Dear 4-H Families:

This issue finds us in the midst of county fairs and preparing for Ozark Empire Fair, Missouri State Fair and Regional Achievement Day. I want to take this opportunity to remind us all what achievement days and fairs are all about. The following is an article from the Greene County 4-H newsletter in 2006. Thanks to Byron Morrison and Becky Fay for this great information.

RAISING BLUE RIBBON 4-H’ERS

“The real purpose of 4-H is about rearing Blue Ribbon Kids. In 4-H we’ve had a long history of youth as well as adults striving to make their best better, not only for themselves but for others in the program as well. Whether the prop is a camera, a cow or a cookie, the ultimate goal is to help that young person become the best ‘person’ they can become. Four-H is for the kids. If their photo or calf or no bake cookies wins first place, that’s fine. If it doesn’t, that may be even better. With the help and encouragement of their parents, leaders and others the youngster with the red or white ribbon has the opportunity to grow and learn what they can excel at and what they aren’t as good in and they can decide in which areas they want to put their time and talents to work. For some the blue ribbon says, we know all we need to know. There is no reason to strive to do better. Fairs, shows and contests give everyone the opportunity to strive to do their best, to learn to cooperate as well as compete, to express their views and concerns and to get along with others in the process. Have you noticed how much like life a fair is? You come on the scene, you participate in some way, you have successes and not so successful experiences and then, it is over. The difference is, there will be another fair; another opportunity to participate. We only have this one life, are we making it a blue ribbon life for ourselves and those that follow after us? I hope you plan to enjoy the summer with your children and the many opportunities 4-H provides to share “Blue Ribbon” youth and adult learning experiences.”

We all like to be considered the winner, but winning comes in different forms for each of us. As adults we need to do our part to help our kids develop a winning attitude and sense of accomplishment, no matter what color the ribbon might be.

Helping you develop Blue Ribbon youth,

Karla Deaver
4-H Youth Specialist
4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE) promotes physical activity by encouraging youths and families to engage in physical activities they enjoy such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more.

Youth and their families can “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year. Sign up on the 4-H website at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/

Monthly MOVEment Activity
Youth, families, clubs, afterschool groups and others can have fun while being physically active.

Streamers!
Supplies: 36-inch streamers (made from ribbon, plastic, or crepe paper); music; music player
You can do this activity with any number of youth. Each player gets a streamer; arrange people in a scatter formation. Give youth these instructions:
--When the music starts, move the streamers using as many arm patterns as possible.
--Be creative and come up with your own routines.
--Keep moving while the music is playing.
Suggestions:
- form letters or write out words move at a low, medium and high speed
- move through legs, above head and above waist
- throw streamer in the air, catch it and keep moving
- make figure-8 shapes in front of your body
- make large and small circles on each side of body or above the head
Stop music periodically; move to new locations by skipping, jumping, hopping, or jogging.
Variations: Work with 2 or 3 streamers
- Work with a partner with several streamers
- Work with a partner to create a special movement or routine to share.

Best of the Best Awards
The Greene County 4-H Foundation is looking forward to presenting plaques to two outstanding 4-H members from select counties in SW Missouri. Those counties may select one member 12 and under and one 13 or older to be recognized. Entries are due September 1 to the Lawrence County Extension office, and may be emailed to deaverk@missouri.edu. The application may be found at: http://extension.missouri.edu/lawrence/documents/Best_of_the_Best_Award%20Applic%202013.pdf

The event is scheduled for: Sunday, September 15, doors will likely open at 2:00, awards program and pie auction begins at 3 pm, at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, Springfield. The “Cake Wars” contest for volunteer leaders and a decorated cake contest for members from Greene County may begin at 2:30. More information will be included in the August newsletter.

Ozark Empire Fair—Exhibit Schedule
Congratulations to all those who had an exhibit qualify for regional competition at Ozark Empire Fair. Exhibits must be in place on Tuesday, July 23 and will be judged on Wednesday, July 24.

Lawrence County—please bring your exhibits to the Lawrence County Extension office no later than 3 p.m. on Monday, July 22. If you have a non-perishable exhibit, it may be brought to the office any time. If the exhibit is perishable (baked goods, gardening exhibit, etc.) Monday the 22nd is the best time to bring them by. Achievement Day results are posted on our Lawrence County 4-H facebook page.

Greene County—Please bring your qualifying exhibit directly to the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds 4-H building on Tuesday, July 23, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. If you are not sure if your exhibit qualified, or have questions, please email deaverk@missouri.edu and I will check the results for you. Exhibits that qualified for both Ozark Empire Fair and Missouri State Fair will be retagged at OEF and prepared for MSF. If your exhibit qualified for MSF only, please plan to bring your Sunday, August 4, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Exhibits not going on to MSF may also be picked up at that time.

Regional Achievement Day is a great opportunity to practice your speech for State Public Speaking Contest, get some pointers on your demonstrations and fashion revue, and compete at the regional level in member judging and personal appearance. You will see lots of your friends from the region, and get to add another regional level activity to your report form! Qualifiers have been notified, but if you have not pre-registered, please do so by contacting Karla Deaver at deaverk@missouri.edu. Regional Teen Council will also have a meeting that day, and camp theme is one of the big things to be discussed. The event will be held Monday, July 15, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Springfield. All events begin at 9:00 a.m.

State Contests—Several state contests are scheduled for late August and September. If you qualified for one of these events at your county achievement day, you will need to register for the event. Here are the deadlines for the various contests and the dates of the events:
State Dairy Judging Contest—No pre-registration required
August 17
State 4-H Shooting Sports —County deadline July 15
August 24—Trap Shoot
August 24-25 -Archery
September 21-22—All other events
State Livestock Judging Contest—County Deadline July 26
September 7
State Horse Public Speaking & Demos—County Deadline 7/25
September 7
State Fashion Revue—County Deadline August 12
September 21
State Public Speaking Contest—County Deadline August 23
September 21
FILMFEST 2013

The third FilmFest 4H, a national film festival open to all 4-H members ages 11 and up is coming! FilmFest will be held in Branson, MO, from August 4-7, 2013. This event is sponsored by the National 4-H Communications and Expressive Arts Task Force, Missouri’s 4-H Center for Youth Development, and the City of Branson.

This event connects participants to professionals in the film industry and celebrates the work of the filmmakers. The event includes film screenings, industry-related tours, and workshops lead by professionals in the film industry who have been attached to projects the youth recognize.

The competition categories for 2013 include Narrative, Animation, Documentary, 4-H Promotional and Voices of 4-H History, a new 2013 category. This new category is being sponsored by the National 4-H Oral History Preservation Project, and creates new opportunities for 4-H filmmakers.

Film entries are due by July 15. Also new for 2013 is a 10-minute limit. Longer films may be submitted, but only the first ten minutes will be shown. Filmmakers should avoid scenes that involve youth pointing guns at each other, if possible. This will help give your films the widest possible exposure through 4-H channels, without creating unnecessary complications.

Below, please find information about a few of our FilmFest workshops.

**Picture Perfect: Making Your Film Look Professional Presenter: Denis Maloney**
Check the IMDB listing for veteran Hollywood cinematographer Denis Maloney's credits, and you'll find a whopping 84 titles listed, including more than 30 feature films. He shot 2000's The Contender, which garnered a couple of Oscar nominations. Denis' television work includes network movies for NBC, ABC, Fox and Disney. Denis will help you bring the best image possible to the screen. He'll talk about camera placement, angles, moving camera set-ups, selecting the correct lens, when to light and when not to, holding focus, depth of field and everything you need to know to turn your video into a visual masterpiece. You'll see clips of Denis' work that demonstrate these tricks of the trade. Here's a great chance to learn from a Hollywood cinematographer and visit with him one-on-one!

**The Masking of Monsters: Creating Special Effects Make-up for Film—Presenter: Jeff Lewis**
Star Trek fans everywhere have seen the work of six-time Emmy nominee Jeff Lewis. Deep Space Nine, Voyager and Enterprise are just a few of the productions Jeff has been involved with. Whether it's heading up the make-up department on films like Up in the Air, or doing special effects make-up for Buffy the Vampire Slayer and the Star Trek franchise, Jeff is a master of all things make-up. Look for more of his work in the upcoming spin-off of Paranormal Activity. Here's the rare opportunity to learn special effects make-up techniques from a Hollywood master. He'll show you the three main components of this highly-specialized trade: sculpting, make-up AND lab work. You'll see examples of how actors are transformed into Ferengi and Andorians, complete with moving antennae sprouting from their foreheads. If you have ideas for your next film that call for special effects make-up, or if you just want to know more about Star Trek, you don't want to miss this workshop!

**It's a Small World After All…Or Is It?: Making Movie Miniature Magic—Presenter: Wyatt Weed**
Wyatt Weed landed his first film job in 1986 on the St. Louis portion of the Taylor Hackford-directed Hall, Hall, Rock and Roll. He soon found himself working in Los Angeles on a variety of television shows and feature films, including Flight of the Intruder, Star Trek: The Next Generation, Star Trek: Voyager, Muppets from Space, Mission Impossible 2 and Red Planet.

Great special effects aren't always computer-generated. Good miniatures and models often substitute for the real thing, and if it's done well, you'll never know. Can you do it too? Sure! Especially since you'll learn from veteran art department guru Wyatt Weed, whose miniature work is on display in some of the best effects films and shows out there. Wyatt will show you how to create miniatures that look like the real thing, then demonstrate how perspective and camera angles can blend them seamlessly into your film. You'll get a big-budget look on just a miniature budget.

Youth interested in attending FilmFest 4-H should visit the event web site at 4h.missouri.edu/filmfest or contact Brad Anderson, Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development, andersonb@missouri.edu, 573-884-0576.

Pennell Elected State Council Secretary, Adams re-elected to Council

Lawrence County 4-H member Katie Pennell was elected Secretary of the 2013-2014 State 4-H Council at State Congress, held May 29 – 31 at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Joel Adams was elected as Southwest Region Representative to the State 4-H Council. Adams, the son of Ronnie and Janet Adams of Stotts City, begins serving his second term and Pennell, the daughter of Gary and KayLynn Pennell of Aurora, begins her final term on the council as a member of the executive committee.

Serving on State Council is an important responsibility and a great leadership opportunity, according to Karla Deaver, 4-H Youth Development Specialist. “This year Katie will have additional responsibilities on the executive committee, and will provide even more leadership on council,” Deaver said. “Both our members have served on council previously, so they will have more opportunities to practice leadership skills in their roles this year.”

State Council members meet several times per year, and plan annual events such as State Teen Conference and State Congress. Adams and Pennell are joined by Cady Littlefield and Greg Vangunda of Newton County and Anne Marie Anibal of Jasper County as representatives for the Southwest Region.
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.

Fun with Water

Invite children to play outside with water. Remind them to bring a swimsuit and towel!

Ideas include:
- Water balloon toss
- Water painting - provide paint brushes and water in a bucket. Encourage children to "paint" with the water and watch how the water evaporates in the warm sun. Paint rocks, trees, the sidewalk, anything!
- Car wash - children can bring and wash toy cars and vehicles
- Water sprinklers
- Spray bottles
- Frozen water - ice cubes are refreshing and feel good as they melt in your hands on a hot summer day!
- Watermelon - a fun snack after water play activities!

Check us out and Like us to get all the information on happenings in our world!
We will announce deadlines, upcoming events, and make other announcements here.
Find us at https://www.facebook.com/LawrenceCounty4H

Have an idea for camp theme next year? We will discuss that topic and others at the regional teen council meeting, to be held at Regional Achievement Day. Can’t attend? Email your suggestions, or post them on our county facebook page.