year is coming up, and I am super excited about all the activities we have planned for you! We start getting very busy the end of May, and June is packed with all kinds of fun! Fairs, camps, achievement days, are all on the schedule. Read over this month’s newsletter for all the details.

Project meetings are in full swing, and youth fair is just around the corner. If you have specific questions about exhibit guidelines, you can find the 2016 exhibit rules here: http://extension.missouri.edu/lawrence/documents/2016%20OEF%20Guidelines.pdf.

Registration deadlines for State 4-H Congress and Dairy Cow Camp are April 15. Register for Congress through 4-H Online. The registration form for Dairy Cow camp can be found here: http://extension.missouri.edu/lawrence/documents/cowcamp%20regist%202016.pdf.

Are you planning to exhibit at the Ozark Empire Fair Gold Buckle Gala? Steer DNA kits must be submitted by April 15 and goats, sheep and swine are due May 16. You may pick up the free kits at the fair office in Springfield. Regular fair entries will be open on May 1 and are due June 15.

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
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. 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. 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.

State 4-H Congress Registration Now Open

June 1-3, 2016

Registration through 4-H Online
Registration closes April 15
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!

Register today, don’t miss out~!

Summer@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 24-28th.

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. For those without internet access call your local Extension Office or Teresa Bishop at 573-884-0554 for a brochure.

4-H Rabbit Workshop

Presented by Jon Herbert, Lawrence County 4-H Member

When: Saturday, May 7, 10 am to noon
What: A basic, hands-on rabbit workshop for beginners
• Showmanship tips
• Selection
• Best Breeds for your Project
Where: Lawrence County Extension Office
1 Courthouse Square, Mt. Vernon
Who: Anyone who wants to know more about Showing rabbits in 4-H

Pre-registration is requested so that materials can be prepared. Please call the Lawrence County Extension office 417-466-8102 or email denverk@mizzou.edu

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Camp T-Shirt Design Contest

Do you have a great idea for a t-shirt design for this year’s camp? Camp t-shirt designs are being accepted now through May 1. Your design ideas might end up on this year’s shirts! This year our shirts will be one of our craft projects. We will tie-dye them, so the design will be an outline. Keep that in mind when you are getting creative! Submit your ideas to Karla Deaver at deaverk@missouri.edu or mail them to P.O.Box 388, Mt. Vernon, MO 65712.

Calling All Camp Counselors

If you are one of those people who loves camp and loves helping younger kids, then we have just the job for you! Applications are now being accepted to serve as a camp counselor. Look for the application in 4-H Online or on the Lawrence County Extension web page. The link is also included with the newsletter.

Camp Registration Now Open

You have waited all year, now the time has come to register for 4-H camp! This year’s theme is Hawaii with an agriculture twist. Lots of fun activities are planned, and of course we will continue our camp traditions. There will be hiking, fishing, and swimming, as well as campfire and singing! The registration forms are located in 4-H online as well as on the Lawrence County Extension website.

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. Registration deadline is April 15, so get yours in today!

4-H Grow True Leaders Campaign

National 4-H Council is launching Grow True Leaders, a campaign to empower youth with the opportunity to share their voice and show that their skills are making a difference in their communities.

The first call to action — Shout — will start on April 11. We are asking all 4-H members, staff, volunteers and families to help raise the visibility of 4-H by posting “Shout Outs” on your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and websites using the hashtags #TrueLeaders and #4HGrowsHere.

This is your chance to shout out and recognize the 4-H members, volunteers and alumni in your county who are true leaders!

4-H Canine Camp

This camp is designed for the dog lovers at heart. Bring your dog to camp and be ready to train it to greater heights all while enjoying the camp traditions such as swimming, canoeing and campfire.

When: June 16-18
Where: Camp Clover Point at Lake of the Ozarks State Park
For: Campers ages 10-18 -- Kids and dogs at all levels of skill are welcome!
Register at https://mo.4honline.com; 30 spots available, registration open NOW!
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

On Monday March 21st the Miller Champs 4-H club replaced it’s regular meeting with a special demonstration meeting. Each member gave a 2-5 minute demonstration or illustrated talk on any subject they wanted.

We also had a Mexican food potluck dinner. Afterwards we had a short executive meeting to discuss possible fundraising events.

Submitted by Athena Cooper, Reporter

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
- State Fashion Revue—October 8

MU Home Game this weekend
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MU’s Parent’s Weekend

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.

Reusable Tote Bag
Decorate a canvas tote for parents to use at the grocery store in place of plastic bags. Be creative and help the environment!

What you need:
- Canvas tote bag
- Cookie Cutters
- Pencil
- Fabric paint

What you do:
1. Lay the canvas bag flat.
2. Place a cookie cutter on the fabric and draw around it.
3. Paint the cookie-cutter shapes with fabric paint and allow paint to dry.
4. Give to mom, dad or adult to use at the grocery store in place of plastic