A NEW YEAR BEGINS: A MESSAGE FROM YOUR YPA

As I sit and look at the calendar it is so hard to believe another year has gone by. Time has really gone very fast. The saying is the older you get the faster time flies or the more you enjoy what you are doing the faster time flies. I am holding to the second phrase. I have really enjoyed working with all of you the 4-H families. Now we are beginning a new 4-H year. I hope everyone is excited about a new year and also about just what projects you want to take. When you get the new CLOVER I hope you take time to really look over all the projects you have to choose from, look closely as there are some new projects that look very interesting, then, select the ones you know you really want to continue in or maybe a new one you want to try. It can be a lot of fun to try new things as well as the old favorites. Just remember that you can only take 6 projects. Parents and Club Leaders remember if you need a project leader let the 4-H office know as soon as possible and we will try to find someone for that project, sometimes you will share a county-wide project leader. Our main goal is to have a project leader for all projects where they are needed. I look forward to a great new year, with lots of fun and exciting things going on in the county and of course as the 4-H motto says “TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER”.

MISSOURI 4-H HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

On Saturday, August 15th, visitors at the Missouri State Fair witnessed 40 individuals induction ceremony for the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame. The ceremony was on the campus of State Fair Community College this year, with a large group in attendance, it was a great success and we look forward to many more celebrations in the years to come. The 2015 Hall of Famers represent MANY YEARS of service to Missouri 4-H. We can be justifiably proud of the legacy we all enjoy. This year’s Randolph County inductees was Patty Mollick.

2015 RANDOLPH COUNTY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The 2015 Randolph County Recognition Program has been scheduled for Saturday, November 7th at the Municipal Auditorium. Magic City Clovers 4-H Club will be in charge of decorations this year. Westran Ramblers 4-H Club will be in charge of tickets and all Clubs will be in charge of clean-up.

4-H RE-ENROLLMENTS

It’s time to be thinking about the new 4-H year. The deadline for enrollment is November 1. You will be reenrolling on-line just like last year. We will use no paper forms. Please make sure you use both the letters and numbers in listing the projects you are selecting for 2015-16 4-H year. Please pay your $20 per member to your club as they will then write one check to the 4-H Council. Contact your club leader for additional dues. Volunteer application forms must be filled out every year. All club leaders need to have a list of all paid members along with one check per club payable to the Randolph County 4-H Council to the Extension Office by November 1. The county deadline to change projects enrolled in is January 31. The 4-H Online system will not be available for log-in in September due to system upgrades. We will be working hard to close out the program year and the system will reopen for the 2016 enrollment year on October 1, 2015.
Randolph County Old Settlers
4-H members are encouraged to show their items at the Randolph County Old Settlers Reunion and Fall Fair on Sept. 10-12. Items are to be brought into the Huntsville City Hall’s Community Room between 8:30 am – 11 am on Thursday, Sept. 10 and anyone can bring them in for the members as they do not have to be there to enter. Items are to be picked up between 2-3 pm on Saturday, Sept. 12. Items will be judged with first, second and third places and not like at Achievement Day for 4-H. Clubs are encouraged to participate in the parade with the theme “Homecoming Reunion” which will be Saturday, Sept. 12 with line up at 5 pm. If you have a float and want to be judged, must do so by Friday noon at City Hall with a $10 entry fee (only if you want your entry to be judged). If clubs want a booth at the event, email bernienichols@charter.net

JUNIOR LEADERS

Randolph County Jr. Leaders will have a meeting on Monday – September 14, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the 4-H office. All youth ages 12-18 are invited and encouraged to attend. This will be our first meeting of the 2015-2016 year and Chrissy Dignan is the leader for Randolph County Jr. Leaders. Chrissy is very enthusiastic about beginning a new 4-H year. Please come and see what Junior Leaders is all about!! Contact Chrissy at 660-277-5249.

State Fair Demonstrations

Randolph County 4-H members did well at the State Fair. Those doing demonstrations were the following: General Demonstrations – Quincy Wiegand and Jasmine Gates, Working Demonstrations – Maddie Mystic and Jessica McKeown, Congratulations to all of you.

CALLING ALL WITH EMAIL 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.

2016 4-H VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS

When filling out volunteer applications for the 2015 – 2016 4-H years please be sure that your name reads on the application as it is listed on your social security card. If the name on your card does not match your application a red flag will be attached to the application and the process will be slowed down. Volunteers must fill out a new application each year. This year there is a new form and it is not available yet. As soon as I know I will let all leaders know the form is available.

ORDERING LITERATURE

We have some wonderful literature available for leaders and parents to use in developing ideas for project work, and for guiding project work during the year. Just bring your list to the Extension office and I will order for you at no cost to the 4-H members.

RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR BOARD

The Randolph County Fair Board will hold a meeting on September 3 at 7:30pm at the Youth Cabin. It is important that each 4-H club be represented. If you cannot attend please notify the Extension Office.

RANDOLPH COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

The Randolph County 4-H Council will hold a meeting on September 28 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.
4-H Week
National 4-H Week is October 4 - 10. This is a great time to show your 4-H Sprit. This years theme is “Making a Lasting Impact”. I need a write up from each 4-H Club and pictures and any fun activities each club did this past year for the newspaper. Need this by September 16th. I hope all clubs will plan to celebrate this week. All 4-H members are encouraged to wear a 4-H shirt at least once during this week.

Don’t Forget Award Forms are Due September 29th. Late forms will not be accepted.

RECOGNITION/AWARD FORMS
Outstanding boy\girl, All around 4-H’er, Quality of Living, Danforth Award, project records, Outstanding Leader and Missouri Report Forms are available from your club leader (Project Record forms are new and only in the 4-H office) and Report Forms are available on the MO 4-H website as well). All forms, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Reporter books are due to the Extension Office by September 29th. All awards will be given out at the annual Recognition night – November 7, 2015 at the Municipal Auditorium beginning at 6:00. Please attend to support other members even if you are not getting an award.

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 blanks 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 2013 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.

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 award 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.

Why Should my kids bother to complete 4-H Records?
Record keeping is one of the unique 4-H learning opportunities that begins a life-time of possibilities! Too often in the past, 4-H parents and volunteers have only considered record-keeping as a means toward winning awards. Though that is sometimes the case, winning awards is NOT the most important pay-off!

4-H members throughout history have seldom been interested in taking the time to complete a 4-H record. It almost always requires a parent or other adult-one that sees and understands the long-term value of completing a record form, to urge, encourage and even insist that a member complete a 4-H record at any level. Fortunately, there are different levels of 4-H records and differing levels of recognition that go with each (see above blurb).

Teens and pre-teens often set goals for themselves lower than they are capable of attaining. That is just a developmental fact for most young people. Here again, it takes a caring adult to help members set high goals for themselves, then encourage and even insist that they strive to reach those goals. It is well known too, that the younger a member is when they start doing 4-H records, the easier it is as you go along. That is a known fact!

4-H members that do records annually have these skills at levels much higher than peers in school or 4-H peers that do not complete 4-H records:
• Are able to set personal goals.
• Able to plan and do things to meet those goals.
• Able to collect and organize information.
• Better able to accept and follow through with responsibility.
• Better able to express themselves verbally and in writing.
• We know that 4-H members that complete annual 4-H records are far more likely to be successful throughout school and beyond. In addition to being more successful, they are more confident in school and are more likely to find a rewarding job as a teen
and as an adult.

Any of the above is a pretty nifty “gift” to give your 4-H member not to mention the whole list and pretty cool trips and awards for your member that is folded into the mix along the way.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FORMS REMINDER

Club Leaders, each year our 4-H members provide outstanding community service within their communities. We recognize this achievement each year with a certificate award. In order to participate in this award, we need to receive a Youth Service to Communities form (LG760) filled out for your 4-H club. In order for State 4-H to process and mail certificates in time for Recognition Night, we need the form returned to the Extension Office by September 29th, 2015.

The form can be found in the back of the Clover or can be filled out electronically using the form on the Missouri 4-H website at (http://mo4h.missouri.edu/resources/materials/docs/LG760FILL.pdf) Be sure to fill in all the information especially your county, your number of members and the number of youth and adults involved in each service project.

STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

Congratulations to everyone that participated at the Missouri State Fair. Results from the different shows may be found at http://www.mostatefair.com/

Randolph County did very well at the State Fair. Anna Huntsman and Carson Heath won big in the Beef Carcass classes and then Anna having the Reserved Grand Champion on the rail. Randolph County was the top County in the Carcass sweepstakes and received a check for $500.00 which was presented to us at the State Fair and sponsored by the Soybean Check off and Soybean farmers. Many other 4-H members did very well representing Randolph County at the State Fair and I - CONGRATULATE all of you.

ATTENTION HEALTHCARE USA MEMBERS

HealthCare USA now pays the initial membership fee to 4-H for their members? HealthCare USA is committed to helping their kids become more active, involved and social resulting in healthier children. Membership in 4-H is one way HealthCare USA feels they can achieve that!

If you are a HealthCare USA member and would like to take advantage of this offer call the member services number at 1-800-566-6444 and request a Kid's Club Voucher. Once the voucher is received in the mail submit the voucher to the Extension Office when enrolling in 4-H. In turn, all 4-H has to do is mail the voucher to HealthCare USA at the address shown on the voucher and they will reimburse 4-H for the membership fee.

2015 State Shooting Team Try-out Info

Gerry Snapp

State shooting team selection begins shortly after the State Shoot. If a 4-H member is interested in being part of the 2015 state shooting teams – please read the information and return your registration by the due date. http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.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.

Build a Tower – design and build challenge: Working in teams of two, design and build a tower that is at least 12 inches tall.

Materials
- Toothpicks
- Gumdrops
- Ruler

Directions
Teams design and build a tower that is at least 12 inches tall.
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, youth 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/

Thank You Volunteers and September Club Leader Tips

Thank you for signing up to help provide 4-H members with a rewarding and wonderful experience in the Missouri 4-H program. Your enthusiasm and dedication is not only appreciated by the members and families, as staff we greatly appreciate you volunteering your time and skills to help provide great experiences for youth in the 4-H program and help them reach their goals.

September is an exciting part of the 4-H year as the new program year is just beginning. You will begin the enrollment process, start recruiting other project leaders to assist the members in their projects of interest, ordering literature and collecting 4-H membership dues to name a few. This can be a very overwhelming job, ask for help from others adults in the club. Remember to encourage club officers and other 4-H members to take responsibility for events and activities, this is a great experience and fosters ownership of the program.

The following is a list of ideas that may help you get prepared for the new year:

1. Elect Officers (a recommended way it to start with the president then move on to the vice-president, secretary, treasurer, historian, reporter, song leader, game leader, etc, and end with voting on an adult club leader and co-leader).
2. Elect 4-H Council and Fair Board representatives.
3. Install officers (if elected in August).
4. Invite prospective new members and volunteers to the first meeting of the new program year. Some clubs have a separate welcome meeting for new families to answer their questions before the enrollment process.
5. Assign a mentor to new members and volunteers to answer their questions during their first year. This helps families feel welcome and helps them feel a part of the group from the beginning.
6. Discuss importance of the county’s family newsletter.
7. Consider a planned succession of leadership duties. A committee with defined roles has been effective in many clubs.
8. Explain completion requirements for the county and club and define “member in good standing” so that members and families understand expectations.
9. Explain the countywide accident insurance policy.
10. Discuss purchase of member project literature. Coordinate a literature order to save shipping costs.
11. Discuss recognition for year just completed, forms and date of county recognition event. Encourage new families to attend as well as existing families. Encourage youth that have participated to share experiences.
12. Talk about plans for National 4-H week.
13. Work with youth on planning a Halloween Party or other fall social events to get acquainted with new members/families. It is important for new members to feel involved right away.
14. Turn in names and addresses of new members and leaders (also dropped members) to the extension office as soon as possible to update the family mail list.
15. Remind reporter to send in club reports to extension office every month.

September Birthdays

September 2 – Tyler Devenport
September 4 – Nathan Hatfield
September 6 – Marie McSparen,
September 8 – Miranda Helmich
September 11 – Marie Taylor
September 13 – Catina Smith
September 14 – Alexander Hogan, Bradyn Overfelt
September 15 – Patty Mollick, Bryon Wiegand
September 16 – Colby Mitchell
September 19 – Tori Brumbaugh
September 20 – Samantha Everts, Jackson Wood
September – 29 – Jonathan Kipes
September – 30 – Sherry Poppel
DATES TO REMEMBER

September
3 - Fair Board meeting – 7:30 – Youth Cabin
14 – Jr. Leaders meeting at 5:30
19 - State Fashion Review
19 - 20 - MO State Shooting Sports
26 – National Hunting and Fishing Day – Rothwell Park – 9:30 – 2:30PM
29 – Award Forms due in Extension office at 4:00 PM – NO late forms taken
28 - 4-H Council meeting - 7:00 PM at Extension office

October
1 – On-Line 4-H enrollments for New Year may begin
1 – Fair Board meeting – 7:30 at Youth Cabin
4-10 - National 4-H Week
4 - 4-H Sunday
24 – State Public Speaking
24 – Make a Difference Day

November
7 – Recognition night – 6:00