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Spring is Nature’s Way of Saying, “Let’s Party”

By Robin Williams
4-H Horse Project Members

All 4-H Horse Project Members MUST have a Missouri 4-H Project Horse Enrollment Form filled out and to the Putnam County Extension Office no later than May 1, in order to show at 4-H Horse Shows for the 2015 showing season.

This form may be found at:
Y1440, Missouri 4-H Project Horse Enrollment Form (PDF)

If you have questions contact Mary at the Putnam County Extension Office.

STATE FAIR MARKET BARROW DNA CARDDS ARE COMING

Contact the Extension Office for your DNA blood sample cards. Cards are $3.00 a piece.

All individual market barrows entered for competition must have been owned solely by the exhibitor by May 1, 2015.

A DNA Sample Card must be back to the Putnam County Extension Office by May 11.

An animal identification (ear notch) must be included on the DNA Sample Card. If you have questions, please call Mary Oden at 660-947-2705

Putnam County Fair 4-H/FFA Sheep/Goat Weigh-In
June 7 @ Putnam County Fairgrounds
2:00 to 4:00 pm

Keep in mind ALL Market Lambs that you wish to show at the PC Fair in the fall MUST be brought in. We will also be nose printing for MO State Fair and pulling DNA hair samples for AK-Sar-Ben

CLOTHING PROJECT MEMBERS & LEADERS

The PC Extension Office just received a new clothing project book titled, “A Beginner’s Sewing Guide”.

It is a very good guide. Come on in and check it out!

Putnam County Fair Swine Weigh-In/Check-In
Monday, June 8
Putnam County Fairgrounds
6:00 to 8:00 pm

NEW THIS YEAR, ALL Putnam County 4-H/FFA Swine exhibitors that wish to show at the PC Fair in September MUST bring their animals in. You do not have to weigh and enter the Rate of Gain Contest but ALL animals will need to come in and be tagged.

If you have questions contact us at the Putnam County Extension Office 660-947-2705

4-H Building Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 9th
7:00 pm at PC Courthouse

We will be starting the plan for the next step of our 4-H Building Renovations
Show Me Quality Assurance Certification

Listed below is the 4-H members that still need to complete their Show Me Quality Assurance Certification. You will need to go online at the following website to complete this training: [http://agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/](http://agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/)

At the end of the online training be sure and print out the certificate at the end and bring it in to be signed.

Remember **ALL** 4-H members enrolled in food animal projects including beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, meat and dairy goats, rabbits and poultry must complete the appropriate level of MSMQA certification to be considered a 4-H member in good standing in that project. If you have questions contact the Putnam County Extension Office 660.947.2705

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**4-H Photography Guidelines**

1) Photos must be mounted on an 8” x 10” solid mat board.
2) The mat board can be in a color of the photographer’s choice.
3) Photographs must be 8” x 10” or smaller, with no more than four photos per mat board.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- “Solid” requires means no cutouts or other holes in the mat board, either around or behind the photo.
- Mount photos on the smoothest side of the mat board.
- “Mat board” is a specific material, intended to keep the photo from getting bent or destroyed. It is not cardboard, foam core, poster board, etc.
- Photo exhibits should arrive in an exhibit bag that fits the photo, to protect it from dust, humidity, and handling. The bag should not be oversized and folded, as this makes it difficult to display.
- If you’re uncertain whether it’s mat board, do the “wave it and squeeze it” test: Mat board is not squishy or flimsy. If it isn’t light, thin, stiff, and solid, the material is not mat board. Mounting material meeting this test will be given the benefit of the doubt.
- Single window mats (“frames” made of mat board and sized 8” x 10”) are acceptable but not required.

The Putnam County Extension Office has Mat Board and Bags for sale, just give us a call or drop by if you need them.
MISSOURI STATE FAIR & PUTNAM COUNTY 4-H/FFA OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS

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. For the Missouri State Fair the dates are:

- **Beef Cattle** - Steers 3/1, Bucket Calf—7/1
- **Sheep** - Breeding Animals 6/1, Market Lambs—6/1
- **Swine** - Breeding Gilts 90 days, Breeding Boars—since farrowing, Market Hogs 5/1 - P C Date 6/1
- **Dairy Cattle** - All Dairy Cattle 6/1
- **Dairy Goats** - 6/1, Meat Goats—6/1
- **Dogs** - 4/1
- **Horses** - 5/1
- **Rabbits** - 6/1  Meat pen—5-10 weeks prior to show
- **Poultry** - Meat pen 8-10 weeks prior to show

**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.

Registrations are due by **May 1**

Contact Mary at the Extension Office for more information.
Grilled Vegetables
Help children eat healthy vegetables! Asparagus is a vegetable that is in-season during April and May. It is low in calories and is a good source of potassium, fiber, and vitamins B and C. It can be eaten raw or cooked. Grill a variety of vegetables (asparagus, zucchini, mini carrots, peppers) using the recipe below and allow Clover Kids to sample them.

Supplies:
· 1 pound fresh vegetables (asparagus, zucchini circles, mini carrots, pepper strips)
· ¼ cup fat free Italian salad dressing or 4 tablespoons
· Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:
Wash vegetables. Place the Italian salad dressing or the vegetable oil, salt and pepper in a large food storage bag. Add the vegetables to the bag and toss to coat them. Place vegetables on a pre-heated indoor, electric grill. If using an outdoor grill, place vegetables in a foil pan to cook or thread bite size pieces on a skewer. Turn the vegetables each minute. Cook until tender crisp – only a couple of minutes.
What’s Going On!!!!!

April 6  Registrations for 4-H Day with Cardinals Due
April 10 Registration for WHEP State Contest Due
April 18 WHEP State Contest
April 15 Club Farm Families Nominations Due to Extension Office
May 1  4-H Horse Project Enrollments Due at Extension Office
May 1  Sheep Starter Flock Grant Due
May 16  4-H Day with Cardinals
May 18  4-H Blood Drive
May 23-29, 2015 Missouri 4-H Equine Tour
June 1  4-H Council Meeting
June 7  Sheep & Goat Weigh-In, 2—4 pm, @ fairgrounds
June 8  Swine Weigh-In, 6-8 pm, @ fairgrounds
June 3-5 State 4-H Congress in Columbia
June 10-12, 2015 4-H Counselor Camp
June 22-25, 2015 4-H Camp – Troy MO
June 20-29, 2015 Washington Focus Trip
August 6 - 8, 2015 Lucerne Stock Show
August 13-23, 2015 Missouri State Fair

Mary’s Office Hours*
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9am—3 pm each week
(*note: Although the posted work schedule will remain fairly consistent, there will occasionally be times
where Mary may not be in the office during posted times. Please remember, Mary’s position is limited to 20
hours per week. Any hours worked outside the posted work schedule, requires hours to be deducted from
the scheduled office hours.) Please feel free to call Mary at the Putnam County Extension Office (660-947-
2705) or email odemn@missouri.edu. If you have an urgent need outside established office hours, you may
contact Mary via cell phone 660-216-2926.

To the 4-H Family of: