

4-H Happenings!

News for 4-H families and friends

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COUNTY NEWS FROM YOUR YPA VICKIE

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It is February already, where did January go? I hope everyone will remember how important it is to always read this newsletter. We have all the up coming dates that you will need to mark on your calendar

TRIVIA NIGHT

I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to everyone who made our first Trivia night a big success. The Trivia Committee which were the following: Marsha Schmidt, Betty Mayo, Raellen Gregory, Donna Nixon, Sherilyn Peters, Kayli Hyatt and Edward Schmidt, did an excellent job getting everything organized and collected donations, set up and cleaned up after the event. Dr. Tom Fuhrman our CPD did an awesome job with the Spaghetti Sauce. Teana Stout, our office Secretary, took the money as they came in to eat and play. Many other 4-H members and parents help in some way to pull this event off so well. We know we will try it again in October. We had 12 tables for Trivia. Everyone there said they had a great time. Again THANK YOU to everyone.

2009 RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The 2009 Randolph County Public Speaking Contest has been scheduled for April 23rd Time will be announced later. It will be held at the Youth Cabin in Rothwell Park.

2009 RANDOLPH COUNTY FASHION REVUE

The 2009 Randolph County Fashion Revue has been scheduled for July 14th at the Youth Cabin. Registration will begin at 5:30pm with competition beginning at 6:00pm.

2009 RANDOLPH COUNTY WORKING DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

The 2009 Randolph County Working Demonstration Contest has been scheduled for March 13 from 5:00 PM – 8 PM at Orscheln's in Moberly. Registration deadline is March 6th. Contact the Extension Office for participation.

2009 RANDOLPH COUNTY MAJOR EVENTS DAY

The 2009 Randolph County Major Events Day has not been set as of this date. It will held be at the Moberly Middle School. Look for more details in upcoming newsletters.

2009 RANDOLPH COUNTY TABLE-SETTING CONTEST

The 2009 Randolph County Table-Setting Contest will be held with other judging during Major Events. The date for Major Events has not been set yet. When this date is set we will let you know.

RANDOLPH COUNTY STEER WEIGH-IN

The Randolph County Steer Weigh-in is scheduled for Saturday, March 7 from 9am - 11am at the fairgrounds. This is the only opportunity to get nose prints on any steers that you may be considering taking to the MO State Fair. Members that wish to have their steers considered for the county rate of gain must weigh their steers on this day. All calves must be tagged, and if they do not have a tag, one will be provided. Be sure and bring your social security number for nose print purposes.

RANDOLPH COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS

Shooting Sports Safety training – Sat. Feb. 14, 9-1 PM, Huntsville Methodist Church Ed. Bldg.

RANDOLPH COUNTY SHEEP, BORE GOAT NOSE PRINTING

The Randolph County Sheep and Bore Goat Nose Printing and Hog Weigh-in has not been scheduled as of this date, but will let you know when it is. This is the **only** opportunity to get nose prints on any Sheep or Bore Goats that you may be considering taking to the MO State Fair. Members that wish to have their animals considered for the county rate of gain must weigh on this day. All animals must be tagged, and if they do not have a tag one will be provided. Be sure and bring your social security number for nose print purpose

RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR BOARD

The Randolph County Fair board will meet on Thursday **February 5, 2009** at 7:30 pm at the Youth Cabin. This is a very important meeting, several items will be on the agenda and it is very important that everyone that is a Representative for their club be present. Remember the dates for the County Fair are July 19-26..

JUNIOR LEADERS NEW NEWS

The Junior Leaders will have a meeting on Wednesday **February 19th at 7:00 pm at the John Douglas Building** in Rothwell Park.. We need all Junior Leaders to attend. They will be discussing several upcoming activities the Junior Leaders will be involved with. For more information contact Shelly Hohenfeldt 263-0965 or Theresa Hyatt 263-2414.

OTHER COUNTY NEWS

ATTENTION HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS AND LEADERS

Horse enrollment forms and a copy of a current Coggins test are due to the Extension Office before **May 1**. Please remember that you must have both of these forms on file in the Extension Office for **each** horse that you plan to use for your 4-H project. This is a state rule and deadline! Club leaders have available forms.

MISSOURI SHOW ME QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING (MSQA)

All 4-H members in beef, sheep, swine, rabbits, goats, dairy, and poultry must have a valid Show Me Quality Assurance Card by June 1st to be a member in good standing and to show at the County or State Fair.

Members 8 – 13 must take the MSQA training two consecutive years and once again when they turn 14. Members 14 and over must take the program once. The Randolph County SMQA training will be held on March 31 at the Youth Cabin in Rothwell Park. The time will be at 6:00 PM. Macon County will also have one on May 6 at 6:00 PM at the Extension office in Macon. If you have any questions about this program please call the Extension Office at 269-9656.

2009 CHILI AND VEGETABLE SOUP SUPPER

This year's event is scheduled for **February 28** from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the West Park United Methodist Church on the corner of Myra and Diltz. Tickets are \$5.00 per person, five and under are free. There is also a drawing for a Red oak Park Bench. The tickets are \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 6 tickets. Each club will be given tickets to sell. Any unsold tickets must be turned back into the 4-H office. All money from ticket sales is due by **February 26th**. Below is the club work schedule.

Work Schedule:

10am – Noon – Busy Busy Beavers
11am – 1pm – Westran Ramblers, Randolph County Builders
Noon – 2pm – Clifton Hill Challengers, Neighborly Community
1pm – 3pm – Magic City Clovers

Food Donation List:

Randolph County Builders - 3 pies, 1 cake, (3) 4 lb. roast, 5 #10-chili beans, 8 boxes of crackers.
Magic City Clovers - 5, #10-chili Beans, 1 large can catsup, (3) 4 lb. roast, 4 pies, 6 boxes of crackers, 20 lbs. potatoes
Neighborly Community - 10 cans tomato juice, 2 bottles catsup, 10 pkgs. chili seasonings, (2) 4 lb. roast, 3 pies, 1 cake.

Clifton Hill Challengers - 10 cans tomato juice, (4) 4 lb. roast, 10 boxes of crackers, 4 pies. 8 pkgs. of celery, 7 pkgs. of carrots

Westran Ramblers - 10 lbs. hamburger, 10 cans mixed vegetables, (2) 4 lb. roasts, 4 pies, 1 gal. dill pickle slices, 3 bottles of ketchup.

Busy Beavers - 20 cans mixed vegetables, 4 pies, 1 cake, 10 lbs. hamburger, (3) 4 lb. roasts, 10 pkgs. chili seasonings.

Please bring food donations to the 4-H office no later than 4:30 PM **February 25**. Pies and cakes need to be brought to the church no later than 10:00 AM on **February 28**. Please remember that there can be no eggs in the pies. Pecan pies are ok.

2009 4-H CAMP DATES

4-H camp at Cuivre River State Park in Troy, MO is scheduled for **June 22-25**. Counselor camp will be held **June 14-16**. Watch the newsletter for registration and other information.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you have not been receiving the newsletter through email please contact the Extension Office to verify that we have the correct email address for you. Thank you.

CLOVER KIDS PROJECT WORK AND COMPETITION

The 4-H Clover Kids program is designed to introduce 5-to 7-year-olds to a variety of 4-H experiences. Clover Kids have unique program needs and interests compared to youth age 8 - 18. Because Clover Kids are not ready developmentally to accept and complete the responsibilities of 4-H project work, they are not allowed to enroll in projects or raise project animals. Several volunteers have asked whether Clover Kids can just participate in project meetings and the answer is "no" because this activity is not the intent of the Clover Kids program. However, it is acceptable for a Clover Kids group to visit a 4-H project meeting as a one-time learning opportunity.

Clover Kids do not participate in competitive events, contests, or shows. According to research, youth are ready to be involved in competition when they:

- Know how to play fair – understand and obey the rules without too much adult supervision
- Win with humility and lose with grace
- Enjoy the skills of competition, win or lose
- Know that winning or losing is not an indicator of self-worth

These are difficult concepts to learn. Five to seven-year-olds lack emotional and cognitive maturity to participate in competitive events. In contrast, young children in non-competitive environments are more likely to develop confidence, creativity, and competence than do children in competitive situations.

RANDOLPH COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

The Randolph County 4-H Council will hold a meeting on **March 23** at 7:00pm at the Youth Cabin in Rothwell Park. It is important that each 4-H club be represented. If you cannot attend please notify the Extension Office.

REGIONAL NEWS

REGIONAL TEEN ENERGIZER

Attention all area teens! The Northeast Regional Representatives are planning a one day teen retreat for all area Teen 4-H members ages 12-18.. The date is **March 7** from 10am - 2pm in Macon, MO at the Macon United Methodist Church. Cost for the day's festivities is \$10, which includes lunch. Send your registration fee to the Pike County Extension Office 115 W. Main Bowling Green, Mo. 63334 by **February 20**. For more information call the Macon County Extension Office.

COGGINS CLINIC

Green Hills Veterinary clinic in Moberly is offering Coggins Clinic on **March 21 and April 18**. Please call (660)263-9797 to make an appointment.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

All adult volunteers that have not completed the Orientation may do so on line. To complete this call the Extension Office for instructions.

GENERAL AND STATE INFORMATION

MISSOURI YOUTH LIVESTOCK GRADING & JUDGING WORKSHOP

This will be an educational activity with explanation of USDA grades, traditional judging and keep/cull classes by USDA, Animal Science and Extension personnel through the use of slides and demonstration animals. The contest portion of the workshop will consist of grading slaughter cattle, feeder cattle, one class of traditional judging, and keep/cull. This event will be held at the University of Missouri in the Trowbridge Livestock Center on March 14th. The cost to attend is \$6.00 due by February 10th. Contact the Randolph Extension Office to register.

GOAT & SHEEP CONFERENCE

This conference will be held March 27 and 28 for 4-Hers and adults at the George Washington Carver farm in Jefferson City. Some workshops of interest include Internal Parasite Control in Small Ruminants, Raising Kiko Meat Goats for Profit, Formulation Rations for sheep and goats, Ethics of 4-H and FFA youth showing sheep and goats, Importance of feet, feeding show animals, and much much more. For more information contact the Randolph County Extension Office. Registration is \$20.00 for both days or \$10.00 for one and due before March 15th.

BEEF CATTLE SHOWING AND FITTING CLINIC

Junior beef cattle exhibitors interested in learning about Beef Cattle Showing and Fitting may want to attend this Clinic held in Kirksville Missouri on March 13-15, 2009 at the NEMO Fairgrounds. The clinic will not only cover fitting and showing but will include topics on daily care, feeding, and other important information pertinent to showing beef cattle.

The lead instructor for the clinic will be Chuck McCullough from Allerton, Iowa. Chuck is a nationally recognized beef cattle fitter. He will be assisted by others so that individual instructional help can be optimized. The clinic is co-sponsored by University of Missouri Extension and the Wahl Clipper Corporation. Clinic participants will need to bring their show calf and equipment, including blocking chute, show stick, blower, comb, brushes, adhesives, and clippers. If enrollees do not have all of this equipment there will be extra equipment available and show supplies available for purchase during the clinic.

Both the news release and flyer can be found at <http://extension.missouri.edu/adair/4h/beefclinic.shtml> registration is due by March 1st and cost \$100 per calf.

WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT STATE CONTEST

Saturday April 4, Hickory Hill Camp, Columbia, MO

All 4-Hers are eligible to participate in the state Wildlife Judging event as an individual or as a team member. Awards will be presented in two age divisions: Junior, age 8-13 and Senior, age 14-18. Senior teams compete for a chance to participate in the national contest to be held July 19-23 near Zwolle, Louisiana. This year's state contest will focus on the 16 featured wildlife species of the Eastern Deciduous Forest Region and the appropriate wildlife management practices. Because of a recent change in the national event, the Missouri information and contest is being revised to comply. Completion of the update is expected by February 15. Information regarding the state contest is available on the website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/wildlife/whep.htm>. Study resources –when updated– are available from your county MU Extension Center.

STATE FAIR ANIMAL ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries must be received before July 2 to be on time. This is a change from past years when the entries had to be post marked July 2.

STATE FAIR ANIMAL OWNERSHIP DATES

The following is the most current list of the State Fair Ownership dates for breeding and market livestock and companion animals.

Beef Cattle – Steers – 3/15

Beef Cattle – Breeding Animals – 6/1

Sheep – Breeding Animals – 7/1

Sheep – Market Lambs – 6/15

Swine – Breeding Gilts – 90 days

Swine – Breeding Boars – Since farrowing

Swine – Market Hogs – May 15

Dairy Cattle – All Dairy Cattle – 6/1

Dairy Goats – 6/1

Meat Goats – Breeding and Market – 6/15

Dogs – 4/1

Horses – 5/1

Rabbits – Breeding – 6/1

Rabbits – Meat Pen – 5 – 10 weeks prior to show

Poultry – Meat Pen – 8 – 10 weeks prior to show

SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

There will be a Shooting sports Certification Workshop March 27-29, 2009 at Camp Jo-Ota, near Clarence Missouri. Registration is due to the State Office by March 15th for more information visit <http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm> or stop by the Macon County Extension Office.

4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI CONTEST

Now is the perfect time to join 4-H Move Across Missouri, a new program that promotes physical activity by encouraging young people and their families to be active together. Sign up as an individual or as part of a team, log the number of minutes you spend being active and join your fellow 4-H'ers in friendly competition to see who is the most active. At the end of the program, all participants will receive a MOVE t-shirt and certificate. The most active individuals and teams will receive bonus prizes from the Missouri 4-H Foundation. For more information, go to 4h.missouri.edu

CHALLENGE: 4-H MILLION TREE PROJECT

MU Extension 4-H'ers have been challenged to be part of 4-H Million Trees, a service project started by a 4-H member in California who decided to do something to combat global climate change. Missouri's goal is to plant at least 22,000 new trees throughout the state to help improve the quality of the environment. The next few months are a perfect time to plant, so start planning now. Go to 4h.missouri.edu for resources on the correct type of tree for the planting location. Get your seedlings, available for free to MU Extension 4-H'ers, from the Missouri Department of Conservation. Larger trees also are available through the Missouri ReLeaf program. Most importantly, be sure to register your project at www.4hmilliontrees.org to make sure your trees count toward the goal. Will you accept the challenge?

PREPARE EARLY FOR THE STATE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The categories for the 2009 State 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be prepared, extemporaneous, public service announcement, interpretation and technology-assisted. All categories will be available to both juniors, ages 8-13, and seniors, ages 14-19. Counties may send up to one junior competitor and one senior competitor per category. Young people will be allowed to compete in up to two categories. For more information, go to the MU Extension 4-H Web site, <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/publicspeaking/>

LEARN MORE ABOUT PORK “IN THE SHOW RING”

The Missouri Pork Association is offering a youth-focused educational track called “In the Show Ring” at the Missouri Pork Expo, **Feb. 11**. Young people attending the entire session will receive Show Me Quality certification or recertification. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged but not required. Find information about this and other MPA opportunities at www.mopork.com.

CLOVER KIDS CORNER

Through Clover Kids clubs, children learn how to get along, share, and work in groups, explore their interests, and build self-confidence. Each Clover Kids Corner provides an activity, information or other materials that Clover Kids leaders can use in planning and implementing experiences that introduce five to seven-year olds to the 4-H concept of learning by doing.

Thank You Notes Teach A Lifelong Skill!

Have you considered helping your Clover Kids write and send handwritten thank you notes? Teaching children to write thank you notes is a simple act that goes a long way in the development of good social skills. Here are a couple of suggestions to help you get your Clover Kids going:

- Be positive. Briefly explain that the gift-giver will feel good knowing the present is appreciated. The way you talk about thank you notes will influence whether your children think of writing them as a chore or as something thoughtful they can do for someone who has done something thoughtful for them.
- Give choices and help make writing thank you notes fun. For children that don't yet write encourage them to draw pictures. Provide a variety of interesting and colorful paper, pens/pencils, crayons/markers, glitter and glue. Let them choose the ones they will use.
- Make the handwritten note a special message from the heart. Help children understand the effort they put into creating a thank you is just as valuable as the gift itself.
- Be a good example and write letters! Children learn to be courteous and responsible by watching other adults.

Ideas for Making Thank You Stationery

- Stamps and pads
- Stickers
- Decorate plain note cards
- Stencils
- Use decorative-edged scissors
- Cut thank you postcards from card stock

Make thumbprints with washable ink pads. (Balloons, flowers. Patterns, people, words or a clover.)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU FROM THE STAFF AT THE RANDOLPH COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE!!

Shelby McCawley	2-1
Hailey Donald	2-7
Chasey Knepler	2-7
Kendra Pogue	2-8
Kylea Ingram	2-10
Morgan Gittemeier	2-15
Miranda Haynes	2-15
Brittany Kroner	2-18
Christopher Beaudoin	2-18
Alyssa Smothers	2-24

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 5 – Randolph County Fair Board Meeting
Feb. 6 – Missouri Livestock Grading and Judging workshop registration due.
Feb. 11-12 –Missouri Pork Expo
Feb. 14 – 4-H Shooting Sports members Safety training
Feb. 15- Missouri State Fair Scholarship Applications Due
Feb. 16 – Day at the Capital
Feb. 18 – Junior Leaders meeting
Feb. 20 – Regional Energizer Registration
Feb. 28 – Randolph County Chili and Veg. Soup Dinner
Feb. 27 – Camp T-shirt Design Contest Deadline
March 1 – Beef Cattle showing and Fitting Clinic registration deadline
March 5 – Randolph county Fair Board Meeting, 7:30 PM at the Youth Cabin
March 6 – 8 - Youth Civic Leader Summit - Windermere
March 7 – Randolph County Steer Weigh-In
March 7 – Regional Energizer at Macon 10:00 AM
March 13 – Randolph County Working Demonstrations Contest
March 13-15 – Beef Cattle Showing and Fitting Clinic
March 14 – Missouri Livestock Grading and Judging Workshop
March 15 – Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop registration due
March 15 –Goat and Sheep Conference registration due
March 15 – Missouri 4-H Equine Trip registration deadline
March 18-21- Kansas City Global Conference
March 21 – Coggins Clinic - Moberly
March 21– State Horse Judging Contest
March 21 – State Horse Judging Workshop
March 23 – Randolph County 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm at the Youth Cabin
March 27-28- Goat and Sheep Conference
March 27-29 – Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop
March 31 – Randolph County Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance Training
April 1 – State 4-H Congress applications due to Extension Office
April 4 – Wildlife Habitat Management State Contest
April 13 – Swine DNA Card Order Due to the Extension office
April 18 – Coggins Clinic - Moberly
May 1 – Horse enrollment form deadline due in Extension Office with current Coggins test
May 1 – Citizens Youth Form Registration due
May 22 – 28 – Missouri 4-H Equine Trip
June 3 -5 –State 4-H Congress
June 8-12 – Missouri Agribusiness Academy
June 14 – 16 – Counselor Camp, Troy
June 13 - 4-H State Poultry Day, Columbia
June 22– 25– 4-H Camp, Troy
June 22 – 24 Citizens Youth Forum – Jefferson City
June 27 – July 7 – 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Trip
July 2 – State Fair Animal Entries Due at State Fair Office
July 11 – Randolph County Shooting Sports – County Contest
July 14 – Randolph County Fashion Revue-Little Dixie Regional Library
July 19 – 26 –Randolph County Fair
August 13 – 23 – Missouri State Fair