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.

⭐ Welcome our newest 4-H Club-- “RICHMOND SHOWMEN”!

⭐ Thank you to: Kaitlyn Zimmerman, Zach Stewart, Jodi Stewart, Ashley Stewart, Sara Seidel and Gwen Gilbow that led one of the officer workshops! Joe Wollard and Jennifer Black assisted with recreation.

⭐ Kaitlyn Zimmerman of Clever Clovers 4-H heads to Atlanta, Georgia for National 4-H Congress on November 27th.

Coming home...it’s at the heart of Christmas. Twinkling lights, hot cocoa by the fire, warm cookies & other baked goodies, laughter, love and special times shared with family & friends.
Enjoy the holiday season!
Nancy, Wyatt & Sandy

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4-H YEAR

Ray County 4-H members and volunteers if you have not entered your information into the Missouri 4HOnline enrollment system--please log on at http://mo.4honline.com A link to a detailed, step-by-step instructions is included and we think you will find the system easy to navigate. But just in case-- http://4h.missouri.edu/enroll/index.htm

To assist families with this transition, please call if you have questions. We can setup a special time to get you enrolled, if needed. State 4-H member dues are $8/member. Ray County 4-H enrollment time closes December 1st for the 2015 4-H year. Clubs need to send in $8.00/ member for state dues to Ray County 4-H by January 6th.

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 process is completed. Volunteers will receive a postcard of approved notification. 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 way.

CLUB NEWS

HAM CURING

The “Country Cured Ham Project” will be held on Thursday, January 22nd, 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 6th—and there will be additional fees to cover the cure, etc. that need to be paid the 22nd.

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 22nd.

STATE 4-H COUNCIL

Are you interested in running for State 4-H Council Regional Representative position to represent the Northwest 4-H Region? If so, you must complete the application that is on the 4-H website and it return to the Extension Center by January 7th.

4-H COUNCIL

The Ray County 4-H Council will meet on Monday, January 26, 2015 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 24th for the Northwest Region 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 8th. See attached flyer. Some workshops have a limited number---so register early!

2015 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, 2015. 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.

A paper tracking system (no online system), youth & 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/

LEADER INFORMATION

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION TRAINING

All 4-H volunteer leaders must complete a one-time Volunteer Orientation. New 4-H volunteers MUST complete this orientation by January 1, 2015. After that you will have to do the on-line version. The training is: Monday, December 8th, 6:45-8:45 pm at the Eagleton Center in Richmond.
If you are unable to attend the face-to-face training you will have to complete the Volunteer Orientation online. The training is available on-line at http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/getinvolved/volunteer/index.htm#orientation

PROJECT LEADERS
The 4-H Program requires a “team effort”. This team includes volunteer (club & project) leaders, Extension Staff, parents & youth working together for the good of the 4-H. As a project leader your main responsibility is to teach skills & subject matter in a given project area to the members in your club. If you are leading a project--it should be open to all members that are interested in that project area—not just your children. Please start with your project meetings now!

OUTSTANDING LEADERS
The Ray County 4-H program has the opportunity to honor two outstanding leaders with the Frank Graham Outstanding Leader Award. 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.

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 2015 and postmarked by February 1, 2015. Applicants must: 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

GLOBAL CAREERS
The 4-H Conference on Global Careers takes place—March 11-12, 2015 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/

SHOOTING SPORTS
COUNTY SAFETY CLASS
The 2015 Ray County Shooting Sports project will meet Friday, December 5th (6-9pm) & December 6th (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 2015 Horse Bowl & Hippology group will meet Sunday, November 30th, 3-5pm at the Excelsior Springs Fire Station. Contact Kim Zimmerman @ 816-590-0610 or Ted Perry—816- 305-0548 or Sherri Murray @ 816-838-9321 for more info.

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 22nd. Go to http://www.4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/#MFA

4-H EQUINE CAREER TOUR
The 2015, MU Extension 4-H Equine Tour is set for May 23-29, and will be exploring the horse industry in Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Canada and Michigan! Missouri 4-H teens, ages 14-18 will
experience harness racing, collegiate equine education departments, visiting a variety of equine farms, meeting 4-H horse members in Wisconsin and Canada, and touring Mackinac Island. Participants will learn from leading equine professionals in the fields of equine therapy, dressage, entertainment, training, art, equine facility management and equine welfare.

First come, first basis. The $600 tour fee includes--bus transportation and most travel related expenses. Applications are available at http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/ and due before March 1, 2015. More info, contact Debbie Davis, 816-539-3765, davisdd@missouri.edu

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| Millville 4-H Club | met on November 5th with 37 members present. Membership forms & dues were collected. Leader/confidentially forms were submitted. Christmas Party was planned for the December meeting. Members need to bring an item for Shirkey Leisure Acres Gift Store, a candy bar for a game and a snack to share. Leaders handed out membership & officer pins. Clover Kids met during the meeting. Members interested in ham curing needed to submit $20 to the 4-H by January 3rd. Shooting Sports is meeting for the safety class on December 5th & 6th. Next Meeting: 12/3/14  Jodi Robinson, Reporter |

| Clever Clovers 4-H Club | met November 11th with 6 members present. Club decided to do their own fundraiser on 1/9/15 and discussed what to serve. For Christmas the club will meet at the nursing home for Christmas caroling and then we will go shopping for a family. The club agreed to make weighted blankets for autistic children. Zach Stewart demonstrated on “The Gastric System” & Ashley Stewart gave a demonstration on “How to Care for Your Rabbit”. Ashley explained about the leadership meeting. We will be making weighted blankets at the next meeting. Please bring old blankets, sheets and old clothing to use for the weighted blankets. Next Meeting: 12/9/14  Aracely Lopez, Reporter |

| Guys & Gals 4-H Club | met November 13th with 26 members present. Enrollment for members and leaders are now in an online system. Need to complete it by 12/1/14. For the Community Service Project the club put together donated reading books in bags for Dear Elementary School for those in the reading program. Birthday wishes & treats went to: Blake Logsdon, Aaron Shank & Emily Henderson. Concession stand report was given on the Battle of Albany by Donna Henderson. Several talked about Rohlf’s annual trail/campout weekend. Lydia Russell & Emily Henderson reported on the County Officer’s Training. Blake Logsdon, Aspen Erskine & Trent Logsdon also attended. The girls said it was a good training and that they learned new things. **Next meeting: 12/11/14 Blake Logsdon, Reporter**

| Dale-Patton 4-H Club | met November 16th with 6 members present. Enrollment forms were given out and you need to do it online by December 2nd. Ham deposits of $20 are due January 3rd. Need Shirkey’s gift and canned goods. Bell ringing will be November 29th. Sherry Bersano talked to the club about healthy teeth. Members made turkeys from pine cones. Corbin Calvert & Laney Cowick reported on the beef meeting. **Next Meeting: 12/7/14  Emily Martens, Reporter** |

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**FOURCAST**

**DECEMBER 2014**

| 2  | 4-H ENROLLMENTS DUE |
| 5  | Shooting Sports Safety, 6-9pm, Richmond |
| 6  | Shooting S. Safety (cont’d), 9am-12noon |
| 6  | Shooting Sports, Regular Disciplines, 8:30am, Richmond |
| 8  | Volunteer Training, 6:45pm, Richmond |
| 25 | Merry Christmas, Center Closed |
| 26 | Office Closed for Holidays |

**JANUARY 2015**

| 1  | Happy New Year, Office Closed |
| 2  | Office Closed |
| 6  | Ham Deposits DUE |
| 8  | Regional Energizer Registration DUE |
| 19 | Martin Luther King Holiday, Office Closed |
| 22 | County Ham Curing Project, 7pm, Richmond |
| 24 | Regional Energizer, 8:30AM, Hamilton |
| 26 | 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Richmond |

**FUTURE 2015 DATES**

March 28-29  Teen Conference, Columbia
June 9-11  4-H Camp, Knob Noster
July 10-18  Ray County Fair, Richmond
August 13-23  MO State Fair, Sedalia

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Ray County
2015 NORTHWEST REGIONAL ENERGIZER PROGRAM
JANUARY 24, 2015
HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - 7650 NW Harley Rd, Hamilton, MO
Pre-Registration: $10/person (includes lunch)

SCHEDULE

If in---Quilting Workshop 1—Go directly to the Methodist Church—Pick up Registration Packet there.
If in---Art of Blacksmithing—Go directly to the High School—Pick up Registration Packet there.

We reserve the right to adjust workshops as needed.

8:30 AM  REGISTRATION – in the commons (Nancy Coleman & Debbie Davis)
8:50 AM  WELCOME – RICK SMITH - GYM
9:00 AM  LEVEL 3 REGIONAL REPORT FORM & REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE INTERVIEWS – DEBBIE DAVIS

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM -

Clover Kids:  “Clover Kids” – Kathy Bondy & Rebecca Butters
Everyone:  “Babysitting” – Jessica Trussell
“Blue Ribbon MRF’s” -- Becky Simpson & Dale Hunsburger
“Energizing your 4-H Club Meetings” – Jena Eskew
“Quilting Group”– Pat Wood & Janet Sager– (Go Directly to the Hamilton Methodist Church, 104 W. Samuel Street) ---Prefer that you bring your own machine…indicate on registration
“Photography: Give It Your Best Shot” -- Jerilyn Johnson-Houghton & Dean Houghton
“Community Service Block” – Sarah Schumann & Sam O’Riley – Commons

Missouri 4-H Foundation awarded the NW Region a $500 grant from “DuPont Pioneer” to make the fleece blankets.
“Missouri Department of Conservation”– Adam Brandsgaard
“Art of Blacksmithing”– Phillip Cox – FFA Shop, 419 S. Hughes (S Hwy13)
“Exercise and Fun with…Beach Bash”---- Rebecca Kimmerle

Youth Only:  “Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance Part 1” – Amie Schleicher & Annette Deering

Volunteers Only:  “Volunteer Orientation Part 1” – Rick Smith & Brittany Kemper
“Robotics” – Joan Zeller, Media Center

10:00 AM–10:50AM -

Clover Kids:  Anita Reid & Carroll County Youth Council
Everyone:  “Babysitting” – Jessica Trussell
“Community Service Block” – Sarah Schumann & Sam O’Riley - Commons
“Conquer Your Fears: Public Speaking Is Here”---Kaitlyn Ruoff/Carol Williams
“Dynamic Demonstrations” – Jensen Mayes
“Arts and Crafts…Recycled, Repurposed Creations” -- Gina Carlton
“Quilting Group…Continued from Session I” – Pat Wood & Janet Sager
“Missouri Department of Conservation”– Adam Brandsgaard
“Art of Blacksmithing” -- Phillip Cox, FFA Shop – 419 S. Hughes (South Hwy 13)
“Exercise and Fun with...Beach Bash”---- Rebecca Kimmerle

Youth Only:  “Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance Part 2” – Amie Schleicher & Annette Deering
“Shooting Sports Science”– SS Ambassadors-- Nichole Gann & Chyanne Davis

Volunteers Only:  “Volunteer Orientation Part 2” – Rick Smith & Brittany Kemper
“Robotics” – Joan Zeller –Media Center
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM - LUNCH - Nadler’s Catering, Wellington, MO - Commons (Nancy Coleman)
11:00-11:30 Group A Eats lunch /Group B creates cards for military service members.
11:30-12:00 Group B Eats lunch/Group A creates cards for military service members

12:10 PM–1:00 PM -

Clover Kids: “Missouri Department of Conservation” – Adam Brandsgaard
Everyone: “Babysitting” – Jessica Trussell
“Community Service Block” – Sarah Schumann & Sam O’Riley - Commons
“Communicating With Your Horse” – Debbie Davis
“Getting the Most Out of 4-H-Trips & Scholarships” – Shaun Murphy
“Using Social Media – the Good, Bad & Ugly” – Becky Simpson & Dale Hunsburger
“Livestock Skill-a-thon & Basic Livestock Judging” – Shawn Deering
“Outdoor & Hunting Skills” – Anna Persell & Hannah Persell
“Beekeeping” – Raymond Heldenbrand
“Container Gardens” – Ellen Martin
“Arts and Crafts…Recycled, Repurposed Creations” – Gina Carlton

Youth Only: “Robotics” – Joan Zeller, Media Center

1:10 PM–2:00 PM - SESSION

Clover Kids: “A Cool YOU” - Nancy Coleman
Everyone: “Babysitting” – Jessica Trussell
“Community Service Block” – Sarah Schumann & Sam O’Riley - Commons
“Take 10 for Leadership” – Kathy Bondy
“E-Commerce for Kids: How to Sell Your 4-H Projects Online” – Steve Henness & Nick Dungy
“Impact of 4-H: Intro to Horse Bowl/Hippology/Horse Judging” – Debbie Davis
“Global 4-H: International Exchanges” – Kara Berry & Muzuki
“Outdoor & Hunting Skills” – Anna Persell & Hannah Persell
“Options with Your Dog Project” – Debbie Nelsen & Carol Williams
“Container Gardens” – Ellen Martin
Youth Only: “Robotics” – Joan Zeller, Media Center
Volunteers Only: “Volunteer Roundtable/Idea Swap” - Shaun Murphy

2:10 PM – CLOSING, EVALUATION AND DOOR PRIZES – Gym

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015
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).
- Health forms required with registration. Print your Health Form from your family homepage at http://mo.4honline.com. Select the youth/adult name in the Reports section, choose the Health Form report, and a PDF will download for printing.
- Please notice that some workshops have a maximum number.
- Quilting is a two-hour block.
- Three items are due: 1) Registration 2) Health Form and 3) payment to the Ray County 4-H Council by January 8, 2015. No Refunds and No Late Registrations.

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 States of America.
Date/Time Received in County Office_________________

NW Region 4-H Energizer Registration  
January 24, 2015

Family Name____________________________________ County of Membership _______________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip _____________________________________________________________________________________________________

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:

Registration due January 8, 2015, $10 per person (includes lunch and all materials)

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

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.
Workshop preferences will be prioritized based upon the date of registration received in the county office. We reserve the right to adjust workshops as needed.

If in---Quilting Workshop Group—Go directly to the Methodist Church, 104 W. Samuel Street, Hamilton
Registration Packet—will be there.

Bringing Your Machine----Please Circle one---- YES or NO.

If in---Art of Blacksmithing—Go directly to the FFA Shop—Registration Packet will be there.

Name: _________________________ 4-H age/Volunteer: _________________________
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DEADLINE:  
January 8, 2015

Return with payment to:
Ray County 4-H Council
PO Box 204
Richmond, MO 64085

NO REFUNDS!!
Late registrations not accepted.
Questions?

Contact 816-776-6961

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