FALL OUTDOOR FUN DAY

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
WHERE: LIVINGSTON COUNTY FAIR-GROUNDS
WHO: NORTH MISSOURI SPORTMANS ALLIANCE
ALL DAY HUNTING AND FISHING CLASSES AND CLINICS WILL BE OFFERED WITH TRAP AND ARCHERY SHOOTING DURING SPECIFIC TIMES.
FROM 11AM-1PM
$8 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY LUNCH, FREE FOR YOUTH 10 AND UNDER.

Recognition Forms—Member Reports

Why do them?
-Last year, members in Livingston County received 4-H Camp ($50) and Teen Conference ($150) scholarships due to their work on Report Forms.
-A Livingston County youth earned a trip to National 4-H Congress.
-It is an opportunity to be recognized for your hard work!

How to get started? (Due September 10)
1. Go to: http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/awards/competition.htm
2. Find the age level needed, check out the sample forms and tip sheets.
3. Follow instructions!
4. Focus on “what was learned”, not the award received.
5. Need help or tips? Contact the Extension office to set up a time to go over your report form.

New Year Materials—Leaders and members

Please see letter from MO 4-H Program Director Ina Linville on page 4.

We have extra 4-H Clover project books in the office for new members or if you need extras.
State 4-H Shooting Sports Try-outs for 2015 teams

The selection process for the nine state shooting teams begins this fall – after the completion of the State Shoot. 4-H youth selected for the state shooting teams will represent Missouri 4-H at the National Invitational Match to be held June 21-26, 2015 in Grand Island, Nebraska. Any 4-H Shooting Sports member – in good standing with their county program – enrolled in the appropriate project number – and at least 14 years of age may participate in the selection process. If numbers and space allows, 13 year olds may participate for the experience, but are not eligible for the state team. Nearly all of the team selection process is comprised of multiple try out dates. Each team has a unique process and may have unique pre-registration due date, so read carefully. Written pre-registration is required. Telling the state instructor does not qualify for “pre-registration”. More info at link below, most deadlines are in September and October.

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

Fall Outdoor Fun Day—
Saturday, Sept. 13

Where: Livingston Fairgrounds, 8:30—4:00

What: Classes and clinics on a wide variety of hunting and fishing topics. Roy Roper, pro bass fisherman, will give tips. Supervised trapshooting and archery for youth.

First 300 youth get a free lure! Vendors on site!

$8 all you can eat fish fry lunch, free for youth 10 and under.

Upcoming Area Shows/Livestock Events http://extension.missouri.edu/daviess/fairs.aspx

NW MO State Fair, Aug. 28-Sept. 1
Putnam County Fair, Sept. 2-6

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Honored at Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame

Less and Betty Spickard
(Columbia, MO)—“Making the best better” for generations of Missouri 4-H’ers, Less & Betty Spickard of Grundy County was inducted into the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame, August 9 at State Fair Community College.

The Missouri 4-H Foundation recognizes individuals who have created a legacy of service to 4-H by honoring them with membership in the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame. “These leaders have made exceptional contributions to the lives of Missouri 4-H members and we are proud to honor their service,” said Missouri 4-H Foundation Executive Director Cheryl Reams.

Hall of Fame inductees from 41 counties established a legacy totaling 1,566 years of service to 4-H. More than 300 family members and friends attended the eighth annual event.

The Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame is sponsored by FCS Financial, the Missouri State Fair and the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

NW Regional Representative to the State 4-H Council Report

Hello Northwest!! It’s your regional representatives here—Jenson Mayes (Clinton), Kara Berry (Carroll), Blake Summers (Saline), and Drew Davis (Carroll). We would love to introduce ourselves, tell of our 1st State Council meeting, and tell you of some activities going on in our region!

Recently we all attended the 1st State Council meeting of the year! We eagerly set goals to improve our region, listened to the foundation report, extension council report, as well as formed committees. Then it was time to work planning for this year’s State 4-H Teen Conference and Congress. All we can tell you is that the theme is “Leadership All-Stars: Rounding the bases of Leadership”. We know we’ll hit a homerun at this year’s Congress and Teen Conference!

Many functions have been going on in the Northwest region. A big one is State 4-H Congress where you elected Jenson, Kara, Drew, and Blake as your NW regional representatives! We were also honored to have three past representatives running for the executive committee! Cooper Sadowsky was elected as our State 4-H Secretary, Nick Dungy as our County Youth Liaison and Marcie Eggers as our State Vice-President! But wait! There are even more amazing accomplishments, NW was also feeling very “Fancy” as we won this year’s spirit completion that goes on as State Congress! All in all we had a fantastic congress and hope to see even more Northwest participation to come!

Other functions that have been occurring lately are 4-H camps, county fairs, and achievement days! We’ve even had some youth participate in the Equine Tour and other various state events. It’s great to have such an active region! Hope to see y’all soon!
Fall, 2014

Dear Missouri 4-H Families:

Thank you for being an integral part of the largest youth development program in Missouri and the largest youth program in the world! Missouri 4-H is recognized as being one of the best in the United States. Our programs build skills that our members use throughout their lives that put them ahead of their peers. A recent national study supports this by showing 4-H members in comparison to similar peers:

- Report better grades, higher level of academic competence, and an elevated engagement in school.
- Are twice as likely to go onto higher education, which leads to a significant increase in average earnings over one’s life.
- Avoid cigarettes, drugs and alcohol.
- Are three times more likely to actively contribute and be engaged in their communities.

Missouri 4-H is committed to bringing children the opportunities and quality programs that one expects from 4-H. To ensure this, we have reviewed the costs for program development and delivery, cost saving, and program fees. Starting on January 1, 2015, state membership dues will be $20. In order to make this change smooth for currently enrolled families, we will accept the 2014 state rate of $8 per youth through December 31, 2014.

While we realize that there is no convenient time for an increase, this fee has not changed in 14 years. Please be assured, our dues are in line with other youth organizations and will help us continue to provide the quality experience associated with 4-H.

Quite simply, we are convinced the membership dues increase is an investment in our members, by our members. As part of University of Missouri Extension, we are committed to the youth of Missouri. Ninety-six percent of the cost to deliver the 4-H program is paid for by taxpayers, grants and gifts. We want all our 4-H families to know we are dedicated to providing the best program. As we all go through this transition period, we ask each of you to partner with us in creating a positive environment for all our 4-H members.

Sincerely,

Ina Metzger Linville

So What Does This Mean For Mercer & Grundy Counties?

- Enrollment will begin in October with a new, online enrollment system—there will be no paper enrollments.
- You will have the option of paying via credit card or check to the club
- Returning members who re-enroll will pay 2013 rates ($10) IF they re-enroll prior to Jan. 1 (county deadline for checks is Dec. 15). After Jan. 1, the fee will be $20 for both new and returning members.
- After you enroll the first time, successive years’ re-enrollment will be extremely simple.
- Many other states are currently using this new system across the nation. Please be patient as we all adjust. If you have families who need help enrolling, we will be happy to help in any way that we can.
Officer and Leader Corner

Officer and Leaders-End of Year Materials

End of Year 4-H Materials—If you have questions, feel free to contact Pat or Shaun at any time.

Each club is asked to return the following documents to the Extension Office. This ensures accountability for clubs and recognition for members. If you need help completing or have questions, please ask!

☐ Completed Secretary’s book
☐ Completed Treasurer’s book (with audit and year end report)
☐ Completed Seal Application so your club can be recognized
☐ Community Service form
  http://4h.missouri.edu/resources/materials/docs/LG760FILL.pdf
☐ Award Applications http://extension.missouri.edu/livingston/4-HScholarships.aspx
☐ Report Forms

September Club Leader Tips

1. Install officers [if elected in August].
2. Invite prospective new members and volunteers to the first meeting of the new program year.
3. Assign a mentor to new members and volunteers to answer their questions during their first year.
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.
7. Discuss purchase of member project manuals. Coordinate literature order to save shipping costs.
8. 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.
9. Talk about plans for National 4-H week. (First week in October)
10. Work with youth on planning a Halloween Party or other fall social events to get acquainted.

New Year information:

Shooting Sports—Shooting sports is a county project, therefore members must shoot with a county group and certified shooting sports instructor to be eligible for county, regional and state competition. If you have interest in being a countywide leader or know someone who is, please encourage them to sign up for the training either in October or the spring training.

Members: Sign up for Western Heritage—this year we had 2 young men excel in Western Heritage Shooting, led by Willie Bagley and Suzi Beck. We are ready for more! If you are interested in shooting with old-time rifles, shotgun and pistols while wearing period clothes and learning about western heritage, this is the event for you.

Leaders: If you know someone who is interested in leading a countywide project or hosting countywide project meetings in a specific area, contact the office and we will help with the process. I think we already have opportunities for some exciting county events in 4-H in the coming year. Stay tuned!
4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop—4-H YOUTH NEED YOU!!!

http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm

WHEN:  October 3-5, 2014

1st Session:  Friday, Oct 3, 7:15 p.m.

Workshop concludes 3:15 pm – Sunday

WHERE:  Blue Mountain Camp

Ironton/Fredericktown, MO (SE Missouri)

COST:  $65- includes 5 meals, overnight lodging (1 or 2 nights), and workshop materials

PRE-REGISTRATION: Required by September 15.

Registration is limited and will close when session is full or when the camp is full. All registrations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis...when accompanied by fee. Workshops usually fill up before the deadline....so don't delay!