COUNTY INFORMATION

**Clover Kids Day Camp**
We’ve rustled up a few western games, activities and projects that are guaranteed to keep young cowgirls and cowboys entertained while at the Kids Korral July 25th at Shoemaker RV Park in Bevier from noon until 4:00. Romp through the Old West and dress up like a cowboy, appear on a WANTED poster, sift for gold, sack race, cattle drive, etc. At the end of the trail all the cowpokes will have a snack. If you have a clover kid that would like to attend the fee is just $10.00 and due to the Extension Office by July 20th with a name and phone number.

**Summer Social Activity**
July 25th at Shoemaker RV Park in Bevier from 2:00-4:00 there will be fun activities for 4-H members and their families to enjoy. Come out and join in. There will even be snacks.

**The Extension Office**
The new Extension Office mailing address is 404 North Missouri St., Suite B Macon, MO 63552

**Obtaining 4-H Staff Signatures**
Many registration forms including the State Fair entries require my signature. I cover three different counties and have state and regional responsibilities. So therefore I am not in the Macon County office everyday. Please make sure you do not wait until the last minute to get my signature as there is a very good chance I will not be in the office when you come in needing a signature on the due date. The Macon County Extension Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until noon and

MACON COUNTY TOWN & COUNTRY FAIR EXHIBITORS THANK YOU’S
If you receive a trophy, other prizes or sell an item at the auction during the Macon County Town & Country Fair, please send a thank you note to the sponsor or buyer.

**Fair T-Shirts**
If you ordered a fair t-shirt, they will be available for pick-up Monday evening, July 6th at the Expo Center.

**4-H Council Meeting**
The next 4-H Council meeting will be held September 1st at the Extension Office at 6:30 pm at 404 N Missouri St Suite A, Macon.

**Fair Board Meeting**
The next Fair Board meeting will be held July 5th at 3:30pm at the Macon County Park.

**Macon County Livestock Judging Team Tryouts**
This year if you would like to tryout for the County Livestock Judging teams you will need to attend the Livestock Judging contest that will be held at the County Fair on July 10th at 2:00 at the show arena. The teams will compete at the State 4-H contest in September.

**Photography Members**
If you are planning to take a photo exhibit to the county fair, it will need to be in an exhibit bag that fits the photo. The bag should not be oversized and folded as in the past. Both photo mats and fitted bags may be purchased at the Extension Office. Photo mats are $1.00 and bags are .50 each. Visit http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/SF2015photos.pdf for the full 2015 photography exhibit guidelines to help you with your photo mounting questions.

**2015 STATE FAIR 4-H BUILDING EXHIBITS**
Expo Center exhibits chosen at the county fair to be shown at the 2015 Missouri State Fair are due to the Extension Office by July 28th. Only 2 projects may be taken per member. No late exhibits accepted.

**County Fair Eligibility**
In order for a 4-H member to exhibit at the Macon County Town & Country Fair, he/she must attend at least half of their club meetings, complete at least 6 project hours per project with an enrolled 4-H Volunteer for that project and be SMQA qualified if taking a food animal project.

**Orschlens Discount Cards**
Orschlens is again offering the 10% discount to 4-H and FFA members on supplies purchased at their stores for 4-H and FFA projects. For a card stop by the Extension Office.
Missouri State Fair
The Missouri State Fair is August 13-23. The 4-H and FFA horse show will be July 30-Aug 2. The online Premium Guide is available. Entry forms for competitions can also be completed online and is now open. They need to be submitted before July 1st.

EXPO CENTER & FAIR GROUND SET-UP
Everyone is invited to help set up the Expo Center and grounds for the Fair on Sunday, July 5th at 5:00p.m. It should not take long with lots of help. Please try to make it. Just show up with a willing hand.

FAIR PROJECT TAGS
Project tags for items to be exhibited in the Expo Center and hams are ready for pick-up at the Extension Office. Please stop by and pick yours up.

Before you come to the fair please make sure these tags are attached to your project and completely filled out. Be sure to use the new project codes for Expo Center projects. Example AC311, Arts & Crafts.

Sewing Machines Available
If you are needing a sewing machine to work on 4-H projects, there are two available to borrow at the Extension Office. State fashion review in the sewing category, the winner receives a sewing machine to donate to their county program.

Attention Macon County Town & Country Fair Livestock Exhibitors
All breeding stock entered in specific breed classes must be registered with the appropriate breed association in the EXHIBITOR’S name and be owned by the exhibitor since the appropriate species ownership deadlines. Registration papers must accompany the exhibitor and animals to the fairgrounds. Animals that do not have registration papers will show in the crossbred or commercial classes. Species this will apply to include beef, swine, sheep and goats. The animal can be registered in the exhibitor’s name and the farm’s name or the exhibitor’s name and parents name, etc.

4-H Members That Cannot Be Present At Exhibit Day
If you cannot be at Exhibit Day call the Extension Office for more information about exhibiting your projects.

Thank Yous in Macon The News
Macon the News has sent us a price list of different ads available to 4-H members to put in Macon The News and The Maple Messenger as thank yous. They have many different options. See page 5 for more details and contact Chandra Grawe at Chandra@maconthenews.com to place the ad.

NOTE TO PARENTS OF CONFERENCE JUDGING PARTICIPANTS
Please note when you come with your child to the Expo Center for conference judging that it is important for parents to remain behind the coned area at all times. Parents please do not go with your child to the judge. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

2015 EXPO CENTER SECURITY SCHEDULE
During the 2015 Macon County Town & Country Fair, security for the Expo Center will be handled by the clubs. Please work with your club to make sure your club’s scheduled time is covered. Parents of the younger members need to help. Please do not leave the building until your relief has arrived. Be sure the building is locked up before you leave if you are the last shift. Club leaders contact the Extension Office by July 1st with the name and contact numbers for the workers for your club’s shift.

2015 FLYWHEEL CLEAN UP SCHEDULE
This will be a big fundraiser for the County 4-H Council, so we need all clubs to participate. The clean-up needs to be completed by 9:00 a.m. each morning. It is estimated that it will take about 2 hours to clean the grandstands (that is the only part of the fairgrounds we are responsible for cleaning). Please put the trash in the dumpster.

Macon County 4-H Cookbook
Get your cookbook for $12.00 at the Extension Office or by calling Kim Walker at 660-591-2681. Make check payable to Macon County 4-H Council.
More Photography Information

Do you think of ice-cream when someone mentions DQ? For State Fair 4-H building workers, it means disqualified. This cringe-worthy term is not fun for anyone - especially the youth whose 4-H exhibit is not displayed for thousands of fairgoers to admire. Check out the photos below then identify the reason(s) the items would be DQ'd. State Fair 4-H rules and photos are at http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/

Photo A would be disqualified since the photo is mounted on poster board.
Photo B would be disqualified because the backing is not a solid surface.
Photo C would be disqualified since the mat board exceeds the 8” x 10” size requirement.
Full photo display guidelines are at http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/photoguidelines.pdf
Including, but not limited to, the following:
1) Photos must be mounted on an 8” x 10” solid mounting surface.
2) The mounting surface should be mat board, in a color of the photographer’s choice.
3) Photographs must be 8” x 10” or smaller, with no more than four photos per mat board.
"Solid" (mounting surface) requires that there are no cutouts or other holes in the mat board, either around or behind the photo. Mount photos on the smoothest side of the mat board.

STATE AND REGIONAL INFORMATION

The 8th Annual Show-Me Wares booth is accepting applications for young entrepreneurs to sell their 4-H products and services at the Missouri State Fair for one day between August 13-16. Any member or group of up to three 4-H members representing a club-based venture, is eligible to apply to market or sell an original product or service. Participants do not need to be enrolled in entrepreneurship to participate. Upon selection, youth will sign up for a 4-hour time slot at the booth. Apply online through 4honline.com If you have questions, call the Extension Office.

Lewis County Invitational Shoot
The invitational shoot will be held August 1st at Deer Ridge Conservation area- Jenkin’s Shooting Ranges. Check in begins at 8:00am. Events will include: Archery– 300 round; Archery– FITA, Field, 3D combo; Hunting & Outdoor Skills; Muzzleloader; Small Bore Rifle; Air Pistol; Shotgun– Trap & 5– Stand). Pre registrations must be received by July 12th at the Lewis County Extension Office.

Upcoming Shows
For a show flyer, stop by the Extension Office.
Sullivan County 4-H & FFA Fair: July 8-11, all livestock and small animal shows are open to good standing 4-H and FFA members.
Cass County 4-H & FFA Area Horse Show: July 11th, North Park Arena Harrisonville at 9:00am. Entry Fees $3.00 per class.
Lewis County Open 4-H & FFA Horse Show: July 12th, Lewis County Fairgrounds, Lewistown. Registration 1:00 show at 2:00.
Clay County 4-H Horse Show: July 12th, Hidden Hollow Horse Arena, Kearney. Registration 8:30 show at 9:00. Entry fee the day of the event is $5.00 per class.
Atchison County Fair: July 27-August 1. Near Rock Port. Livestock shows are open to 4-H members.
Marion County 4-H & FFA Horse Show: July 28. Flower City Park Palmyra. Horses in place by 2:00 show at 3:00. Entry fee $15.00 for those that pre-register or $20.00 for those that do not pre-register.

4-H/FFA Horse Show Patterns for the MO State Fair
The Horse Show Patterns for the Missouri State Fair 4-H/FFA Horse Show are now available! You can find them at http://www.mostatefair.com/competitions/how-to-enter-premium-guide/4-hffa/.
Calendar

July
5-12 Macon County Town and County Fair
5 Expo & Fair Grounds Set up
5 Fair Board Meeting
8-11 Sullivan County Fair
11 Cass County 4-H/FFA Area Horse Show
10 Macon County Livestock Judging Team Tryouts
11 Macon County Show-Me Wares
12-16 Summers @ MIZZOU
12-16 Summers @ MIZZOU
19-22 2nd Annual MIZZOU Trap Academy
24-27 Flywheel Clean-up
25 Clover Kids Day Camp
25 Summer Social Activity
28 State Fair 4-H Building Exhibits due to Extension Office
30-Aug 2 State Fair Horse Show

August
13-23 Missouri State Fair
13-16 State Fair Show-Me Wares

September
1 4-H Council Meeting

What Does a Blue, Red and White Ribbon Mean?

The Danish system of judging is used in 4-H and at our county fair. Exhibits are evaluated against a standard that the judge feels is appropriate for the member's age and skill level. Recognition is given to the exhibitor by how close they come to meeting that standard in terms of exhibit quality and members knowledge in the project area.

The easiest way to explain the different ribbon colors is below.

Blue: A blue ribbon indicates the youth has excellence knowledge in the project area that meets or exceeds the standard.

Red: A red ribbon indicates the youth has some knowledge in the project area but does not quite meet the standard in mind.

White: A white ribbon indicates the member does not have much or no knowledge in the project area.

The quality of the exhibit itself is also used to determine ribbon color. A poster with wet glue and smudges will most likely be a white ribbon.

All judging begins with a red ribbon.

Over the past few years many blue ribbons have been awarded at Achievement Day and the Fair. This is just a friendly reminder to members, parents and leaders to not expect blue ribbons. There is nothing wrong with a red or white ribbon. The more you know about your project areas the better you will do. Members may start making fair exhibits, Achievement Day displays, demonstrations and speeches now.

Ten Principles For Parents Of Fair Exhibitors

THOU SHALT NOT feed, train, and care for the animal, for thou are trying to teach the child responsibility and discipline.

THOU SHALT forgive a child for making mistakes in the show ring, for thou hath made mistakes too.

THOU SHALT NOT get mad when thy child forgets items for the show box, for one day thou may forget the show box.

THOU SHALT help the show management, for they are doing job thou would not want to do.

THOU SHALT be sure that thy child is on time for all fair activities, for thou would not want to wait on another.

THOU SHALT be sure that thy child has projects ready and registration papers in order by the designated time.

THOU SHALT teach the child that winning a blue ribbon is a desirable goal, but making friends along the way is a more worthy goal.

THOU SHALT NOT complain about the judge, for it is his opinion that has been sought.

THOU SHALT remember that livestock projects are teaching projects, not necessarily money making projects.

THOU SHALT remember that 4-H is a family organization and shall be enjoyed by the entire family.

Clover Kids Corner

Through Clover Kids clubs, children learn how to get along, share, 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.

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Supplies: paper (index card works great for this); pencil or pen or marker; small bags (paper or plastic)

Directions: Make a list of items for youth to search. You can include leaves, flowers, pebbles, moss and other outdoor items. You can include insects and animals on the list but instruct them to check them off instead of taking them. Give them small bags and a time limit to go exploring. Teach them to recognize poisonous plants, such as poison ivy, mushrooms, and stinging nettle; tell them not to touch them. Have people share their favorite items with the group.