EXHIBITS CHOSEN TO BE SHOWN AT THE 2015 MISSOURI STATE FAIR ARE DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE ON JULY 30th!!!

THE COUNT DOWN HAS BEGUN

The Randolph County Fair is **July 20 - 25**. I hope everyone is ready for the 2015 Randolph County Fair! Mark your calendar for the dates and deadlines approaching. Animal entries and Fair T-Shirt orders were due on June 5. Those deadlines have passed and we know some missed that deadline. Please check all mail coming from the EXTENSION OFFICE – at this time it will contain important information. The County Fair is the time for all 4-H boys and girls to show their projects they have worked hard on all year. So let’s all work together and meet those deadlines.

NOTE TO PARENTS OF CONFERENCE JUDGING PARTICIPANTS

Please note when you come with your child to “The Lodge” for conference judging that it is important for parents to remain away from the judging area at all times. **Parents please do not go with your child to the judge.** If you have any questions please contact the Extension Office.

RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR BBQ PORK and CHICKEN MEAL

The 2015 Randolph County Fair BBQ PORK and CHICKEN Meal is scheduled for **July 24th** at the Riley Pavilion. **The meal will be served from 4:30PM – 6:00PM, immediately followed by the Auction.** The Randolph County Junior Leaders, and 3 members AND 3 ADULTS from each club, are in charge of table set-up for the event and should arrive at the Pavilion by 2:00pm. Four volunteers are also needed to help prepare the meal and should arrive at 3:00pm. Volunteers interested in helping should contact Lindsay Hunt. Finally, each club is asked to supply 8 dozen cookies or brownies individually wrapped (2 per bag) for the event. For more information or if you have questions please contact your Club leader.

BBQ PORK and CHICKEN MEAL TICKETS FOR PROSPECTIVE BUYERS AT THE RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR

Each exhibitor selling animals/hams/Bacon at the Randolph County Fair Auction can purchase five (5) BBQ Pork Meal Tickets at a reduced price of $5 each to give to their prospective buyers at the Randolph County Fair. In the past, we have deducted the total cost ($8.00) of the BBQ meal ticket from the youth’s premium check. The tickets will be available for sale starting on June 29 through July 22, 2015 at the Extension office daily from 10 am to 3 pm. All tickets must be paid for in advance.
Silence Auction at County Fair

We will again have a Silent Auction before and during the BBQ meal. Melissa Boots is Chairman of this event. If you have items you would like to donate for this please contact Melissa or the Extension office. This is a fund raiser for the 4-H program. The time it will run is 4PM – 5:30PM.

RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR BOARD

The Randolph County Fair Board will hold a meeting on July 7 at 6pm at The Lodge. It is important that each 4-H club be represented. If you cannot attend please notify the Extension Office.

2015 RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY

The 2015 Randolph County Fair 4-H Achievement Day will be held during the evening this year. Exhibit judging will be held beginning at 5pm on July 20th. Please bring your projects for judging during your clubs assigned time as listed below:

5:00PM – Jr. Leaders
5:30PM – Neighborly Community
6:00PM – Magic City Clovers and Westran Ramblers
6:30PM – Randolph County Challengers
7:00PM – Randolph County Builders and Busy, Busy Beavers

2015 RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR 4-H HAM JUDGING

The 2015 Randolph County Fair 4-H Bacon and Ham Judging will take place on Sunday – July 19th, with check in beginning at 1:30PM at The Lodge. They will be Conference judged like all other project, in other words the judge will talk with them about their hams as he is judging them. NO PARENTS will be allowed in The Lodge while judging is going on. All Ham exhibitors will be responsible for setting up Hams to be sold at the auction on Friday, July 24th, 2015 at 5PM. After you have checked in your ham(s) you will be allowed to leave and then return at their club’s scheduled time. If you have questions, please contact the Jenifer Barfield at 660-833-6703 or the Extension office.

The Judging schedule is as follows:
2:15 – 2:45 – Randolph County Junior Leaders
2:45 – 3:00 – Bacon Exhibitors
3:00 – 3:15 – Busy Busy Beavers
3:15 – 4:00 – Neighborly Community
4:00 – 5:15 – Westran Ramblers
5:15 – 6:00 – Randolph County Challengers
6:00 – 7:00 – Magic City Clovers
7:00 - 7:30 – Westran FFA

No Hams Registered – Randolph County Builders

FAIR CLEAN UP

The time to get everything ready for the Randolph County Fair will be Sunday – July 19, 2015 beginning at 2PM. Everyone’s help is needed, whether you show animals just Shooting Sports or just projects in The Lodge. WE NEED EVERYONE HELPING.

2015 RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR 4-H T-Shirts

The date and time to pick-up the Fair T-shirts will be Sunday – July 19, 2015 beginning at 12:30PM. All 4-H members must wear the T-shirts at Ham Judging, Achievement Day and when they show their animals at the Fair. This is the only time scheduled to pick up T-shirts. PLEASE make sure you pick them up on that day as you MUST wear them for the County Fair Events. There is NO EXCEPTION.
2015 RANDOLPH COUNTY FASHION REVUE

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

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 held before the 2015 fair and completed a minimum of 6 project hours. This also included all Shooting Sports members.

PROJECT TAGS

We will have the project tags available next week. Just come by the Extension office or call and we will have them available for all 4-H members.

2015 FAIR SHOWCASE GUIDELINES

(For a complete listing please see the website http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/)

SWIM PARTY AT THE AQUATIC CENTER

The Fair will be over and we will be ready to relax and enjoy our family and 4-H Friends. The date for the swim party is MONDAY - JULY 27, 2015 at the Aquatic Center in Rothwell Park from 7 – 9PM. We will have pizza and drinks. The cost will be $1.00 each or $5 for a family.

CONCESSION STANDS AT THE FAIR

The 4-H will again have the main Concession Stand in “The Lodge” during the Fair. Each Club is responsible for day and time slot. Below is listed the dates and times and the Club that has that date.

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There should be at least 1 adult or leader in the Concession stand at all times
Must be at least 13 to work in concession stand
The same people from your club do not have to work the entire shift; you can split it up into smaller shifts for your club.
Please arrive ½ hour early.

****THE CONCESSION STAND INCOME IS WHAT HELPS PAY FOR THE RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR

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VOLUNTEER LEADER ORIENTATION

Each adult wanting to volunteer with 4-H must take a one-time volunteer orientation. Information that will be covered during this training includes some history on 4-H, information about youth development, competition, character and risk management. To take the training on-line go to http://4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/application.htm At the end make sure you submit the quiz. The only way I know you took the orientation is if you submit the quiz.
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT AT THE COUNTY FAIR

This year at the 2015 Randolph County Fair the 4-H will be selling shopping Bags made from various recycled feed sacks. The proceeds will go to the PAWS for Patriots.

Generations of veterans have sacrificially served our country. They leave family, train tough, and survive extreme conditions. Some endure explosions and injuries, and many have lost their vision or suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress. Our Paws for Patriots programs serve active duty soldiers and retired servicemen and women with the respect and dignity they deserve. Veterans have served for freedom’s sake, and now they deserve the freedom to navigate with heads high and renewed confidence.

Veteran Service Dogs - Trains and places exceptional dogs not suitable for guide work into careers benefiting veterans who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress. Gaining confidence from these dogs, veterans expand their lives, regain mobility and independence and re-integrate into their communities.

COUNTY NEWS

State Shoot Information – IMPORTANT

All registrations for the State Shooting Sports is being done on-line this year. We will not take any registrations at the Extension office. You may pay by check and bring it into the 4-H office and we will send in 1 check for all registrations. The Archery and Trap Shoot registration is being taken now and will close at midnight on July 20, 2015. The 22 Rifle and all other rifles and pistols registration for the September Shoot are not up and ready yet to registrar on-line. It will be soon, so just keep checking.

4-H CAMP AT Camp Si Colborn

Randolph County had 15 campers – 7 Counselors attended 4-H camp at Mark Twain State Park. I had the privilege of attending camp with these 4-H members. They had so much fun, made new friends and some already want to go back. We had great weather. The 4-H members were a great group and I was very proud of all of them. So next year I hope we can double the number of 4-H Campers from Randolph County. 4-Hers – spread the word.

2015 RANDOLPH COUNTY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The 2015 Randolph County Recognition Program has been scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 6:00PM at the Municipal Auditorium. Magic City Clovers are in charge of Decorations and Westran Ramblers will take tickets.

AWARD FORMS

End of the year award forms and scholarship application packets will be mailed out to families in late August after the State Fair. Completed forms are due back to the Extension Office by 4pm on September 28. Secretary books, Treasurer Books, and Reporter books are also due at this time. No late forms will be accepted this year. NO EXCEPTIONS.
Why would I want to complete these forms?

**Project Record Form:** If you complete a form for each of your projects you have completed this year you will receive a project awards disc. To receive this disc you must completely fill in the banks on this form, have had 6 hours of educational instruction during the year, and if it is a food animal project be up-to-date on the Show Me Quality Assurance class.

**MO Report (Recognition) Form:** By completing this form you can get a gift and an award disc from the county. If your report is chosen to move on to the state level you can receive state awards as well. For 8-10 year olds you could get a scholarship to attend a camp in 2012 and a certificate of excellence; 11-13 year olds could get a scholarship to attend State 4-H Teen Conference; 14 and over youth that are selected get to move on to regional/state interviews and the interviews along with the report form are used to select youth to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.

**All Around 4-Her Award:** Members that complete the All Around 4-Her/Outstanding Boy/Girl application earn points toward becoming an All Around 4-H member. In the 8-10 age group 4-H members must score 20 or more points, 11-13 year olds must score 25 or more and 14 and over must score 30 or more points to be named an All Around 4-H member. Members that are named All Around 4-H members receive an award disc.

**Outstanding Boy/Girl Form:** the winner of this award will receive an award disc (You cannot win in the same age category more than once.)

**Quality of Living Award Form:** this award winner will get a gift and a disc. (You may only win this award once)

**I Dare You Award Form:** the I Dare You Award winner receives a disc, certificate and a book from the Danforth foundation.

**Key Award:** This award takes time and is a three step/year process. 4-H members that complete this award get State 4-H recognition, a pendant, an award disc and your form moves on to be considered to attend the National 4-H Conference in Maryland.

**Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Reporter books:** the winning club secretary, treasurer, historian and reporter book receives a gift and a disc.

**AWARD FORM WORKSHOP**

The Randolph County 4-H Council is hosting an award form workshop to be held at the Randolph County Extension Office. A date has not been selected.. Please bring the forms with you that you would like to work on. This event is open to all 4-H age members.

**RANDOLPH COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

The Randolph County 4-H Council will hold a meeting on **September 28th** at 7pm at the Extension Office. It is important that each 4-H club be represented. If you cannot attend please notify the Extension Office.

**CALLING ALL WITH E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

During this time of year there are various times when announcements and reminders need to be made by email. Please either email the Extension Office or call with your current working email address. Contact the office even if the address has not changed as sometimes they are entered into the system incorrectly.

**JUNIOR LEADER NEW NEWS**

Junior Leaders please be available throughout the fair as your help is greatly appreciated. Your help is definitely needed during Achievement night. You will have your projects judged at 5PM and then we will need your help the rest of the evening. Also, Friday to help set up for the BBQ and on Saturday morning you need to be at the Riley pavilion at 9AM ready for a fun day of activities. Thank you for all your help.
10 Principles for Parents of Fair Exhibitors

**Thou shalt not** feed, train and care for the animal, for thou are trying to teach the child responsibility and discipline.

**Thou shalt** forgive a child for making mistakes in the show ring, for thou hast made mistakes too.

**Thou shalt not** get mad when thy child forgets items for the show box, for one day thou may forget the show box.

**Thou shalt** help the show management, for they are doing a job thou would not want to do.

**Thou shalt** be sure that thy child is on time for all fair activities, for thou would not want to wait on another.

**Thou shalt** be sure that thy child has projects ready and registration papers in order by the designated time.

**Thou shalt** teach the child that winning a blue ribbon is a desirable goal, but making friends along the way is a more worthy goal.

**Thou shalt not** complain about the judge, for it is his opinion that has been sought.

**Thou shalt** remember that livestock projects are teaching projects, not necessarily money making projects.

**Thou shalt** remember that 4-H is a family organization and shall be enjoyed by the entire family.

What do a Blue, Red and White Ribbon mean?

The Danish system of judging is used in 4-H Achievement Day and at our county fair. Exhibits are evaluated against a standard that the judge feels is appropriate for the member’s age and skill level. Recognition is given to the exhibitor by how close they come to meeting that standard in terms of exhibit quality and member’s knowledge in the project area. The easiest way to explain the different ribbon colors is below.

**Blue:** A blue ribbon indicates the youth has excellence knowledge in the project area that meets or exceeds the standard.

**Red:** A red ribbon indicates the youth has some knowledge in the project area but does not quite meet the standard in mind.

**White:** A white ribbon indicates the member does not have much or no knowledge in the project area.

The quality of the exhibit itself is also used to determine ribbon color. A poster with wet glue and smudges will most likely be a white ribbon.

All judging begins with a red ribbon.

Over the past few years many blue ribbons have been awarded. This is just a friendly reminder to members, parents and leaders to not expect blue ribbons. There is nothing wrong with a red or white ribbon. The more you know about your project areas the better you will do. Members should have already started making fair exhibits. Don’t wait until the week of or the day of competition to finish projects just in case something goes wrong.

Being a 4-H member

4-H is like a buffet, you have to get up out of your chair, get a plate and a tray and then go through the line if you are going to get anything good out of being there.

Responsibilities of a 4-H member:

- Know the pledge and the motto. Be able to explain it.
- Stay informed: club happenings and county happenings. Newsletters/mailing and email are a good way to stay informed.
- Come to the meetings. Come to the meetings ready to roll. Be an active member, not a passive one.
- Help other members-- be supportive, encouraging and helpful.
- Be aware of deadlines and rules and observe them.
- Stay in touch with your Club leader and Project leaders-- don't wait for them to call.
- When a project leader holds a meeting, be there.
- Actively look for opportunities to help out and to lead.
- Do at least one well-prepared speech, demonstration or presentation at the club level every year.

Urgent advice:

- Take part in at least one non-fair 4-H function outside of the club every year.
Missouri State Fair
The 113th Missouri State Fair is August 13 – 23, 2015. The online Premium Guide is now available. Entry forms for competitions are available through the online resource. 4-H contest entries are due to the State Fair Office before July 1st.

State 4-H Public Speaking Contest
The date for State Public Speaking is Saturday – October 24, 2015. More information will be coming later, but just wanted you to get this date on your calendar. You can find more information and rules are at http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/publicspeaking/categories.htm.

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.

Fun with Water
Invite children to play outside with water. Remind them to bring a swimsuit and towel!
Ideas include:
- Water balloon toss
- Water painting - provide paint brushes and water in a bucket. Encourage children to "paint" with the water and watch how the water evaporates in the warm sun. Paint rocks, trees, the sidewalk, anything!
- Car wash - children can bring and wash toy cars and vehicles
- Water sprinklers
- Spray bottles
- Frozen water - ice cubes are refreshing and feel good as they melt in your hands on a hot summer day!
- Watermelon - a fun snack after water play activities!

4-H Move Across Missouri
4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE) promotes physical activity by encouraging youths and families to engage in physical activities they enjoy such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more.
Youth and their families can “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year. Sign up on the 4-H website at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/

Monthly MOVEmen
t Activity
Youth, families, clubs, afterschool groups and others can have fun while being physically active.
Streamers!
Supplies: 36-inch streamers (made from ribbon, plastic, or crepe paper); music; music player
You can do this activity with any number of youth. Each player gets a streamer; arrange people in a scatter formation. Give youth these instructions:
- When the music starts, move the streamers using as many arm patterns as possible.
- Be creative and come up with your own routines.
- Keep moving while the music is playing.

Suggestions: form letters or write out words
move at a low, medium and high speed
move through legs, above head and above waist
throw streamer in the air, catch it and keep moving
make figure-8 shapes in front of your body
make large and small circles on each side of body or above the head

Stop music periodically; move to new locations by skipping, jumping, hopping, or jogging.

Variations:
Work with 2 or 3 streamers
Work with a partner with several streamers
Work with a partner to create a special movement or routine to share

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 2 – Lara Reynolds
July 3 – Ashley Lewis
July 4 – Dawn Dowling
July 5 – Rick Buxton
July 6 – Lisa Chaloupka, Bailey Hopper, Cater Patwary
July 7 – Kayla Maulsby
July 8 – Logan Huntsman
July 10 – Mark Stuart
July 13 – Garrett Helmich
July 15 – Daniel Sunderland
July 17 – David Gerike
July 19 – Anna Kate Link
July 20 – Brianna Hunt
July 22 – George Joseph, Laney Cleavinger
July 23 – Savanna Orscheln
July 24 – Austin Kitchen
July 26 – Vickie Troyer, Jill Huntsman
July 27 – Mattie Krone
July 30 – Matt Everts

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

July – 7 - – Randolph County Fair Board meeting – 6PM at The Lodge

July 13 – Randolph County Fair Fashion Revue at Little Dixie Regional Library – 5:30PM

July 12-18- NEMO Fair, Kirksville

July 19 – Randolph County Fair 4-H Tee-Shirts handed out beginning at 12:30PM

July 19 – Ham judging in The Lodge, check in at 1:30PM

July 19 – Fair Grounds clean up – 2PM

July 20 – Randolph County Fair 4-H Achievement Day

July 24 – Jack and Maxine Thornburg Pancake Breakfast – 6:30 AM – 8:30 AM

July 24 – Randolph County Fair BBQ PORK and CHICKEN Meal – 4:30 – 6:00PM

July 24 – Randolph County Fair – Auction – 6PM

July 27 – County Wide Swim Party at Aquatics Center 7 – 9PM

July 30 – State Fair Exhibits due to the Extension Office

August 6 – Randolph County Fair Board Meeting, 7:30pm at the Youth Cabin

August 13 – 23 – 2015 Missouri State Fair, Sedalia

September 4 – Randolph County Fair Board Meeting, 7:30pm at the Youth Cabin

September 26 – STATE FASHION REVIEW

September 19 - 20 – State Shooting Sports

Sept. 28 – Award forms due by 4pm to the Extension Office

Sept. 28 – Randolph County 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm at the Extension Office

October 8 – Randolph County Fair Board Meeting, 7:30pm at the Youth Cabin

October 24 – State Public Speaking in Columbia

Nov. 7 – Randolph County 4-H Recognition Program

November 5 – Randolph County Fair Board Meeting, 7:30pm at the Youth Cabin