COUNTY NEWS FROM YOUR YPA VICKIE

ATTENTION EVERYONE !!!

4-H members and parents, now begins the very busy time of summer, but especially all the 4-H activities leading up to the County Fair. The Fair Board has worked very hard getting everything together for a great fair. We ask that you mark your calendar with the different deadlines for Fair entries. The animal registrations are due in the 4-H office on June 5, 2015. Also the order forms for the County Fair T-Shirts are due June 5, so the shirts can be printed and ready for everyone by Fair time. Please remember that getting entries in on time really helps us in the office to have everything ready and organized. The forms are available at the website www.randolphcountyfair.net Your help in meeting these deadlines is greatly appreciated.

RODEO

Remember the County Fair sponsored RODEO is this Friday and Saturday at Rothwell Park. Your 4-H Clubs help is greatly needed. Make sure your clubs has worker each night. Any questions contact Theresa Hyatt at 651-4850.

NEWS FROM VICKIE - YOUR YPA

School is out and now the really busy time for 4-H begins. I hope everyone is ready for a fun summer. Please remember to check this newsletter and mark the important dates on your calendar. Project leaders make sure you are getting all the hours in you need for your projects and 4-H members, please make sure you have attended 6 hours per project. We have a lot of activities going on in the month of June so be ready to GO! GO! GO!

ELIGIBILITY TO EXHIBIT AT THE COUNTY FAIR

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

CONSESSION STAND AT COUNTY FAIR

This year the 4-H Clubs will be running a Concession stand during the County Fair, the dates for the stand have not been set as of this time. Each Club will be assigned a day to work the stand. We ask that no 4-H member under the age of 12 be allowed to work in the stand. There must be an adult in the stand at all times. We would really like for all 4-H families to please participate when your club is to work. We really need everyone taking a turn and helping the 4-H. Those that only show at Achievement Day come out and work the stand and see all the youth with their animal projects. Will keep you posted on this information.

PROJECT TAGS

Project tags for items to be exhibited at the County Fair will be mailed around July 1. If you would like them sooner please either stops by and pick yours up or contact the Extension Office and we will be happy to mail them to you.

2015 STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS

Achievement Day exhibits chosen to be shown at the 2015 Missouri State Fair are due to the Extension Office by July 28th.
NOTE TO PARENTS OF CONFERENCE JUDGING PARTICIPANTS

Please note when you come with your child to the fairgrounds 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.

**2015 RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR 4-H Set-Up**

The Fair clean up; both in The Lodge and the grounds and barns will be on **Sunday – July 19th beginning at 2:00PM**. We will also be handing out the Tee-shirts, so you must get these picked up that day, as you are required to wear them at Achievement Day.

**2015 RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY**

The 2015 Randolph County Fair Achievement Day will be held during the evening of **July 20th**. Exhibit judging will be held beginning at 5:00pm. **PLEASE** bring your projects for judging during your clubs assigned time as listed on the fair web site.

**2015 RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR HAM JUDGING**

The 2015 Randolph County Fair **Ham Judging will be on Sunday, July 19th**. The times for each club to attend will be determined later and we will let you know. **Please be on time. This will take place in The Lodge.**

**RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR BBQ MEAL**

The 2014 Randolph County Fair BBQ Meal is scheduled for **July 24th** at the Riley Pavilion. The Randolph County Junior Leaders, and 2 members 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 also arrive at 2:00pm. Volunteers interested in helping should contact Theresa Hyatt. Finally, each club is asked to supply **8 dozen cookies or brownies individually (2 to 3 to a package) wrapped for the event**. For more information or if you have questions please contact Theresa Hyatt, Fair Board Chairman. Club leaders will be responsible for distributing packets of tickets to 4-H families. Ti

**2015 RANDOLPH COUNTY FASHION REVUE**

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

**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.

**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.

**RANDOLPH COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

The Randolph County 4-H Council will hold a meeting **on June 22rd 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. The Council will be finalizing a lot of things planned for Achievement Day and the Randolph County Fair.
JUNIOR LEADERS NEW NEWS
The date of the next Junior Leaders meeting will be June 8, 2015 at 5:30 in the Extension Office. Any questions contact Chrissly Dignan – 277 – 5249. Junior Leaders – you did a great job with the Clover Kid Camp. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR BOARD
The Randolph County Fair board will meet on Thursday June 4th 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. The Randolph County Fair Board is very busy finalizing all the activities involved with the County fair. There are a lot of fun activities planned through the fair week. Remember the dates for the County Fair are July 14-19th.

Show Me Quality Assurance Training (SMQA)
If you still need to take your SMQA training for this year you may do so by going to http://www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/ you must be up to date on SMQA to show at the County or State Fair or to receive a disc at Recognition Day for your food animal projects.

4-H Invitational Shoots in Missouri
Several counties offer special Invitational shooting matches open to other Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports members. Some of these offer nearly every event as the State Shoot; some only offer 1 or 2 events. These invitational matches are great opportunities to experience additional competition and their skills against members from other counties. A list of these opportunities can be found on the 4-H shooting sports web page: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm

STATE FAIR ENTRY FORMS
State Fair entry forms are available on-line. They are due to the state Fair Office in Sedalia before July 1st to be on time. This is a change from the past when the entries had to be post marked by July 1st.

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.

Using an online system, youths and their families can “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year. Sign up as an individual or as part of a team. MOVE awards will be provided. Sign up on the 4-H website at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/

Monthly MOVEment Activity
Kids, families, clubs, afterschool groups and others can have fun while being physically active.

Shake, Stomp and Roll

Materials: Music and music player

Directions: You can do this activity with any number of people. Arrange players in a scatter formation with space between them. Play music and alternately call out the following:

• Shake – players should shake all their body parts
- Stomp – players should alternately stomp their feet
- Roll – players should lie on the floor or ground and roll from back to stomach, stomach to back
- Variations – Add running in place between other movements. Add other movements (your choice or player suggestions)

**Show Me 4-H Wares at the State Fair**

Get more information here:
- [Flyer](#)
- [Website](#)
- [Youth Examples](#)
- [Social Media](#)

The 8th Annual Show Me 4-H Wares sales booth is accepting applications for young entrepreneurs to sell their 4-H products and services at the Missouri State Fair on August 13, 14, 15 or 16, 2015.

Any 4-H member age 11-18, pair of 4-H members (biz buddies), or group of up to three 4-H members from the same club (team), is eligible to apply to market or sell original products or services.

Youth need not be currently enrolled in the 4-H entrepreneurship project to participate, although these members, along with youth participating in county fair sales booths, are highly encouraged to apply!

Register to be a youth exhibitor at the Missouri State Fair this summer. Apply online between May 1-July 1, or until all booth slots are filled. Up to 16 youth exhibitors, buddies, and/or teams will be selected to sell during four days. Selected youth will be notified by July 15 and invited to participate in a conference call on August 1.

Think you can do this? Sure you can! [See examples of 4-H members and their sales booth displays here](#)!

**4-H Camp Food and Fitness**

At long last! 4-H Camp Food and Fitness is scheduled on December 5-6, 2015 on the MU campus. You’ll recall I attempted to reschedule this event during the summer but camps, fairs and other factors made finding a date a challenge. The primary audience for the camp is youth age 12-14 enrolled in 4-H Foods projects but young people associated with any Extension program are eligible to attend if they meet the age criteria. Given that Camp Food and Fitness was not offered in 2014, I would like to extend an invitation to youth who wanted to attend last year but may have “aged out” for 2015. We will make sure that now 15 year olds that wanted to attend last year get the opportunity to do so.

Here’s cool stuff youth get to do:

- Learn about culinary skills and practices
- Learn about food/nutrition and healthy eating
- Engage in hands-on food science activities
- Increase physical activity
Brandon, age 15, had an idea for a children’s theatre production company in his school and hometown. Five years later, he has started three small businesses, received young entrepreneur awards, won state competitions, and coached and mentored dozens of other youth on their business startups and how to make their dreams a reality! Read Brandon’s story here.

Kaitlyn, age 12, was motivated by a cause – helping homeless veterans know people care and will help them get back on their feet. Her idea led to making and selling Para cord bracelets, which turned into “Saving Soldiers” – a social entrepreneurship venture with raised over $1,000 in one summer. She presented a giant check to the Welcome Home organization on Veteran’s Day! Read Kaitlyn’s story here.

What do Brandon and Kaitlyn have in common? They are both young entrepreneurs with ideas and passion, who got their start at MU Build-a-Business Camp

If you are a young person ages 12-18 interested in learning how to earn your own income, work at something you love, or take up a cause to make a difference, Build-a-Business Camp is for you. Explore the world of entrepreneurs and get ready to start something! Meet new friends, experience life on campus, and team up with students, faculty, entrepreneurs, social media experts, and business advisors who can help you. At camp, you will gain the confidence, connections, and a course of action to make your imprint on the world as a young entrepreneur!

Project leader resources available online

Many projects are either in full swing or coming to a close as members prepare for achievement day or the county fair. Your club leader or club officer team may have asked for your assistance in providing hands-on activities at the county achievement day, club meeting or other event. From coordinating skill-a-thon stations and judging classes to brainstorming demonstration ideas and speech topics, don’t forget that there are resources available to help you in your project curriculum on the MU Extension 4-H Web site at 4h.missouri.edu. Be sure to check them out.

Photography Members

If you are planning to take a photo to the county fair it will need to be in a 2 gallon zip lock bag so you may want to start looking for those bags as you make trips to the store. Visit http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/photoguidelines.pdf for the 2014 photography exhibit guidelines to help you with your photo mounting questions.

Are you tired of fielding questions about mat board and sizing? Thanks to new State Fair 4-H building coordinator Tammy Gillespie and Extension Publications Andy Emerson, you no longer have to! Beginning immediately, 4-H families may order their pre-cut 8x10 mat board directly from Extension Publications, at http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/shop/. At the menu on the left, select 4-H à Project Literature à Photography and then find the mat board listed with other photography project materials. Cost will be 50 cents a board, plus shipping and handling (you may consider ordering bulk to save money).
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 online 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.

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 hath 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 does a Blue, Red and White Ribbon mean?

The Danish system of judging is used in 4-H 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 members 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 may start making fair exhibits, Achievement Day displays,

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. 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.
June club leader tips

The weather is warming up and summer activities are here. This month gets challenging because school is out and families begin their summer plans. Here are some suggestions and ideas for June:

1. More discussion on fairs, achievement days, exhibits and other contests. Pass out exhibit tags and explain how they should be completed, attached, etc.
2. Encourage each member to exhibit at least three items at a fair or achievement day. Final reminder about eligibility to exhibit (members in good standing).
3. Be certain all project groups will be finished on time.
4. Provide information about state fair exhibits, animal show registration deadlines, etc.
5. This is a great time of year for outside recreation activities, such as fishing, a barbecue in the park, club bicycle rides, etc.
6. Explain club responsibilities for county fair, achievement day and other county events. Recruit parents and members to serve as workers during these events. Have members write thank you notes to judges and financial contributors. Promote participation by challenging each member to engage in at least one of the opportunities.

RANDOLPH COUNTRY FAIR PRE-REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE JUNE 5!!
The Entry forms and Tee-shirt forms are available on the Randolph Country Fair Web site – randolphcountyfair.net

4-H/FFA Orscheln Discount Cards

4-H and FFA members can get 10% off their project materials at Orscheln’s. Members may pick up a card up at the checkout at Orscheln. Just tell them you are a member of a Randolph County 4-H Club.

CLOVER KIDS CORNER

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.

Plant a Garden

You don't need a huge patch of land to grow a garden. A small square of backyard or a flowerpot on a balcony or sunny windowsill will do just fine! With a little bit of care children and families can enjoy tomatoes or flowers that they grow together.

Materials
- Seedling tomato, herb, or flower (look for these at supermarkets, garden centers or farmers' markets)
- Trowel
- Flowerpot, window box or sunny patch of backyard
- Potting soil (if you are using a flowerpot or window box)
- Watering can

Directions
Fill the flowerpot or window box about three-quarters full with potting soil. With the trowel, dig a hole deep and wide enough to hold the roots of your plant. Be sure the flowerpot will provide enough space for the roots to grow. Place the plant in the hole, then fill in the dirt around the roots. Pat the dirt down gently but don't pack it down too tightly.

Water the plant immediately after planting. A little water is best. If using a flowerpot or window box, place the plant in a sunny spot near a window. Water it every few days or if the soil is dry.
JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 4 – Hadley Cleavinger
June 5 – Regina Ragsdale,
June 8 – Brian Gates, Harrison Lee
June 9 – Caitlyn Guffey
June 10- Dorothy Hyatt, Owen Thornburg
June 11 – Tanner Dowling, Bridget Pogue, Loretta Joseph
June 14 – Malissa Davis, Diane Thornburg, Darren Acton
June 15 – Donna Lewis,
June 16 – Chyna Stuart
June 18 – Carol Helmich, Hadley Cleavinger
June 20 – Micah Shackelford
June 22 – Ian Mollick, Allison Dunwoody
June 24 – Kalyn Rentschler
June 28 – Kurt Conger, Susan Miller, Avery Wiegand
June 29 – Suzanne Hogan

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE
June 4 – Randolph County Fair Board meeting, 7:30pm at the Youth Cabin
June 5 – Registration deadline for the Randolph County Fair.
June 9 – 11 – 4-H Camp,
June 9 – Junior Leaders meeting at 5:30PM at Extension Office
June 22 – Randolph County 4-H Council meeting, 7:00pm at the Extension Office
June 13 – Randolph County Shooting Sports Contest – 8:30AM

JULY
July 2 – Randolph County Fair Board meeting, 7:30pm at the Youth Cabin
July 13 – Randolph County Fair 4-H Fashion Revue, 6:00pm at the Little Dixie Library
July 20 – 25 – 2015 Randolph County Fair
July 19 – Randolph County Fair Ham Judging – 2PM
July 20 – Randolph County Fair 4-H Achievement Day
July 24 – Jack and Maxine Thornburg Pancake Breakfast – 6:30AM – 8:30AM
July 18 – Randolph County Fair BBQ Meal
July 28 – Deadline to drop off State Fair exhibits to the Extension Office

AUGUST
August 13 – 23 – 2015 Missouri State Fair

SEPTEMBER
September 26 – State Fashion Review

OCTOBER
October 24 – State Public Speaking

NOVEMBER
November - 8- Randolph County Recognition Night