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Hillbilly Auction

August 22, 2009

Lewis County Fairgrounds

Sale will start at 11:00 a.m., taking consignments until 10:30 a.m.

Small animals and farm related equipment. No Hoofed animals!

Sponsored by: Oyster Prairie 4-H

Food & Drinks will be available.

If weather is hot, animals will be sold first.

Contact: Paul & Grace Bringer 573/655-4657



Farm Safety College

Our Farm Safety College is quickly coming upon us again! The date has been set for **Tuesday, September 15** from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Trowbridge Livestock Center. The classes we hope to be offered that day are in the areas of ATV, Electricity, Firearm Safety, Sun Safety, and an exceptional presentation about First Aid. The cost is \$2 per person with most of the proceeds going to help fund Collegiate Cattlemen's. If you are interested, send an email with the approximate number of participants to mofarmsafety@mocattle.com.

If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to call Katie Steen at 573-449-4923 or Dawn Shellabarger at 573-817-8681.



Camp Memories CD hot off the press!

If you went to 4-H Camp this past year—and even if you didn't, a CD containing about 20 minutes of highlights from each of the 2009 4-H Camps is now available! The cost is \$5 per copy. Contact the Marion County Extension Office to order yours! Make checks payable to "Marion County Extension".

A low-resolution version of the program will be available on the web in a month or so. It will be slow to download and you will probably have to tweak some security settings on your computer to be able to view it, (especially if you are using Windows XP or VISTA) but you will be able to find it by going through: <http://extension.missouri.edu/marion/4HCamp>.

2010 State Shooting Team Information

Try-out opportunities for the 2010 State Shooting Teams begin State Shoot weekend, September 19-20, 2009. Information has been updated to include the 6 Shotgun Team selection matches this fall and winter. Try-out opportunities for the following teams will take place: Compound Archery, Recurve Archery, Smallbore Rifle, Smallbore Pistol, Shotgun and Muzzleloading. A clinic will be conducted for those youth, parents, and leaders interested in the Hunting Skills team. Check out the website for more information at

<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm>.



North Central Region Volunteer Forum 2009 – Registration Booklet

The University of Nebraska – Lincoln Extension 4-H Youth Development Program is excited to invite you to the 2009 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum on **October 1-4, 2009** in historic downtown Lincoln, Nebraska. The Nebraska team is working hard at "Giving You our Best" so that you, as a volunteer, will be able to "Give them Your Best."

Registration booklet is located at <http://4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/>.

Saddle Up for St. Jude

Saddle Up for St. Jude is a fun, family-oriented fundraising event based around horseback riding that raises money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Typically, a Saddle Up event consists of a trail ride, but it can also include horse shows and other equestrian events. Horse enthusiasts and the general public alike, have joined together to hold Saddle Up events across the country to help in the hospital's fight against childhood cancer and other catastrophic diseases.



How can you get involved today?

Sign up to be a Saddle Up coordinator and hold your very own event! Next, recruit participants, distribute fundraising materials provided by St. Jude, and ask them to contact their family and friends to gather donations for taking part in your event.

Why host a Saddle Up for St. Jude event?

- Combine your passion of horses with helping to save lives of children battling cancer and other catastrophic diseases.
- Provide a meaningful event for your entire community to enjoy horses and the great outdoors.
- Opportunity to generate press coverage for your riding club, organization or group.
- Create partnerships between you, your club or organization and area businesses through event sponsorship.
- Earn great prizes.

A kit is provided to each person that signs up to be a coordinator. Learn more about Saddle Up at <http://tinyurl.com/SaddleUp> and host a Saddle Up event!

4-H National Youth Science Day

On October 7, 2009, 4-H National Youth Science Day will give young people nationwide the opportunity to join leading scientists in experimenting with biofuels to discover which ones will lead us to a sustainable future. Be part of this opportunity to explore, learn - and have a blast - with the *Biofuel Blast* National Science Experiment.



The informative, user-friendly 4-H National Youth Science Day website is at

<http://4-H.org/mediabarn/index.php>. Watch the videos, join the discussion groups and get ready for fun experiments.

As with any event or activity mentioned in this newsletter, if you need forms or additional information, contact your nearest Extension Office. We often have the needed information in our files, or we can access the information on the web for you, if it is available there.

4-H Award Forms Due Soon

During the month of September in most cases. Year-end reports for clubs, recognition for members. Check your local Club Leader or Extension Office for specific details and application information. Remember—the deadline is the deadline. Early reports are cheerfully accepted!



4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop

October 9-11

Camp Galilee, El Dorado Springs

Registrations for the fall 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop are now being accepted. Pre-registration is required and must be received in the State 4-H Office by September 30....not post-marked. Submit your application to your local Extension Office well in advance of the state deadline. And, many disciplines fill well in advance of the deadline, so don't delay! Space is limited!

Cost is \$50 per person which includes 5 meals and 2 nights of lodging. Volunteers will select one of the following disciplines in which to be certified: Coordinator (program management), Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloading, Archery, Shotgun. Check with your county extension office or go to the website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm>.

Curriculum Update

New Curriculum and Projects

- **Amphibians and Reptiles** – adding more publications from Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). Materials on snakes, lizards, salamanders, turtles and toads have been added.
- **Leadership** – changed curriculum to National 4-H curriculum.
- **Wild Life** – adding more publications as resources from MDC.
- **Outdoor Recreation** – added Back Pack Cookery and Campground Cookery literature from MDC.
- **Horticulture/Floriculture** – changing to newer curriculum from Purdue.
- **Clothing** – The state 4-H office is posting the materials on the web page as free PDF downloads. 4h.missouri.edu
- **Entrepreneurship** – The ESI curriculum will be added to the current curriculum list for more advanced members.

The Kansas City Chiefs Would Like to Invite You to 4-H Day at Arrowhead!

We have made arrangements with the Chiefs to offer a limited number of group tickets to all 4-H members for the New York Giants game on October 4 for **\$39** in Red View and **\$54** in the Red Reserve sections of the stadium. This is a savings of over \$23 in comparison to Ticketmaster! There are a limited number of seats available at this price, so order your tickets today!

To Redeem This Offer

Go to www.kcchiefs.com/mygroup and scroll down to 4-H Weekend then click on GIANTS. Simply fill out the online order form and your tickets will be mailed out within a couple of weeks. To plan a group outing or organize a tailgate party for this special day, please contact BJ Supple at 816-920-4817 or bsupple@chiefs.nfl.com and mention the 4-H Day discount.

For more information contact:

B.J. Supple, Group Sales Account Executive at 816-920-4817 at BSupple@chiefs.nfl.com GO CHIEFS!!!



Be Part of the National Soil Project at Northeastern University!

You can help the National Soil Research Project at Northeastern University, Boston, where students are measuring the humic (HA) and fulvic acid (FA) contents of the nation's agricultural top soils. HA and FA are vital organic components of healthy soils. They retain water, act as pH buffers, improve soil texture/porosity and regulate many other soil functions.

We're concerned that our HAs and FAs are being destroyed over time, leading to poorer and poorer soils. Weak soils potentially can be re-built with HAs extracted from biomass and compost. To get a clear picture, HAs and FAs have to be analyzed apart from short-lived soil organic matter such as leaves and corn stover. The Northeastern University group has many years of experience in isolating and measuring HAs and FAs. Results to date on 150 samples indicate wide variation in soil HA and FA contents.

We need to double or even triple the number of samples to be analyzed. We can do that with your help! Your job will be to collect and mail a one-pound, dry soil sample to Northeastern University for analysis. Your mailing cost will be paid back if you ask.

If you would like to participate, contact g.davies@neu.edu for complete information. The Northeastern University team will publish the results and share them with you and your family on request. Your part in this great project will be something to be truly proud of!

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September Club Leader Tips



Thank you for signing up to help provide 4-H members with a rewarding and wonderful experience in the Missouri 4-H program. Your enthusiasm and dedication is not only appreciated by the members and families in your club, as staff we greatly appreciate your volunteering your time and skills to help provide great experiences for youth in the 4-H program and help them reach their goals.

September is an exciting part of the 4-H year as the new program year is just beginning. You will begin the enrollment process in your club, getting members signed up, recruiting project leaders to assist the members in their projects of interest, explaining literature ordering process and collecting 4-H membership dues to name a few. This can be a very overwhelming job, ask for help from others adults in the club. Remember to encourage club officers and other 4-H members to take responsibility for events and activities, this is a great experience and fosters ownership of the program.

The following is a list of suggestions and ideas that may help you get prepared for the new year:

1. Install officers [if elected in August].
2. Invite prospective new members and volunteers to the first meeting of the new program year. Some clubs have a separate welcome meeting for new families to answer their questions before the enrollment process.
3. Assign a mentor to new members and volunteers to answer their questions during their first year. This helps families feel welcome and helps them feel a part of the group from the beginning.
4. Discuss importance of the county's family newsletter.
5. Recruit assistant leaders to lighten the load of club coordination. Consider a planned succession of leadership duties. A committee with defined roles has been effective in many clubs.
6. Explain completion requirements for the county and club and define "member in good standing" so that members and families understand expectations.
7. Explain the countywide accident insurance policy that is a part of the membership fee. (This provides proof of good faith effort to manage risk in case of accident during, or travel to or from a sanctioned 4-H event that includes club and project meetings, field trips and other countywide or club events.)
8. Discuss purchase of member project manuals. Coordinate literature order to save shipping costs. Announce/distribute project leader training resources.
9. Discuss recognition for year just completed, forms and date of county recognition event. Encourage new families to attend as well as existing families, and fill out forms. Encourage youth that have participated to share experiences.
10. Talk about plans for National 4-H week. (First week in October)
11. Work with youth on planning a Halloween Party or other fall social events to get acquainted with new members/families. It is important for new members to feel involved right away.
12. Turn in names and addresses of new members and leaders [also dropped members] to the extension office as soon as possible to update the family newsletter mail list.
13. Remind reporter to send in club reports to extension office every month.

Web Watch – Did you know?

You can now join Missouri 4-H on both Twitter and Facebook!



If you have content ideas for tweets or wall messages, please send them to lemmonc@missouri.edu. We would love to hear from you!

How to Avoid Dumb Internet Mistakes

As social networking on the Internet becomes more popular, there are important things to think about before posting your information on the web. Some schools and big employers actually do Internet searches to make important judgments about you. Employers have revoked job offers and schools have even kept students from graduating based on words and photos posted online. Keep these tips in mind before you post anything into cyberspace.



- Guard your passwords.
- Before joining a group or website, think about what membership will say about you, your values and your judgment.
- Don't give out your address, phone number or other personal information to anyone you don't know well offline.
- Assume **everyone** will eventually see what you are posting (even if you think it is private). Are the words you are posting a positive reflection of you? Is that photo something you want everyone to be able to view for years to come?

Be smart. Safeguard your future!

Local Youth Turn 4-H Projects to Profit at the State Fair

SEDALIA, Mo. Joshua Miles, of Shelby County was one of nine University of Missouri Extension 4-H members who were chosen to market and sell their 4-H projects at the Show-Me 4-H Wares booth in Mizzou Central during the Missouri State Fair. Joshua is a member of the Lentner Pioneers 4-H club.

To participate in the Show-Me 4-H Wares program, projects had to be approved for display at the State Fair and each 4-H member filled out an application describing his or her project and goals for participating.

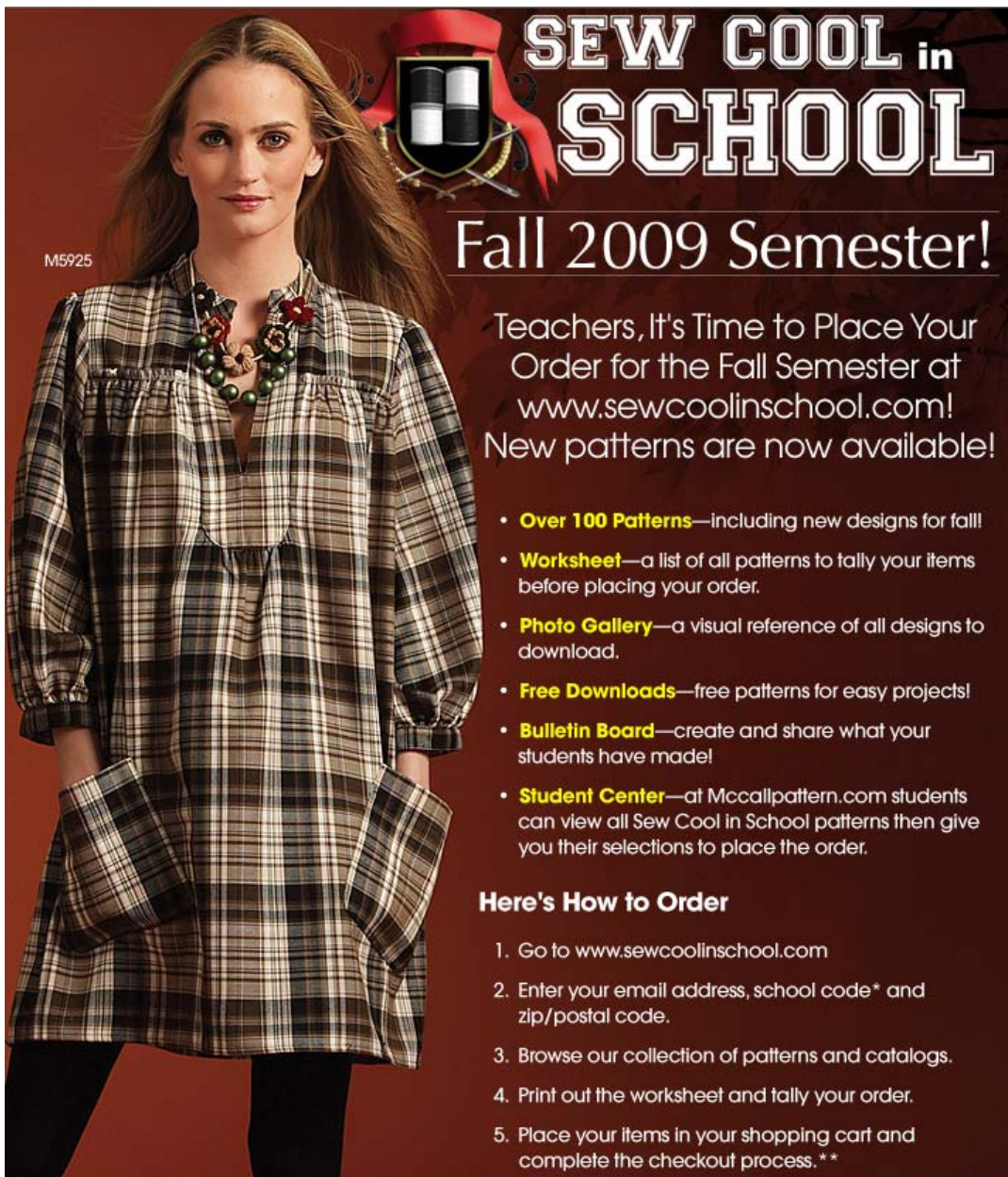
Steve Henness, Extension Associate with the MU Extension 4-H Center for Youth Development, says that the 4-H program is about producing not just blue-ribbon projects, but blue-ribbon kids. *(continued)*

“Show Me 4-H Wares youth exhibitors do a great job of demonstrating marketable skills they’ve learned through 4-H, and how young entrepreneurs can put those to use, especially in the tough economic times,” says Henness.

The booth is part of the MU Extension 4-H entrepreneurship project, which helps youth apply their 4-H skills toward earning an income while meeting needs in their community.

Sew Cool in School!

Information below—you’ll need the “school code” before you order. Contact your local Extension Office for that code. Patterns will be mailed to the Extension Office. Patterns must be paid for when they are picked up.



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SEW COOL in SCHOOL

Fall 2009 Semester!

Teachers, It's Time to Place Your Order for the Fall Semester at www.sewcoolinschool.com! New patterns are now available!

- **Over 100 Patterns**—including new designs for fall!
- **Worksheet**—a list of all patterns to tally your items before placing your order.
- **Photo Gallery**—a visual reference of all designs to download.
- **Free Downloads**—free patterns for easy projects!
- **Bulletin Board**—create and share what your students have made!
- **Student Center**—at Mccallpattern.com students can view all Sew Cool in School patterns then give you their selections to place the order.

Here's How to Order

1. Go to www.sewcoolinschool.com
2. Enter your email address, school code* and zip/postal code.
3. Browse our collection of patterns and catalogs.
4. Print out the worksheet and tally your order.
5. Place your items in your shopping cart and complete the checkout process.**

Audrain County 4-H Arena Warming



Join us in our new arena!



Audrain County 4-H Center, Route D, Mexico, MO

Entry fee: \$5 per class or \$15 per person unlimited classes

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE NEW AUDRAIN 4-H CENTER HORSE ARENA

October 3, 2009 12:00 noon

Rain Date: October 17, 2009

Judge: Victoria Marohl-Craig

For more information, contact Debbie Fulkerson, 253-5496 or Amber Hanneken 473-6815

Proof of negative Coggins Required

Audrain County 4-H will not be responsible for accident or injury to persons, property or animals.

No dogs allowed. 18 and under must wear helmets in speed events.

Show management reserves the right to require unruly horses to be removed from the grounds.

