April
30  Deadline to sign up for Move Across MO

May
1  Starter Flock Grants must be postmarked
2  Ravenwood Shoot; reg. DUE April 24
5  4-H Horst Day Camp
6  4-H Camp apps. DUE
16  4-H Day with the Cardinals
16-17 Pig and Lamb Show, Chillicothe Fairgrounds
19  Grundy Co. Extension Day
23-29 Equine Trip
30  Andrew County Shooting Sports Contest

June
1-4  4-H Camp Crowder, week 1—Trenton
3-5  State 4-H Congress, Columbia
5  Clover Kid Camp
5  Horse Day Camp
8-11  4-H Camp Crowder, week 2—Trenton
15  Crowder Clover Kid Camp registration DUE
22  Grundy Co. Leader/council mtg. 5:30 & 6:00pm
23  Mercer Co. 4-H Council 5:30pm
24  BAM-Bike Across Missouri

July
10-17  Livingston County Fair
14-19  Mercer Co. Fair
24-Aug 1  Grundy Co Fair

Aug
13-23  MO State Fair

4-H Camp apps.—DUE May 6
4-H Camp is officially FULL!
See you at camp.
You can be put on a waiting list!!!

Great Contest Day
Mercer and Grundy Counties!!!!

Clover Kid Camp at Camp Crowder

Cost: $50 (includes t-shirt, meals, housing, activities for both parent and child)

June 5, 2015

Clover Kid Camp is a 24 hour overnight camp with a parent/guardian at our NW regional 4-H camp facility at Crowder State Park, Trenton. It occurs between our two camping sessions to give Clover Kids a true view of our camp setting. Deadline of May 15.
**Summer Entrepreneur Opportunities**

Show Me 4-H Wares Sales Booth is for members who want to sell their 4-H projects or other original items at the State Fair August 13<sup>th</sup>-16th. Applications for a booth are due by July 1! For more information go to [http://4h.missouri.edu/events/fair/showmewares.htm](http://4h.missouri.edu/events/fair/showmewares.htm).

MADE in Missouri State Entrepreneurship Contest is for youth who have a sound business idea and are ready to move forward with a business plan, help from adult advisors, and a chance to win $2,500 to support their business. Deadline to enter is May 31<sup>st</sup> and finalists will present at the State Fair on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Check out the details at [http://www.mvcaa.net/index.cfm?Page=MADEinMissouriCompetition](http://www.mvcaa.net/index.cfm?Page=MADEinMissouriCompetition).

**Happy May Birthdays!**

| 4 Tori Meinecke | 16 Lindsey Batson | 28 Ilnana Raymo |
| 6 Tyler Meinecke | 17 Jillian Finney  |               |
| 10 Kaleb Bower  | 20 Katy Simpson    |               |
| 14 Maci Moore    | 27 Levi Johnson    |               |

**BAM**

Bike Across Missouri

Bikers will be stopping in Princeton on June 24, 2015. This is going to be a really neat event! Come join the fun.

**Shooting Sports Calendar/Gun Raffle**

Missouri 4-H is again partnering with the Missouri Friends of the NRA in a giant raffle/fundraiser. Last year, more than $98,000 was raised for Missouri 4-H. Proceeds from this fund-raiser will be split 50/50 between 4-H and the NRA Foundation (MO Friends of NRA Committee). The raffle is for 104 guns to be given away during the year (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016) – two per week. The calendars actually serve as the raffle tickets and are sold for $50 each. Photos of Missouri 4-Hers are featured on 8 of the monthly pages. Our shooting sports program should expect to receive about $15 for each calendar sold.

Grundy County youth have ordered calendars to sell—contact the office to purchase and support our youth!
Shooting Sports Contests
Ravenwood Shooting Sports Contest
Saturday, May 2

Andrew County Shooting Sports Contest
Saturday, May 30

Find registration info at:
http://extension.missouri.edu/livingston/events.aspx

Shotgun Teams Reunion Shoot
May 17, 2015
Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports

Sporting Clays, Trap, Skeet (Just like days gone by!)
Who is invited? Former Team Members, former team
Try-out participants, family, friends, coaches…almost
anyone. Pre-registration is requested. More infor-
mation is available on the Missouri 4-H Shooting
Sports web page: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/
shootingsports/contests.htm

Upcoming Local Fair Dates
June 5-Taxas County Fair
June 13-19-DeKalb County Fair
June 18-20-Gilman City Fair
June 19-28-Andrew County Fair
June 19-23 & July 18-Clinton County Fair
June 20-Jackson County 4-H & FFA Livestock
Show
July 9-11-Daviess County Livestock Show
July 10-18-Ray County Fair
July 11-19-Saline County Fair
July 12-18-Carroll County Fair
July 13-16 –Lafayette County Fair
July 14-19-Mercer County Fair
July 14-16-Nodaway County Fair
July 16-19-Caldwell County Fair
July 23-25-Jamesport Jr. Livestock Show
July 27-Aug 1-Atchison County Fair
July-24-Aug 1– Grundy County Fair (North Cen-
tral MO Fair)
August 13-23-MO State Fair

4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors

Now accepting applications for Missouri 4-H Shoot-
ing Sports Ambassadors. Missouri will select at least
1 and perhaps 2 teens to represent Missouri 4-H and
will award them an opportunity to attend the National
4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute; which
training for national 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassa-
dors. The 2015 Teen Leadership Institute will take
place August 4-8 at California State University, Fres-
no, CA. Applications are due to the State Coordina-
tor no later than May 15. Application packets with
forms and information can be found on the Missouri 4-
H Shooting sports web page: http://4h.missouri.edu/
go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm

4-H Horse Day Camp

When: June 5th
Where: North Park Activity Center, Harrisonville, MO
What: Learn Showing skills
Cost: $20
Contact the office to register by May 29, 2015, or call
816-380-8460
One of the objectives in owning an animal is to learn new skills in animal breeding, feeding, management and health. To accomplish this, the member should secure the animal as early in the year as possible. Livestock shows and exhibitions set up minimum dates for length of ownership necessary for exhibiting.

**Beef Cattle**
- Steers 3/1
- Breeding Animals 6/1

**Sheep**
- Breeding Animals 7/1
- Market Lambs 6/1

**Swine**
- Breeding Gilts 90 days
- Breeding Boars Since farrowing
- Market Hogs 5/1

**Goats**
- Dairy Goats - 6/1
- Meat Goats - 6/1
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- Meat Goats - 6/1

**Dogs**
- 4/1

**Horses**
- 5/1

**Rabbits**
- 6/1
- Meat pen 5-10 weeks prior to show

**Poultry**
- 6/1
- Meat pen 8-10 weeks prior to show

**Members in Good Standing**

Members, now is the time to make sure you are getting enough meetings to qualify to show at the fair and participate in other activities like camp this summer. Per council guidelines, members must attend at least 1/2 of club meetings (typically 6) to be a member in good standing. Questions? Contact your club leader or contact the office.

**New Event at the Missouri State Fair for 4-H Members**

Bob McNary

**Event:** Let’s Talk Livestock

**Purpose:** To expand the Missouri State Fair mission, by serving as an agricultural classroom, and offering Missouri 4-H and FFA youth opportunities to showcase high-quality livestock to the fair-going public.

The Let’s Talk Livestock program will consist of short informal demonstrations by 4-H and FFA youth exhibitors during scheduled times during the Fair, with the overall goal of answering the question “Why do you show your __________”

Demonstrations shall be approximately 15-20 minutes long, with opportunities for question and answer by fair-goers following. Youth conducting the demonstrations will be given example topics to discuss during their presentation including general information about their animal(s), livestock care, show prep, goals, experience level, family participation, etc. Any questions contact the office.

**4-H/FFA HORSE PROJECT ENROLLMENT DUE**

The horse member enrollment is due to the Linn County Extension Office by May 1. You must include each horse that you wish to use for the 2015 show year. 4-H/FFA members may be asked to produce a current project horse enrollment form to show at county 4-H/FFA shows. State Fair requires 4-H/FFA members to include a copy of their current project horse enrollment form with their entry. Forms maybe found at the following web site or contact the Extension Office.

http://4h.missouri.edu/resources/materials/docs/Y1440FILL.pdf
State Poultry Day
Saturday, June 13, 2015
Animal Science Building, University of Missouri-Columbia

Information
Open to all 4-Hers. Participants 14 and over by January 1 will be in the senior division.

Registration
Registration opens April 15. Registration for this event will be through your family profile in 4HOnline (https://mo.4honline.com).

Registrations are due by May 15. Registrations will be accepted until June 1.

Registration Fee (Non-refundable)
$20 (for both youth and adults) until May 15th deadline
$25 (for both youth and adults) until June 1st deadline

Check out the county web page:
http://extension.missouri.edu/
Mercer or Grundy

For the newsletter, entry forms, and other 4-H information.