Welcome New 4-H Families to Ray County 4-H!
New 4-H families, and returning 4-H families, will receive the newsletter (once we have enrollments). "The Ray County Fourcast" has 10 issues per year. It covers the news of upcoming 4-H events, deadlines, opportunities & other news about 4-H regarding county, region & state. If you have any questions please give me a call.

Ray County 4-H would like to welcome—Maria Migacheva of Russia to Missouri! Maria is being hosted by the Luther Family in Lawson this school year through Missouri 4-H.

Corey Dempsey of Clever Clovers 4-H made the State Shotgun Shooting Sports Team.

Congratulations to Regional Record Book Winners:
14 & Over—Kaitlyn Zimmerman of Clever Clovers 4-H, 8-10: Ashley Stewart & Jacob Steele of Clever Clovers 4-H
On to the next step they go!

Coming home...it’s at the heart of Christmas. Twinkling lights, hot cocoa by the fire, warm cookies in the oven, laughter, love and special times shared with family & friends.
Enjoy the holiday season!
Nancy, Elizabeth & Wyatt
4-H YEAR

Remember----4-H club enrollments were due December 2nd to the Extension Center. Please make sure projects/project numbers are filled out for members & leaders, this helps with the data entry.

Each year, ALL volunteer application forms will go through a child abuse & neglect screening along with a criminal records screen. Volunteers will not be recognized until the record check process is completed. Volunteers will receive a postcard of notification in writing. Remember, these procedures are necessary “to make the best better” for youth, for volunteers and for families as we help young people grow in a positive, caring program.

MISSOURI 4-H COLORING BOOK

As a new outlet to promote 4-H, the State 4-H Council will be creating a 30-page coloring book, called “The ABC’s of 4-H”. Each page will have a different letter of the alphabet, along with a 4-H fact sheet and a contact page. Best of all, the pages & covers will be designed by Missouri 4-H members!

A contest will determine which designs will be featured in the book, and 4-H’ers ages 8-18 are encouraged to submit designs (with the design submission form) to the State 4-H Office by December 20th. The Missouri State 4-H Council Coloring Book Committee will select the designs for the final draft of the coloring book.

Submission form/rules can be found at http://4h.missouri.edu/go/getinvolved/council/.

HAM CURING

The "Country Cured Ham Project" will be held on Thursday, January 23rd, 7pm for Ray County 4-H & FFA members at the Vo-Ag Dept Building at the Richmond High School. You must reserve a ham--$20.00 deposit by January 3rd--will be additional fees to cover the cure, etc.

Please note-----new members may not be on the current mailing list so clubs please notify them. Each person is responsible to get the deposit in on time & be at the project meeting on January 23rd.

STATE 4-H COUNCIL

Are you interested in running for a Regional Representative position on the State 4-H Council to represent the Northwest 4-H Region? If so, you must complete the application and return to the Extension Center by January 9th.

4-H COUNCIL

The Ray County 4-H Council will meet on Monday, January 27, 2014 7:00 p.m. at the Eagleton Civic Center in Richmond. Please have your club represented. Election of council officers will be held and council will discuss the committee structure.

REGIONAL ENERGIZER

Mark your calendar--January 25th for the Northwest Regional 4-H Energizer. Join 4-H members & leaders from the 19-county region to participate in a variety of workshops and activities. It is a great way to get new ideas, meet new people, and find out about other programs 4-H offers. The cost is $10, with meal included, if you pre-register by January 10th and $15 after that date. See attached flyer. Some workshops are limited to the number that they can accept. So register early for best choices!

2014 4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI

’Tis the season for 4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE)! Enrollment for new and re-enrollment for current MOVers begins January 1, 2014. MOVE promotes physical activity and encourages youths to engage in a broad range of activities such as walking, biking, running, dance, swimming, taekwondo, gardening and more.

Using a paper tracking system (no online system this year), youths & 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 & families can enroll in the MOVE program as individuals and/or as 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. For more details: 4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/
FORECAST are available online at SCHOLARSHIPS Center for the form. February 1st both awards are due to the State 4. Nominations for the Naomi Crouch Leadership Award goes to one leader or organization/business in the entire state. If you know of someone who is active at a club, county and possibly state level, please nominate them for this award. Nominations for both awards are due to the State 4-H Center by February 1st. Please contact the Extension Center for the form.

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For more info call MSF at 1-800-422-FAIR (3247) or e-mail questions mostatefair@mda.mo.gov

KANSAS CITY GLOBAL SUMMIT

The 4-H Conference on Global Careers takes place--March 13-14, 2014 for teens, age 15 & older who want to learn more about global careers, technology, and environment. It will be at the MCC Tech Center, I-435/Front Street, Kansas City MO.

The cost is $25 for youth per day. Not staying at hotel this year. Registration is due January 27th to the Extension Center. See http://www.4h.missouri.edu/events/

TEEN OPPORTUNITIES

SCHOLARSHIPS

MO State Fair Youth Agriculture Scholarships are available online at www.mostatefair.com There are 30---$1,000 scholarships for MO high school seniors graduating in 2014 and postmarked by February 1, 2014. Applicants are: high school seniors/active 4-H member/have participated in the MSF as a 4-H exhibitor, enrolled in an accredited MO college/university with a major in ag/have not sold livestock in any past MSF Sale of Champions. For more info call MSF at 1-800-422-FAIR (3247) or e-mail questions mostatefair@mda.mo.gov

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SHOOTING SPORTS

COUNTY SAFETY CLASS

The 2014 Ray County Shooting Sports project will meet Friday, December 6th (6-9pm) & December 7th (9am-12 noon) for the required Safety Class at the FFA/ 4-H Building on the fairgrounds in Richmond. This is for first time members in Shooting Sports that need the safety class and you must attend both of the sessions to meet the requirement. If questions contact Shelly Hoskins at: 816-868-9201.

Please remember all shooting sports members must have a parent present at all of the meetings with them--age does not matter.

EQUINE NEWS

HORSE HIPPOLOGY/HORSE BOWL

The 2014 Horse Bowl & Hippology group will meet Sunday, December 8th from 3-5pm at the Excelsior Springs Fire Station. Please contact Sherri Murray @ 816-838-9321 or Kim Zimmerman @ 816-590-0610 for more information.

MFA SADDLE AWARD

The “MFA Saddle Award” is open to youth 14 & over that have participated in the horsemanship program, that have demonstrated knowledge & skills with the commitment to share
their knowledge & to better their community. Please call if you would like an application and it is due December 20th. Go to http://www.4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/#MFA

4-H EQUINE CAREER TOUR
Equine passion for a future career and enjoy making new 4-H friends who share your love of horses? The 2014 Missouri 4-H equine tour is, May 20-26, exploring the horse industry in Nebraska, Wyoming & Colorado. It is open to Missouri 4-H teens, ages 14-18. Tours include collegiate equine education departments, working cattle and horse ranches, and a possible trail ride.

First come, first basis. The $600 tour fee provides charter bus transportation, 4-H staff chaperones, and all travel related expenses. Applications are due by March 1, 2014 & at http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/. For additional information, contact Debbie Davis, 816-539-3765, davisdd@missouri.edu

Guys & Gals 4-H Club met November 4th with 22 members present. Orscheln’s discount cards were given to members to use for projects. Aaron Shank, President encouraged officers & members to attend the Team Building Officer’s training. A “thank you” to the Rholf’s family for hosting the trail ride/camp out. Guess the number of M&M’s in the jar was led by game leader, Aspen Erskine.

Next meeting: 12/12/13 Blake Logsdon, Reporter

Dale-Patton 4-H Club met November 17th with 7 members present. Enrollments are due December 2. Ham deposits due January 3rd. Christmas Party is December 1st @ 6:30PM. Bell ringling will be November 30th from 1-5PM. Sherry Bersano talked to the club about healthy teeth. Everybody brought food for Salvation Army & gift items for Shirkey’s.

Next Meeting: 12/1/13 Emily Martens, Reporter

FOURCAST

DECEMBER 2013
2 4-H ENROLLMENTS DUE
6 Shooting Sports Safety, 6-9pm, Richmond
7 Shooting Sports Safety (cont’d), 9am-12noon
9 Volunteer Training, 6:45pm, Richmond
23-27 Extension Center Closed for Holidays
25 Merry Christmas

JANUARY 2014
1 Happy New Year, Office Closed
3 Ham Deposits DUE
9 Regional Energizer Registration DUE
20 Martin Luther King Holiday, Office Closed
23 County Ham Curing Project, 7pm, Richmond
25 Regional Energizer, 8:30AM, Hamilton
27 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Richmond

FUTURE 2014 DATES
March 22-23 Teen Conference, Columbia
June 10-12 4-H Camp, Knob Noster
July 11-19 Ray County Fair, Richmond
August 7-17 MO State Fair, Sedalia

Forecast 4

Ray County
NORTHWEST REGIONAL ENERGIZER
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2014
HAMILTON ELEMENTARY – 7650 NW Harley Rd, Hamilton, MO
Pre-Registration: $10/person (includes lunch)
Day of Event Registration: $15/person (lunch NOT included)

8:30 AM  REGISTRATION – in the commons
Ice breakers and activities will be held in the gym until welcome.

8:50 AM  WELCOME – BECKY SIMPSON - GYM

9:00 AM  LEVEL 3 REGIONAL REPORT FORM AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE INTERVIEWS

9:00 AM-9:50 AM - SESSION 1

Parents/Guardians – You will be asked to sign in your Clover Kid and Babysitting Children before the 1st Session. You will need to come and sign them out for lunch, sign them back in after lunch, and then sign them out after Session 4.

Clover Kids:  “Where’s the Wheat?” – Amanda Struchtemeyer – Room A7
Come learn about wheat comes from and the great things that come from wheat.

Everyone:  “Babysitting” – Child Care Professional  Room A4  (Max. 4 workshop participants)
Tips and Techniques as you “Learn by Doing” with Children.

“Making Magic in 4-H” – Shaun Murphy – Room B4
Learn magic tricks to use at 4-H club meetings and other events to break the ice and spur positive youth development!

“Quilting Part 1”– Pat Wood & Members of Missouri Star Quilt Company – Room A5
(Must attend both sessions.  Max 10 Participants)
Learn quilting tips that will help you carry on this historic art by making a “Placemat”.

“Photography Essentials” – Carrie Watson – Media Center  (Max 15 participants)
Learn Photography tips for Beginners to Experts

“Community Service” – Kathy Bondy & Lisa Delameter- Commons
Give back to your community by making tie blankets.

“Missouri Department of Conservation” – Adam Brandsgaard - Room C5
Learn about snakes of Missouri and 5 main vertebrate classes.

Youth Only:  “Team Building” – Rick Smith - Gym  (Youth 13 and older.  Max 15 participants)
Youth will connect with peers through an interactive learning experience.

“Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance Part 1” – Amie Schleicher – Art Room  (must attend both sessions)
For livestock exhibitors to learn about meat animal care, management, handling, identification, feed labels, withdrawal times and biosecurity.

Volunteers Only: “ Volunteer Orientation Part 1” – Becky Simpson & Tammy Gillespie – Reading Resource Room
(must attend both sessions)
The 4-H volunteer orientation is a one-time training requirement for all adults who want to work with Missouri 4-H youth. The interactive workshop covers 4-H basics such as MU Extension and 4-H history, positive youth development concepts, project and life skills, experiential learning, competition, character and creating safe environments for youth. Volunteers attending this orientation will be the first in the state to see and get 4-H club quality resources, courtesy of Monsanto.
10:00 AM–10:50 AM - SESSION 2

**Clover Kids:** “Exploring the Exciting World of Clover Kids” - Carmen Buller - **Room A7**

**Everyone:** “Babysitting” – Child Care Professional **Room A4** (Max. 4 workshop participants)
Tips and Techniques as you “Learn by Doing” with Children.

“Let’s Demonstrate” - Amanda Struchtemeyer - **Room B3**
Learn the foundations of demonstrations and practice brown-bag demonstrations!

“Quilting Part 2” - Pat Wood & Members of Missouri Star Quilting Company. – **Room A5**
(Must attend both sessions. Max 10 Participants)
Learn quilting tips that will help you carry on this historic art by making a “Placemat”.

“Photography Essentials” – Carrie Watson – **Media Center** (Repeat of Session 1. Max 15 participants)
Learn Photography tips for Beginners to Experts

“Missouri Department of Conservation”– Adam Brandsgaard - **Room C5** (Repeat of Session 1)
Learn about snakes of Missouri and 5 main vertebrate classes.

“Shooting Sports Science”– Gerry Snapp & SS Ambassadors Nichole Gann & Chyanne Davis – **Room B4**
Learn shooting sports science activities you can use in your county. Geared towards teens.

**Youth Only:** “Team Building” – Rick Smith - **Gym** (Youth 8-12 years. Max 15 participants)
Youth will connect with peers through an interactive learning experience.

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11:00 AM – 12:00 PM - LUNCH - Nadler’s Catering, Wellington, MO - **Commons**.

12:10 PM–1:00 PM - SESSION 3

Parents/Guardians, remember to drop off and sign in your Clover Kids and Babysitting Children.

**Clover Kids:** “Missouri Department of Conservation”– Adam Brandsgaard & Tammy Gillespie - **Room A7**
Learn about snakes of Missouri.

**Everyone:** “Babysitting” – Child Care Professional **Room A4** (Max. 4 workshop participants)
Tips and Techniques as you “Learn by Doing” with Children.

“What is the Wildlife Habitat Education Program?” – Gerry Snapp - **Room B4**
Come experience an introduction into the Wildlife Habitat Education Program.

“Filmmaking” – Bradd Anderson - **Room C3**
Come be led through the filmmaking process (scripting, storyboarding, filming and editing), and much more, in this hands-on multimedia workshop.
“Using Social Media as a tool” – Becky Simpson & Dale Hunsburger - **Room C4**
Social media is used by the majority of youth – learn to use those connections to communicate to your membership fast and easy.

“Outdoor Recreation Opportunities” – Anna Persell – **Reading Resource Room**
Come see what State Parks have to offer your family and 4-H program.

“Honey Bees” – Bud Motsinger – **Art Room**
Adventure into the amazing world of beekeeping.

“Container Gardens” – Ellen Martin – **Room A5**
Using Recycled/Repurposed items for your container gardens. Participants will make planters to take home.

**Youth Only:** “Robotics” – Bill Pabst -Media Center  (Must attend both sessions)
A buffet of 4-H Robotics: getting started to adding on contest and competitions.

1:10 PM–2:00 PM - SESSION 4

**Clover Kids:** “Let’s Make A Seasonal Wreath!” - Nancy Coleman- **Room A7**
Use your creativity of making a wreath with snowflakes or hearts.

**Everyone:** “Babysitting” – Child Care Professional  **Room A4** (Max. 4)
Tips and Techniques as you “Learn by Doing” with Children.

“Take 10 for Leadership” – Kathy Bondy - **Gym**
Leadership skills and activities that you can use in your club today!

“Hippology” – Debbie Davis – **Art Room**
Have a fun experience exploring the four interactive learning stations of 4-H Hippology.

“4-H and Science - the Next Frontier” – Shaun Murphy & Jena Eskew - **Room C3**
The key to engaged members are meetings that are fun and educational – learn fun and easy hands-on experiments that will leave everyone wanting more.

“Outdoor Recreation Opportunities” – Anna Persell – **Reading Resource Room**  (Repeat of Session 3)
Come see what State Parks have to offer your family and 4-H program.

“Global Education” – Carson & Rhonda Luther, Mariya Georgiyevna & Gretchen Mayes- **Room C4**
Do you like to travel? Learn about other cultures through 4-H travel and exchange programs. You can participate in 4-H LABO Japanese exchange, Flex program, and IFYE.

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A buffet of 4-H Robotics: getting started to adding on contest and competitions.

**Volunteers Only:** “Experiential Learning” – Rick Smith – **Room C5**
Discover how to enhance learning, growth and development in your programs by using the experiential learning model.

2:10 PM – CLOSING, EVALUATION AND DOOR PRIZES – **Gym**
Parents/Guardians, remember to go pick up and sign out your Clover Kids and Babysitting Children prior to closing.

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RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2014
To register contact Ray County Extension: 816.776.6961

NO REFUNDS ON REGISTRATIONS

Things to Know

- Complete a registration form for each family and attach Health Forms for each member attending.
- Make sure your forms are filled out completely. (If you don’t select workshops they will be assigned).
- Please notice that some workshops have a maximum number. Slots will be filled on a first-come, first served basis.
- Registration Forms and payment are due to the (insert your Extension Office name here) by January 10, 2014.
- **No late registrations will be taken!!!**
- Checks should be made to the (insert your county) 4-H Council. **No Refunds!!!**

Equal opportunity is and shall be provided to all participants in Extension programs and activities, and for all employees and applicants for employment on the basis of their demonstrated ability and competence without discrimination on the basis of their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or status as a Vietnam-era veteran. This policy shall not be interpreted in such a manner as to violate the legal rights of religious organizations or military organizations associated with the armed forces of the United State of America.
Family Name______________________________________________________________
Address:________________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip________________________________________________________________
County of Membership_______________________________________________________
Phone Number_________________________________________________________________
E-Mail Address:________________________________________________________________
List any special needs or accommodations 4-H should be aware of:

Childcare available for children 4 years and under. If interested, please list children’s names and ages:

Advance Registration due January 10, 2014, $10 per person (includes lunch and all materials)

*Total Registration Fees Enclosed: ________________________ (Checks payable to: Ray County 4-H

Clover Kids (5-7 years) Clover Kid sessions will offer age-appropriate programming with a variety of content entire day
Name/age: ____________________________________________ ______________________

Youth & Adults: Rank your top two workshop choices in each session. Some workshops have a limited number of seats. First come, first served.

Name: _____________________________________________ 4-H age/Volunteer: ______________
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Deadline:
January 9, 2014

Return To:
Ray County 4-H
PO Box 204
Richmond MO 64085

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Questions:
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