COUNTY NEWS FROM YOUR YPA VICKIE

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Greetings and welcome to spring and a very busy month for all the 4-H activities in the county. Again I must stress, PLEASE READ YOUR NEWSLETTER and mark your calendar with dates and other information for all of the activities for the month.

Your help is also needed for the 4-H Council. I know everyone is very busy just keeping up with your families everyday activities. The 4-H Council needs 4-H volunteers to commit to being on a standing committee as part of the 4-H Council and the yearly 4-H activities. We need members for the following committees. **Major Events** – this committee helps plan and set up for the Major Events Day which will be April 26th 2014 - present awards at the end of the day. **Achievement** – this committee helps plan, set up and help with Achievement Day at the County Fair. **Awards** – this committee helps plan, organize, set up and help with the awards part of the Recognition night on November 1. 2015. **Fund Raising or Ways and Means** – this committee would be looking at all ways to come up with different types of Fund raising for the 4-H. You would meet as a committee at least 3 to 4 time during the 4-H year and especially close to the time of your committees activity date. If you would like to be a part of one of these committees please let me know at the 4-H office, Parent involvement is also a very important part of 4-H, as 4-H is for the whole family being a part of all the activities. We all work for the 4-H motto “TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER”

2015 RANDOLPH COUNTY WORKING DEMONSTRATIONS CONTEST

We had a great evening on March 15th at Orscheln’s for all those who participated in the working demonstrations. Congratulations to all of you who took part in this activity. There were 20 - 4-H members that participated. Four were chosen to be presented at the Missouri State Fair in August. They were: Ashley Lewis, Seton Miller, Tori Brumbaugh and Jessica McKeown. All participants received a ribbon. I was very proud of everyone. Everyone did a great job.

2015 RANDOLPH COUNTY MAJOR EVENTS

The 2015 Major Events will be held on April 25th beginning at 9:00AM. The events will be held at the Moberly Middle School. You will be receiving a letter in the mail listing all the events to be held that day and also the form to register for the events you want to do that day. This is a fun day for all the 4-H members and lots of things for you to participate in. We should be done by 1:00PM. I will need the registrations back to the Extension office by April 22nd, 2015. If the office is closed, we have a dropped box by the door.

2015 RANDOLPH COUNTY TABLE SETTING CONTEST

The 2015 Table Setting Contest will be held during the Major Events Day which will be held on Saturday, April 25th at the Moberly Middle School. Set up will start at 8:30 with the judging to begin at 9:00AM.
SMQA IN RANDOLPH COUNTY
All 4-H members who are enrolled in a meat-based animal project must have this Show-Me Quality Assurance prior to June 1, 2012 to exhibit in local Fairs and the Missouri State Fair.  **We have not set a date, but you can take in on-line**. This is the site to go to on-line.  [http://www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/](http://www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/)

2015 RANDOLPH COUNTY FASHION REVUE
The 2015 Randolph County Fashion Revue has been scheduled for Monday, July 13th at the Little Dixie Regional Library.  Registration will begin at 5:30pm with competition beginning at 6:00pm.

2015 RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The 2015 Randolph County Public Speaking Contest has been scheduled for April 13, 2015 beginning at 6:30PM at the Youth Cabin.  Contact the Extension Office for participation.

The Public Speaking Contest is open to all 4-H members of Randolph County.  Enrollment in leadership or public speaking project is NOT required.  The top two in each category are eligible to compete at the State Contest in September.

**Senior Participants (14 or older):** Speeches may be on any topic of the participant’s choice that is in good taste for a group of peers and adults.  Five to seven minute speeches are required.  Negative points will be assessed for exceeding seven minutes.  Note cards may be used.

**Intermediate (11 – 13):** Speeches may be on any topic of the participant’s choice that is in good taste for a group of peers and adults.  Four to six minute speeches are required.  Negative points will be assessed for exceeding six minutes.  Note cards may be used.

**Junior Participants (8 - 10):** Speeches may be on any topic of the participant’s choice that is in good taste for a group of peers and adults.  Three to five minute speeches are required.  Negative points will be assessed for exceeding seven minutes.  Note cards may be used.

JUNIOR LEADERS NEWS

The Jr. Leaders will meet on **Monday April 13, 2015** at the Extension Office, beginning at 5:30PM.  Mark your calendar and be sure and try to attend.  Anyone wanting to be a part of the Junior Leaders this is the time for you to attend.  Also, the Junior Leaders will be doing several things in the next few months.  They will have the Clover Kid Camp in April 18, 2015 at the Youth Cabin in Rothwell Park.  In May they are planning a Bake Sale and in June they will be doing community service at the Community Kitchen.  So mark your calendar and come out and support the Randolph County 4-H Junior Leaders. For more information you can contact the Adult Volunteer Leader - Chrissy Dignan at 277-5249.

RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR BOARD

The Randolph County Fair board will meet on Thursday **May 1** at 7:30pm 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 is present.  Remember the dates for the County Fair are July 14 – 19 – 2014.
OTHER COUNTY NEWS

2015 4-H CAMP DATES

4-H camp at Camp Si Colburn at Mark Twain State Park is set for June 9 – 11. Counselor will come on June 8 and be ready for regular campers on June 9. All 4-H camp applications are due May 1. A $20 fee will be attached to late camper applications that will be accepted up until May 15. The camp forms are available in the 4-H office.

A state law signed into effect in the fall of 2005 provides that 4-H members can attend 4-H camp without counting as a summer school absence. I will provide additional information in the coming months so families that want their children to attend camp can arrange that with their local school. Both the school and the child come out ahead!

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.

ELIGIBILITY TO EXHIBIT AT THE COUNTY FAIR

In order for a member to exhibit at the Randolph County Fair, he/she must attend at least 75% of the club meetings and completed 6 hours of project work before the 2015 fair.

OBTAINING 4-H STAFF SIGNATURES

As the fair and other major events approach the need for 4-H staff signatures becomes necessary on a much more frequent basis. Please make every effort to get these signatures in a timely manner. Thank you.

ATTENTION HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS AND LEADERS

Horse enrollment forms are due to the Extension Office before May 1st. 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.

RANDOLPH COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

The Randolph County 4-H Council will hold a meeting on June 22nd at 7:00pm at the Extension office. It is important that each 4-H club be represented. If you cannot attend please notify the Extension Office

SHEEP AND GOAT NOSE PRINTING

For those 4-H and FFA members who plan to show their Sheep or Meat Goats at the State Fair, we will have the nose printing for those animals on Saturday – May 30, 2015. From 8AM – 9:30AM. It will be at Stegall Fabrications & Engineering LLC.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Missouri Sheep Producers – Starter Flock Application*

Applications for the annual sheep producers starter flock grant are attached. They are due May 1. If you have questions please contact Scott Kaden at 573-368-2194 or scott.kaden@dnr.mo.gov.
Show-Me 4-H Wares (and 4-H Salesmanship Contest) at the Missouri State Fair

The 8th Annual Show Me 4-H Wares booth is accepting applications May 1–July 1, 2015 for young entrepreneurs to sell their 4-H products and services at the Missouri State Fair.

Review 2014 results: [http://4h.missouri.edu/events/fair/docs/showmewares13_report.pdf](http://4h.missouri.edu/events/fair/docs/showmewares13_report.pdf)

Who Can Apply
Any single 4-H member, two youth (biz buddies), or up to three 4-H members representing a club or countywide group, are eligible to apply to market or sell an original product or service that demonstrates the use of 4-H project skills. Youth enrolled in the 4-H entrepreneurship project and/or participating in county fair booths are especially encouraged to apply, but this is not a requirement to apply for the state fair booth.

What Can Be Sold
Youth marketing a service (such as photography or babysitting) can do so with an in-person demonstration, pre-made video, or PowerPoint presentation at the booth. Youth selling a product (such as cookbooks or quilts) can bring pre-made items to sell at the booth, and/or take customer orders to fill later.

State fair regulations do not permit the sale of food or food products at the sales booth (give-away food samples are fine).

Salesmanship Contest
All exhibitors will participate in the 4-H salesmanship contest while displaying and selling at the booth. “Mystery shopper” judges will visit the booth and talk with youth to evaluate their presentations anonymously. Junior/Intermediate and Senior level awards will be presented to exhibitors who best match the judging criteria in the Individual, Biz Buddies, and Team categories. Judging criteria include:

- Health (dress/appearance)
- Heart (enthusiasm/confidence/trustworthiness/appreciation)
- Head (knowledge of product features/benefits/applied 4-H skills)
- Hands (display/signage/literature/creativity/organization/greeting/sales pitch)

Entries are due to the state 4-H office between May 1-July 1, and require:

- A complete Show Me 4-H Wares application (follow instructions for individual, biz buddies, or team)
- A thorough description of the product(s) or service(s) to be sold
- A sample item or quality photo of the item(s)
- A letter of recommendation from an unrelated adult
- Application signed by the 4-H youth staff for the county
- State fair youth exhibitor fee $20 (same fee for individual, biz buddies, or team)

Selection Of Exhibitors
Up to 16 youth exhibitors and/or teams will be selected to fill sixteen booth spaces and time slots over the four days. Selected youth will be notified of their time slot by July 15 and invited to participate in a conference call on August 1 to help them prepare for their appearance at the sales booth. Selected youth will also receive by mail a packet with more info about the booth and the salesmanship contest, including judging criteria.
Role Of Leaders/Adults
Project leaders and parents are encouraged to assist youth with preparing for “blue ribbon” marketing of themselves and their items at the Show Me 4-H Wares booth. On-site, adults can assist youth with setup and takedown, but should not participate directly in marketing or sales efforts. The aim is for 4-Hers to demonstrate mastery, learn independence, and gain experience interacting with the public.

County Fair Sales Booths: updated materials for counties offering sales booths during Summer 2014 will be available by May 1 on the S: drive under State Programs / Entrepreneurship.

For more information, please contact Steve Henness at henness@missouri.edu or (573) 884-6618.

State Shoot Info
Aug 22 – Trap Shoot – at MTA Field, Linn, Mo.
Aug 22-24 Basic Archery NFAA 300 round – all age divisions
Sept 19 – All events not specifically listed on other dates
Sept 20 – Sporting Clays OR 3D Archery, and Muzzleloading

2015 State Shoot Rules are on the web page at: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm PLEASE READ the new rules. There are not many changes, but there are a few. Instructors especially, should read the rules and be aware of any changes. Kind of embarrassing to show up at the State Shoot and not know the rules (but it happens every year). Don’t be that guy!

4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE)

MOVE promotes physical activity and encourages youths to engage in a wide range of activities such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, and gardening.

Using a paper tracking system youths and their families can “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year and during the competitive component of the MOVE program from February 1 – April 30. 4-Hers can enroll 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.

To sign up visit - http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/

Monthly MOVEment Activity
Take a Walk! Gather up Clover Kids and adults and go outside to take a walk. Enjoy the beautiful spring weather while being active. Listen to sounds of nature, notice plants and growing grass, and smell the fresh spring air. That’s it! A simple physical activity!

STATE 4-H CONGRESS

4-Hers if you are 14 or older consider attending State 4-H Congress June 3 – 5 on the MU Campus. You will get to stay in a residence hall and sit in a college classroom. Some workshops that will be offered at Congress are Electricity, Scrapbooking, Leadership, GPS, Music, Entrepreneurship, and more. The cost of this great conference is $200 and due to the Randolph County Extension Office by April 7th. You must go to 4-H On-line to register.
STATE POULTRY DAY
Will be June 13th at the Animal Science Center University of Missouri Columbia. Check in will be at 7:30 am and events from 8:00-3:30. The 2015 annual 4-H State Poultry project day is for members, parents, and leaders interested in increasing their understanding of the poultry project. Contact the Randolph County Extension Office for more information or visit http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/livestock/#poultry You must go to 4-H On-line to register. Registrations are due in Columbia by May 1st.

STATE FAIR ANIMAL ENTRY DEADLINE
Entries must be received before July 1 to be on time. This is a change from past years when the entries had to be post marked July 1. This also includes those entering the State Dog show.

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.

Reusable Tote Bag
Decorate a canvas tote for parents to use at the grocery store in place of plastic bags. Be creative and help the environment!

Supplies
• Canvas tote bag
• Cookie cutters
• Pencil
• Fabric paint

Here’s How
1. Lay the canvas bag flat.
2. Place a cookie cutter on the fabric and draw around it.
4. Allow paint to dry.
5. Give to mom, dad or adult to use to use at the grocery store in place of plastic. Remember, bag the [plastic] bag!
APRIL CLUB LEADER TIPS

The third week in April is National Volunteer week! We are very thankful for your continual dedication to the 4-H program. You have been an incredible asset to the program at all levels. May you continue to feel appreciated not only this month but every month! Thanks for being an awesome team player!

As you prepare for spring events you may want to consider the suggestions and ideas listed below.

1. Keep members informed of upcoming events and the importance of participation
2. Remind members again of requirements for completion and eligibility for exhibiting at fairs and shows.
3. Inform members about when application deadlines for camps, State 4-H Congress, state spring contests, Missouri Citizen Youth Forum, etc. Again, the youth are our best recruiters, have them share experiences and recruit others to engage in these events and opportunities.
4. Will your club provide some financial help to members who attend events such as, camps, State 4-H Congress, state spring contests, Missouri Citizen Youth Forum, etc. Work with members on making families aware of assistance that your club or county provides.
5. Remind horse project members that horse enrollment form is due to the Extension Center by May 1. You may want to encourage the horse project leaders to offer time to answer specific questions concerning this enrollment.
6. Work with officer team and program planning committee about planning and scheduling a local club achievement day prior to county achievement day. This will encourage project leaders and members to complete their projects earlier.
7. Make sure new family mentors are helping new families understand how these contests and events fit into the 4-H Club and what they need to do to participate.

APRIL PROJECT LEADER

Many projects are either in full swing as we prepare members for achievement day or the county fair. The project may be almost complete but is the 4-H member ready? If your county provides a conference judging experience at your fair or achievement day how can you help your members prepare for this experience? Reflection at the end of each project meeting is a sure way to prepare them for questions a judge may ask them. Also, do you ask them how they will use what they have learned at your project meetings?

Your club leader or the club officer team may have asked for your assistance in providing hands on activities at the county achievement day, club meeting or other activities. Don’t forget that there are resources at your fingertips for coordinating skill-a-thon stations, judging classes, demonstrations ideas, speech topics, etc. Many of these great resources can be found in your project curriculum or on the Missouri 4-H website at http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/ be sure and check out these resources, it may be just the tips and help you have been looking to discover rather than recreate!

Your hard work and dedication in addition to your investment of personal time has been a great contribution to the youth in your community. We are all very thankful for your continual support of the members and sharing your skills and knowledge with them so they can grow and do great things.
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE FROM THE EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF**
DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL
April 3 – Fair Board meeting – 7:30 PM – Youth Cabin
April 7 – State 4-H Congress fees due to office
April 13 – Public Speaking Contest at Youth Cabin starting at 6:30PM
April 18 – Clover Kid Camp – 10AM – 1PM at Youth Cabin at Rothwell Park.
April 22 – Major Events Registrations due in Extension Office
April 25 – Major Events at the Moberly Middle School beginning at 9AM

MAY
May 1 – 4-H Camp Applications due
May 1 – State Poultry Day registrations due
May 1 – Horse Enrollment Forms Due to the Extension Office
May 7 – Fair Board meeting – 7:30 PM – Youth Cabin
May 16 – 4-H Day with the Cardinal
May 30 – Sheep and Meat Goat Nose print and weigh-in

JUNE
June 3 – 5 – 4-H Congress on MU Campus
June 4 – Fair Board meeting – 7:30 PM – Youth Cabin
June 5 – Animal Entries and T-shirt orders due in the Extension office
June 9 – 11 - 4-H Camp
June 13 – State Poultry Day
June 22 – Randolph County 4-H Council meeting – 7:00 PM – Extension Office

JULY
July 1 – State Fair Animal Entries Due to State Fair Office
July 13 – Fashion Review – 5:30 – Little Dixie Regional Library
July 20 - 25 – Randolph County Fair
July 19 – Ham Contest Judging for County Fair – 2PM at The Lodge
July 20 – Randolph County Achievement Night – 5:00 PM

AUGUST
August 13 - 23 – Missouri State Fair