Greetings 4-H Families;

This is the most exciting time of year. Spring is here, another school year is winding down, and fairs and camps are just around the corner. From this point of view, there is a whole world full of possibilities!

I hope you are well into your projects, practicing, learning, and completing goals. We had some wonderful demonstrations, speeches and judging scores at our county Achievement Day on March 28. The skills you are building now in all these areas, will be a huge asset to you throughout your life. I am so glad to be apart of that learning process.

For several years, I have had the privilege of viewing Clover Kid demonstrations at Achievement Day. These young members are so amazing and so eager. What an honor to watch them develop and hone their skills. Each year I see them getting more and more skilled and confident. These little Clover Kids have so much to offer our 4-H family.

Be certain to say thank you to volunteers who work along side our youth to help them succeed and grow into caring, productive, competent citizens. If 4-H is the power of youth, volunteers are certainly the fuel behind that power.

My Dad always told me, “Anything worth doing, is worth doing your best.” I agree completely! And look forward to this spring and summer season as we watch the youth working diligently to make the best even better!

Sincerely yours,
Lynda DuMond, YPA

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Send your 4-H Club News to:
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Or mail to: P.O. Box 336–Pineville, MO 64856
County Fashion Revue
County Fashion Revue will be held on Saturday, April 11 at the Newton County Fairground. Judging will begin at 10:00 AM for all contestants. The Fashion Show for the public will begin at 6:00 PM. Come join us to celebrate the achievement of these 4-H members. Categories include, sewing, clothes you buy, knitting, crochet, and quilting.

We need volunteers to firmly commit to help with the set up for the county Fashion Revue. We will be setting up on Friday, April 10 at 6:00 PM at the Newton County Fairgrounds in the new building. It is going to take several volunteers with muscles in case we have to carry the stage back to the new building.

Sew-A-Thon
The annual Sew-A-Thon is a time for all members and leaders involved in the sewing, knitting, crochet and quilting projects to come together to pledge their hands to larger service. This is a well loved community service project that touches many lives and is so enjoyed by our members. Sew-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 8:00AM to 8:00 PM at the Newton County Extension Office. This year we will be making blankets for ill children through Project Linus. If you would like to participate, call the Newton County Extension Office to register, 417-455-9500.

Regional News

4-H Day with the Cardinals
4-H members, families and friends are invited to join us for 4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday, May 16, 2015. The Cardinals will be playing the Detroit Tigers in a 1:15PM game in Busch Stadium. Ticket prices are $25 each and ticket orders must be post marked by April 6, 2015.

SW Missouri 4-H Summer Camp
4-H Camp will be here before you know it! Here are the 2015 dates for 4-H Camp held at Camp Smokey at Roaring River in Cassville.
June 13-14     Alumni Camp
June 14-17     Member Camp 1
June 17-20     Member Camp 2
June 20-21     Clover Kids Camp
June 21-25     Teen Camp

Our theme this year will be ‘Super Heroes’. We are looking for t-shirt designs for this theme. Please submit these to the Extension Office by May 1. We are also in search of teen counselors for camp. Registration included in this newsletter.

Camp T-Shirt Designs
Submit your 4-H camp T-shirt designs to the extension office by April 20 and be a super hero! We need ideas for Clover kids and Members camp. Our camp theme this year is Super Heroes. The winning artist will have his or her signature on every camp T-shirt! SW staff are looking forward to seeing all your cool ideas.

R.A.T.T.
The Regional Action-packed Trip for Teens will be on April 18 with the teens heading to Eureka Springs! This yearly trip is planned and funded by the Southwest Regional Teen Council.

Meat and Dairy Goat Camp
The annual Meat and Dairy Goat Camp will be held on April 25, 2015 at the Greenfield High School Ag Building. Registration cost is $15 and includes snacks, lunch and handouts. There will be sessions for both meat goats and dairy goats. See the enclosed brochure for more details and to register.

4-H Dairy Cow Camp
Dairy Cow Camp will be held on May 27-29, 2015 in Springfield, Missouri. This camp is for ages 8-18. There is a registration brochure enclosed with this newsletter.

*McDonald County 4-H Members in good standing are eligible for these livestock camps at half price. When you register pay the full price to the hosting county. Let the Extension office know you are attending and the 4-H council will reimburse to you, half of your registration fee. Our yearly fund raisers make this opportunity possible!

**4-H Camp registrations go straight to the extension office made payable to McDonald County 4-H and you pay only half up front. We send one check from our county to 4-H camp.
Missouri 4-H Foundation Grants
The Missouri 4-H Foundation continues to award grants to support a wide range of 4-H programs, events, and facilities. Information about grant funds and application procedures may be found on the 4-H Foundation website at http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/
Anytime:
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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.

Fingerprints
What do you always have but always leave behind? Your fingerprints! No two fingerprints are exactly alike. Here is a way that you can look at your fingerprints.

Supplies
• Pencil
• Paper
• Tape

Steps
1. Take a pencil and scribble on a piece of paper until you have a nice black mark.
2. Rub your index finger in the mark.
3. Put a piece of transparent tape over your finger, press down, and pull it off.
4. Stick the tape on a piece of paper.
5. Now you are looking at your very own, one of a kind fingerprint.

Source:
Check out our County webpage at:

http://extension.missouri.edu/mcdonald

State webpage at:

http://4h.missouri.edu