McDonald County 4-H News
“Committed to Excellence in Youth Development”

Dear McDonald County 4-H,

After 5 years, 321 days; 27 fairs; 18 leadership trips; 12 State Competition trips; 5 camp seasons, 2 trips to Washington D.C. and countless miles behind a 12 passenger van, I need to announce that I will be leaving University of Missouri Extension as of July 31st. Coming to this decision has been incredibly difficult. I have been offered an opportunity to work on a PhD at Virginia Tech in the Department of Agriculture, Community and Leadership Education. This was not an opportunity I went seeking, but, was one that found me and I couldn’t refuse.

Jay Chism, my Southwest Regional Director has been notified and has already requested my position to be filled, so hopefully there will be no gap between a replacement 4-H Specialist and myself, or at least a very short one. The County Program Director role will be filled for at least six-months by a MU Extension Specialist from a neighboring county to give the incoming 4-H Specialist some time to learn about the position, 4-H, and what will be expected in the 4-H role.

The decision to leave has been nearly as hard as the decision to move to Southwest Missouri sight-unseen. I didn’t expect to find such support and passion from the community, club leaders, volunteers and youth. It has made the past nearly 6 years not only enjoyable, but, truly a pleasure! I will be around for the next three months, so today is not goodbye!

Changing the subject, for Newton County 4-H members…. We need you to develop a demonstration and present it on Friday and Saturday of the Newton County Fair. I know there are lots of you that have not ever done a demonstration, or have not presented one this year, this would be a great chance to showcase what you have learned in your 4-H project and should be 5-8 minutes long. You do not need to have presented your demonstration before.

Changing the subject, for McDonald County 4-H members... We need you to start preparing with your project work for the McDonald County Fair! The fair is an opportunity to enter your project work. It can be “any item made” in your project work. You can create a poster, display, or other presentation of information about something you have learned in your project. For example if you are enrolled in the swine project you could make a poster about your favorite breed, talking about why it was developed, how you identify the breed and what makes it unique, or perhaps you make a display of the cuts of meat of pork. Or, it could be something that you made for the project like a waterer, or a hog board. Let’s make this years’ 4-H exhibit display at the fair be the biggest yet, with YOU entering your indoor exhibits. There are examples of fair exhibits on the Missouri 4-H website at http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/. Can’t wait to see you there!

Sincerely,
Jeremy Elliott-Engel
The **Cornerstone 4-H Club** met on March 3 at the SWC Library at 6:00 PM. There were nine members, one leader and eight others present. Darrison Ruddick called the meeting to order. The American pledge was led by Emerson and the 4-H pledge was led by Logan. Roll call the secretary’s report was given by Brandie Keith and the treasurer’s report was given by Darrison. In old business discussion was about the sewing project and the shooting sports safety class. At our May and June meetings we will be scrapbooking, so bring pictures for that. Tammie Martin will be helping us with that project. At our next meeting, Sydney will bring snacks and Walter will give a demonstration.

**Macy Reece,** Reporter

The **Hooves, Paws and Claws 4-H Club** met on May 4 at the Cornerstone Bank meeting room at 6:00 PM. Club President, Brandon Hood called the meeting to order. Seth Tran and Kayleigh Hood led the pledges. In old business the members talked about their April meeting at the Tran Farm, where they had an Easter Egg Hunt, and got to see the baby animals... rabbits, goats and chicks. In new business the club decided they would like to go bowling in June. Club Leader, Tina Hood said she would check on price, date and time that is available at Pineville Bowl. Lynda DuMond discussed camp and county fairs with the club and encouraged the members to participate. Jessi Hilton gave a great demonstration on Black Bears and even gave each member a plaster cast of a bear foot print. Lynda brought crafts for members to make and the Hilton family supplied snacks for everyone. After the meeting some of the members stayed and played Red Rover. More details about the bowling meeting in June is to be determined after Tina checks with the bowling alley.

**Seth Tran,** Reporter

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**Club News**

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**County News**

**County Fashion Revue**

We had several members from Newton, McDonald and Barry Counties compete at our annual county Fashion Revue on April 11. Category first place winners are:

**Goat Day Camp**

Goat Camp will be on Saturday, May 30 at the Newton County Fairgrounds from 8:30-11:30 AM. You will learn about showing and fitting your dairy or meat goat. See the enclosed flyer for what to bring to this hands on learning opportunity. All 4-H’ers welcome from both counties!

**Regional Achievement Day**

Regional Achievement Day will be held on August 3 at the Ozark Empire Fairground in the E-plex. Enclosed you will find results from our County Achievement Day. If you placed first you are invited to bring your demonstration, speech or judging skills to this event. Each member is allowed to compete in one event (Public Speaking, Demonstration or Personal Development) and one judging class. To register, please call your Extension Office and tell us what you will be competing in. Newton 417-455-9500, McDonald 417-223-4775. We are encouraging car-pooling and need to know who will be driving so we can give you free fair entry tickets.

**Fairground Work Days**

If you are an exhibitor at the McDonald County Fair there is set up at the fairgrounds before the fair on Monday, July 13. There is a clean up also on the Monday after the fair on July 20. The help from every child is needed and the work begins early when it is still cool. Usually if you arrive at 8:00 AM the work is completed around noon or earlier. Please, pledge your hands to larger service and come be a part of our county fair set up and clean up.

**Judges for McDonald County Fair**

Since fair time is just around the corner, we would like for 4-H clubs to be announcing that we will need adult volunteer judges for the 4-H indoor exhibits. We would like to see 4-5 judges if possible. Please, e-mail me if you can help. Judging will be begin at 1:00 PM on Thursday, July 16. Exhibits will be accepted from 8:00 am until noon that day. Contact me at dumondl@missouri.edu.

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Send your 4-H Club News to:
Lynda DuMond at dumondl@missouri.edu
Or mail to: P.O. Box 336– Pineville, MO 64856
**REGIONAL NEWS**

**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’ and promises to be packed with fun and adventure. Members in good standing (this means you have attended the majority of your meetings) only pay half of the camp fee. Your 4-H Council pays the remainder of that for you. What a great bargain! Hurry, camp registrations are due May 15!

**STATE NEWS**

**State 4-H Congress**
State 4-H Congress is just around the corner and is one of the most excellent trip opportunities 4-H offers teens. This event is for youth 14 and over and is held at the University of Missouri Campus. Youth are selected and voted on to serve on the state 4-H Council. We have had many McDonald and Newton County youth in these coveted state positions. What a wonderful leadership experience. Youth at Congress, spend three days living on campus in dorms and going to fantastic leadership and hands-on learning workshops. The SW Region staff work together and provide transportation to and from this event for our members. With the new 4-H Online enrollment system, all state events take registration and can be paid for online. If you haven’t been able to attend this conference, we encourage you to go in the future, you will not be disappointed. 4-H Congress will be June 3-5, 2015 and we have several teens attending.

**State Public Speaking**
If you competed in public speaking at county achievement day and placed first in your county, you are invited to compete at the state competition in Columbia in October 2015. More details and registrations will be sent to those who qualified.

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**State Poultry Day**
State Poultry Day will be June 13 at the Animal Sciences Center on MU Campus in Columbia. Enclosed you will find the details for this event. Registrations are due May 15 and are done at 4H Online.

**State Fashion Revue**
This event is held this fall in Columbia and is for all members who placed first in their county contest. Dates are not posted yet, but more information and registrations will be sent to qualifiers.

**Sponsoring our Newsletter**
We would like to thank Shelter Insurance for their generous sponsorship of our newsletter. If you would like to put your ad here, we still have six months unsponsored in 2015. Cost is $60 per month or 3 months for $150. The advertising will reach every Newton and McDonald County 4-H family and cover the cost of printing and postage.
Clover Kid Corner

Show and Tell

This is a great way to introduce our youngest members to public speaking and demonstrations! Let them bring a hobby or a pet to the club meeting and tell their club about it. This can be done with prior practice at home, or completely informal and talking about something they are passionate about. Getting up and speaking in public is a skill that is imperative to their growth and development. What better place to practice than in their 4-H Club with their 4-H friends.

... and who knows, that Clover Kid enthusiasm might be catching!

Check out our County webpage at:

http://extension.missouri.edu/mcdonald

State webpage at:

http://4h.missouri.edu