

4-H Happenings!

News for 4-H families and friends

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State Horse Judging



Date: March 17, 2012

Where: Trowbridge Livestock Center on the UMC campus

Who: All regular 4-Hers (not Clover) interested in a horse judging contest are invited.

Time: Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and judging at 9:00. The day normally is finished by 4 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per individual. There is no fee for parents or leaders to watch.

Registration Deadline: Feb. 15, 2012 at your local extension office.

NOTICE: Pike County practices will be Feb. 1, Feb. 22 and March 7, at the Bowling Green Vo-Ag Building. Practices will be from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

Regional 4-H Energizer



What: A day full of games, good times, fun workshops and food!

When: Saturday, March 3, 10 am – 3 pm **Where:** The Macon United Methodist Church

Who: Youth ages 12-18 and adults

Costs: \$20 (t-shirt, lunch & snacks included) Make checks payable to Marion County Extension. Pre-registration is required, due in Marion County Office by Feb. 10.

Suit up for the NFL at Teen Conference!

Are you interested in building even stronger leadership skills while making about 300 new friends? If the answer is “yes”, you will definitely want to come to Teen Conference! This year’s theme is NFL (Nation’s Finest Leaders) Your leaders on the State 4-H Council have planned this event and will be leading the workshops themselves!



This event is exclusively for youth ages 11-13 and is March 24-25th. Cost is \$129 per person and is due on February 21st along with the registration forms. Cost assistance is available to delegates who have assisted with Springfest. Hurry and contact your local Extension office because Teen Conference sells out fast!

4-H Photography Learning Opportunity

Expert on hand: [J Barry Wright](#)

Want a picture or two critiqued? Email to nicholsond@missouri.edu prior to February 1st. *Even send a photo or two that has “problems”. This is a great chance to find out what might have made a so-so picture an even better one! We will get to as many photos as we can during the session—but we can’t promise to get to them all.* **Have your camera and manual beside you for the meeting.**

Test your connection a day or two before the meeting: .

http://univmissouri.adobeconnect.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm

Speakers are necessary. Microphone, optional.

Problems connecting? Contact Don or Michelle (info below)

A video about how Adobe Connect meetings work.

<https://admin.adobe.acrobat.com/a227210/participatemeeting/>. **Not essential, but maybe helpful.**

A few minutes before **9:00 a.m. on Saturday February 4th**, use the information below to join the meeting! Sign in as a guest—and put your name in the guest-name box when asked to do so. Remember your camera!

Please join us in an Adobe Connect Meeting.

Meeting Name: 02/04/2012 - NE Region 4-H Photography Online Workshop

Summary: 4-H - Photography

Invited By: Michelle Klem (klemmd@missouri.edu)

When: Saturday 4 February, 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Time Zone: (GMT-06:00) Central Time (US and Canada)

To join the meeting:

<http://univmissouri.adobeconnect.com/r6s9pengbb7/>

Michelle Klem, 4-H Youth Specialist, 660-665-9866 or klemmd@missouri.edu. Don Nicholson, 4-H Youth Specialist, 573-769-2177 or nicholsond@missouri.edu.

Al Kennett Retires

After serving as an extension livestock specialist for more than 41 years, Al Kennett is retiring. There will be a scholarship fund commemorated in his honor. Donations are being accepted. You will find enclosed a flyer for making a donation.

In The Show Ring 2012

The 2012 Missouri Pork Expo and In the Show Ring are rapidly approaching. In the Show Ring is set for February 8, 2012. All information can be found on our website at www.mopork.com/events_missouriporkexpo.asp. There is a PDF registration form for In the Show Ring. We are strongly encouraging attendees to pre-register because it will make registration at the event much smoother and quicker for our staff as well as the students. Some of the topics covered that day will be the SMQA training, nutrition and health management, showmanship, grooming, clipping, selection and evaluation.



Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance Training

All 4-H members that are in any cattle, rabbit, poultry, goat, sheep or swine project must be current on their Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance certification (SMQA) to be considered a member in good standing. Some county fairs require this from 4-H and FFA.

Members must receive SMQA training two consecutive years during the years prior to their 14th birthday. Members must receive SMQA training once after their 14th birthday.

Opportunities to get trained in our area are: (Location to be determined)

March 6	Pike
March 13	Monroe
March 19	Ralls

Missouri Youth Livestock Grading & Judging Contest

The Department of Agriculture along with the University of Missouri and UM Extension will host the contest on Saturday, March 10 in Columbia, MO. Pre-registration is required and must be received by Feb. 10. There is a cost of \$6 per participant. The contest will include keep/cull as well as traditional judging classes. Participants must be placed in teams of four or judge as individuals. The following is a link to the registration form: <http://mda.mo.gov/connect/youth/livestockgrading.php>.

Global Education - Looking For Host Families

Looking for host families to provide a home stay for Japanese youth ages 12-16 who arrive July 25 and depart August 20. A sibling of same gender and within 2 years of Japanese youth is needed. Prefer that a regular routine be maintained by your family so they have a "USA family experience." It is ok to provide special travel for them but not necessary or required. Following receipt of your application, we conduct an in-home interview and then provide orientation and support throughout the program time 24/7. The youth will have insurance and power of authority from Japanese parents for their participation. Contact Joyce Taylor at TaylorJL@missouri.edu or 573-882-6393 for more details and how to apply.

State Shooting Sports News

Shooting Sports Certification Workshop

The next training is set for March 30-April 1. It will be held at Camp JoOta, near Clarence, MO. The registration fee is \$60 and pre-registration is required by March 15. NRA certification is offered as an additional option to those taking Rifle, Pistol, or Shotgun training. NRA certification begins at 12 noon on Friday, March 30 and is an additional \$50 fee for NRA. Details and a registration form is available on the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports website: <http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm>.

Local Member Makes Shotgun Team

Nathan Buchmeier, Pike County; Jacob Cahill, Cass County; Adam Winter, Boone County; and Lowell Elliott, Cass County are the members of the Shotgun team for national competition, June 17-22 in Grand Island, Nebraska.

State Shooting Team Selection Continues

Hunting Skills and Smallbore Pistol state teams remain to be selected. 4-H members 14 years of age and older are eligible to try-out for the state shooting teams. Youth selected will represent Missouri at the 4-H National Invitational Match, June 17-22. Registration is now open for these try-outs. Hunting Skills tryouts are in February and Smallbore Pistol is in March. For information and registration forms, see the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports website at: <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm>.

NEW FOR 2012 - 4-H HORSE JUDGING CLINIC

Do you have members who would like to learn more about horse judging but not ready to compete? A “how to judge horses” clinic taught by Karen Craighead, adjunct professor at Stephens College, is being offered on March 17. To be efficient, this opportunity is at the same time and the same day as the horse judging contest in a different section of Trowbridge Livestock Center. Just to be clear, **members must choose to be in either the contest or clinic but can’t do both since they are held at the same time.**

Where: Sales arena in the Trowbridge Livestock Center on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus

Who: All regular 4-Hers (not Clover Kids) and parents/leaders interested in learning about horse judging are invited.

Time: Youth must pre-register. Check in will begin at 9 a.m. The Judging Clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a 30 minute break for lunch about noon and ending by 1:30 p.m. Youth will have “how to” instruction in the morning and give 1 set of reasons after lunch. Pre-registered youth will receive an information letter with maps, details, etc. You must pre-register at your local extension office by Feb. 15.

Cost: \$5 per individual. There is no fee for parents or leaders who want to sit in and learn.

Lunch for paid youth participants will be provided: There is a food stand for parents to purchase lunch or bring your own lunch.



Money for college 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications

This year, thanks to increasing donor support, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer approximately 56 college scholarships ranging in value from \$500 - \$2,500. Members, who are high school seniors, and former 4-H’ers, who are college students, are eligible to apply. Applications are due by March 26 in the extension office. The guidelines and application are available on the

<http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/>.



11th Annual 4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals - Order Quickly

The 4-H Day with the Cardinals at Busch Stadium is set for Saturday, May 12, 2012. The Cardinals will be playing the Atlanta Braves in a 6:15 p.m. game. Tickets for the game will be \$24.00 each which includes a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front. 4-H members, leaders, alumni, and their families who purchase 4-H Day with the Cardinals tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Families can also take part in a raffle for great prizes including the chance to throw out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to Cardinals baseball games provided by the St. Louis Cardinals. Pre-game ceremonies will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member.

Tickets for the event must be ordered on the 4-H Day with the Cardinals order form. Ticket order forms are available at the University of Missouri Extension office, or on the web at www.mo4h.missouri.edu. Ticket orders must be postmarked by April 2. Tickets usually sell out before the order deadline so families are encouraged to order early. 4-H Clubs, counties, or groups of families who would like to be seated together must send their orders in the same envelope.

Missouri 4-H Equine Trip 2012

They're off and running...to the horse capital of the world...Lexington, Kentucky! 4-H teens, age 14 to 18, dreaming of an equine related career will want to participate in the Sixth Annual Missouri 4-H Equine Tour, May 23-29, 2012.

The tour begins at the Keeneland Race Track catching the early morning 'breezing' of the horses and a day at the Kentucky Horse Park, the premier international equestrian facility. Participants will explore the wide range of equine industry opportunities through visits to world renowned equine medical and research facilities. The itinerary will include farm tours of famous Thoroughbreds, Saddlebreds, Morgans, Quarter Horses and Haflingers. Higher education equine programs and facilities such as the University of Kentucky will be visited as well as opportunities to meet nationally recognized leaders in the equine industry. And, of course, the tour will include a visit to Churchill Downs!

Make your plans to be in the winner's circle! The \$550 tour fee includes transportation on a charter bus, tours, hotels, meals, tour t-shirt, travel bag and other associated costs. Applications available at <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/#equine> are due on or before March 1 with \$300 deposit.

Clover Kids Corner



Bouncy Balls

- Pour **1 tablespoon of glue** into one cup—add a drop of food coloring and stir with a craft stick
- In a second cup, combine **2 tablespoons of water** and **½ teaspoon of borax** together and mix with another craft stick
- Add **1 tablespoon of cornstarch** and **½ teaspoon of the borax solution to the glue** and let stand a minute
- Stir with the craft stick until fully mixed together and the mixture becomes very difficult to stir
- Mold the ball in your hands. It will be sticky at first but will become more solid as you mold it
- Store your ball in a baggie so it doesn't dry out and crumble

4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI - 2012 EDITION!

Get ready to continue 4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE)! MOVE promotes physical activity and encourages youths to engage in a broad range of activities such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more.

Enrollment for new and re-enrollment for current MOVERs begins January 1. Please note that if you are currently enrolled in MOVE you must re-enroll on January 1 or after in order to be a part of the 2012 program. If you do not re-enroll on January 1 or after your efforts will not be counted in 2012.

Using an online system, youth and their families can “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year and during the competitive component of the MOVE program that runs from February 1 – May 31. 4-Hers can enroll in the online MOVE program as individuals and/or as part of a team. An individual MOVER may also be a part of a team. A team can consist of a family or members of a 4-H club or group. MOVE awards will be provided. Stay tuned!

For more details visit <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/>

MOVE is sponsored by the Missouri Beef Industry Council



Monthly MOVEment Activity

And the Beat Goes On.....

Materials –

Large room or open space outdoors

Music

Microphone (optional)

Ask volunteers or talented 4-Hers to lead dance instructions. Try something new like Latin samba, Russian folk, clogging, Polish Polka, swing, country line, or ballroom dancing. Good instructors will help make sure participants learn proper techniques so they are successful! Dancing is fun and good exercise – participants don't even realize they're working out!

Announcing New Livestock Specialist

I am pleased to announce that Daniel Mallory began his duties as the University of Missouri Extension Livestock Specialist to serve, Pike, Ralls, Monroe and Marion Counties on Jan. 3. It will be a pleasure to include Daniel in our 4-H and other events as he learns the area, the people and the program.

Since January 2010, Daniel has been a Senior Research Specialist in the Division of Animal Science at the University of Missouri. He has two degrees from the University of Missouri, a bachelor's in animal science and a master's in animal science with a concentration in reproductive biology.

He comes to us with knowledge and understanding of current MU Extension livestock priorities and programs including the Show Me Select Heifer Program. He is also the grandson of Mr. Bill Mallory, former Bowling Green High School Vo-Ag Instructor.



PIKE COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Congrats to the Livestock Judging Team

Kara Horner, Kelsey Horner, Ashlee Waddell, and Evan Scherder represented Missouri at the National Western Livestock Judging Contest. The team placed 11 out of 23 teams. They placed fifth overall in cattle, seventh in goats and 10th in total placings. Ashlee placed first in beef placings, Kara placed eighth in goat placings, fourth in total goat and was seventh in total beef, 17th in total reasons and 16th overall. We appreciate the great job they did.

Springfest 2012

The Annual 4-H Fundraiser is the Springfest. It is set for March 11, 11 am to 2 pm, at the Pike County Fairgrounds. If you have not received your tickets, you will soon and they are due back to your club leader prior to Feb. 24. A great way to support the county program is selling your tickets and signing up to work!

Fair Planning To Begin

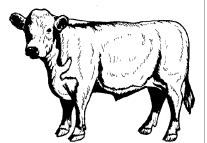
The Youth Fair Board will meet on Thursday, Feb. 16, 7 pm, third floor courtroom. The group will be reviewing the fair book. It is important that you are present or have a representative in your place.

Photography Meeting

A photography meeting will be Friday, Feb. 10, 5:30 – 8:30 pm, at the Curryville Presbyterian Church. Please bring a notebook, pencil and camera. If you have any questions, call Liz Rosenburg at 573-470-0175 or by email at liz.rosenburg@yahoo.com. Please make sure you have fresh batteries or have your batteries charged in your camera. You will be taking photos that night.

Steer Weigh In

All youth planning to exhibit a steer in the Pike County Fair must have it weighed in on Feb. 25. It is set for Eastern Missouri Livestock Market, 9 – 10:30 am. If you are planning to exhibit your steer at the Missouri State Fair, this will be your opportunity to have it nose printed.



Youth Council Update

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6:30 pm, at the courthouse. All meetings will be on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm unless notified. The group set their goals for the year. They are: two community service activities, one leadership activity, and another fundraiser. A March trip to the Brunswick Zone is scheduled for Monday, March 12. More details will be determined at the February meeting. Any member wanting to be an officer needs to contact Patty prior to the meeting with the office they would like to hold.

Fundraising Committee Meeting

The fundraising committee will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 29, 5 pm, at the courthouse. We will be making final plans for the event. Contact the extension office, if you can't attend.